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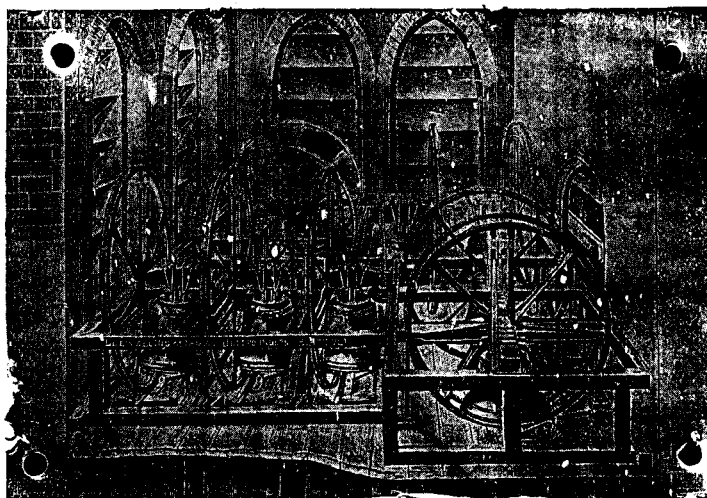
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES (Oxon).** St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1813. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by White, 1886. Tower is now under restoration. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grand-sire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, October to Lent.

**HEREFORD.**—The Cathedral. Ten bells. Treble by Mears, 1892; 5th and 8th by the same, 1865 and 1810 respectively; 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th by Rudhall, 1697; 6th an old bell by Banstre. No information available as to 9th and tenor. Tenor 40 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Blackburn, 1892. The authorities have been requested to place the ringing-chamber farther from the bells. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grand-sire. No Sunday ringing. Practice: 1st Wednesday in month during summer, weekly in winter, 7.

**HERNHILL (Kent).** St. Michael. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Warner, 1887; the rest by Mears, 1785. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1887, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7 in summer, 8 in winter.

**HERSHAM (Surrey).** St. Peter. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Blackburn, 1901. Tenor 8½ cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**HERTFORD.** St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

**HEXHAM ABBEY (Northumberland).** Durham and

Newcastle Association. Eight bells. 5th and 7th by Mears, 1884; the rest by Pack, 1741. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.15. Practice: Tuesday, 8. The tower is about to be repaired.

**HEYWOOD (Lancashire).** St. Luke. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1862. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1894. Ropes new 1889, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Union, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).** St. Mary. Northants Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th by Taylor, 1892; 3rd by the same, 1820; the rest by Watts as follows: 5th, 1611; 7th, 1636; tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in., 1633. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1892. Ropes new 1892, good. Methods: "All Standard methods" in the return has been written and crossed out, and "ringing falling off" substituted. Sunday ringing: only on festivals. Practice: entered as "Tuesday, 7.30," but crossed out.

### EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

The ringers of St. Margaret's church, Edgware, are to be congratulated upon the efforts which, after a prolonged period of waiting, have enabled them once more to be the interpreters of the joys and sorrows of the community in which they live. The framework of the bells had for some time been labelled dangerous, and the bells themselves had consequently been dumb. On Saturday last, however, a number of residents and ringers met to celebrate the completion of the long looked for restoration, and the music of the bells was heard once more. The tender for the work was entrusted to a local firm, and the work has been well done. The new frame is perhaps a trifle massive and large, and it is a pity that the space has not been utilised to make room some day for two additional bells to complete the octave. It is all the more to be regretted that this provision has not been made, because there are already many six-bell towers in the vicinity, to wit, Hendon and Finchley, Harrow Weald and Stanmore; and a peal of eight in the dim and distant future would have been something to look forward to. Still we must be grateful for what has been done. The proceedings commenced with a service in the parish church, when the bells were rung for the first time since their restoration. The address given by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Phelps, was an earnest exhortation to ringers, and was directly appropriate to the occasion. After the service the bells were kept going by many willing hands, the members of the Middlesex County Association, to which the local ringers belong, having been notified that their attendance would be welcome. Upwards of fifty responded to the invitation, and at six o'clock found hospitable entertainment provided for them in the parish



room. The Rector presided at the meeting, supported by the churchwardens and many of the residents, through whose energies, helped in no small degree by the activity of the local ringers, the present happy restoration was due. The proceedings were characterized by much enthusiasm. Loyal toasts were honoured, healths were proposed and responded to, interesting speeches were made, in short, the occasion was one of general local rejoicing. There were many expert ringers present, who were able to testify to the excellence of the work done by Mr. Groves, the able representative of Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, who were responsible for the rehanging of the bells. These are very sweet in tone, with a tenor of about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cwt., and were cast by Thomas Janaway in 1769. It is interesting to note that the inscriptions on them are similar to those on the bells of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, the original octave cast in 1772 being also Thos. Janaway's work. On the treble in both cases is "Prosperity to the parish of—" that is, Edgware or Kensington, as the case may be. On the tenor at Edgware is the date "1769. Thos. Janaway made us all"; but in 1772 the firm appears to have dropped into poetry, as the tenor of St. Mary Abbots has the couplet:—

"Be it known to great and small  
That Thos. Janaway made us all."

There are identical inscriptions on both rings of bells, which are probably characteristic of the founder, and we may well forgive the doggerel for the excellence of the bells.

The keynote struck in all the speeches was that of intense satisfaction that the sound of the bells would once more be heard. Congregations love their bells, just as a ringer loves his art, and it is well that it should be so. There are, alas! some exceptions, where grand heritages left us by our forefathers of a bygone generation have been allowed to fall into decay; but in most cases there is happily a sense of responsibility and a feeling that the least the present generation can do is to keep the bells in repair. It would be little short of a national disaster if it were otherwise: and we congratulate the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish Church of Edgware upon the very satisfactory result which has attended their efforts in this direction.

#### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are earnestly requested to attend a special general meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday evening, March 30th, in order that the overdue audit of the accounts and election of officers may be dealt with in such a manner as the meeting may resolve.

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

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**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 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of this district was held at Leeds on Saturday, February 14th, and was attended by about sixty members from Bearsted, Boxley, East Farleigh, Lenham, Linton, Maidstone, Malling, Penshurst, Rainham, Tunstall and the local members. The committee meeting was held at 5 o'clock at The George inn, when twenty new members were elected, and other business transacted. At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea at The George inn, Mr. A. Palmer presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. — Morris. After good justice had been done to the tea, the District Secretary read his report, which showed that combined practice meetings had been held once a month in the following towers: Aylesford, East Farleigh, Boxley, Bearsted, Malling, Wrotham, St. Michael and All Saints, Maidstone, the two last being attended by a large number of members, the average attendance working out at 16 each meeting. The Aylesford band (7 members), and East Farleigh (11 members), applied for admission.

Mr. A. W. Tawney was duly elected District Secretary and Mr. T. Mannering was elected representative of this district to the General Committee.

The Secretary was asked to arrange and carry out combined practice meetings once a month during the ensuing year, when it is hoped that members will attend same when possible.

It was decided that the Annual Meeting for 1904 should be held at Lenham.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the chairman. Ringing was carried on until about 8.30, touches being rung in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

#### RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last, March 21st, a grand assembly could have been seen on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Samuel Stott and Emma Roddis, which took place at St. Thomas's Church, Leesfield, Oldham. The Vicar of the said Church, the Rev. W. Stopford, performed the interesting event. The bridegroom has been for many years the conductor of the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Oldham. There was a representative gathering of ringers from the surrounding districts of Rochdale, Ashton, Middleton, Leesfield and Oldham, who, along with numerous friends of the bride and bridegroom, held a splendid gathering on the same evening at the Lees Conservative Club. It was intended to ring a special peal in honour of the event, but of course the Church's season interfered with this, and only a short touch was rung immediately after the wedding by his brother ringers on the Leesfield Church bells. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of grand presents.

**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.

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## Review.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. London: *Bell News* Office.—Like several other publications of the kind this report grows year by year in volume. The one before us reaches to no less than 88 pages, and has not a shred of information which is not of great utility, while it invariably includes some original chapter on a subject interesting, not only to the general reader, but to the Exercise at large. This year the subject so dealt with is "A Short Account of Peals of Cinques rung on Handbells," from the pen of the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur T. King. This notice occupies the best part of seven pages of the book, and though the writer was not in time to refer to the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques just rung at Leicester, he has written a most interesting account which will in time to come be regarded not merely as one of the curios of ringing literature, but as a valuable contribution to it. To make the particulars complete, and for future reference, the figures of almost every peal are subjoined.

In the report proper Mr. King prefaces his observations by such sentences as these:—

It becomes our privilege once more to place on record the principal features of the work done during the past year by our Association in the practice of an Art which, in this "ringing" island of ours, is year by year taking deeper root. As an Association, we have been too short a time in existence to look back upon the traditions of a glorious past; but none the less do we look forward to a glorious future, if while careful to note our progress, we are equally careful, if need be, to correct our shortcomings. In the first place, we may be pardoned if we indulge in just a little satisfaction at having won the pride of place in Mr. Attree's analysis of peals for 1901; but the pride of place will be of little value to us unless it encourages us to make some effort to keep it, for "we need not hope," as Mr. Ruskin has so well said, "that our work will be majestic if there is no majesty in ourselves." The activity of the few can never make up for the negligence of the many; the unselfishness of the few can never make headway against the selfish attitude of the many.

These words appear to be a good introduction to the report; and their value, if well read and inwardly digested by those for whose benefit they are written, will be great. Further on the obstacles thrown in the way of the grant of cheap railway fares is thus referred to:—

Our last annual meeting was held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, on September 21st, 1901, and, as regards attendance, was very disappointing. The inclemency of the weather, no doubt, kept many away; others may have been deterred by the expense of the journey, the authorities of the Great Western Railway having been applied to in vain for an abatement of the ordinary charges to ringers attending the meeting. Their refusal was grounded on the fact that a "business" meeting was contemplated at the close of the ringing, though they had been assured by the hon. secretaries that the business would be confined to the reading of a report and the election of officers. The company admitted that they were prepared to give facilities to ringers as pleasure seekers only, but in this particular instance they declined to give way, pointing to the business element of the day's proceedings in justification of their action. We can only say that such hair-splitting ingenuity is as frivolous as it is vexatious. It would be far better never to offer facilities to ringers than to withhold them, on such a flimsy pretext, on just the occasions when they are alone likely to be of any sort of benefit.

No less than 107 peals have been rung during the year, and they are not only satisfactory in number, but are also of manifold variety. It is impossible here to enumerate them, but it may be said that eight of the number were rung in hand. Mr. King says, and no one can disagree with him, that—

These performances on handbells deserve something more than a passing notice, their merit being of interest to a far wider circle of ringers than our own. The peal of New Cumberland Surprise rung on May 4th by the brothers (William, Ernest, and George) Pye and William Keeble may be said to have reached the present high-water mark of handbell performances; and the peal of Stedman Cinques

rung on April 30th, being the fifth only of its kind ever accomplished, derives additional interest from the fact that it is the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever conducted from a pair of non-observation bells. The performers were the brothers Pye, Herbert P. Harman, Edgar Wightman and William Keeble.

Interesting allusions are then made to "augmentations and repairs." Among these the statement is made that the bells of St. Bride, Fleet Street, are shortly to be rehung by Mears and Stainbank, who will at no distant date rehang the bells of St. John at Hackney; the last-named has just been carried out.

A new ring of eight has been presented to St. Peter's, Staines, by Sir Edward Clarke (a former Solicitor-General), tenor 15½ cwt. This has been done by Warner and Sons, and the bells were opened on the 5th July last by the ringers of St. Mary's parish church. The same firm is also responsible for the addition of two trebles to complete the octave at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, with new fittings and an independent cast-iron frame; and for the rehousing of the peal of eight at St. Mary's, Lambeth, upon the existing framework, with entirely new fittings. Messrs. Warner have also completed the rehanging of the bells at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, E.C., and of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, besides effecting considerable repairs to the peal of eight at St. Michael's, Paddington. Not a bad list; and the idea naturally arises that the influence of the Hon. Secretary has been a factor in some (at least) of this important work.

The membership of the Association is shown to be satisfactorily increasing; 520 members being on the rolls, while the attendances at the various meetings leave very little to desire. Mr. King concludes his report by a warm and deserved commendation of the work of the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

In the peal analysis, as will be expected, William Pye appears at the head of the list. He has conducted no less than fifty peals, eight of them being those rung in hand as before-mentioned. That the success of the Association in peal-ringing is to be attributed in a great measure to his high abilities is only uttering a mere truism. Sidney Wade follows with seventeen. That the peals generally are of a very high character every reader of this journal is aware.

And as the Association is indebted to some extent for its popularity to the abilities of its principal bob-caller, so it is indebted, in a much greater degree, to the efforts and fostering care of its Honorary Secretary, Mr. Arthur T. King. We sometimes hear lugubrious surmises of what would happen to the organization if by any means his guiding hand was withdrawn. We hope that there are others to be found among its members who would strive with all their power to carry on the work he now so energetically and ungrudgingly sustains.

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## Correspondence.

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

THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND.

SIR,—I have read with interest "Scottish College Youth's" letter in your last, and with your permission hope to add a few lines next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

A PROMPT AVOWAL.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me by Mr Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, and I am bound to acknowledge, that the peal of Stedman Cinques conducted by me at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on February 24th, and published in this paper of March 14th as my composition, is false.

I owe a humble apology to those who took part with me in the peal, and to yourself and your readers for my carelessness. My explanation—it can scarcely be called an excuse—is that I found the figures dated July, 1893, amongst some old papers, and assumed that I had satisfied myself as to the truth of the composition at the time.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

A REPUDIATION.

SIR,—In this week's paper a seven-bell peal has been published, rung at Sutterton as a Lincoln Diocesan Guild peal.

I should not have taken public notice of the matter if it had been the first, but another such performance was published some time back by the same ringers, and before it was published it was sent to me, and I was requested to publish it. I wrote back to the effect that seven-bell peals were contrary to the rules of the Exercise, and I should recommend them not to publish it, saying that I was very sorry that they had had their trouble for nothing, as I had no doubt it was done through ignorance. My advice was ignored, and now they have published another, and so to save them further disappointment, and also to do my duty to my own Diocesan Guild and the Central Council, I very unwillingly write in my official capacity to repudiate both performances as illegitimate.

H. LAW JAMES,  
Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

"PLACES."

SIR,—I have paid some little attention to method construction these last few years, and I have always found it convenient to treat the whole pulls before and behind as "places" just as Mr. Baker does. It is so very much easier to study the construction of a method if you simply mark the places and ignore the hunting and dodging which depend solely on them. And if you do this you must consider the whole pulls before and behind as "places." At the same time it must be remembered that the whole pulls before and behind have this in common with plain hunting that they do not alter the coursing order of the bells, while every internal place does. There can be no doubt that it is in the latter restricted sense that the word has almost always been used, and I am not going to quarrel with anyone who likes to maintain that Mr. Baker and I are wrong to use it otherwise. As Mr. James uses the term in this sense his argument stands, but it would much simplify matters if the term internal places be used. Then nobody would have anything to quarrel about.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Parmenter, W. Rowlands, jun., H. Richel, A. H. Watson, W. Newman, A. Whight, W. J. Piper composer and conductor, H. Rolfe.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1280 Bob Major, composed by H. J. Tucker, H. Little, G. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior. T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—For practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral 1246 Stedman Caters. R. S. F. Murphy, J. Lambert, G. Salter, G. Lambert, G. Lindoff conductor, T. Grant, C. Murray, R. F. Greene, R. R. Cherry, J. W. Townley. On Friday, March 6th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Salter, 1-2; G. Lindoff conductor, 3-4; T. Grant, 5-6. On Saturday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Salter, 1-2; G. Lindoff conductor, 3-4; T. Grant, 5-6.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON.—On Monday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Basden conductor, Rev. H. G. Bird, A. Finch, J. J. Pratt, E. T. Griffin, H. Browning, H. Chandler, W. Foster. On Monday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Chandler, Rev. H. G. Bird, J. Basden conductor, J. J. Pratt, E. T. Griffin, G. Gutteridge, H. Browning, W. Foster.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE.—On Tuesday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins. J. York, G. Tomlin, G. C. Tunncliffe, L. Hollingworth, W. Earle conductor, F. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth, G. York. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. C. Tunncliffe and J. York. After lowering the bells the company adjourned to The Blue Bell inn, where the remainder of the evening was spent in singing and handbell ringing.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Hunt, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, G. Condict, C. Hazelden, E. Allen, S. Radford conductor, H. Tomsett.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, December 18th, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. J. Smith, Albert Coles, F. Perrin, J. Scholes, Arthur Coles, W. B. Manning, H. F. Hull, H. C. Alford.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, December 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, A. Jones, R. Devenis, T. Rodman, J. Gould, E. Devenish, C. H. Edwards, J. Martin.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On September 7th, at the Abbey Church, 377 Grandsire Triples. E. King, W. Fowler, J. Chalk, F. Paskins, A. E. Paskins, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley. On Sunday, September 14th, for Divine Service, 477 in the same method. E. King, W. Fowler, R. White, F. Paskins, F. Russen, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, J. Walker. On November 8th, 658 Grandsire Triples. F. Russen, W. Fowler, J. Chalk, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe conductor, G. Newman, W. H. George, J. Walker. On November 28th, 238 Grandsire, J. Chalk, W. Fowler, A. Paskins, F. Paskins, J. Walker, G. Newman, J. Elcombe, A. Medley. On November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire, in 49 mins. E. King, W. Fowler, F. Paskins, F. Russen, J. Walker, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley. On October 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to a change-course after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. R. White, W. Fowler, J. Chalk, F. Paskins, A. E. Paskins, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, December 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Kilby, A. Pittam, J. Jackman, H. Kilby, J. W. Chandler conductor.

YEovil.—On Saturday, December 13th, at St. John's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Wort, T. W. Radford, R. Thring, S. Bagg, F. Gilliard. On Sunday evening, December 14th, another 6-score. E. Damon, T. W. Radford, R. Thridg, S. Thring. F. Bagg, T. Chapman.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford parish church, Chester Road (six bells), to-day, 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 to-day, 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.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Lydeard, today, Saturday, Mar 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.

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

*Bridgewater.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone on Saturday next, April 4th. All members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. T. E. Rowley, 5, Church Street, Stone.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The 20th Annual Meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars next week.

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

*Cotgrave, Notts.*

**Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be at Saltburn and Skelton on Easter Monday, April 13th. Both towers, 8 bells each, open all day. Dinner, members 1s., non-members 2s., at Victoria Hotel, Saltburn at 1 o'clock. Committee Meeting, same place, 12.30 p.m. Members intending to dine please send word by April 6th to

Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

*Stokesley R.S.O.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at 12.30 p.m.; Luncheon at 1 p.m. at Roff's Dining Rooms, High Street, price 2s., resident performing members half price. Business will follow the luncheon, including the proposed alteration of rules. Service at St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Certificates of membership 6d. each, post free 7d., can be obtained on application to Mr. Cyril Herbert, Bedford Street, Woburn, who will also give estimates for framing.

W. W. C. BAKER } *Hon.*

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**The Essex Association.**—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Braintree. There will be a short service for ringers at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Rector of New Sampford. A meat tea in schoolroom, New Street, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present must send word a week before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum.—The next

meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill (six bells), on Easter Monday, April 13th. 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 Street, Salisbury.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at South Norwinton, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s. to non-members). Meeting after tea. Important business to transact. All members requested to attend.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

*North Wingfield, Chesterfield.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**

—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in St. Andrew's church at 1.30 prompt, when an address will be delivered by the Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange. Meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A meat tea will be provided free for all members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 8th. The towers of All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Philip's. Hallow (8), St. John's, St. Swithin's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas (6) will be open for ringing; also the Cathedral bells available from 5 to 6 p.m. The annual report, balance sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

**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.*

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**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 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 Sheffield and District Society.**—The April meeting will be held at Ranmoor, vice All Saints, where the bells are under repair.

R. HARRISON.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT SPITALFIELDS.**—Mr. Springall's 150 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 26, conducted 13; Grandsire Caters 2, conducted 2; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 3; Stedman Triples 33, conducted 12; Stedman Caters 8, conducted 2; Stedman Cinques 7; Bob Major 3, conducted 1; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Treble Bob Major 40, conducted 22; Treble Bob Royal 8, conducted 4; Treble Bob Maximus 4; Double Norwich Major 10, conducted 6; Superlative Major 4, conducted 2. Total 150, conducted 69.

**THE PEAL AT WALWORTH.**—Mr. Hunt's 100 Peals.—Minor 1; Grandsire Triples 11, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 4; Bob Major 13, conducted 3; Stedman Triples 42; Stedman Caters 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 10, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major 6; Cambridge Surprise Major 1. Total 100, conducted 6.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1903.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At a special meeting of the Central Committee at Chatham on Saturday, March 21st, Mr. Edwin Barnett (Crayford), was appointed to serve as a representative on the Central Council in place of Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich). A grant of five guineas from the Belfry Repairs Fund was made towards the restoration at Swanscombe (the church destroyed by lightning last summer); and it was also decided, on the permission of the Vicar of Margate, to devote the offertory at the annual service to the same object.

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**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Wednesday, March 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 33 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	JAMES SCHOLLES .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
EDWARD WALLAGE .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Truss; also the conductor's 150th peal, reference to which appears elsewhere.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is J. Hunt's 100th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

**Handbell Peal.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND  
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.***On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE, PEABODY BUILDINGS,  
SOUTHWARK STREET, S.E.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Alfred B. Peck.

**The Provinces.****DARLING POINT, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.**

(THE ST. MARK'S SOCIETY.)

*On Friday, February 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven 720s each called differently.

ARTHUR PEARCE* .. .. Treble.	*HENRY MONTGOMERY .. 4.
PERCY HOWARD .. .. 2.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN WHITE* .. .. 3.	CHARLES PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. PORTER.

\*First peal. First peal in the method by all except P. Howard. First peal on the bells, also first peal of Grandsire Minor rung in Australia.

**DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

(THREE TOWNS AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE ROYAL DOCKYARD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

W. RICHARDS .. .. Treble.	J. STEED .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH* .. 2.	H. G. MYERS .. .. 6.
EDWARD HENDY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 7.
EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. 4.	W. LINNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. STEED.

**WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Violet, New London, Duke of York, Woodbine,  
Kent, and two 720s of Oxford.

JAMES ROSE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Cattermole.

**COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.***On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being Forty-two Six-scores. Tenor about 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEBBER, SEN. .. Treble.	PERCY SHATTOCK .. .. 4.
ERNEST HAYWARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WEBBER, JUN. .. 5.
HARRY WOODBURY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SEALEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. WEBBER, JUN.

First peal on the bells.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MILLEN .. .. Treble.	H. CROUCHER .. .. 5.
S. BINFIELD .. .. 2.	*F. JORDAN .. .. 6.
W. SEELEY .. .. 3.	H. A. PETTS .. .. 7.
A. KEDWELL* .. .. 4.	†C. E. W. HOPE, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. BINFIELD.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. First time that ever a peal has been rung by an entirely local band.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN MOULE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
HARRY F. DAWKINS* .. 3.	*WESLEY WATSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. DIAPER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 7.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 4.	*HENRY R. ROPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

\*First peal.



CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 20 cwt.

THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. Treble.	*C. SPREAG .. .. . 5.
G. PEARCE .. .. . 2.	W. DYER .. .. . 6.
E. V. COX, Esq. .. .. 3.	G. PHILLOTT, Esq. .. 7.
W. BRINKWORTH .. .. 4.	R. HEMMING .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

\*First peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 17, 1903, in Three Hours and two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON† .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5.
ARTHUR FRANKUM† .. .. 2.	†RALPH WOOD .. .. 6.
BEN. CHORLEY† .. .. 3.	*CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
GEORGE GUNNERT .. .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Double Norwich ever rung in the Winchester Diocese by an entirely local band.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in Three Hours and Forty one Minutes,  
AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.  
Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Treble.	*HAROLD GEENE .. .. 6.
THOMAS GRANT .. .. . 2.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 7.
WILLIAM NEW* .. .. . 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE .. 8.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	RICHARD R. CHERRY .. 9.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. . 5.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal. First Peal of Stedman Caters by Association.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF FORWARD ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. . Treble.	*JOHN BURFORD .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON* .. 2.	*HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 3.	*WILLIAM STOWELL .. .. 8.
ALBERT STOWELL* .. .. 4.	*JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 9.
WILLIAM STOWELL* .. .. 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Forward Royal by all, and in the city of Bristol. \*First in the method.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob  
Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

J. GRATER .. .. . Treble.	S. GRATER .. .. . 5.
E. MUNDAY .. .. . 2.	*J. HART .. .. . 6.
J. ELSWORTH* .. .. . 3.	R. GRATER .. .. . 7.
B. GRATER .. .. . 4.	†H. WARE .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by E. MUNDAY.

Rung on the occasion of the twenty-first birthday of C. Munday, son of the conductor. \*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal on the tenor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM BALLS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. . 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal in the method rung in the County of Suffolk and by all the band.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.

On Friday, March 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 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.

First peal of London Surprise on tower bells in Suffolk. The ringers were congratulated by the Rector on their performance, and they wish to thank him for the use of the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6496 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS PATEMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	RALPH SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 3.	ALBERT LAWRENCE .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by S. WADE, and Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal of Major.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen-and-½ Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

EDMUND PATCHING† .. Treble.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE TOMSETT .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR COOPER .. .. 6.
HERBERT TOMSETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
ALFRED TOMSETT .. .. 4.	FRED WILLEY .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from Tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd.



## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. Treble.	*HARRY GOOD .. .. 5.
BERNAL E. HOWE* .. .. 2.	JOHN T. EASON .. .. 6.
ALBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 4.	HARRY BRAME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by S. MILLET, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung to celebrate the tenor-man's silver wedding.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST CHEESMAN* .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
REUBEN COPELIN* .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 6.
HENRY T. WILSON .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 4.	LEWIS SILVER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

## TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES BARKER* .. Treble.	*JNO. E. ROWLAND .. 5.
JAS. RICHARDS .. 2.	LUKE SUTHERS .. 6.
JAS. WHITEHEAD .. 3.	WM. CRABTREE .. 7.
HEYWORTH BARKER* .. 4.	*JNO. CROWTHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. RICHARDS.

\*First peal.

## HEYWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. LUKE'S PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK FLETCHER* .. Treble.	*THOMAS ASCROFT .. 5.
ALBERT CHADWICK† .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. ASCROFT .. 6.
GEORGE WALMSLEY .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON .. 7.
JOSEPH TATTERSFIELD* .. 4.	*JAMES CHADWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HARRISON.

\*First Peal. †First in the method.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 7.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

C. MACKENZIE .. Treble.	H. WILKINS .. 6.
T. COLLISON .. 2.	R. HACKLEY .. 7.
W. G. ELLIS .. 3.	T. MILLER .. 8.
H. TINSLEY* .. 4.	H. HACKLEY .. 9.
J. PORTER .. 5.	W. HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by T. MILLER.

\*First peal of Caters.

## BANGOR.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CRANE .. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	JESSE GILLET .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 7.
EBENEZER TAYLOR .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

It was intended to go for Stedman, but meeting one short the above was rang, and was arranged for W. C. Hunt, who was on a visit to Bangor. First peal by the Association.

## BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM S. SMITH .. Treble.	ALBERT CALVER .. 5.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 2.	FRANK HOLDER .. 6.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. 3.	LEWIS C. FERRIGE .. 7.
ALFRED TRAPPIST .. 4.	WILLIAM GRAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR BURDEN .. Treble.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

T. Vincett was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Boddington.



HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
**LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.**

ALFRED TULETT*	.. ..	<i>Treble.</i>	FRANK BENNETT	.. ..	5.
JOHN PAICE	.. ..	2.	ARTHUR ARNELL	.. ..	6.
HARRY EVANS	.. ..	3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP	.. ..	7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS	.. ..	4.	FREDERICK LINDUP	.. ..	<i>Tenor.</i>

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

**DEFECTIVE REPORT.**—The peal of Bob Major rung at Kirton-in-Holland, Lincolnshire, has been sent without any number of changes.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, March 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

**Tenor 18 cwt.**

HARRY AUDSLEY .. ..	<i>Treble.</i>	ERNEST CHEESMAN .. ..	5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. ..	2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. ..	6.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. ..	3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. ..	7.
REUBEN COPELIN .. ..	4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	<i>Tenor.</i>

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

Would Mr. F. Richardson, late of Staines, kindly communicate with F. Holden, Providence Villa, Fairfield Road, Leatherhead, Surrey?

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**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 69,662 assuring the sum of £6,680,050, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £364,068.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,651,458, being an increase of £161,503 over the year 1901.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,296,693. The number of Deaths was 6,895, and 3,952 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 680,631.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,690,907 being an increase of £161,446

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,140,645. The number of Deaths was 210,701, and 3360 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 84,060, the number in force being 836,884. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 19,170.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,770,865; their average duration is ten years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £47,155,201, being an increase of £3,863,175 over those of 1901.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £115,608.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1902.**

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,556,324	1	9
Ordinary Branch Funds	..	..	..	24,977,480	8	8	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	4,708,709	14	7
Industrial Branch Fund	..	..	..	19,615,877	10	9	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	..	..	..	3,607,834	4	9
Reserve Fund	..	..	..	1,050,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	10,507,440	19	0
Investments Reserve Fund	..	..	..	400,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,421,786	15	8
Claims under life policies admitted	..	..	..	111,843	7	3	Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	2,561,231	9	9
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	6,026,049	18	8
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	6,306,488	6	7
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	167,065	15	6
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	88,889	15	3
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	..	..	..	279,108	11	11
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	784,903	7	11
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,245,762	9	4
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,007,412	15	0
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,377,487	4	8
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	247,909	4	2
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	469,059	11	0
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	381,344	13	1
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	36,181	3	3
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	173,651	6	
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THOS. C. DEWEY, } Joint General Managers.  
WILLIAM HUGHES, }  
District Superintendent for Walthamstow, A. FORR

**FREDERICK SCHOOLING, Actuary.**  
**D. W. STABLE, Secretary.**  
*, Cleveland Park Avenue.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*  
HENRY HARBEN, } *Directors.*  
J. W. SIMMONDS, }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1902, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1902.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO., *Chartered Accountants.*

18th February, 1903.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO., Chartered Accountants.



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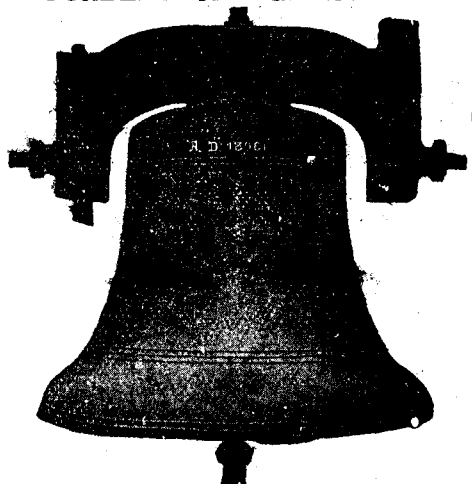
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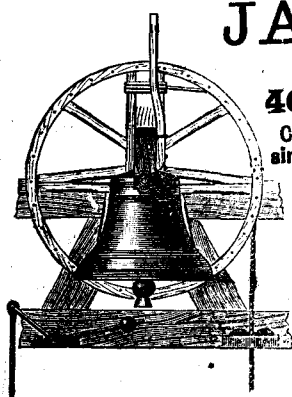
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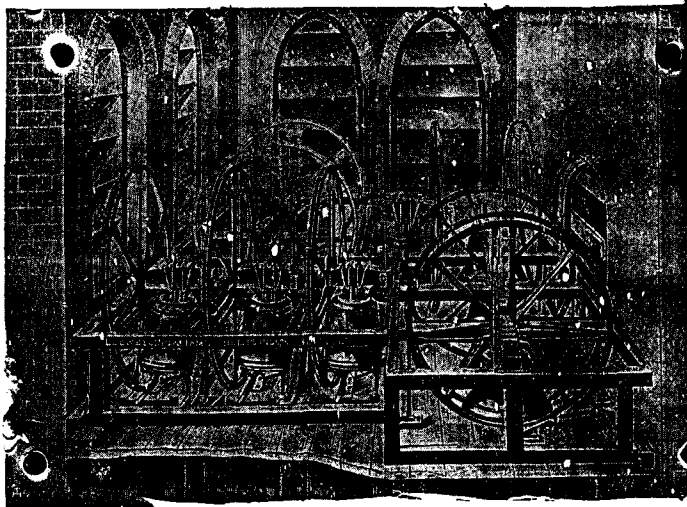
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks). All Saints. Ten bells. No return.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex). St. Anne. Eight bells. No return.

HIGHWORTH (Wilts). St. Michael. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th by Bagley, 1882; 4th, 5th and tenor by Warner, 1898. Tenor 18 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in new frame and with new fittings by Warner, 1898. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes new 1898, good. No half-pull nor Sunday ringing, nor regular practice. The fact that the church authorities impose a charge of five shillings on any band desiring to ring here has much to do with local slackness.

HILGAY (Norfolk). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

HILLINGDON WEST (Middlesex). St. Andrew. Middlesex Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, the two trebles, 1877; the rest 1867. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Slight repairs by local man in 1895. There is no difficulty in getting any reasonable repairs effected. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Stedman, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.55, and 6.15 to 6.55 alternately. Practice: Monday, 8. The present Vicar is a keen ringer.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex). St. John the Baptist. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 1864; 4th, 1828; 5th and 6th, 1788, by Mears: 2nd and 3rd, 1779; 7th and tenor, 1788, by Pack. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1888. Ropes new 1898,

good. Methods: Grandsire and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.50 and 5.45 to 6.20 alternately. Practice: Thursday, 8 in summer, 7.30 in winter.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire). St. Mary. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Arnold, 1792; 4th by the same, 1735; 5th, 6th and 7th by Watts, 1617. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft., by Rudhall, 1825. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1876. Slight repairs by the same recently. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10, 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8, from August to April inclusive.

## SOUTHOVER CHURCH GUILD.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the ringing-chamber of the above church on Sunday evening, March 15th, prior to the ringing for Divine Service. The Rector (Rev. D. Lee Elliott), after having taken his place among the ringers at the 3rd, and a few rounds having been rung, then unveiled a peal-tablet commemorative of the first peal rung by a local band in the tower. The ceremony opened with a short prayer by the Rector, who then addressed the assembled ringers and other friends in a few well-chosen words expressive of the pleasure it gave him to take part as a bellringer in the service which called his parishioners to their church, and also of unveiling a tablet which recorded the efforts made by the local ringers in perpetuating their Art.

The unveiling was then proceeded with. Mr. Councillor Verrall afterwards thanked the Rector for having so kindly officiated on the occasion, and Mr. Glandfield gladly seconded that gentleman's remarks. The friends gathered around then left the ringing-chamber, and the ringing for evening service was then proceeded with.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of this society held pursuant to notice, on March 30th, 1903, auditors were elected, and it was resolved that a special General Meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes on April 27th, 1903, to receive their report, and to elect officers for the society. Members are also requested to note that the steeple will be open for ringing for morning service at St. Clement's on the first Sunday in each month, and the Master hopes for the co-operation of members of the society in order to make these meetings regular and successful.

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## PRESENTATION TO A SUSSEX RINGER.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who for some ten years past has been closely identified with bell-ringing in Sussex, has recently left his native county to take up an appointment at Woking, Surrey. At Southover church, Lewes, where he was first instructed in the Art, and where at least three generations of his family before him were ringers, he was largely concerned in re-organising the local society and acted as hon. secretary to the present Guild from its formation some six years ago until his departure from Sussex. For three or four years also, his business taking him to Eastbourne, he constantly visited the belfries of that town, assisting the Christ Church society.

In recognition of the services which Mr. Goldsmith had rendered to the Christ Church Guild, he was, on the eve of his departure from Eastbourne, made the recipient of a travelling bag and a handsomely illuminated address. The presentation, which took place in the belfry, was made by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Allen, who in a few well-chosen words thanked Mr. Goldsmith for what he had done for the Guild, and wished him success in his new venture.

Mr. G. H. Howse, the Hon. Secretary, testified to the valuable help Mr. Goldsmith had rendered, not only to the Christ Church branch and Eastbourne in particular in the promotion of the Art of change-ringing, but to the county generally.

Mr. Goldsmith acknowledged the gift, remarking that anything he had been able to do to assist Christ Church ringing had afforded him the greatest pleasure. He wished the Guild every success in the future.

The address, which was beautifully executed, and was surmounted by a picture of the church, was worded as follows:

"Presented to Mr. John S. Goldsmith by the President and members of the Christ Church Guild of Campanologists, Eastbourne, as a slight recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the above Guild as an instructor and conductor, wishing you God-speed in your new sphere of labour, and may you long be spared to promote the Art of change-ringing."

The address was signed by the Vicar and the members of the Guild.

On Saturday, February 21st, Mr. Goldsmith, who visited Lewes for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which was successfully accomplished and recorded in due course, was made the recipient of another handsome gift. The presentation took place in the belfry after the peal, and consisted of a fine marble time-piece, bearing the inscription on a silver gilt plate:

"Presented to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith by the members of the Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild and friends, January 13th, 1903."

The date was that of the recipient's birthday. The interesting proceedings were presided over by Mr. Councillor B. Verral, one of the churchwardens and a vice-president of the Guild. Amongst those also present were Mr. E. G. Burbidge, Mr. J. Hambrook, and Mr. J. T. Glandfield (vice-presidents), Mr. G. W. Peel, Mr. T. Muzzell, Mr. F. Bennett (Brighton), and the members of the society. The Rector and President (the Rev. D. Lee Elliott), was unavoidably absent, but sent his good wishes.

The chairman in making the presentation, remarked upon the services which Mr. Goldsmith had rendered to the Guild as hon. secretary, and the assistance he had given in improving the change-ringing proficiency of the members. It was a great pleasure to his friends to be

able to give some expression to the warm regard they had for him, for what he had done for the Guild and for his many other good qualities. Mr. Goldsmith had left Lewes and its neighbourhood, it was true, but it would always be a pleasure to see him back among them at his old place in the belfry. Amid applause Mr. Verral handed the clock to Mr. Goldsmith, with best wishes for his future welfare and prosperity.

Mr. Goldsmith, in acknowledging the gift, said such a handsome gift had taken him so much by surprise that he could not find words to adequately express his thanks, but he assured them he felt their kindness very much indeed. He was not aware that he had done anything for the Guild that merited such recognition, for all his efforts had been dictated by a love of everything pertaining to ringing in general and to Southover Church in particular. He should always cherish the gift for the kindly feeling that prompted it, and would look upon it as a memento of the many pleasant hours he had spent with the members of the Guild.

Mr. Glandfield made some complimentary remarks with regard to Mr. Goldsmith's connection with the church, and proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and for making the presentation. This having been carried, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Ebrall, the new hon. secretary of the Guild, for the part he had taken in connection with the affair. Mr. Ebrall, in reply, remarked that there had been very little for him to do, as he had been so thoroughly and willingly supported by everyone.

Subsequently an enjoyable evening was spent at The King's Head, Mr. Glandfield presiding. By means of a lantern Mr. Ebrall exhibited a number of slides made from drawings and sketches taken whilst on cycling tours. The remainder of the time was spent in harmony.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.  
BRISTOL BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, March 28th. A short service was held in St. Paul's Church, arranged by the Vicar (Rev. F. Griffiths). At the invitation of the Vicar tea was partaken of at the Vicarage. After tea a business meeting was held presided over by the Rev. F. Griffiths, the chairman of the branch not being able to be present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The arrangements as to the next place of meeting was left for the chairman and secretary of the branch to see to. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. F. Griffiths for the use of the bells, tea, &c. Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, has lately put new bearings, gudgeons, &c., to the 7th bell at St. Paul's at a cost of £7 10s., and the work has proved to be satisfactory.

## LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, April 11th. Meeting house The Albion inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.  
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## THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, March 7th, at Dudley. The ring of ten bells at the parish church were available for ringing from 4 o'clock, when a good attendance of members assembled. The association service was used at evensong by the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, who also gave a practical address on the privileges and duties of Church-workers, which was listened to with marked attention. Mr. Vivian Maitland presided at the organ. A substantial tea was provided by Mrs. W. H. Thompson, wife of the Vicar's warden, and Mrs. W. W. Jenkins, wife of the people's warden. Mrs. Thompson and Miss Garratt presided at the tables, assisted by the wives of several of the ringers. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland in the chair, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed after several items had been questioned and satisfactorily answered. The whole of the officers were re-elected, viz., President—Rev. A. Gray Maitland; Vice-President—Rev. S. J. Marriott; Ringing-Master—Mr. S. Spittle; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. Micklewright; Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Small, and a committee consisting of one member elected from each society in union. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £5 19s. 9d.: Membership—six hon. members, five life members, and 108 performing members. It was decided with the consent of the Vicar, that the tower or St. Thomas (ten bells), be open from 7.30 to 9 o'clock on the first Monday in each month for a Guild practice, when it is hoped the members will avail themselves of this privilege.

Tipton was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. The chairman took this opportunity to congratulate Mr. W. Rock Small upon reaching the fortieth anniversary of his wedding-day, wishing him God's help to attain to his golden wedding-day, and may the remainder of his and his wife's days be passed in the enjoyment of good health and peaceful happiness.

Mr. Small suitably thanked the chairman for his kind wishes, and the chairman thanked the two ladies for providing the tea: and also those who assisted to serve it, which was heartily applauded.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Vivian Maitland for presiding at the organ, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address in church, and for presiding at the meeting.

The proceedings were closed with the Doxology, after which the members adjourned to the belfry, and touches in several methods were rung until 9.30.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

An event of special interest to members of the above Association belonging to the Chelmsford and Great Baddow bands took place on Saturday, February 14th. The event was the unveiling of a handsome peal-board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rang at Great Baddow by members of the above bands on December 6th, 1902. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. H. Colley, Vicar of Great Baddow, who, in a few well-chosen words, enlarged on the science of change-ringing, saying that it was in the highest sense of the word a science, and required as much thought and mental calculation as a difficult mathematical problem, and perhaps more so, as in the latter you are able to put down the figures as you arrive at them, whereas in change-

ringing it was impossible to do so. He then said he was very pleased to unveil the board for more reasons than one, and said it was not so much for the honour of the ringers who took part in it for having their names on it, but was an example and emulation to the younger members to such a scientific and elevating pursuit. He mentioned that change-ringing was only obtained by steady and thorough practice. He listened with great interest to the peal, and was more than delighted at its successful conclusion. He then unveiled the board, and read out the names of the members taking part. After this pleasing ceremony the rev. gentleman bade the assembled ringers a cordial good evening, and they in turn thanked him for the pleasant remarks he had made and for unveiling the board, which was presented by W. Rowland, jun., and written by his brother, J. Rowland, to whom the ringers are deeply indebted for the splendid way in which it is executed.

A few touches were rang, and afterwards the ringers and several friends spent a social evening together. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Tarbun, Richell, Drake, Rice and Bowen. Mr. F. Stannard presided at the piano, and at the conclusion of a very pleasant evening, in responding to the thanks of the company, said it had been a pleasure to him to assist at any gathering promoted by his friend Mr. A. Whight (a well-known ringer), who was at the beginning voted unanimously to the chair. The evening wound up with the singing of the "National Anthem," and the company dispersed very pleased with the genial manner of the Vicar, and with very pleasant memories of the enjoyable evening spent. B. T.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

Saturday, February 14th, was set apart to celebrate the first peal of London Surprise ever rung in Northamptonshire, which has already been reported in the peal columns. It was decided to attempt another peal of London by the same band, but Mr. W. V. Newman not being able to get there in time for the attempt, Mr. W. R. Hensher (of Kettering) took the vacant rope. All went well for just over an hour, when a mishap occurred which brought the peal to an untimely end.

After the ringing the ringers and friends, nearly twenty in number, adjourned to The Bell Hotel, where a capital hot repast was served up. Full justice was done to the good things provided, and after dinner Mr. W. Armstrong, one of the Churchwardens, who presided, proposed the Royal toast, which was heartily drunk. A letter was read from Dr. Robb (an ardent supporter of the ringers) expressing sorrow at not being able to attend, through indisposition. He also wished the ringers a pleasant evening.

Mr. Armstrong congratulated the ringers on their performance, and hoped that though they had achieved such a success they would still try to do something more, as he believed, from what he knew of ringing, that no one had ever got to the bottom of change-ringing, and possibly there would be greater things to achieve in the future.

A social followed this, singing and handbell ringing being the order of the rest of the evening. So ended a red letter day in the history of the ringers of Irtlingborough; in fact, all hoped that they would live to see many more such celebrations.

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## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 28th. A good number of ringers was present. Owing to service in church there was no ringing on the tower bells, but a good deal of handbell ringing in the following methods: Grandsire Caters and Trebles, Treble Bob Major, Oxford Minor, Violet Minor. At 7 p.m. the business meeting was held, Mr. George Barraclough in the chair, Mr. Maude vice-chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Mr. George Barraclough was elected President, Mr. Maude Vice-President, Mr. John Thackray Treasurer, Mr. Fred Barraclough Secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, was passed unanimously. Mr. Frank Woodhead replied on behalf of the parish church company, giving all present a hearty welcome. He was sorry that there had been no tower ringing; if the ringers had only come a little earlier they would have had plenty of ringing. Ringers from the following places were present: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Pudsey, Holbeck, Headingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Burley, Tong, Shipley, Huddersfield, Pontefract, Hull, Bolton, Rothwell, Lightcliffe, Birstal, and the local company.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

Readers of "BELL NEWS" will be interested to hear that the boundary dispute is at length settled in a manner which promises to be satisfactory to all parties. The committee of the Salisbury Guild have just gladly accepted a suggestion of Mr. Carpenter, the new secretary of the Winchester Guild, that at the forthcoming annual meeting their rules should be amended so as to allow ringers from the Hampshire (or other) towers to become members as unattached individuals, and yet with power of electing a member on committee for every ten such members, instead of for each tower as in ordinary cases.

## Correspondence.

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

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR,—Before reading the Rev. H. James's letter in your issue of a fortnight ago, I thought that he at least knew something of method construction, and I little thought it would be necessary to tell him that all Major methods must have an equal number of odd and even rows, and when places at the two extremities have the same effect as places inside the row of turning the rows from odd to even or vice versa, it is nonsense pure and simple to pretend that they are of different nature. It was very easy for Mr. James to write that "my letter was the weakest he had ever seen, pure assumption and not argument at all" but may I ask if such an assertion is any argument, or whether it does not go to show that Mr. James's case is so weak that he is trying to bolster it somehow, no matter the means used. Now let me recall a sentence written by Mr. James and published in this paper of October 28, 1899, Mr. James perhaps will then be able to explain his present position with his views of that date. In a postscript to a letter of the date mentioned Mr. James writes: "Lastly, Superlative has consecutive places in 1-2 and 7-8 the next possible position."

Here we have the assertion that the whole pulls in front and behind are places, and further still Mr. James asserts that the treble is a place-making bell when lying her whole pulls in front and behind. I at the time considered that Mr. James was quite right, and I still think there is more force in the above-men-

tioned sentence than in his present-day arguments; of course it is nearly three and a half years since the sentence was penned by Mr. James, and his ideas may have altered several times since then, but mine have not.

In conclusion let me say that if Mr. James's definition of Surprise methods was accepted, it would leave us with one Treble Bob method, "Oxford"; "Kent" (with a host of others) would be elevated to the Surprise family, as it contains, according to Mr. James's own showing, more places than is necessary for the Treble Bob hunt.

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—It may interest the Rev. H. Drake to know that I have studied Shipway and the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" since 1886, but I do not believe in all I read or learn.

G. B.

## THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND.

SIR,—With reference to the letter of your correspondent, Scottish College Youth, I am sorry to have so expressed myself as to suggest any disparagement of the Highlanders. I, like everyone else, entertain a great admiration for that brave race, but what I meant to convey was that, though owing to no fault of their own, their political existence was that of a past age, and they were comparatively little affected by those sanctions which ensure submission to political institutions in modern times. This appears to me to be true, and in no way to the discredit of the Highlanders. But this alone would not call for such treatment as they received. What rendered that policy necessary was that, whatever it might appear superficially, the rising was really a most momentous incident in that long duel between England and France about the new world which Sir John Seely has taught us to be the key to the history of the eighteenth century. I cannot pursue this further in your columns without going into matters too remote from the objects of your journal, and must therefore leave it as the expression of my opinion.

With regard to the personal character of Cumberland, I adhere to the views I have expressed. I am of course fallible enough, but at least I have taken the best pains I could to learn as much as I could about Cumberland, and to consider as carefully as I could what I learned, and though my opinion may be wrong I cannot find anything in your correspondent's letter to lead me to modify it. I may mention that in this connection Macaulay's second essay on Chatham is interesting as containing a summary of Macaulay's view of Cumberland's character, and whatever else I have read about him seems to me to support Macaulay's statement. It is a very unsafe thing to judge of a man's character by a single incident in his life, even if that be indefensible, and this especially applies in our estimates of public men. Could anything be more shallow than to base an opinion of Cromwell's character on his massacre of the garrison of Drogheda?

R. A. DANIELL.

## PLACES.

SIR,—I am glad to see that Mr. Trollope has attempted an argument and not employed Mr. Baker's *ipse dixit* attitude. But I fail to see the force of his argument. He has himself to use the word "whole-pulls" as a synonym of what he calls "places," and it is clear that that word (whole-pulls) does all that he requires. Why then increase the confusion of duplicated terms already existing, by using "places" where "whole-pulls" is both the correct and accepted word, and where "places" is neither?

H. DRAKE.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone to-day, Saturday, April 4th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 9th and 23rd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th. Business Meeting at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Paul's.

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

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be at Saltburn and Skelton on Easter Monday, April 13th. Both towers, 8 bells each, open all day. Dinner, members 1s., non-members 2s., at Victoria Hotel, Saltburn at 1 o'clock. Committee Meeting, same place, 12.30 p.m. Members intending to dine please send word by April 6th to

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stokesley R.S.O.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at 12.30 p.m.; Luncheon at 1 p.m. at Roff's Dining Rooms, High Street, price 2s., resident performing members half price. Business will follow the luncheon, including the proposed alteration of rules. Service at St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Rust, Vicar of Husborne Crawley. Certificates of membership 6d. each, post free 7d., can be obtained on application to Mr. Cyril Herbert, Bedford Street, Woburn, who will also give estimates for framing.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon.*  
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The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Braintree. There will be a short service for ringers at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Rector of New Sampford. A meat tea in schoolroom, New Street, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present must send word a week before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum.—The next meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill (six bells), on Easter Monday, April 13th. 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 Street, Salisbury.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at South Noranton, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s. to non-members). Meeting after tea. Important business to transact. All members requested to attend.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in St. Swithin's church at 1.30 prompt, when an address will be delivered by the Rev. J. K. Floyer. Meeting in the

Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A meat tea will be provided free for all members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 8th. The towers of All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Philip's. Hallow (8), St. John's, St. Swithin's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas (5) will be open for ringing; also the Cathedral bells available from 5 to 6 p.m. The annual report, balance sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 13th, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's and St. Michael's churches will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., when an address will be given by the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting for the election of officers and general business. Members and visitors intending to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 8th.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector, when representatives on the Central Council will be elected. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 in the afternoon.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The 13th Annual Meeting will be held at the Central Tower, Eckington, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Agenda: Resignation of Hon. Secretary and other important business. Members paid up for 1902 will receive private notice of business. Peal of eight bells.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Meersbrook, Bank Rd., Sheffield.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Aberavon on Easter Monday, at 4 o'clock sharp.

REV C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Beehive Coffee Tavern, Streatham Common, on Easter Monday. The bells at Emmanuel (8) and St. Leonard's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will precede the meeting at 6 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN.,  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon. *Hon. Sec.*  
31st March, 1903.

The Middlesex County Association.—The tower of St. Mary's, Staines, will be open for ringing on Easter Monday during the afternoon and evening. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The Midland Counties Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at All Saints', St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's Churches will be available for ringing

from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by general meeting, all in All Saints' schoolroom. Members and friends intending to be present at tea (which will be 1s. each) are earnestly requested to forward their names to Mr. Geo. Thompson, 47, Goodale Street, Derby, so as to reach him not later than first post on Thursday, April 9th.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be at Bournemouth, St. Peter's, on Easter Monday, at 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting, 3. Service with address, 3.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) at 4.30.

H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Wm. Taylor (late of Leiston) has removed from Bramley House, Southwold, to Babbington House, Southwold.

## 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.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1903

## THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A meeting of the above for combined practice was held at Tenterden on Saturday, March 14th, and was very successful both as regards attendance and the quality of the ringing. Over thirty members attended, representing the following towers: New Romney, Appledore, Rye, Stone, Hastings, Rolvenden, Staplehurst, Aldington and Tenterden. Ringing commenced soon after 3.0, and continued to 4.30. Then the whole company was photographed in a group at the foot of the tower by a brother string from New Romney. At 5.0 they attended the usual evening service in the church and received an address of welcome from the Vicar, Rev. S. C. Lepard. Tea was provided at The Temperance Hotel, and was thoroughly



enjoyed by all. At the meeting following several new members were proposed and admitted, and a hearty vote of thanks proposed and carried to the Vicar for granting permission to ring and for his encouraging address; and Stone proposed as the next place of meeting on Saturday, April 4th. The tower was again visited and the bells kept merrily going till 9.0, the touches including a 504 and 336 of Grandsire Triples. One and all were loud in their praises of the grand tone and go of this fine peal of bells. It was also a treat to the inhabitants of Tenterden, as the bells had not been rung since August 11th of last year, when they were rung for the King's Coronation.

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JOHN O. WARD.. .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 4.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	MARK FENSON .. .. 5.
WALTER E. DIXON .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

First peal on the bells, and first peal by Messrs. Ward and Dixon, who were elected members of the Association previous to starting. It is also J. Armstrong's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 8.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	† CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 11.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal on twelve bells.

### The Provinces.

#### MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp

THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 5.
DOUGLAS D. DREWETT .. 2.	* JOHN WEBB .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON, ESQ. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 4.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

\* First peal.

#### TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE DRAIKES .. .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 4.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. GORE .. .. 5.
THOMAS JULL .. .. 3.	* JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. GRENSTED.

\* First peal as conductor.

#### EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS GOFF .. .. 2.	THOMAS TUTTE .. .. 6.
ALFRED MANN .. .. 3.	ALLEN GOWER .. .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	ERNEST FISHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLAN GOWER.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Lady Sybil Primrose, eldest daughter of Earl Rosebery, to Mr. Charles Grant, of the Coldstream Guards, son of General Sir Robert Grant.

#### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

FREDERICK ALCOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 6.
JABEZ EADES .. .. 2.	ALBERT JACKSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS ALBUTT .. .. 3.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 8.
JOHN MASON .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 5.	JAMES PARRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

#### WILLINGTON, BEDS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Merchant's Return Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

JOHN MAXEY .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 4.
LEWIS J. FLINT .. .. 2.	HERBERT FIELD .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

#### PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 5.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the local men for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness.

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR RINGERS.—Splendid Quality.—Purest Silk.—Very suitable for a present.—W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.



## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, FULNEY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. BENNETT* .. .. Treble.	R. MACKMAN .. .. 5.
J. S. WRIGHT .. .. 2.	J. R. MACKMAN .. .. 6.
J. T. BROWN .. .. 3.	I. W. JARVIS .. .. 7.
R. SMITH* .. .. 4.	*J. FACER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

\*First peal.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERIC G. BRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	ARTHUR H. SAXBY .. 6.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Mrs. Horsley, widow of a late, and mother of a present churchwarden of St. Stephen's.

## CANTERBURY.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. .. 7.
FREDERIC G. BRETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 8.
PERCY J. PAINE .. .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 9.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 5.	FREDERICK DAVISON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Dean Farrar. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Association by an entirely local band.

## THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT M. PICK .. Treble.	ROBERT W. LOVIE .. 5.
JOS. W. PARKER* .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. 6.
J. G. HALL .. .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 7.
WM. NEWTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOS. W. PARKER.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Pick, Parker, Lovie, Leighton and Robson were elected members of the Cleveland Association previous to starting.

## GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED PALFRAMAN .. Treble.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. 5.
BENJAMIN BARRETT .. 2.	HERBERT SUGDEN .. 6.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. 3.	JOHN B. JACKSON .. 7.
FREDK. HIRD .. .. 4.	JOHN JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN C. ADAMS .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 6.
JAMES SMALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS ELCOX .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FISHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

The above peal was rung after several unsuccessful attempts at Stedman Triples in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Small. Owing to the inclement weather the band met one short for Stedman, and the above peal was rung instead.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 2.	JOHN MAXEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

## Handbell Peals.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. 3-4.	WESLEY WATSON .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—H. F. Dawkins.

## WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE WOBURN COMPANY.)

On Monday, March 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HERBERT, 20, BEDFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT .. 7-8.
DOUGLAS HARRIS .. 3-4.	SIDNEY AVIS .. 9-10.
ERNEST HERBERT .. 5-6.	CHARLES HERBERT .. 11-12.

Composed by H. TUCKER and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

Umpire—Rev. W. W. C. Baker. First peal on twelve bells by the Association, also in the county, and by all the band, who have now rung double-handed peals on 7, 8, 10 and 12 bells.



## Date Touches.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Friday evening, February 20, at the church of All Saints, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Harding, G. A. Ransom conductor, H. Chandler, T. Beadle, C. Edwards, H. Browning, J. H. B. Hesse, C. Dell. Composed by W. Marks of Leatherhead. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—On Saturday, November 1, on the Norman Tower bells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 56 mins. A. E. Moore conductor, H. F. Moore, F. Eaton, F. Stannard, H. Smith, J. Chinery, H. Moore, G. Lilley. Composed by C. Fenn of Barking. Also on November 8, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. F. Rudd, W. Smith, F. Eaton, F. Stannard, H. Smith, A. E. Moore conductor, H. Moore, A. King. Also on Saturday, December 13, 252 Stedman Triples. G. Debenham, H. F. Moore, G. Lilley, H. Simpson, A. E. Moore, H. Moore, H. Turner conductor, R. Moore. Longest touch in the method ever rung by a Bury company on tower or handbells. Also on Sunday, December 14, for morning service by the junior company, a 720 of Bob Minor on the front six in 26 mins. F. Rudd, A. King, W. Bowyers, E. Arch, F. Eaton conductor, F. Stannard. Handbell Ringing.—Recently for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor in 19 mins. A. E. Moore conductor, F. Eaton, F. Stannard, H. F. Moore, R. Moore. Also another 720. A. Moore, H. F. Moore, F. Eaton, F. Stannard, A. E. Moore conductor. Also an attempt for a peal of Bob Major but was lost after ringing 3920 changes. A. E. Moore conductor, F. Stannard, F. Eaton, H. F. Moore, J. Chinery, H. Moore. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. King, H. Turner, H. F. Moore, H. Smith, H. Moore, A. E. Moore conductor. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Moore jun., R. Moore sen., H. F. Moore jun., A. E. Moore jun., H. Moore jun. conductor. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. H. F. Moore, H. Moore, A. E. Moore, R. Moore. Also 240 Bob Major. F. Rudd, H. F. Moore, A. E. Moore, H. Turner, H. Moore conductor.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, December 14, for evening service, 839 Grandsire Triples. W. Otway, A. H. Winch, E. Hull, J. Harding, W. Marks, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, W. Cropley. On Tuesday, January 6, 719 Grandsire Caters. H. Marks, F. Holden, A. H. Winch, A. C. Otway, H. Wood, W. Messum, W. Marks, A. Dean conductor, E. Hall, W. Cropley. On Sunday, January 11, 700 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original. H. Marks, W. Otway, H. Wood, E. Hall, W. Marks, F. Holden conductor, A. Dean, A. Winch.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, November 23, for Divine service, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. F. Chappell, G. Hunt conductor, G. Barstow, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Fothergill, J. Woffenden, G. Barstow, J. Smith, G. Hunt conductor, R. Thickett. Sunday, November 30, for Divine service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Hunt conductor, F. Chappell, G. Barstow, J. Woffenden, J. Smith, T. W. Clarke, E. Andrews, G. F. Pickles. Thursday, December 11th, for practice, 720 Oxford. G. Hunt conductor, F. Chappell, G. Barstow, T. W. Clarke, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles. Saturday, December 13th, at the usual monthly practice, 2160 changes in 1 hr. 18 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. A. Fothergill, F. Chappell, G. Barstow, J. Smith, G. Hunt conductor, G. F. Pickles. Sunday, December 14th, for Divine service, 768 Kent Major. A. Fothergill, F. Chappell, G. Barstow, G. F. Pickles, J. Smith, T. W. Clarke, G. Hunt conductor, R. Thickett. 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. A. Fothergill, G. Hunt conductor, G. Barstow, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett.

HULL.—On Tuesday, December 2, at the parish church, 1472 Kent Treble Bob, with muffled bells, as a tribute to the late Mrs. Clarke, wife of Mr. Thomas Clarke (late of Ripon), rung at the above church. F. Merrison, T. Stockdale, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, W. Verity, G. Marshall, W. Brown, I. Dale, C. Jackson.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, February 25th, at St. Michael's

church, 1264 Bob Major, composed by H. J. Tucker. F. Webb, W. Sadler, G. Sentance, W. Moore, W. Steel, A. B. Wiffen conductor, W. Grimwade, C. H. Howard. On Sunday morning, 1152 Bob Major. G. Leonard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, H. Coote, W. Steel. For evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Leonard, F. Webb, H. Collins, A. B. Wiffen, C. H. Howard conductor, G. Sentance, H. Coote, A. W. Barton. On Monday, March 2nd, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Collins, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. E. Hammond.

WIDFORD.—On Friday, February 20th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Lincoln, A. Tarbun, A. Shuttleworth, W. Rowland, jun., H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, G. W. Piper.

WRITTELE.—On Monday, February 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. A. H. Watson, G. W. Piper, E. Runter, F. G. Radley, H. Head, H. W. Kirton, T. Lincoln, W. Lincoln conductor.

SOUTH WEALD.—On February 26, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, F. March, A. Joslin, W. Watson, H. Joslin, W. R. Warner conductor. W. Wingrave.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, January 22nd, at St. Peter Mancroft, 720 Kent Treble Bob Maximus. A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Knights, E. Ward, F. J. Hewchin, D. Sadler, S. Smith, A. Rought, E. Francis, G. Howchin, C. E. Borrett, F. H. Knights, G. Smith. Also two courses of Forward Maximus. On Saturday, January 31st, at the Society's meeting room, on handbells, 480 Forward Major. A. G. Warnes, G. Howchin, G. Mears, G. Smith, S. Smith, A. Rought, A. W. Brighton conductor. Also 600 Forward Royal. C. E. Borrett, G. Howchin, G. Mears, G. Smith, S. Smith, A. Rought, F. Knights, A. G. Warnes, A. W. Brighton conductor. On Thursday, February 5th, at St. Peter Mancroft, for practice, 1392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. E. Borrett conductor, E. Borrett, G. Howchin, F. J. Howchin, P. Sadler, S. Smith, A. Rought, E. Francis, T. Tooley, F. Knights, G. Smith, A. W. Brighton. A 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on the back eight. S. Smith, E. Borrett, G. Howchin, G. Smith, C. E. Borrett, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Knights. On Thursday, February 12th, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal unfortunately collapsed after ringing 3 hrs. 40 mins. F. Knights, F. R. Borrett, H. W. Stanley, E. Borrett, G. Howchin, E. F. Poppy, A. G. Warnes, C. E. Borrett, F. J. Howchin, A. W. Brighton. Tenor 43 cwt.

THORNHAM.—At the residence of A. W. Symonds, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor consisting of 42 singles. J. Moss, J. Mayes, A. J. Berry, E. H. Symonds, A. W. Symonds conductor.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 19, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Triples in 47 mins. W. Peirce, A. Lee, A. Took, J. O'Neill, F. Lambert conductor, F. Cullum, E. Chatten, S. Kerrison.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 19, three 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Morning Star. L. Hammond, W. Bloomfield, J. Walker, T. Crane, J. Puchard conductor.

HUNTINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 21, 720 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. L. Hammond, W. Bloomfield, J. Walker, T. Crane, J. Puchard conductor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday afternoon, March 1, for men's service, 742 Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, E. Griffin, A. Jones, H. Chandler, J. Basden conductor, T. Beadle, W. Ledbetter.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, December 9, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Crane, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, C. Taylor, W. T. Pegler, J. Gillett, J. H. Midwinter, J. Gayton conductor, W. Crane.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 22nd, at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Davies, T. Barber, W. Shillock, W. Boughton, J. Barber, H. Martin conductor, F. Boughton. On Sunday, March 1st, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Davies, T. Barber, W. Short, W. Boughton, W. Shillock, H. Martin, J. Barber conductor, F. Boughton.

EDINHAM (Lincolnshire).—120 Stedman Doubles. C. Maverson, W. Jones, J. Alford, T. Bainbridge, A. Holmes. Another 120 in the same method. C. Maverson, H. Cunningham, J. Alford, T. Bainbridge, A. Holmes. Another 120. C. Maverson, A. Holmes, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, W. Jones. Another 120. J. Alford, C. Maverson, A. Holmes, T. Bainbridge, W. Jones. Also 240 Stedman. A. Cunningham, C. Maverson, J. Alford conductor, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes.



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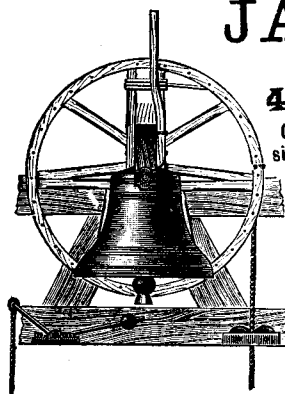
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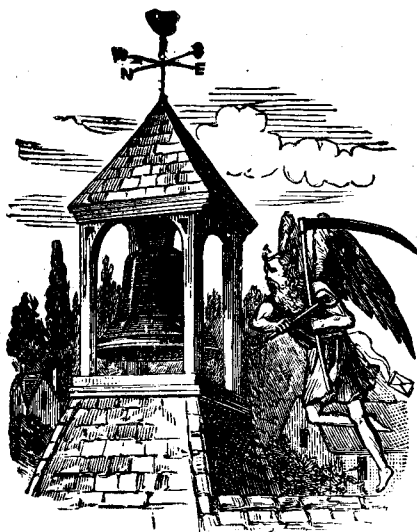
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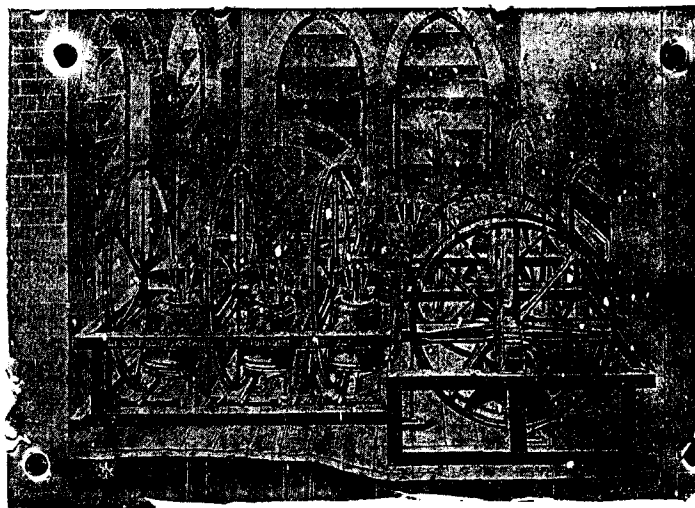
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**HINDLEY (Lancashire).** St. Peter. Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears. No date given (?) 1889). Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1889. Method: "Grandsire Trebles full pull." Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.50 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

**HINGHAM (Norfolk).** St. Andrew. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Newman, 1742; 3rd and 5th, no information; 4th by Arnold, 1775; 6th, 1619; 7th by Osborn, 1785. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in., 1619. Thorough repairs by Day, 1892. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Occasional Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 8.

**HITCHIN (Herts).** St. Mary. Hertford Association. Eight bells. All by Eayre, 1762, except tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., by Arnold, 1784, and treble (a poor bell) by Warner, 1902. Iron frame. Bells do not go well owing to ropes being too much drawn out of plumb. Soundbow badly worn. The ring were hung in a new frame by Warner, 1902. A chiming apparatus is fixed. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing on festivals. Practice: Monday.

**HODDESDON (Herts).** St. Paul. Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1901. Tenor 12 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. No information as to clocking or ropes. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays at 5.30. Practice: alternate Tuesdays at 8, from April to September; weekly at 7.30 from September to April.

**HOGHTON (Lancashire).** Holy Trinity. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1887. Tenor

13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes indifferent. Methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob and College Single. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 2.30 to 3. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

## BRADFORD, NEAR TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21st, the usual monthly meeting was held at Lawton, forty members attending from Crewe Sandbach, Alsager, Lawton and Kidsgrave. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock. At 5 o'clock the ringers assembled in the schoolroom and sat down to tea, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. S. Nun), and the churchwardens. There were also present: Miss Rigby (Lawton); John Stringer, Esq. (Sandbach); and the Rev. G. J. Howson, M.A., Rector of Christ Church, Salford. After tea the Rector spoke of the loss that he and the Lawton ringers had sustained in the death of the late Mr. G. Baddeley (one of the Lawton ringers), who was one of victims of the Bunkers' Hill pit disaster, and in very feeling terms proposed a vote of condolence to Mrs. Baddeley and family. The proposition was received in silence, all the ringers rising from their seats.

The Rector now stated that he had a more enjoyable duty to perform, namely, to welcome the Rev. G. J. Howson, of Christ Church, Salford, among them that day. He had been connected with the society (had in fact been the Branch President) from its commencement, and had always taken a great interest in it.

Mr. Stringer said he should very much like to endorse all the Rector had said. He had known Mr. Howson a good many years, and could testify to the interest Mr. Howson took in ringers and ringing, and he now had great pleasure in asking Miss Rigby to present to Mr. Howson the working model of a church bell which had been subscribed for by the members of the branch.

Miss Rigby having presented the bell to Mr. Howson in a few appropriate words, Mr. Howson said that he did not think he had done anything to deserve that beautiful model. He was quite content to let pleasant memories of the happy hours he had spent with the ringers be sufficient reward for anything he had ever done. He was very glad that ringers were taking their true position in the church as church-workers, and that clergymen were taking more interest in the belfry and bellringers. He was quite alive to the fact that he had been absent from a great many of their meetings,



through generally having some service to take at the church, in fact that was his first visit to Lawton, though he could not account for the fact that he had never been in Lawton until that day. He had only one bell at the church where he was now, and this would make him two, and he should have great pleasure in showing it to any of his parishioners who visited him, and explain the different parts, and shew them how a church bell worked when rung.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for providing the tea, and to Miss Rigby for presiding over it, terminated the proceedings, the ringers making their way to the tower where ringing on the eight bells was kept up until 8.30. The model bell was made and supplied by Messrs. Shaw and Sons, Bell Founders, Bradford. The bell is six inches high, hung on the latest principle in a polished oak frame, and is an exact duplicate of a modern church bell hung for ringing even to the smallest bolt and nut. The ringers were high pleased with it, speaking in very high terms both of the tone of the bell and finish of the workmanship.

### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SARUM BRANCH.)

A quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Dinton on Saturday, February 21st, a good muster of ringers being present from the following towers: Barford, Orcheston, Compton-Chamberlayne, Britford, Salisbury, and the local company being well represented. Service in the church commenced at 3 p.m., after which the bells were soon in motion, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles being rung by the Salisbury band, which was keenly watched by those unacquainted with the Art. Tea was held at 4.30 in the schoolroom, kindly provided and a very social half-hour was spent. The business then followed; in the absence of the chairman the Rev. J. H. Audland was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Audland. A move was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going during the evening.

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### WHAT WAS A WARNER?

By R. A. DANIELL.

According to "The Glossary" the answer to the question forming my title is that the term "Warner" is obsolete, but that it formerly meant a Bob-Caller. The word has certainly passed out of use, but that it ever meant a Bob-Caller I greatly doubt. If it ever did it must, I think, have been a local and not a general term, and I feel convinced that in London it meant something quite different. I was hoping last year to ask the learned compiler of "The Glossary," when I was looking forward to meeting him at Worcester, the ground on which he had so described the term; but, alas! the opportunity was denied me, not only then, but permanently.

The word being obsolete, it is not of great importance to ascertain its exact meaning on its own account; but as it is used on the title page of one of our classical treatises—namely, Shipway's, whose author is described as "Warner to the Cumberland Youths"—it may be worth while to endeavour to determine what was the nature of this office which Shipway held. It cannot be supposed that he so described himself unless he had been actually elected to the office by his Society, but what is there to show that the company elected him their Bob-Caller? So far as I am aware there is no evidence that the London companies ever elected a Bob-Caller. Some individual member of a company may obtain such a position in it that as a matter of courtesy or habit his fellow-members, even those who are competent conductors, leave the calling in his hands whenever he may be present; but this is not an election to an office and would not justify a person in such a position in describing himself as though he were an elected officer. As a matter of fact the records in the Cumberlands' Peal Books lend no support to the notion of Shipway's having occupied any such position as that of Bob-Caller to the company.

I venture to think that a consideration of the meaning of the words "Warn" and "Warner," both in themselves and in the connection in which we find them in old ringing rules, will shew us the term descriptive of Shipway as indicating something quite different. The word "warn," like most other words, has various shades of meaning, and I will cite two instances of its use in ways which seem to assist us in our search. They are as follows:—

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Buckingham (addressing Queen Elizabeth, wife of King Edward the Fourth):

"Ay, madam, he desires to make atonement  
Between the Duke of Gloster and your brothers,  
And between them and my lord Chamberlain,  
And sent to warn them to his royal presence."

Shakespeare: Richard III., act 1, sc. 3.

Now, evidently the meaning of our word in these two extracts is in the first "notice" and in the second "summon," and on reference to early ringing rules it is also evident the word was in them used in these senses.

24. Item. When it shall be thought proper and convenient to call a private meeting, then every member of this purse who shall be warned and absent from the same shall forfeit sixpence.—Rules of the Norwich Ringers' Purse.

8. Item. If the master for the time being shall send to the wardens to warn the company, and if they neglect the same they



shall pay for their offence fourpence apiece.—Rules of the Guild of St. Stephen's ringers, Bristol.

That the Company shall elect a careful honest man to be their Warner, who upon instructions given him by the Master or Stewards shall give notice to such part of the Society so intended to meet, for the execution of which office the Stewards shall collect one shilling per man throughout the Society to be paid him on every feast day yearly.—Rules of the Union Scholars, London.

It is needless to multiply quotations. From the above we find members of companies being warned, and, in London, the person giving the warnings being called the Warner. He is also sometimes called the beadle, and this term clearly means the same thing.

When terms entirely disappear from ordinary use among a body of men handing on a continued corporate existence, it is more probable that the thing denoted by the term has ceased to be than that the name of it has altered. It would be a very strange thing if a term only, which appears in such a book as Shipway, should have passed so completely out of common parlance if the office it denoted had remained. But when we find it used as I have set it out, we at once see that not only the term but the office is obsolete. Bob-Callers are still with us, but the office of Warner, in London at any rate, is as extinct as the dodo. It came to an end of necessity, as a result of the expansion of London. It was well enough for a messenger to walk about delivering notices when he could reasonably cover the ground, but the growth of suburban London, especially in the early part of the 19th century, made his task impossible. When we remember that Church accommodation does not precede but follows the increase of population, and that within the first thirty years of the last century there were built eight churches which have rings of not less than eight bells and at least nineteen not so provided, extending between Holloway on the north and Norwood on the south and between Poplar on the east and Chelsea on the west, that there were no railways and the first omnibus did not make its appearance till 1829, it is clear that the Warner's duties could not be fulfilled, and he ceased to exist. But to cope with these circumstances came the development of postal facilities, and by degrees a new officer arises to do the companies' business by their use; and thus upon the ruins of the ancient Warner has arisen the magnificent edifice of the modern Honorary Secretary.

I should like, in conclusion, as I have been criticizing a definition in "The Glossary," to add a few words about that volume and its author. Whatever valuable suggestions may have been made by the members of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to carry out the project, it is plain by their own action that they regarded "The Glossary" as substantially the work of Mr. Bulwer. And although since his sudden and lamented death appreciative references have appeared in your columns, I doubt if some of his remarkable qualities have been adequately insisted on. One may discover that as to the meaning of an obsolete term one may disagree with him, or that, as in the correspondence about London Marvel, differences of view may arise on advanced scientific questions, or that divergencies of view may exist as to whether some of the technical terms adopted in the volume are the most appropriate conceivable; but these things are relatively insignificant. The fact remains that "The Glossary" could only have been produced by a man who united in a degree very much above the average a combination of capacities—for, patient industry, for the accumulation of a vast amount of technical knowledge, for the mental digestion

of that knowledge and a singular gift of lucidity and accuracy in the use of language. Few things are more difficult than the accurate use of language in definitions or scientific discussions. Yet without such accuracy scientific treatises are little better than useless. In "The Glossary" Mr. Bulwer has given us a book worthy to rank with the authoritative text books of any other science, and we may well be grateful that, among the other interests of a gifted and conscientious mind, he found time to do so. Certainly so far as the Exercise is concerned the well known commemoration words hold true:—

"His body is buried in peace, but his name liveth for evermore."

### 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. Baker's letter this week has made no difference to my position; he begins by implying that I do not know anything about method construction, he then proceeds to complain that I have made an assertion which is quite true, and he says that my assertion is not argument, which is also quite true; but he never says one word about my argument which proved the whole point and which still holds good, a place alters the position of the treble among the working bells, a whole pull does not. Mr. Baker then quotes from something I wrote in 1899, and implies that my views have changed since then. I was speaking then not about construction but musical effect, and so spoke of consecutive places in 1-2, 7-8, strictly I ought to have said a consecutive whole-pull and place, but colloquially one says consecutive places, and for musical effect a whole-pull and place consecutively are worse than two places; my views are the same now as then.

Kent Treble Bob does not contain more places than are necessary for the Treble Bob bunt, because the places in 3-4 are really the slow shifted up to let the treble dodge on lead; and secondly if you make places in a Major Treble Bob method in odd-bell time, you are obliged to double the places to keep true.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—Mr. Baker is quite correct. There are but two changes possible on even numbers of bells no matter the scale of the ring, without place-making, be they made by whole pulls behind or at lead, or in any internal position, and all these places are made in pairs.

Just the reverse on odd numbers no matter the scale of the ring, and we go one better, here there is but one change possible without places, but all places are made singly.

I am aware it is not fashionable to speak of place-making in this way, but places cannot be made without whole-pulls, and so whole-pulls are places, and the two inseparable.

If the reader would like the views of the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer upon the place-making of Bob Major, let him turn to page 49 of The Glossary.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—Mr. Drake has quite missed my object in writing my last letter. I attempted no argument. I am a good bit interested in method construction, and I may perhaps claim to have a little experience in the matter. And I thought that I could suggest a solution to the dispute—caused chiefly by misunderstanding—now going on. But if Mr. Drake wants to argue, then I must say that if Mr. Baker is wrong, Mr. Drake is not right.

Mr. Baker says that whole-pulls before and behind are "places." Mr. Drake says they are "hunting." As a matter of fact they are both. (a) Hunting affects neither succession of rows (odd and even) nor coursing order. (b) Whole-pulls before and behind affect succession of rows, but do not affect coursing order. (c) Internal places affect both.

These are the facts. As for the use of the word I am content to follow the traditional use, but not for Mr. Drake's reasons.

J. A. TROLLOPE.



## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The silent peal (as it is called) of Stedman Cinques at Leicester was very good. Can such a thing be superseded? I heard of a suggestion made the other evening that if the bells were picked up haphazard, such a performance would be more difficult. It may be; though I offer no opinion upon it. I have been told that in a peal of Stedman Triples, if the bells were mixed up, *i.e.* not in the consecutive pairs in which they are usually rung, a successful peal rung so would be a record. No doubt. It would certainly put some of those gentlemen who officiate as umpires, or referees, in a fog. Touches I believe are known to have been rung in this manner, but no peal. I can fancy my friend C. F. W. saying to this—"It's all mother Hubbard."

You will recollect the statements which were made about a peal of Treble Eight rung at Ashover. If not look up your "B.N." again, and refresh your memories. I stated there that from the high character of those who formed the company who rung this peal, there would be a good answer to the allegations. Here follows the answer:—

Mr. Plain Speaker.—Sir,—With regard to the Ashover peal, of which I was the conductor, the band who rang it wishes me to ignore the letter from your correspondent, "A Constant Reader," until he has the courage to sign his name, then probably we shall have a good answer, as several of his statements are not strictly true.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

You are quite right, Arthur. If men have not the courage to publish their names when making a charge of this sort, they deserved to be treated with—well, to be taken no notice of.

A correspondent from Glasgow asks me to give "a gentle hint to some of the crack companies to visit that city," where he says there is "a rare chance" for a first peal on a ring of ten, with a tenor of 35 cwt., hung in an iron frame, short pull, and go splendid. A further bait is that electric light is installed throughout the belfry. He thinks the ringing of a good peal would give the natives of Glasgow and those who affect ringing a good idea of what ringing means. My correspondent would in such case help in getting the tower oper., and all things ready. His address can be known on application.

The Rev. Herbert Drake is I see

announcing the publication of his "Short Service for Ringers." Very good indeed it is, and just the length required. I should not be surprised to hear of a good sale of this "Form." The composer knows what is wanted in such a case, and he has given us a very handy and appropriate little brochure. Perhaps it is hardly my place to "review" here any book, pamphlet, or leaflet, but then Mr. Drake is one of the brotherhood, and a jolly good member of it too, when you come to know him.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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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 April 23rd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th. Business Meeting at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Paul's.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Liversedge to-day, Saturday, April 11th. Meeting-house—The Albion inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be at Saltburn and Skelton on Easter Monday, April 13th. Both towers, 8 bells each, open all day. Dinner, members 1s., non-members 2s., at Victoria Hotel, Saltburn at 1 o'clock. Committee Meeting, same place, 12.30 p.m.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.  
Stokesley R.S.O.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at 12.30 p.m.; Luncheon at 1 p.m. at Roff's Dining Rooms, High Street, price 2s., resident performing members half price. Business will follow the luncheon, including the proposed alteration of rules. Service at St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Rust, Vicar of Husbome Crawley. Certificates of membership 6d. each, post free 7d., can be obtained on application to Mr. Cyril Herbert, Bedford Street, Woburn, who will also give estimates for framing.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon.  
I. HILLS, Secs.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Braintree. There will be a short service for ringers at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Rector of New Sampford. A meat tea in schoolroom, New Street, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum.—The next meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill (six bells), on Easter Monday, April 13th. Warminster, three miles (eight bells). Service at 3 p.m.

G. F. DOEL, Branch Sec.  
5, St. Martin's Church Street, Salisbury.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at South Norwanton, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. (1s. to non-members). Meeting after tea. Important business to transact. All members requested to attend.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in St. Swithin's church at 1.30 prompt, when an address will be delivered by the Rev. J. K. Floyer. Meeting in the



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Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. The towers of All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Philip's, Hallow (8), St. John's, St. Swithin's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas (6) will be open for ringing; also the Cathedral bells available from 5 to 6 p.m. The annual report, balance sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 13th, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's and St. Michael's churches will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., when an address will be given by the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting for the election of officers and general business.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector, when representatives on the Central Council will be elected. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 in the afternoon.

ARTHUR T. KING,

18, Ravenscroft Park Rd., Barnet. *Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The 13th Annual Meeting will be held at the Central Tower, Eckington, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Agenda: Resignation of Hon. Secretary and other important business. Members paid up for 1902 will receive private notice of business. Peal of eight bells.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Meersbrook, Bank Rd., Sheffield.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Aberavon on Easter Monday, at 4 o'clock sharp.

REV C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Beehive Coffee Tavern, Streatham Common, on Easter Monday. The bells at Emmanuel (8) and St. Leonard's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will precede the meeting at 6 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN.,

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon. *Hon. Sec.*  
31st March, 1903.

The Middlesex County Association.—The tower of St. Mary's, Staines, will be open for ringing on Easter Monday during the afternoon and evening. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The Midland Counties Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at All Saints', St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's Churches will be available for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by general meeting, all in All Saints' schoolroom.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be at Bournemouth, St. Peter's, by permission of the Winchester Guild, on Easter Monday, at 3.45 p.m. Committee meeting, 3. Service with address, 3.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each)

at 4.30. Ringing from 12 noon. Business:—Election of new secretary, etc.

H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting of members will be held this year at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, April 13th. The use of the bells at the following churches has kindly been granted at intervals during the day: Norman tower, St. Mary's church, Fornham St. Martin (2 miles). Horringer (3 miles), Rougham (3½ miles). Dinner at The Golden Fleece inn in Churchgate Street, at two o'clock prompt. Members 1s., non-members 2s., to be followed by the usual business meeting. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Sudbury will preside. Return trains leave for Newmarket and Cambridge at 4.44, 5.38, and 7.7; for Ely, via Newmarket, at 5.38; for Long Melford and Sudbury at 5.42 (calling at Eastgate Station at 5.45); for Haughley and Stowmarket at 5.30 and 6.55; for Thetford and Ely at 4.47 and 7.8 p.m.

W. W. COVEY CRUMP, *General Secretary.*  
St. Neot's, Hunts.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7.30.

WALTER HUGHES.

The North Notts Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at West Retford on Saturday, April 18th. Business meeting, 3.30 p.m.; Divine service, 4.15 p.m.; tea, 5 p.m. Members of kindred associations are made welcome. Those who intend to take tea (free to members; 1s. per head to visitors) are requested to inform Mr. A. Street, 74, Cobwell Street, West Retford.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, April 25th. Particulars next week.

E. W. CARPENTER.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society (St. Michael's Parish Church) will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock p.m. All members urgently invited to attend.

CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, 1903, at the parish church, Handsworth. The bells will be available for ringing touches from 2.30 in the afternoon and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock, at one shilling per head, for all those sending in their names on or before the 20th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

## THE DOVER ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 22nd, the members of the above were invited by Canon and Mrs. Bartram to supper at the Vicarage. The campanologic knowledge of the band is confined to Plain Bob, but they amply demonstrated that plates and dishes could be manipulated by them with marvellous dexterity, and without any bobs or singles; in fact, one would almost have thought it an attempt for a silent peal. Grace having been said, an adjournment was made to the drawing-room, where tunes on the handbells, and "Blanket Bob" were indulged in. The annual meeting followed, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Master—Mr. H. Wood; Deputy-Master—Mr. H. Saywell; Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. B. Saunders; Steeplekeeper—Mr. C. Sheaff. It

was proposed by the Master, and seconded by the Deputy-Master, "That we as a band do join the Kent County Association." This was carried unanimously, and the Vicar said he would think it a high honour to be allowed to pay the first year's subscription, which, needless to say, was received by the band with acclamation, and Mr. Wood in thanking him on behalf of the band, assured him that he had no more loyal churchworkers than his ringers, who were indeed fortunate in serving under such a Vicar.

## 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.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1903.

WE have the season of Easter once more at hand—a Festival the most important in the Church's Calendar. Time was when the season of Easter was looked forward to by most ringers as the period for the meeting of old friends; when, in the old days, great preparations and arrangements were made for the renewal of lasting acquaintanceships, the attempting of peals—at that time nothing like so frequent as now—and other purposes. If in these days the romantic side of these reunions is not so much in evidence as formerly, Easter Monday is still very prominent as a day for ringers' meetings. The published notices show this. And they partake of a two-fold



character nowadays. Not for ringing only are they arranged, but large and in some instances very important matters of business are debated and settled. One particular instance we may refer to among the advertised Association meetings to be held on Easter Monday. The Old East Derbyshire Association, the secretary of which is that solid ringer and ringers' friend—EDWIN JAMES, has been for a long time in the throes of dissolution. Mr. JAMES has striven hard to keep things moving, but we regret to hear that he resigns his office at the meeting next Monday. And we fear that unless the members rally around him and press him to retain office, accompanying their solicitations by promises of better support in future, the organization will fall to the ground. It is hoped the members will take steps to prevent such a disaster.

#### THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of this society held pursuant to notice, on March 30th, 1903, auditors were elected, and it was resolved that a special General Meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes on April 27th, 1903, to receive their report, and to elect officers for the society. Members are also requested to note that the steeple will be open for ringing for morning service at St. Clement's on the first Sunday in each month, and the Master hopes for the co-operation of members of the society in order to make these meetings regular and successful.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

March 31st, 1903.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	YORK GREEN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 8.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 4.	HENRY TORBLE .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place only, and the 2nd eight course-ends at home. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Scholes, the band wishing him many happy returns. The figures of this composition appear on another page.

#### The Provinces.

##### LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, March 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two Six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WITTS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM BICK .. .. 2.	RICHARD PENDRY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PENDRY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. PENDRY.

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##### WHILTON, NORTHANTS.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

##### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4.
ARTHUR MOORE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. .. 5.
FRED HOPPER .. .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. L. H. Hogan for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

##### KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD BRADSHAW .. Treble.	HENRY CARNWELL .. .. 4.
JOHN MORETON* .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH H. CARR .. .. 5.
JAMES MORETON .. .. 3.	ISAAC MORETON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC MORETON.

\*First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells by the local band.

##### NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except 1 and 5. The peal has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6, with the tenors at wrong.

##### STREATHAM, SURREY.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT IMMANUEL CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Nudds, son of the ringer of the 7th.

##### MANCHESTER,—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

THOMAS MARSHALL .. Treble.	EDWARD READER .. .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 3.	†WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 8.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
HIRAM MEAKIN .. .. 5.	*JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. C. HUNT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters, †First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. This is J. Eachus' 100th peal for the Association.



## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP .. .. 5.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 9.
CHARLES HILLS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

JAMES BAXTER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE J. LUNGLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE PARK .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. TITT .. .. 6.
THOMAS CLARK .. .. 3.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 7.
CHARLES TODD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.  
This is the first true peal on the bells.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY BROOKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 2.	JOHN PLOWMAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 3.	ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 8.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 9.
JAMES RUMBLE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.  
This is the first time this composition has been rung.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM BEVAN* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. PAGETT .. .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN† .. .. 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. BEVAN* .. .. 3.	†ERNEST BROWN .. .. 6.
JAMES KEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since repairs and recasting of 7th by Mears and Stainbank.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN AND THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

LEWIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 7-8.
EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. COX, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—H. Fields. First peal of Caters by all the band except the conductor; also first peal of Caters on handbells by each of the above Associations.

## SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, April 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. MEE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FRANK ROLFE .. .. 1-2.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 5-6.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 3-4.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by F. ROLFE

Umpire—George W. Mee. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton, Berks., has been sent without any date.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Tipton on March 30th should be Thomas J. Elton, not Thomas Elcox, as published.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DICKLEBURGH.—On Thursday, March 26th, at All Saints church, a date touch of Doubles in seven methods, being 343 of Grandsire, 320 April Day, 240 each of St. Simon's, Morning Star, the Dream, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Chenery, A. Clarke, C. More, R. Hammond conductor, C. Rudd.

THETFORD.—On December 12th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Bob Minor. E. Carter, W. Westlake, E. Hunt, W. Everett, C. Carter, T. Fitzjohn conductor, J. Weeks, A. Sayer.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Thursday, February 5, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Knight, Dora White, C. Holdaway, H. White, J. Ward, F. Redgate composer and conductor, J. Ballard, H. Knight. Also 630 Grandsire Triples by the same band conducted by John Ward. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Jas. Williams, of Bartika Grove, British Guiana, and Miss Charlotte Eva Gwendoline Hayes, of Basingstoke, which was solemnized on the above date at the parish church.

RINGWOOD.—For Divine service on Sunday evening, March 8, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Randall sen., W. Bursey, A. Randall jun. conductor, J. Gardiner, F. Hoskins, E. Thomas, M. Stewart, H. Titcombe. First 504 by the conductor, who is the youngest member of the band.

HURSLEY.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Wild, J. Richards, R. G. Hunt, Rev. H. Wheat conductor, W. Jones, H. Westbrook. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor by the local band, and the first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD.—On Monday, March 2nd, for practice at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins., each 6-score called differently. J. Hopkins, E. Hopkins, S. Hopkins, E. Hopkins, S. J. Exeter conductor. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire, with J. Exeter and S. Hopkins conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE.—On March 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 47 minutes. J. W. Jarrett, C. E. Smith, E. J. Bottle, W. J. Walker, J. E. Grinstead, H. E. Simpson, A. J. Day, W. H. B. Wilkins conductor. First quarter-peal by the whole band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Smithers, jun., first quarter-peal, G. Smithers, sen., J. Russell, S. Perkins conductor, W. Smith, E. Mankelow, W. Latter, S. Faithfull.

MAIDSTONE.—On Sunday afternoon, March 8th, 1903 for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Higgins, A. W. Tawney, W. Waghorn, W. Manning, T. Manning, F. Newman conductor. And 120 Stedman Doubles by the same band.

APPLEDOKE (Kent).—On Friday evening, March 6th, several 168s



of Grandsire Triples. E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. Brown, G. Johnson, C. Tribe. First on the bells by a local band.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKLEY (Sheffield).—For Divine service on Sunday evening, January 11, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe conductor, R. Renshaw, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. First 720 Treble Bob by local company. For Divine service on Sunday evening, February 8, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Berrisford, S. F. Palmer, R. Renshaw, C. H. Lake, Jno. Thorpe conductor, G. Heward. On Tuesday evening March 3, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, R. Renshaw, G. Heward, C. H. Lake, S. F. Palmer. On Thursday evening, March 5, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe conductor, R. Renshaw, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. This is the first 720 Oxford by the local company. On Sunday evening, March 8, for Divme service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Renshaw, S. F. Palmer, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, Jno. Thorpe conductor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On September 28th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Carter, G. Moore, E. Hunt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn, J. Deeks, C. Carter, A. Sayer. On Sunday, October 5th, 1008 Grandsire Triples, and a quarter-peal in the same method. E. Carter, W. Westlake, E. Hunt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, E. R. J. Dunk conductor, J. Weeks. On Sunday, October 19th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Carter, E. Dunk, E. Hunt, T. Fitzjohn conductor, W. Westlake, C. Carter, W. Everett, J. Deeks. On Sunday, December 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Carter, H. Hawes, W. Westlake, T. Fitzjohn conductor, C. Carter, E. Hunt, W. Everett, J. Deeks. On Friday, January 2nd, 336 Bob Major, on handbells. E. Carter, W. Seeley, G. Dingle, W. Westlake D. Hunt, H. Hawes, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn. On Tuesday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells, in 17 mins. F. Cook, W. Seeley, G. Dingle, E. Hunt, C. Carter, T. Fitzjohn.

#### THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On March 2nd, at St. Cuthbert's church, 536 Stedman Triples. G. W. Park, G. Lungley, G. J. Lungley, G. Park, W. Walland, E. C. Hunt, W. H. Porter conductor, M. B. Dalby. On March 9th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. M. B. Dalby, G. Park, W. H. Porter, Cooper, W. Walland, E. C. Hunt, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. On March 13th, at St. John's church, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Clark, G. J. Lungley, G. Park, J. Baxter, G. W. Park, C. Todd, E. C. Hunt, W. H. Porter conductor. On March 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Walland, E. C. Hunt, G. J. Lungley, R. B. Wilson, G. Park, G. W. Park conductor. 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Lungley conductor, W. H. Porter, R. B. Wilson, T. Clark, W. Walland, E. C. Hunt. 480 Minor in seven methods, viz.: Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. W. Walland, W. H. Porter, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park, G. Park, C. Todd conductor. On April 3rd, at St. John's church, 640 Kent Treble Bob. J. Baxter conductor, G. J. Lungley, G. Park, F. C. Naisbitt, T. Clark, W. Walland, W. Patton, E. C. Hunt. 504 Stedman Triples. G. W. Park, G. Lungley, G. Park, T. Clark, W. Walland, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter, conductor, G. J. Lungley.

HEIGHINGTON (Durham).—On March 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. J. Lungley, R. B. Wilson, G. Park, G. W. Park, W. H. Porter, C. Todd conductor. 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. Clark, W. H. Porter, R. B. Wilson, C. Todd, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. 360 Double Court Bob Minor. T. Clark, G. Park, C. Todd, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor, W. H. Porter.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—Recently, at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Holliday, E. Holloway, W. Runham, J. Fuller, H. Runham, W. Newell conductor, E. Denham, G. Blagrove

SLOUGH.—On Friday, November 28th, at St. Mary's church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. A. Leader, G. H. Gutteridge, F. Harper, W. H. Fussell conductor, T. Leader, W. Wilder, F. V. H. Sinkins, A. Perryman. On Friday, February 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples, On Friday, February 20th, the last part of Holt's Original. A. Leader, G. H. Gutteridge, F. V. Sinkins, W. Wilder, T. Leader, F. Harper, W. H. Fussell, A. N. Engineer.

LANGLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Wilder, F. Harper, T. Leader, W. H. Fussell, F. V. H. Sinkins. The same band visited Stoke Poges church on Sunday, February 15th, and rang several touches of Minor for morning service, assisted by G. H. Gutteridge.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 8, for Divine service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Lees, L. Shoobridge, A. Sayer, B. Reed, B. Reed jun., F. Carroway, G. Willshire conductor, A. Golder. It is intended shortly to attempt a peal with three generations of the Reed family.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 4th, 720 College Exercise. N. Smith, W. Moore, F. Warren, S. Sargent, W. Steel, W. Grimwade conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard conductor, G. Sentance, A. Shufflebotham, A. B. Wiffen, W. Steel, W. Grimwade. On Wednesday, January 28th, 720 Double Court. S. Sargent, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, W. Steel, W. Grimwade conductor. On Wednesday, February 4th, 720 New London Pleasure. N. Smith, W. Moore, S. Sargent, C. Bearman, W. Steel, W. Grimwade conductor.

BELBROUGHTON.—On Wednesday, March 25th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 28 mins. C. Goodyear, E. Baylis, E. Hatton, J. Parton, G. Parton, H. Martin conductor. The ringer of the treble has entered upon his 80th year, whilst the ringer of the 3rd is in his 75th year, both having been ringers here since their youth, and they are now both hale and hearty.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—At All Saints' Church, on Saturday, February 28, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. W. Lett, W. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. Mynard, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor. On Sunday, March 1, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. Jack Robinson, J. W. Lett, J. Lovell, F. W. Booth, F. Mynard, W. Freeman conductor. On Sunday, March 8, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. Ted Mynard, J. W. Lett, J. Lovell conductor, F. Mynard, F. W. Booth, H. Lett. For evening service, 720 of Double Court. J. W. Lett, J. Lovell, F. Mynard, W. Freeman conductor, F. W. Booth, Fred Hopper.

GRAPPENHALL.—On March 1, for Divine service, 464 Bob Major. Jas. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, J. E. Ashcroft, S. Spence, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes, F. T. Spence, conductor. On March 8, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, S. Spence, F. T. Spence, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes conductor, G. Wheeler. 504 Bob Triples, Jas. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, S. Spence, F. T. Spence conductor, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes, G. Wheeler. On March 9, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, F. T. Spence conductor, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes, G. Wheeler. On March 15, for Divine service, 504 Grandsire Triples. Jas. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, S. Spence, F. T. Spence conductor, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes, G. Wheeler. On March 16, for practice, 840 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Mainwaring, A. Kursey, S. Spence, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, F. T. Spence conductor, J. W. Booth, J. Hughes, G. Wheeler. On March 29, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. J. Fairhurst, A. Kursey, S. Spence, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, F. T. Spence conductor, G. Wheeler.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Nash, B. Cousin, W. Pye, G. Roughton, H. Catterwell, G. R. Pye conductor, E. Pye, W. Wingrave. On Sunday, January 18th, 720 Bob Minor. B. Cousins, H. Catterwell, G. Roughton, H. F. Dawkins, G. R. Pye, W. Watson conductor. On Sunday, February 15th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Catterwell, W. Nash, G. Jay, B. Cousins, H. Joslin, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson, A. Sorrell.

WARWICK.—Recently, at All Saints church, two quarter-peals of Bob Major. J. Pinfold, W. J. Pinfold, F. Salt, J. D. Matthews, W. Collett, H. Letts, G. Ellis, E. H. Adams. 168 Stedman Triples. W. J. Pinfold, J. D. Matthews, W. Male, H. Letts, G. Ward, W. Collett, E. H. Adams, J. Pinfold. Also several touches of Bob Major and a course of Stedman Triples, with E. Macdonald. At St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. W. Male, W. J. Pinfold, F. Salt, J. D. Matthews, W. Collett, G. Ellis, H. Letts, E. H. Adams. On Saturday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Pinfold, H. Letts, W. J. Pinfold, E. H. Adams, F. Salt, W. Collett, W. Male, G. Ellis, J. D. Matthews, G. T. Kemp. On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. H. Letts, E. H. Adams, W. J. Pinfold, E. Brassington, G. Warr, H. Letts, W. Male, G. Ellis, J. D. Matthews, J. Castle. Also several touches of Bob Major on handbells. E. H. Adams, H. Letts, J. D. Matthews, W. Collett. The above touches are the longest in each method by all excepting Messrs. Adams and Matthews. In the two quarter-peals of Caters twelve men rang their first quarter-peal on ten in less than twenty-four hours. W. J. Pinfold is aged only 13½ years. Conductors—Messrs. Adams and Matthews.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, February 17, at the parish church, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. G. W. Matthews A. Still, J. W. Chandler, W. Stegall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor First on the bells and by all the band.







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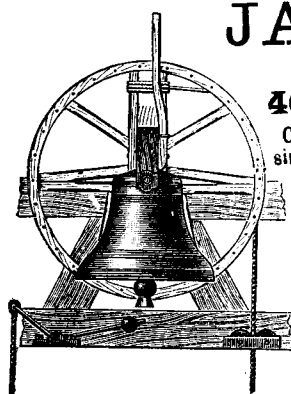
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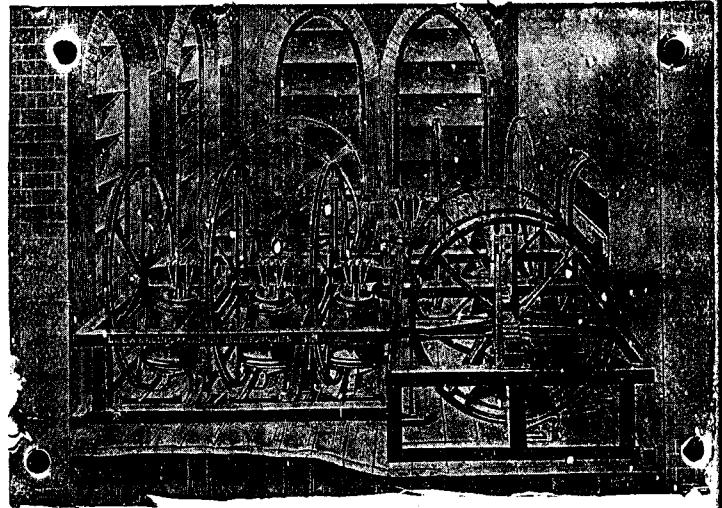
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

HOLBEACH (Lincolnshire). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

HOLBECK (Yorks). St. Matthew. Eight bells. No return.

HOLME LACY (Herefordshire). St. Cuthbert. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1709. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Day, 1891. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1 hour. Practice: Monday.

HOLSWORTHY (Devon). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. All by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1894. Ropes new, 1894, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 8.

HOOK NORTON (Oxon).—St. Peter. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Barwell, 1899; 3rd and 5th by the same, 1896; 4th and tenor by Wells, 1797 and 1788 respectively; 6th, 1599, founder not stated; 7th by Warner, 1869. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. No information as to repairs. Ropes new 1896. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 5 to 6. Practice: uncertain.

HORHAM (Suffolk). St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble 2nd and 3rd by Gurney, 1672; 4th and tenor by Brend, 1658 and 1565 respectively; 5th by Draper, 1605; 6th and 7th by Darbie, 1663. Tenor 7 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. No work has been done in the tower by a bellhanger during the last fifty years, but the late Rector kept the bells in order. No funds available. Ropes new 1888, bad. No half-pull nor Sunday ringing, nor practice.

NOTE.—This ring would appear to stand almost alone as one of eight bells all cast in the 17th century or earlier. Cannot a neighbouring Association press the importance of repair on the present Rector?

A. P. H.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, NEAR RUGBY.

For some years past it has been the desire of many of the inhabitants to increase the peal of four bells in this church to a peal of eight. The work has recently been put in the hands of Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, to fix a frame for eight bells, and at present to increase the peal to five bells, recasting the fourth. This work has been most satisfactorily carried out, and great credit is due to those who have had the management of it, as the bells are now in splendid going order.

On Monday, April 6th, a beautiful travelling writing-case was presented to Mr. C. H. Watts by T. S. Townsend, Esq., for the interest he had taken in hanging the bells. A substantial supper was also given to Mr. Watts and the ringers by the Vicar (Rev. C. P. Shepherd), in honour of the event. Mr. James George, of Rugby, was also present.

The dedication of these bells took place on Saturday, April 11th, in the presence of the Vicar, T. S. Townsend, Esq., Mr. W. H. Godden, of Birmingham, and the congregation. Sir Albert P. Muntz was unable to attend in consequence of illness, which was much regretted by all.

At the invitation of the Vicar Mr. James George and a few more friends joined the local ringers on this occasion. The first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on the bells was then rung by C. H. Watts, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks, W. H. Godden, J. George conductor. The ringers were afterwards entertained by T. S. Townsend, Esq., when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.

On Saturday, April 4th, a very interesting event took place in the porch under the tower of the above church. In the presence of the wardens and ringers, the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Atkinson, M.A.), unveiled a marble tablet recording a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples rang on the bells by eight members of the St. John's Society and the Kent County Association on the occasion of the funeral of our late Queen Victoria passing through London. The tablet also records the fact that the peal was the first one rang by members entirely of the St. John's band. A short touch on the bells by Messrs. W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, T. Deal, A. Bedwell, W. Jeffries, B. Miller, E. Richards and H. Warnett concluded the ceremony.

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The board having been unveiled, the Vicar addressed a few words to the ringers on their duties, and said he had occasion frequently to visit the belfry, and always found everything connected with the ringing well conducted and orderly, the men evidently having a due appreciation of their duty. He hoped that in the future he might find time again to have an occasional pull with them.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston afterwards conducted a short touch in the method in which the above peal was rung.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### (NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.)

A meeting of the above was held at Braintree on Easter Monday, about fifty ringers being present. The bells were going the whole of the day to the tune of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples, and some excellent touches were brought round. A short service was held at the parish church at 4 p.m., at which nearly the whole of the ringers attended. The following clergy were present robed:—Revs. L. Hard, curate, T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle and Master of the Association, H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Gt. Totham and general secretary, A. H. Law, Vicar of Shalford, R.D., A. Shears, Rector of Black Notley, E. Clapton, Vicar of Stebbing. An excellent and appropriate address was given by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Vicar of New Sampford. Tea and meeting were afterwards held at the National Schools. G. T. Bartram, C.C., J.P., chairman of the Urban District Council, presided, and several new members were elected.

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## THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The ninth competition for the President's Challenge Shield took place on the bells of All Saints' church, Cockermouth, on Saturday. The Cleator Moor ringers were drawn first, and they entered the belfry about 1.30, being followed by the Workington company, with the Carlisle company bringing up the rear. The Aspatria, Cockermouth and Keswick belfries were represented, but did not send companies to compete. After the last company had left the belfry an adjournment was made to the church room, where Mr. Harry Chapman, of Salford, the adjudicator, and Mr. Edwards, who had been assisting him as marker, had been stationed during the ringing. When the members, numbering about thirty, had assembled, Mr. Stephen Hogarth, the captain of the Crowthwaite ringers, in the absence of the Rev. W. H. Parker, took the chair, and after some preliminary business had been disposed of, the adjudicator gave his decision, which was as follows:—

The Cleator Moor company rang a true 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor in 27 minutes with 123 faults.

The Workington ringers also rang 720 in the same method in 23 minutes and put on 288 faults (including 20, owing to one bell striking twice after the others had set).

The Carlisle men also rang a true 720 in the same method in 27 minutes with 157 faults (including 20 added for the same reason as in the previous case).

The Cleator Moor company having rung a true 720 with the least number of faults were therefore declared the winners and were presented by the chairman with the Shield and a medal for each member of the company. The following are their names:—Philip Pearson, Alfred Smith, Thomas Pearson, Joseph Pearson, John Joyce, and J. D. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter, the secretary of the Association and captain of the winning company, then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman for his kindness in again coming to act as adjudicator and for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties, and Mr. Edwards was included in this vote for the assistance he had rendered as marker. The proposal was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Chapman, who is an adept in the art of change-ringing, in returning thanks, gave the ringers some sound advice on the management of bells and the ringing of changes, and said it gave him great pleasure to do anything that tended to spread the art of change-ringing. Several new members from Keswick and Workington were elected, and at the close of the meeting the members sat down to a capital tea which had been provided by Mrs. Beil, Market Street, and which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The bells were kept going for an hour or two after tea, Mr. Chapman taking part with the Workington men in the ringing of 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR,—I anticipated some such reply from the Rev. H. L. James as that which appeared in your last issue, and this letter was drafted on April 6th to meet the contingency. Mr. James will find no lack of argument this time, and my views here expressed might have been written in the first instance, but I wanted to be quite sure of Mr. James's meaning.

With your permission I will now endeavour to prove the fallacy of the argument that interior places (with one exception) have more value than exterior places in the construction of any method, and I think that Mr. James will find (figuratively speaking), that his house was built on the sands, and the sands have swallowed it.

The exception noted above are places made next the treble when in front or behind, but presently I shall show that these places may be used to alter the position of the treble among the working bells, or to keep all the bells in the plain hunt coursing order at the lead-end.

The plain hunt consists of sixteen changes with exterior places only, adding second's place to the plain hunt when the treble is in front obtains the Bob Major lead-end 13527486. The two following methods by the Rev. H. L. James published in this paper of March 9th, 1895, also have the Bob Major lead-end. "Hart Major" contains eighteen interior places; "Ward Major" sixteen interior places; yet if we take away second's place when the treble is in front, rounds are produced at the sixteenth change of these two methods exactly the same as at the sixteenth change of the plain hunt. A method (No. 1) by the Rev. E. B. James, published in this paper of October 21st, 1899, contains fourteen interior places; Barnsbury Bob Major by Mr. Dains, published August 4th, 1900, contains eight interior places, take away 2nds place in these two methods as in "Hart" and "Ward Major," and rounds are produced at the sixteenth change.

Where is the value of interior over exterior places, on which the plain hunt is constructed?

Adding 7th and 2nds places to the plain hunt obtains Double Bob Major. Albion Double Treble Bob is Double Bob Major with the Treble Bob hunts applied to same, and contains thirty-four interior places, take away 7ths and 2nds places and rounds come up at the thirty-second change, what value had the remaining thirty-two interior places in Double Albion over the sixteen exterior places of the plain hunt? The same test applied to Superlative, twenty-two interior places; Essex Surprise, twenty-two interior places; Yorkshire Surprise, sixteen interior places; produces the same result. Single Albion Treble Bob is Bob Major with the Treble Bob hunt applied, and contains thirty-three interior places; Cumberland Exercise contains thirteen interior places; take away 2nds place from these two methods, and rounds come up at the thirty-second change.

Mr. James may try to outflank me by saying that Cambridge Surprise will not produce rounds by leaving out 7ths and 2nds places; in reply to such an argument my answer would be that except for its antiquity Cambridge Surprise has no claim to the title of method, as it is improperly constructed, the budding composer who had the temerity to publish a method in these enlightened days that contained two singles in each lead (as in Cambridge or New Cambridge) would I believe be sorry for himself afterwards, it would be very interesting to read the correspondence that such a venture would bring forth. Again Mr. James may argue that in other methods the interior places do alter the position of the treble among the working bells; granted, and I have still another string to my bow in reference to several methods of this description. Mr. James no doubt knows Bristol Surprise (his brother's method); there are twenty interior places in the same, instead of subtracting as previously, add 7ths place when the treble is behind, and the result will be rounds at the thirty-second change; here we have the reverse effect of places next the treble. Just one more instance to show that the same rule applies to Plain methods as well as to Treble Bob. A plain method (No. 2) by the Rev. E. B. James, published in this paper on October 21st, 1899, contains twelve

interior places; add 7ths place when the treble is behind and rounds will come up at the sixteenth change as in the plain hunt. Again I ask what value have interior places over exterior places?

That there are still other methods in which the interior place-making does alter the position of the treble among the working bells I admit, but these are the exceptions that prove the rule, and to my mind it is just possible that London and Cambridge were given the title of Surprise by the early composers because rounds cannot be produced by subtraction or addition of places next the treble at the first lead-end.

In conclusion let me once more show Mr. James the fallacy of his definition *re* Surprise methods. If we were to accept the same, Double and Single Albion Treble Bob would have the prior claim of being Surprise methods before all others, as these methods I believe contain the maximum number of interior places, and yet they are only Double and Single Bob Major with the Treble Bob hunt applied.

After these explanations those who know anything of method construction will I think agree with me that Mr. James's definitions *re* interior and exterior places, and concerning Surprise methods have no value whatever, and personally I do not think it is possible for any one to give us a better definition for Surprise methods than that found in "The Glossary."

GEORGE BAKER.

## PLACES.

SIR,—I do not wish in any way to impugn the abilities as far as ringing is concerned of my opponents on this question, but I must protest against such a misuse of our mother-tongue as appears in their letters.

The obvious and simple requirements of good definitions are that they shall be precise, that one term shall not have two meanings, nor one meaning be expressed by two terms. Yet they break all these rules. They give to "places" more than one meaning; Mr. Dains says whole-pulls are places—two terms for one meaning; while Mr. Trollope actually attributes to me the statement that whole-pulls are hunting.

Now in what Mr. Dains calls the "fashionable" terminology, we have the following definitions: Whole-pulls—two blows following at lead or behind; Places—the same thing elsewhere. Now your three correspondents want a term to cover both these meanings. Clearly the proper thing for them to do, is to find some other term which shall not be in use for something else, and will not be ambiguous; (as *e.g.* iteration). Otherwise they run the risk of confusing the minds of their hearers, and at the same time of ruining the character of a hitherto pure and single-minded term. If however they must use one of these terms the objections to "places" are very strong. Not only has it never been so used; but it is understood always to exclude such a use, and moreover Shipway says—and he has not yet been contradicted, and he was very great on place-making—that places at lead and behind mean something else, viz., three blows. Therefore no more unfortunate and unhistorical misuse of a term could be devised than this. Whereas to use "whole-pulls" in this sense would be comparatively harmless; it would not injure its present meaning but merely amplify it.

H. DRAKE.

## Obituary.

EDWARD NICHOLLS.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above Wolverhampton ringer, who died on April 1st, at the age of seventy-seven years. Deceased had been a ringer at St. Peter's for more than fifty years, and was always very regular and punctual in attendance. When well over seventy he learnt Stedman for his seventy-fifth birthday. He had rung peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Stedman Triples, etc., and was always willing (despite his great age), to meet for a peal or practice. He had been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford since it was established in 1883, and was always to be seen at the annual meeting. Owing to service a peal could not be arranged on the day of the funeral, but in the evening touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells muffled. On Saturday, April 11th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the veteran ringer. May he rest in peace.



## ST. PETER'S, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, February 24th, the company belonging to this church met at the belfry for the purpose of unveiling two tablets to commemorate two peals rung. The board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples was given by J. B. Ashwell, esq. (rector's warden); and the other, of Stedman Triples, by the Mayor of Stoke (T. R. Yoxall, esq.), the lettering of them being paid for by subscription.

The Rector (Rev. C. H. Simpkinson) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. H. R. Alexander and Mr. F. Williams (churchwarden).

After a short service had been conducted by the Rector, Mr. Churton (leader) was asked to say a few words of explanation with regard to change-ringing, which he explained in a very lucid manner, and shewed the difference between change-ringing and call-changes. He said that great praise was due to Mr. Page for his tuition. When Mr. Page came to Stoke ringing was at a very low ebb, but he soon changed all that and got together a band of change-ringers. Most of the men who rang in these two peals were taught by him, and when he gave up the leadership two years ago he left a thoroughly competent band behind him.

The chairman then called upon Mr. F. R. Williams to unveil the Grandsire Triples peal-board. The drapery being removed the tablet was highly appreciated by all present. It is a black polished board, with gilt lettering, neatly designed and finished, the board for the peal of Stedman Triples being on the same lines. Mr. Williams said it was gratifying to him to have been asked to unveil the board, and he assured the ringers that both he and his colleague (Mr. J. B. Ashwell) took a great interest in the ringing.

The Rector then proceeded to unveil the Stedman Triples peal-board. In the course of his remarks he said he was very pleased indeed that his ringers had done such a performance, and that it was a feat that any ringer might be proud of. He quite agreed with Mr. Churton regarding Mr. Page's tuition, and that there was no doubt it was due to him that they had attained such efficiency, but still he should like to bring to their notice also the perseverance which had been displayed by Mr. Churton since he had been leader, add he (the Rector) felt very gratified indeed with the company they had got.

Mr. Churton said he had received a letter from Mr. W. Twigg (hon. lay secretary of the Archidiaconal Association), expressing regret that he was unable to be present through illness, and hoping they would have a successful meeting.

Mr. Churton then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Page, and duly acknowledged by the Rector, and a very pleasant ceremony came to an end.

## Date Touches.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, March 8th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, composed by W. Marks, of Leatherhead, in hr. 19 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, W. Burrough, W. Miflin, C. Baker, F. Shepherd, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Lowton.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE.—On Sunday, February 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Bunce, A. Gregory, P. Jones, A. V. Gibbs, F. May, O. Gregory, A. Mayo conductor, H. Gregory. First 504 by a local band.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service at St. Dunstan's Stepney, 1260 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. H. Springall conductor, Y. Green, T. Faulkner, E. Hall, J. Scholes, S. Hayes, S. Parmenter, R. Turner, H. Torble, J. Barrett composer. Rung on the birthday of Messrs. Springall and Barrett, their brother-ringers wishing them many bappy returns.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—At the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on

Saturday, February 28, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Turner, R. Turner, F. Sawfoot, J. Shatford, F. Tingle, D. Nichols conductor. On Tuesday, March 10, another 720. A. Turner, F. Sawfoot, F. Tingle, R. Turner, W. Horden, D. Nichols conductor. On Thursday, April 2, at the residence of Mr. W. Horden, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. R. Waller, F. Sawfoot, J. Shatford, A. Turner, F. Tingle, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ARKLOW (Ireland).—Recently, eight quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, also half-peal, 2520 changes. J. W. Washbrook jun., A. Tailyour, J. Black, A. Stewart, E. A. Lester, T. Myers, R. Prestage, J. W. Washbrook sen. conductor. Also on Sunday, April 5, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. J. W. Washbrook jun., A. Tailyour, J. Black, S. Myers, A. Stuart, Conor O'Brien conductor, J. W. Washbrook, R. Prestage.

## THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 630 Bob Triples. J. C. Learmouth, J. S. McCulloch, T. S. Thom, R. J. G. Thom, A. Thomson, J. Ballantine, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, D. Stocks. On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins., being the first quarter-peal by all the band except the conductor. D. Holland, J. S. McCulloch, T. S. Thom, R. J. G. Thom, A. Thomson, J. Ballantine, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, D. Stocks.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Saturday, March 7th, for practice, a quarter-peal of St. Dunstons and Grandsire Doubles. S. Allen, A. Moore, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury conductor, W. Hook, sen. On Sunday, March 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 144 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Godfrey, E. Gibbs, G. Dolphin, F. Godfrey, L. Annis, and H. Salisbury conductor. And a touch of Grandsire Minor, C. Gibbs ringing the 2nd.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTREAD.—On March 12th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. D. Anscombe, F. W. Challen, A. H. Winch, J. Wyatt, H. W. Cobbett, F. Holden conductor, W. Gearing, W. Cook.

EPSOM.—On March 15th, 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Brown, F. W. Challen, D. Snellen, A. H. Winch, H. Cobbett conductor, J. Hoyle, W. Gearing, H. Shrub. And 518. F. Uphill, F. W. Challen, H. Cobbett, J. Hoyle, A. Young, A. Bassett, F. Holden conductor, A. Coleman.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Dora White, E. Hane, F. Wilson, T. Nicholson, J. Ward first quarter-peal as conductor, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. Rung in honour of the King's wedding day.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, being the 40th anniversary of the King's wedding, 1008 Bob Major, in 36 mins. J. Taylor, S. Slater, A. Maxim, F. Inch, R. Inch, T. E. Slater, S. Evans conductor, R. Mingay.

LENTON (Notts).—On Thursday, April 2nd, at Holy Trinity church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. West, S. Wesley, conductor, W. Wagstaff, E. Blagdon, W. Burton, J. Bailey, H. R. Cobbin, F. Ashton. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells. Messrs. Wesley, Wagstaff, Blagdon and Cobbin are members of the Midland Counties' Association.

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WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tue Brook to-day Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7.30. WALTER HUGHES.

The North Notts Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at West Retford to-day, Saturday, April 18th. Business meeting, 3.30 p.m.; Divine service, 4.15 p.m.; tea, 5 p.m. Members of kindred associations are made welcome. Those who intend to take tea (free to members; 1s. per head to visitors) are requested to inform Mr. A. Street, 74, Cobwell Street, West Retford.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Members will oblige by paying their subscriptions for 1903 before the end of the present month. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, April 25th. Tea at Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting after. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 5 and after meeting. Tea (free to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors) will only be provided for those who send their names by Thursday, April 23rd, to Mr. Dodd, 30, Church Street, Dorking. E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society (St. Michael's Parish Church) will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock p.m. All members urgently invited to attend. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, 1903, at the parish church, Hands-worth. The bells will be available for ringing touches from 2.30 in the afternoon and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock, at one shilling per head, for all those sending in their names on or before the 20th inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held on April 25th, at The Cardigan Arms, Burley, at 7.30 p.m. Peel to be attempted at 2.30. F. BARRACLOUGH, *Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Heptonstall on April 25th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in school-room at 6 o'clock. WRIGHT INGHAM.

The Lancashire Association.—Rachdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Walsden on Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested. Heber St., Middleton. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. The towers of the city churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Hall (1s. 2d. to non-members) followed by business meeting. A short address will be given by the Bishop of Lincoln in the Cathedral at 6.30. REV. J. F. FLOWERS, *Corringham Vicarage, Gainsborough. Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Darwen on Saturday, April 25th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6.30. THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorton on the 25th inst. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7. A good attendance requested. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, April 25th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 2nd. Luncheon at the Pavilion at 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas, 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Allen, B.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Eastbourne. Towers opened as follows:—St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, 6 p.m.; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Those who propose to attend are requested to send notice before Wednesday, April 29th, to Midhurst. A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eltham on May 2nd next. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due. JOSEPH E. SYKES, *Hon. Sec.*  
26, Bramblebury Road, Plumstead.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th, 1903. Further particulars next week. P. H. PIERCE, *Hon. District Secretary.*

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.

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5088.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1903.

THE present state of the discussion—whole-pulls *versus* places—seems to denote that we shall be blessed (or otherwise) with a considerable amount of correspondence on such a matter. It is surprising what a deal may be said on subjects connected with ringing which from many points of view are of little value. True it is that the correspondents show a great deal of ingenuity and research, and perhaps therefore no one need complain; but there also appears to be some amount of hair-splitting.

We write without "The Glossary" being for the moment attainable, but if the subject is dealt with at all by the chief compiler of that extraordinary work, whatever dictum he may have laid down would be accepted, we think, before that of any of these writers.



## THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—In consequence of the lamented death of the Rev. J. F. Kitto, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the Master particularly requests a full attendance of members at this steeple on Sunday next, the 19th inst., at 6 p.m. *sharp*, for the purpose of half-muffled ringing as a tribute of respect to Mr. Kitto's memory.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Secretary.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of this society held pursuant to notice, on March 30th, 1903, auditors were elected, and it was resolved that a special General Meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes on April 27th, 1903, to receive their report, and to elect officers for the society. Members are also requested to note that the steeple will be open for ringing for morning service at St. Clement's on the first Sunday in each month, and the Master hopes for the co-operation of members of the society in order to make these meetings regular and successful.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

March 31st, 1903.

## The Metropolis.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
SEADLEY J. COLLINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. .. 8.
THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
JOHN W. KELLEY* .. .. 5.	*THOMAS DAYNES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Caters.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

ALBERT COLES .. .. Treble.	HENRY TORBLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 6.
HENRY C. ALFORD .. .. 3.	RICHARD J. TURNER .. .. 7.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 4.	ARTHUR COLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

## The Provinces.

## KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

E. SELLERS .. .. Treble.	A. O. BARBER .. .. 5.
A. SELLERS .. .. 2.	W. BARKER .. .. 6.
H. BISHOP, JUN. .. .. 3.	T. RICHARDSON .. .. 7.
H. BISHOP, SEN. .. .. 4.	C. FLATTERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. FLATTERS.

First peal of Major on the bells, by all the band, and by the Eastern branch of the Association. Further reference next week.

## APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

T. COLES .. .. Treble.	H. TUBB .. .. 6.
F. WHITE, SEN. .. .. 2.	S. WHITE .. .. 7.
H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
E. HUMPHRIES .. .. 4.	R. WHITE .. .. 9.
H. WOODWARD .. .. 5.	F. WHITE, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Richards.

## ARKLOW, IRELAND—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART (No. 2). Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ANDREW STEWART .. .. Treble.	E. A. LESTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS GRANT .. .. 2.	ISAAC MYERS .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. 7.
CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

## THOVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDMUND SARGENT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 2.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

## KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Delight, Oxford, New London Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 12 cwt.

WRIGHT SWIFT .. .. Treble.	HARCOURT HANSON .. .. 4.
B. COWLING .. .. 2.	JOE BOTTOM .. .. 5.
FRANK HARDY .. .. 3.	JOE RANGELEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HARDY.

First peal by all except the 2nd ringer. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor were elected members of the Yorkshire Association before starting.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 2.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 4.	THOMAS O'CONNOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Edward Nicholls, who for more than fifty years was a ringer at the above church.

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## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. in E.	
J. BUTLER .. .. .Treble.	A. O. EDWIN .. .. .5.
T. BUTLER .. .. .2.	J. CLUTTERBUCK .. .. .6.
H. MILLARD .. .. .3.	W. COOMBS .. .. .7.
F. ATTWELL .. .. .4.	J. GODDARD .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by W. COOMBS.

Rung on the occasion of the funeral of, and as a last token of respect to, the late Alderman Henry John Davis, who had been for the past thirty years churchwarden at this church, and three times Mayor of Newport. He also presented the tenor bell to the church.

## GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK DIXON .. .. .5.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. .2.	EDWIN WHEATER .. .. .6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. .3.	SAMUEL WHEATLEY .. .. .7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. .4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and  
Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Waite and Emily, Daughter of Mr. Joseph Yeadon.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

W. E. TYDEMAN .. ..Treble.	E. E. DIAPER .. .. .5.
F. ALLARD† .. .. .2.	W. SOUTER .. .. .6.
C. ALBERTON* .. .. .3.	†W. P. ROUSE .. .. .7.
W. G. MELBOURNE† .. .4.	W. WELHAM .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. TYDEMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells by a local company.

## WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal; and also Mr. H. Smith for having everything in readiness.

## PENSHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. .5.
HENRY SEAL .. .. .2.	HARRY GOODWIN .. .. .6.
GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. .3.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. .7.
EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. .4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MANLEY ..Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. .5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. .6.
JULIUS SNOW .. .. .3.	HARRY T. BURCH .. .. .7.
JOHN R. HAYMAN .. .. .4.	*ERNEST SNOW .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\*First peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## NORWICH.

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

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN. ..Treble.	ARTHUR E. FULLER .. .5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. .2.	*JAMES R. PILCH .. .. .6.
HARRY W. HAYES† .. .3.	JOHN MOY .. .. .7.
FREDERICK DIGBY* .. .4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. ..Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY JORDAN .. ..Treble.	CHARLES GREEN .. .. .5.
ARTHUR MARTIN† .. .. .2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. .6.
ARTHUR WIGGINS† .. .3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. .7.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .4.	*HENRY JONES .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. †First peal as conductor.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. .5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. .2.	†WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. .6.
GEORGE GRAY* .. .. .3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. .7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. .4.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

## ELTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

RICHARD HIMS .. ..Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .4.
FRANCIS FRASER .. .. .2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. .5.
HENRY WILKES .. .. .3.	JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first in seven methods by all except R. B. Smith; also first in seven methods as conductor.



## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 7.
CHARLES SEVERN .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

First Association peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Brearley.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PARKER .. .. 5.
ALBERT A. GIRLING .. .. 2.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 7.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

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

A. Ward was made a member of the above Society before starting.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5104 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM .. .. Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM .. .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WALTER BROWN .. .. Treble.	DAN PRENTICE .. .. 5.
HARRY A. FISHENDEN .. .. 2.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	*W. H. CUTTING .. .. 7.
CHARLES PARKER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by F. MEE.

\*First peal. W. H. Cutting was made a member of the above before starting. It is seven years since a peal was rung on these bells.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THOS. BROWN .. .. Treble.	THOS. BULL .. .. 5.
JOHN BARLOW .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GIBBS .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter for the use of the bells, and the local men for having everything in readiness.

## GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY LEWIS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 8.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. .. 9.
RICHARD A. JUDD .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

## WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

ATTY A. BERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	CHARLES NUNN .. .. 5.
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung in A.D. 1900.

## RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

ERNEST E. ALLEN* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Superlative. Also the first peal of Superlative on these bells. Mr. S. Radford was elected a member of this Society previous to starting. The above is a 29-course composition.

## EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JESSE BEAMS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK LAUER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

## REIGATE, SURREY.

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On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 9.
ERNEST E. ALLEN* .. .. 5.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Ten. Messrs. Thorpe and Thompson were elected members of the Guild before starting.



## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH.. ..Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. 2.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE .. .. 6.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HOLDEN.. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRAY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Fayers, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY AUDSLEY .. ..Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	*THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
LEWIS SILVER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOBS .. ..Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. †This is C. Wilkins's 250th peal.

## LISS, HAMPSHIRE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Single 'Bob, Bob Minor, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HARRY CHURCHILL .. ..Treble.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 4.
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WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR B. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

## MILLAND, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, and Bob Minor.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MADGWICK..Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING* .. .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL* .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

\*First peal in seven methods.

## KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S.

WILLIAM FINCH .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
CHARLES HESTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 3.	*HARRY JUDGE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CASTLE .. .. 4.	ANTONY STRANGE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY JUDGE.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 13, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt in F.

WILLIAM E. EMERY ..Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
ERNEST RUNTER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HEAD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. ..Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

## ROMSEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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WILLIAM GEO. T. FOWLER 2.	JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 6.
JAMES E. CHALK* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK H. PASKINS .. .. 4.	ALBERT MEDLEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal away from tenor.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW;

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ..Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 2.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 6.
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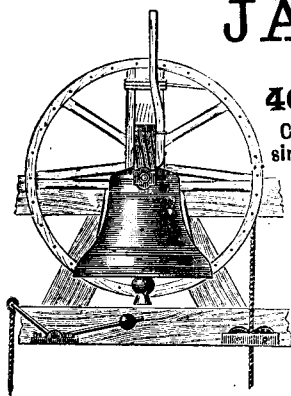
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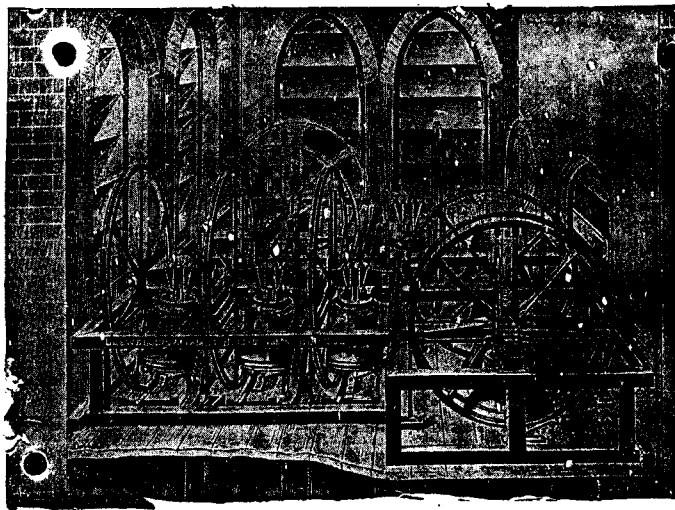
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**HORLEY (Surrey).** St. Bartholomew. Surrey Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the two trebles 1839, the rest 1812. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. The ring were rehung by Mears 1882. The tower is of wood, standing on four large posts, and was restored 1895. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Union and Court Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday from September 1st to May 1st, 7.30; also every third Sunday at 2.30.

**HORSHAM (Sussex).** St. Mary. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Lester; 2nd and 7th, 1815; tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in., 1838; the rest 1752. Note—It cannot well be correct that the three later bells were by Lester and Pack. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in 1890; bellhanger's name not given. Ropes new 1898, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday: 7.15.

**HOUNSLOW (Middlesex).** St. Paul. Eight bells. No return.

**HOWDEN (Yorks).** St. Peter. Eight bells. Treble, 4th and tenor by Taylor, 1869; the rest by Pack, 1774. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well, and the soundbows of the older ones are badly worn. No repairs since the three bells were hung by Taylor in 1869, although an estimate has been prepared, but for lack of funds nothing has been done. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing or practice. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 6.30.

**HUDDERSFIELD (Yorks).** St. Peter. Yorkshire Association. Ten bells. All by Mears, the two trebles 1836, the rest 1815. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Repairs are done by local talent. Ropes three years old. Method: Treble

Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday.

**HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).** St. John the Baptist. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor in 1900 except the 4th, 1896. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30; first Sunday in month 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting held at Eckington on Easter Monday was well attended, Mr. G. Sarel presiding. The Secretary gave a full account of the society's meetings from the first annual meeting held at Staveley on November 7th, 1870, when forty-three sat down to dinner; 2nd—Dronfield, 1871, seventy-three dined; 3rd—Killamarsh, 1872, fifty-nine dined; 4th—Eckington, 1873, eighty dined; 5th—Sheffield, 1874, seventy-nine dined; 6th—Rotherham, 1875, seventy-eight dined; 7th—Rawmarsh, 1876, seventy-four dined; 8th—Penistone, 1878, fifty-six dined; 9th—Rotherham, 1878, sixty dined; 10th—Sheffield, 1879, seventy dined; 11th—Staveley, 1880, sixty dined; 12th—Eckington, 1881, thirty dined. It will be seen that it was not purely a Derbyshire society, but penetrated far into Yorkshire, and I have no doubt was the forerunner of our now great Yorkshire Association. Eckington seems to be the birthplace and deathbed of this society. It was in the old taproom of The White Hart inn in the year 1869 that the society was formed. Our old friend G. Marsden who was there on that day was there also at its last meeting in 1881; then after a lapse of eight years he was there again in 1889 to re-kindle the old sparks, and now after thirteen more annual meetings he is again in the same old room to see the death once more. In the near future the Old East Derbyshire will appear again in union with another society, and that the union may be a long and happy one, is the earnest wish of your humble servant,  
E. J.

The Old East Derbyshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society have arranged to amalgamate on May 2nd. The meeting will be held at Sheffield. I think it will make a good society, and I shall give my hearty support to it.

## THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of this society held pursuant to notice, on March 30th, 1903, auditors were elected, and it was resolved that a special General Meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes on April 27th, 1903, to receive their report, and to elect officers for the society. Members are also requested to note that the steeple will be open for ringing for morning service at St. Clement's on the first Sunday in each month, and the Master hopes for the co-operation of members of the society in order to make these meetings regular and successful.  
R. A. DANIELL, Hon. Secretary.



## IN-COURSE EXTENTS.

BY J. ARMIGEE TROLLOPE.

In Bob Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford and similar methods there are 120 courses, half in course, and half out of course. By means of bobs and singles these 120 courses may easily be produced in a variety of ways. But it is impossible to obtain the in-course sixty courses by bobs only. The in-course extent is not sixty courses, or 6720 rows, but fifty-nine courses or 6608 rows. The reasons for this are pretty generally known to those who are anything of composers, but the beginner is often puzzled by it. If he goes to the standard authors he either finds nothing at all, or is still more mystified by what he does find. The number of people who are able to follow Mr. Thompson's explanations of the same thing in Grandsire is small. And though as I have said, our experienced composers understand the fact well enough, it is not every one who can explain to others what he himself knows. Therefore for the benefit of those who want to understand the law of composition, I will try in response to a suggestion made to me, to give the reasons as simply and plainly as I can.

Whenever you call a bob you move three bells.

There are three orders (in-course) in which three bells can be placed—

423, 342, 234.

Now suppose you call a bob on these three bells when the others are at home you get—

2436587  
4235678

4 2 3 is brought up by a bob.

Suppose you bring up the other two at plain leads you get—

3246587      2436587  
3425678      2345678

The handstroke of 2345678 brought up plain is the same as the handstroke of 4235678 brought up bobbed. Therefore you cannot have one order of three bells brought up bobbed and the other two plained. Suppose you bring up 4 2 3 and 2 3 4 bobbed and only 3 4 2 plained, you get

2436587      3246587      3246587  
4235678      3425678      2345678

The handstroke of 3 4 2 plained is the same as the handstroke of 2 3 4 bobbed. Therefore you cannot have two orders of three bells brought up bobbed and the others plained. It follows that if one order is brought up bobbed, all three must be brought up bobbed. And similarly if one order is brought up plained, all must be brought up plained.

Now when you call a bob at the end of the plain course on 2 3 4, what you do is to shift the peal out of the plain course 4235678. You ring that course, and when you get to the end you call another bob. That shifts you into the course 3425678. You ring through that to the end, call another bob, and that brings you to 2345678 where you started. Thus—

23456 R  
42356 -  
34256 -  
23456 -

In other words you start with the plain course, and to it

you add two other courses.

Now you have got six places in these three courses where you can call bobs—three w's, three m's, one in each course. Suppose you call a bob at the w of the first course, thus—

3254768  
2357486

The bob is on 2 3 5. Therefore both 5237486 and 3527486 must also be brought up bobbed. That is, as we have called one bob at the w we must call two more.

2534768      5324768  
5237486      3527486

The last brings us back to the first lead of the plain course, and we pick up again our first three courses. We get—

23456 W R  
52436 -  
35426 -  
42356 - -  
34256 -  
23456 -

We started with the plain course. We first added by bobs R two courses. We now add by bobs W another two courses. Now call a bob at the m, say in the fourth course. Thus—

3648275  
6342857

Again as 6342857 is brought up bobbed, 4632857 and 3462857 must also be brought up bobbed. Therefore as we called one bob at m, we must call two more. The last brings up the row which would have come up had he called no bobs at m at all. We get—

23456 W M R  
52436 -  
35426 -  
42356 - -  
32564 -  
52463 -  
34256 - -  
23456 -

Again we have added two courses, and so on. So we come to this. Every bob we call necessitates our calling two more on the same bells. And every time we call these three bobs we add two courses, no more, no less.

Our object is to get sixty courses. But as we start with one (the plain course) and keep adding two to it, it follows that the number of courses we get must always be an odd one. Therefore as sixty is an even number the nearest we can get is fifty-nine.

Not only so, but we can never get a peal or touch by bobs only which contains an even number of complete courses. We can never get a touch of twelve courses with the 6th always at home, for instance. But you may object that there are plenty of touches in existence which consist of an even number from two upwards. Let us look at them. Take the simplest.

23456 W R  
45236 - -  
23456 - -



We start with the plain course till the first w. Then we call a bob. That switches us into the course whose course-end is 52436. We ring this till the r. We call another bob. That switches us into the course whose course-end is 45236. We ring this till the w, and call another bob. That switches us into the course whose course-end is 34256. We ring this till we come to the r. We call a bob and that brings us round. So that we have not got two complete courses, but only parts of four separate ones, 52436, 45236, 34256, 23456.

Now it does not require much proof to show that if we take parts of four courses to make up a touch the length of two, we must have a good deal of work. We lose for instance all the plain course from the w right down to the course-end, and similarly we lose all but one lead of the course 45236. But when you want all the courses you cannot afford to leave out any part of one. So that if we attempt to obtain the sixty courses in broken pieces we shall find ourselves much worse off than if we attempt it with whole courses.

But it may possibly be remembered that there are in existence several peals containing the 120 courses which have two singles only. Now if a peal has 120 courses and only two singles, there must be sixty full courses between them without a single. And you may ask, how can that be. Let us look at one of them; say Reeves' fine composition, 13,440 Bob Major. If you will carefully observe you will find that every time a bob is called, two others are also called on the same three bells. But with one exception. The row 3425678 is brought up plained; 42356 is brought up bobbed; 23456 is brought up singled. Thus—

32465	24365	43265
34256	42356	543256
34265	42365	23465
32456	24356	523456

Had 23456 been brought up plained, the handstroke would have been the same as that of 42356 brought up bobbed.

Had 23456 been brought up bobbed, the handstroke would have been the same as that of 34256 brought up plained.

Although sixty courses can be had with bobs only between singles, it is the singles only which enables them to be brought round at the finish.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In view of the fact that the time for the reception of nominations and notices of motion for the forthcoming meeting of Council on June 2nd is rapidly drawing to a close, I write to say that while a nomination for the office of President has been duly received, none has so far been sent in for the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, nor have notices of motion on any other points as yet come to hand. The time for all these closes on May 2nd. They should therefore be forwarded as soon as possible. Members of Committees are also reminded that no time should be lost in sending in their reports, which I shall be glad to receive at the earliest convenient opportunity.

I am happy in being able to state that the great majority of Diocesan and County Guilds and Associations have duly sent their contributions. Ten of them however have not yet paid. I trust that this number will reduce itself to zero within the next few days.

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

#### EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at South Normanton on Monday, April 13th. Members were present from Ashover, Clay Cross, Pleasley, Pentrich, North Wingfield, Ripley, Shirland, Tibshelf, South Normanton and Horsley; also the Rev. C. J. Boden, Rev. J. B. Nodder, and J. Smith, Esq., of Clay Cross. The President took the chair, after which the balance-sheet was read, showing a balance in hand of £10 1s. 2d., which was considered very satisfactory. The Rev. C. J. Boden (North Wingfield), was re-elected President; J. Smith, Esq. (Clay Cross), Treasurer; and Mr. T. Allibone (North Wingfield), Secretary.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Ashover, Tibshelf and Wingfield losing it by two and six votes respectively. Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held as follows: Wingerworth in June; Ault Hucknall in September; and North Wingfield in December.

The subject of amalgamation with the Old East Derbyshire Association was introduced by Mr. Butler, but after a long discussion the following resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority: "That the East Derbyshire Association will cordially welcome the Old East Derbyshire Association as members, but they decline to amalgamate the two Associations."

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and room, and to the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

South Normanton now possesses a very musical peal of six bells, Messrs. Taylor having made a good splice by the addition of a treble, recasting the old 3rd and tuning others. The tower is much too noisy, which could be remedied by the ropes being taken down into the church. It is to be hoped that the authorities will be able to send their way to do this before very long, as I have been told my former remarks had some effect. I hope these may also do so.

T. A.

#### NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Easter Sunday evening after Divine Service at the church of All Saints, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, being the unveiling of a marblette peal-tablet recording a peal of Bob Doubles, 7440 changes, which was rung on February 2nd, 1901, with the bells full muffled as a last token of respect to our late Queen Victoria. The Rector (Rev. W. Prowse Hewett), officiated. There were also present Miss Scott, of Weyhouse, who kindly gave the handsome peal-tablet; also Mrs. Wilfred Marshall, of Norton Manor, who did the unveiling; also the ringers and a good many friends. At the conclusion of the prayers the conductor on behalf of the ringers thanked the donor for her kindness in giving them such a handsome peal-tablet, and also Mrs. Marshall for her kindness in unveiling it, and to the Rector for officiating. The Rector also returned thanks to the donor and to the ringers for their energy in the art of change-ringing.

The ringers then rang some touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor. The marblette peal-tablet was supplied by Messrs. Caspar and Co., London.

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## Correspondence.

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

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR.—Mr. Baker's letter requires only a very short answer. According to Mr. Baker, if I start from Surfleet and go by rail to Leicester and so to London, or if I go direct through Peterborough to London it is just the same thing. Compare the two following. Mr. Baker says because by omitting 2nds place in each of these the bells come round; therefore the places in the one do not alter the position of the treble among the working bells.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21354687 (a)
24163857	23156478 (b)
42618375	32514687 (c)
46281735	23541678 (d)
64827153	25346187
68472513	52436817
86745231	54238671
87654321	45328761
78563412	43527816
75836142	34257186
57381624	32451768
53718264	23415786
35172846	32147568
31527486	31245786
13254768	13254768
12345678	12345678

In the 1st the treble is hunting between the 2nd and 3rd throughout. In the second she is (a) between 2nd and 5th (b) between 2nd and 6th, (c) between 2nd and 6th (d) between 5th and 7th, etc., and yet Mr. Baker has the audacity to say that the places do not alter the position of the treble among the working bells. Friend Baker, look before you leap.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I had hoped to keep clear of the Marvelously Surprising controversy now going on in your valuable paper, and even now I have no wish to take a place (either internal or external) in it. But as I feel that I am the innocent cause of all the trouble I think that like "Truthful James" it is my duty to come forward and "tell about the row" that threatens to break up the peace, at least, of our society. But as the controversy has been running on for some time I shall leave this letter entirely in your hands; if you think it may tend to clear the air, please publish it, if not, kindly suppress it. With regard to the controversy about places I have nothing to say, but confine myself to the original question of the definition of a Surprise method. First of all then, let me deal with the definition given in The Glossary. Now as it is a definition the question before us is not whether it is a good one or a bad one, but whether it is true or false, truth being the one thing needful in all definitions. Now if a definition is true, it will always make things clear and easy by the light of its truth. But if it is false it is sure to land us in hopeless difficulties and absurdities. Let us then apply this definition to one of our best known methods: "Cambridge Surprise."

We shall find by inspection that the definition holds good for Cambridge Surprise Major. Therefore Cambridge Major is a Surprise method. Again, let us apply it to Cambridge Minor. Inspection of the first lead shows us that the 5th and 6th do exactly the same work in coming from behind to lead, a hunt across. Therefore Cambridge Minor is not a Surprise method. Therefore, under this definition there can be a method which is a Surprise method on eight bells, and is not a Surprise method on six. Which is absurd. Therefore the definition is not true. This result will surprise no one who has attempted method-building, when we remember that the definition is only based on an accidental quality of the method. We have then yet to discover a true definition of a Surprise method that shall be true, and satisfactory. But I have already trespassed too much on your valuable space for the present, I will however attempt to explain my definition of a Surprise method in another issue:

the definition which my brother has already attempted to lay before the Exercise, but has not succeeded in making intelligible, if you think it to be desirable.

E. BANKES JAMES.

## PLACES.

SIR,—That whatever they may be called, the whole pulls in front and behind are in their nature the same as whole pulls in any intermediate place, seems to me probable. The difference an name is accidental owing to the way in which ringing grew. Take the six changes on three bells—the earliest example—it is evident that if you hunt the treble up into thirds you must strike her there a whole pull in order to prevent repetition of changes on her way down again, and it is simply academical to say that any one who should describe this as the treble making third's place would be wrong. The reason why the word "place" generally means an interior place is not because it is a scientific term, but simply because it did not come into use till after hunting was well established.

Let us for a moment consider plain changes—say on five bells. The first thing to be done is to hunt the treble up through the other four till she comes behind. As the other bells have not altered their relative positions it is evident that in a system where only one pair of bells moves in each change the treble must lie a second blow behind while two bells of those below her make an "extream" change as it was called, that is they must change places, and then the treble can hunt down again without a repetition of the changes previously struck; and further it is clear that if the six-score is to be got in this way the treble must lie a whole pull every time she is either at lead or behind. The general term in the old books for this seems to have been "lying twice before" or "behind the other bells," as the case might be.

The development of cross peals was the application of the existing hunting course of the treble alone to all the bells simultaneously taking part in the performance, and when we arrive at this it is plain that when it is necessary to modify the hunting course it has to be done by a contrary process; for whereas in plain changes two bells had to change which would otherwise have lain still, in cross peals a bell has to strike two blows in some intermediate place which would otherwise go on with its hunting. Here was a new thing which needed a name, the hunting being older had already its own terms about lying before and behind, and these were as appropriate to cross peals as to plain changes and naturally remained in use. So that place-making as a term has in general parlance been confined to interior places. But this is only an accident of languages and does not represent any scientific distinction or definition. So far as I know there has never been any attempt at a scientific definition of what a place really is, and hence, I suppose, the differences of opinion which are now appearing.

R. A. DANIELL.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can you inform me through the columns of your paper of the names and addresses of the chief ringers at Ingleton and Low Bentham, Yorkshire, and also if there is a ring of bells at Clapham, Yorkshire, and if so, the name of the chief ringer.

J. G. MARSDEN.

14, Market Street, Church, near Accrington.

## Obituary.

B. R. MEESON.

It is a sad duty to perform in recording the decease of the above ringer at the early age of 32 years. The loss to the belfry will be sorely felt at Walsall, as he was a very progressive member of a young band started three years ago, as during that period he rang two peals of Triples and two of Caters, the result of regular attendance at practice and for Sunday services. He passed away on Good Friday after a long and painful illness, leaving a wife and two children, the youngest being only a fortnight old the day he died. He was buried on Wednesday in Easter week, and carried to his grave by four of his brother-ringers. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, the report of which appears in its proper place.

W. G.



## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to A. O. Barber, who attained the age of sixty-one on that day. At the close of the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Barber, provided in host Seller's first-class style. After tea, pipes and glasses, and the health of Mr. Barber was drunk, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. In returning thanks Mr. Barber thanked them for their good wishes and said he was very pleased they were successful in the peal. Kirton being the nearest place where he could practise Major (it is eight miles from Freiston)—they knew he had often come—so three years ago last Christmas he began to keep a record of how many miles he had travelled to ring and on behalf of ringing, and he had travelled on foot and bicycle 2450 miles, and by rail and trap 400, making a total of 2850 miles, and most of it either after a day's work or for services on Sundays.

THE PEAL AT COGGESHALL.—This peal, with the one of London Surprise at Great Tey, were both rung on the same day, and with the exception of the treble man by the same band, and is the first time two peals in this method have been rung in a day by the same persons. The band are all bachelors, and this is the first bachelors' peal of London ever rung. It was also the first Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the vicars of Coggeshall, Great Tey and Feering for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making the arrangements. This was the 152nd different tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

THE PEAL AT ARMITAGE BRIDGE.—In response to a long-standing invitation from Messrs. Barraclough and Cowling, four members from the Armley and Bramley towers paid a visit to this village and accomplished an excellent 5040, which is recorded in another column. At its conclusion the visitors were cordially invited by Mr. Barraclough to his residence, where a good tea awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. The hearty thanks of the visitors are here given to the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to Mr. and Mrs. Barraclough for their hospitality.

## Date Touches.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Saunders, H. Wood conductor, T. B. Saunders, C. Potter, C. Turner, C. Sheaff, H. Taywall, A. Goodbourne. Longest length by the band.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD.—At St. Mary's on Thursday, February 19, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. C. Truss conductor, F. V. H. Sinkins, W. H. Fussell, W. Sharmar first quarter-peal, R. Buckland, G. H. Gutteridge, J. J. Pratt, J. Bagley. Rung after meeting one short for a peal.

GT. MARLOW (Bucks).—At All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. C. Green, F. V. H. Sinkins, J. C. Truss conductor, E. W. Coster, Wm. Ayres, W. H. Fussell, Jos. Hawkins, Arthur William Truss "Tenneriffe." Rung for evening service on Sunday, February 22. These two quarter-peals were taken from Thurstan's four-part composition.

WOORURN (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 28, being the annual meeting day for this Branch of the Guild, a course of London Surprise Major. J. Richardson, G. Martin, W. H. Fussell, T. H. Taffender, F. Boreham, H. Passmore, J. Evans, J. C. Truss.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—Recently, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. C. R. Lilley, S. Coleman, G. Coleman conductor. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. L. Flint, S. Coleman, G. Coleman, C. R. Lilley. And 720 of London Surprise Minor. L. Flint, W. J. Davidson, S. Coleman, G. Coleman, C. R. Lilley.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, September 14, at the parish church,

720 Kent. I. Whalley conductor, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples. Also 720 Woodbine. T. Haworth, J. J. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Duke of York. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor, R. Parkinson. On Sunday, September 28th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. T. Haworth, I. Whalley, S. Collison, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. For evening service, 720 College Exercise. On Sunday, October 12th, 720 Violet. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, October 26th, 720 College Pleasure. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. On Sunday, November 9th, 720 City Delight. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, December 23rd, 720 London Surprise. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor.

BOSTON.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service at St. Nicolas church, 720 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, in 29 mins. J. Colman, A. Gale, J. Kirk, H. Palmer conductor, T. Woods.

BASINGSTOKE.—On March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Dora White, E. Hane, F. Wilson, T. Nicholson, J. Ward first quarter-peal as conductor, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. Rung in honour of the King's wedding day.

FINEBON.—On Sunday, February 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, T. Abbott, J. Packwood, P. Manning, J. Main, W. Perkins conductor, F. Main.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Sunday, February 1st, 576 London Surprise Major. J. Mawby, A. Perkins, C. Newman, W. Perkins, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, A. Tyler, J. Houghton, jun. conductor. On Tuesday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of London Surprise. J. Mawby, A. Tyler, C. Newman, W. Perkins, J. Garratt, W. Pettitt, A. Perkins, J. Houghton conductor. On Saturday, February 21st, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Tyler, W. Newman, J. Main, W. Perkins, W. Pettitt conductor, J. Mawby. On Sunday, January 22nd, 1008 London Surprise Major. F. Palmer, W. V. Newman, J. Houghton, A. Perkins, J. Garratt, W. Perkins, C. Newman, A. Tyler conductor. And 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Main, F. Palmer longest length in the method, W. V. Newman, A. Tyler, J. Houghton conductor, W. Perkins, W. Pettitt, J. Mawby. On Monday, February 23rd, 576 London Surprise. F. Palmer, A. Perkins, A. Tyler, J. Houghton, W. Pettitt, C. Newman, J. B. Martin, J. Garratt conductor.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Winter, R. Scott, Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. Andrews, W. Chapman conductor, R. Chapman conductor, R. Chapman. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by the Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge.

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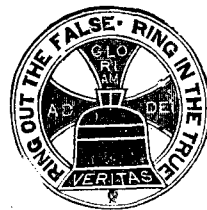
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1903.

THE season of Easter being over, the date of the next holiday period casts its shadow before. As that will be the Whitsuntide festival the next meeting of the Central Council naturally presents itself to the mind. The Honorary Secretary to the Council draws attention on another page to this fact, and points out the necessary measures to be carried into effect by all those concerned.

On previous occasions there has been some halting in the fulfilment of several of the necessary conditions. This time however we read that in one important particular—the payment of the necessary subscription—there are very few behindhand, and we expect that after this week there will be none. The late ever to be lamented Hon. Secretary found this kind of neglect a great drawback to the effective and smooth working of the many duties which



his office involved. There are other not less important particulars which Mr. DAVIES requests may be attended to without delay, and a hope is existent that all will respond in good time and thus make the labour of the Secretary's office as easy as possible.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18th, a meeting of the above was held at Biddulph. A muster of 28 members presented themselves from various towers. A bountiful repast was provided at The Biddulph Arms by the home ringers, to which ample justice was done. After tea, Mr. J. Mason (Kidsgrave), who presided, thanked the ringers of Biddulph for their kindness in providing tea, for which they were all truly grateful. He was pleased to see a good number present, for when members mustered together it meant unity, and unity was strength. He was sorry that their hon. secretary, Mr. W. Twigg (Bucknall), was not amongst them that day, as he had been confined to his house several weeks, but hoped ere long he would be able to discharge his duties faithfully again. The ringers would sympathise with him.

Four new members were enrolled. After thanks to the chairman the meeting closed, and the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was indulged in till 9 o'clock.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

MATTHEW A. WOOD* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 2.	ALBERT COLES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR BARKUS .. .. 7.
CHARLES S. BURDEN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR COLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\*This is Mr. Wood's 365th peal.

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

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 8.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First Peal of Royal. This composition has the 6th her extant home nine courses.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE COTTIS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
JAMES COTTIS .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
ERNEST G. FENN .. .. 3.	ROWLAND FENN .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 4.	CALEB FENN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CALEB FENN, and Conducted by ALBERT C. HARDY.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Faulkner and Carter. First peal in the method by the above society, who are all natives of the parish of Barking.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 2.	† MARK FENSOM .. .. 6.
FRANK W. FORD .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
SIDNEY JONES .. .. 4.	* ALFRED DODSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Bob Triples. Run as a birthday compliment to V. E. Walker, Esq., of Arnos Grove, Southgate, and the ringer of the 4th.

### The Provinces.

#### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE ABLITT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES KING .. .. 4.
HENRY BURCH .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LAST .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KING .. .. 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. WATLING.

#### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720s of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM KING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 4.
HENRY BURCH .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LAST .. .. 5.
GEORGE PULFORD .. .. 3.	CHARLES KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

#### GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, April 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS DYSON .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER .. .. 2.	FRED BUCKLEY .. .. 6.
JAMES LEES .. .. 3.	ALBERT CLEGG .. .. 7.
JAMES TAYLOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RHODES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT CLEGG.

First peal by T. Dyson and J. W. Taylor. First peal with a bob bell by F. Buckley. All the above belong to the local company.

#### HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES KEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 6.
HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Run as a birthday compliment to R. G. Knowles, also to the conductor, who was born Easter Sunday, 1868, this being the first time since it has occurred on that day,



## SHIFNAL, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.  
(THE SHIFNAL ALBION SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 13, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED SHUKER .. .. Treble.	*PERCY BAKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE HAYCOX .. .. 6.
ARTHUR DOWNES* .. .. 3.	†JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 7.
HARRY HARRIS .. .. 4.	*J. HARRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BRADNEY

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on record on the bells.

## MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH KETTLE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS JOHNSON .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 6.
THOMAS ELSBY* .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 4.	ALBERT CRAWLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

## FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
WESLEY WATSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN CLAYTON .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	THOS. L. MOORHOUSE .. .. 7.
ALBERT SCOTT* .. .. 3.	*JOHN T. EASON .. .. 8.
WILLIAM RHODES* .. .. 4.	THOS. H. ORMOND .. .. 9.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\*First peal of Royal.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. Tuttle Ward, for the use of the bells, and Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

## GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE NORWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER LADHAMS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3.	*JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFIN* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

\*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

## MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM DOWDING* .. Treble.	REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS .. 4.
JAMES KEY† .. .. 2.	†THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE NORWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFIN .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## EXTON, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

G. BOADEN .. .. Treble.	W. HOYLE .. .. 4.
H. A. PHILLIPS .. .. 2.	W. PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
S. G. BURGE .. .. 3.	T. PHILLIPS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOYLE.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S

A. G. NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 5.
G. IRVINE .. .. 2.	J. HANDS .. .. 6.
G. ESSEX .. .. 3.	T. NEWMAN .. .. 7.
W. WEBB .. .. 4.	H. SIMMONDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.



## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER R. HUGHES .. Treble.	H. H. SOMERVILLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HALLSWORTH, and  
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Benjamin R. Meeson, a Walsall ringer, who was interred at Rushall Church on this date.

## SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST DORSET BRANCH)

On Wednesday, April 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. Treble.	E. SIDNEY HODGES .. .. 5.
WALTER KERLEY .. .. 2.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 6.
GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	*ALFRED OSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

## HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

E. A. HOPKINS* .. .. Treble.	W. H. FUSSELL .. .. 5.
TOM RICHARDS .. .. 2.	H. A. PETTS .. .. 6.
A. R. MANNING .. .. 3.	S. A. GOWER .. .. 7.
E. CHRESMAN† .. .. 4.	*B. B. BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Delight, 720 Woodbine, two 720s of Kent,  
two of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY BURCH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 4.
FREDRICK CRAPNELL .. 2.	JOSEPH LAST .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KING .. .. 3.	CHARLES KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. LAST.

## GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

On Thursday, April 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. D. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Treble.	*E. H. LEWIS .. .. 3.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON* .. 2.	W. H. NEWELL .. .. 4.
B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE* .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

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## QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Thursday, April 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. Treble.	JOHN WOODS .. .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
ARTHUR E. FULLER .. 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
ROBERT HUTTON .. .. 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. Tenor.

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

Messrs. Howchin, Borrett, Knights and Warnes hail from Norwich; Fuller and Duffield from Tasburgh; Hutton from Buwell; Woods belongs to the local company. The ringers wish to convey their thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. —. Garnier, for the use of the bells.

## BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 5.
THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 3.	W. JAMES HINTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED KNIGHT .. .. 4.	FRED G. MAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The composition of the above appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 28th, 1903. The peal was arranged for the Hon. A. Erskine, whose first peal it was in the method.

## FOLKESTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
REEVES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED KEDWELL* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SEELY .. .. 5.
ALFRED MANNING* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FUSSELL .. .. 6.
HERBERT PETTS* .. .. 3.	STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 7.
EDMUND POTTER .. .. 4.	*HENRY WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WOOD.

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

## SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 2.	LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 4.	A. W. HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. F. PENNING, and Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

## ' EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure,  
College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
SYDNEY J. LAWRENCE* .. 2.	*WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 5.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 3.	*FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Minor, and first on the bells.



## SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of St. Simon's, twelve 6-scores of Old Doubles, twelve 6-scores of Grandsire, and six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE ARBON* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT A. GIRLING.. .. 3.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 2.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 4.
ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

\*First peal, and rung in honour of his twenty-first birthday.

## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM BRIGHT* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM POWELL* .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT HILL* .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON* .. .. 4.	†JAMES PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

This is the second peal of Stedman Triples rung in Herefordshire.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 7.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 4.	HENRY DARE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	*THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 7.
J. HN HOLMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 9.
BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Royal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place each at five course-ends.

## SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES BAXTER .. .. Treble.	W. E. WALAND .. .. 5.
JOHN G. HALL .. .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 6.
J. GEORGE GREEN .. .. 3.	HY. PEVERELL .. .. 7.
G. W. PEVERELL .. .. 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

Rung as a compliment to an honorary member of the above Association the Rev. R. L. White, Chaplain to His Majesty's Forces, and late curate of St. Andrew's, on his safe return from South Africa.

## KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOB HOWSE .. .. Treble.	E. CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 5.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 2.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 3.	HARRY JUDGE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CASTLE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

## WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

H. HENRY SOMERVILLE* Treble.	*ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN† .. .. 2.	*HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 6.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN.† 3.	*JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE BURROWS* .. .. 4.	†THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## ARMITAGE BRIDGE, HUDDERSFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 4.
J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING .. .. 3.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

Further reference elsewhere.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. Treble.	*JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN* .. .. 2.	*THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR† .. .. 3.	*THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method as conductor. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

## Handbell Peals.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

F. LEAKER .. .. 1-2.	W. J. HINTON .. .. 5-6.
J. THOMAS .. .. 3-4.	R. LEAKER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by W. J. HINTON.

Umpire—F. G. May.



N GUILD.

Minutes,

NGES;

.. 5.

.. 6.

.. 7.

.. Tenor.

SMITH.

minutes,

NGES;

.. 5.

.. 6.

.. 7.

.. Tenor.

ELTON.

First peal of bells.

minutes,

NGES;

College

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JOR,

.. 5.

.. 6.

.. 7.

.. Tenor.

First peal of bells.

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NGES;

.. 5-6.

.. 7-8.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is 1 Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to one line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should be handed not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th. Business Meeting at 8 p.m. "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Paul's.

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

The Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division. — The next quarterly meeting of the Division will be held at Ringmer to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Members will oblige by paying their subscriptions for 1903 before the end of the present month. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking to-day, Saturday, April 25. Tea at Church Room 5 p.m. Meeting after. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 5 and after meeting.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society (St. Michael's Parish Church) will hold their Annual Meeting to-day, Saturday, April 25. Bells ready at 4 o'clock p.m. All members urgently invited to attend. CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. W. ASHWORTH.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch. — A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Ringing at the parish church at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after.

ARTHUR W. ANGEL, *Hon. Sec.*  
Church Walk, Melksham.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 25th, 1903, at the parish church, Handsworth. The bells will be available for ringing touches from 2.30 in the afternoon and during the evening. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The monthly meeting will be held on April 25th, at The Cardigan Arms, Burley, at 7.30 p.m. Peal to be attempted at 2.30.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Halifax and District Association. — The next meeting of the Association will be held at Heptonstall to-day, Saturday, April 25th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in school-room at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — The Annual Meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 25th. The towers of the city churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 at the Co-operative Hall (1s. 2d. to non-members)

followed by business meeting. A short address will be given by the Bishop of Lincoln in the Cathedral at 6.30. REV. J. F. FLOWERS, *Corringham Vicarage, Gainsborough. Hon. Sec.*

The North Wales Association. — The first quarterly committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Rhyl, on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. All lists of members should now be sent in.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Victoria Street, Llandudno.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. E. Wheelton, 14, West Street, Milton.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 2nd. Luncheon at the Pavilion at 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas, 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Allen, B.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Eastbourne. Towers opened as follows: — St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, 6 p.m.; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Those who propose to attend are requested to send notice before Wednesday, April 29th, to Midhurst.

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

The Kent County Association. — Lewisham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eltham on May 2nd next. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due. JOSEPH E. SYKES, 26, Bramblebury Road, Plumstead. *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Presiding Ringing-Master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Devizes on Saturday, May 9th. Service at St. John's at 12.30. Preacher—Rev. F. E. Robinson. Dinner at 1.30 at The Crown hotel, 2s., 1s. only to members. Business meeting immediately after. Towers available for ringing: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Bishop Carnings (8), three miles. Poterne (6), two miles. Rowde (6, very light), two miles. Seend (6), four miles. G.W.R., Melksham (8), seven miles. G.W.R. All ringers cordially invited. Notice not later than May 3rd to H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Devizes.

The Lancashire Association. — Half-yearly meeting. — This meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 9th. Further particulars by circular.

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

The Kent County Association. — St. Mary, Lewisham. — Practice recommences on Thursdays, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GERALD KING, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association. — Canterbury District. — The Annual Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th, 1903. Further particulars next week.

P. H. PIERCE, *Hon. District Secretary.*

Exeter (Devon). — Practice at the Cathedral the last Wednesday in every month commencing April 29th at 7 p.m.

EDWIN SHEPHERD.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. All practices meeting of the above society are suspended at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields until further notice. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

## 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.*

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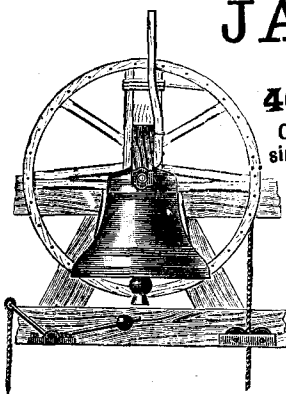
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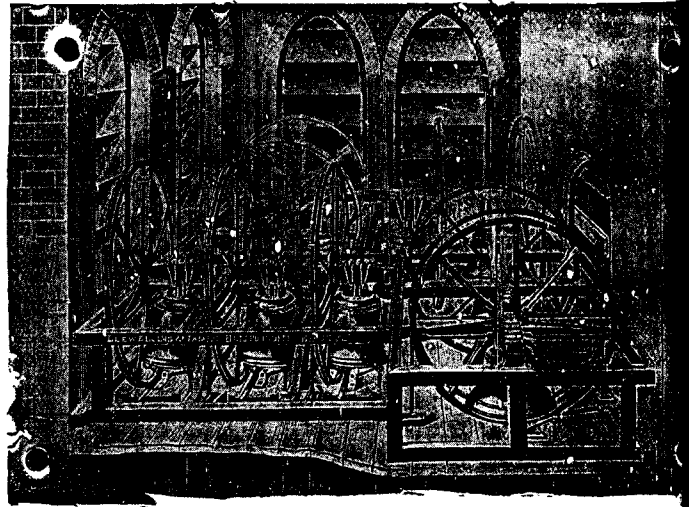
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**HUGHENDEN (Bucks).** St. Michael. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1881; 3rd and 4th by Mears, 1875; 5th and 6th (no date, believed to have been cast by Knight); 7th and tenor (no date, but cast at Wokingham foundry). Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Blackbourn in 1895. Ropes new 1889, bad; an endeavour is being made to obtain new ones. Methods: "All methods are rung from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise." Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 2.30 to 3, except from Easter to Michaelmas 6 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 7. Ringing-chamber well kept.

**HULL (Yorks).** St. James. Eight bells. No return. Holy Trinity. Yorkshire Association. Ten bells, all by Taylor, 1899. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. Methods: "Ordinary change-ringing, Standard Methods." Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.35. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 or 8.

**HULME (Lancashire).** Holy Trinity. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble and 2nd, 1887; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1843; 7th and tenor, 1846. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were recently repaired by a local man. Ropes seven or eight years old. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

St. Philip. Eight bells. No return.

**HUNTINGDON.** All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

**HUNSDON (Herts).** St. Dunstan. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th by Mears, 1883; 4th, 1630, founder not stated; 6th by Briant, 1787; 7th by Bartlett, 1668. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. by the same, 1652. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in

1884 by Gray. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 3 to 3.30, but sometimes chimed. No practice.

## ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX.

At last the renovation of the bells of the above parish church is an accomplished fact. The eight bells have been quarter-turned to bring a new surface of metal under the clapper. The old fittings have been entirely renewed, the new headstocks being fitted with steel gudgeons in iron shields, and the bearings in pedestal plummer blocks with hinged covers. The old framework, together with the trusswork upon which it stood, have been cleared away, and a massive iron frame, designed to carry ten bells on the level, has been erected. The joints of the frame are secured with wrought steel angles, and the whole is bolted to bottom sills of English oak, which span the tower, and rest upon the set-off in the walls. The entire work, including the re-adjustment of the clock quarter chiming gear, has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in a most satisfactory manner, which is in keeping with the management of this old established foundry.

There is one little incident in connection with this renovation which is regrettable, and that is the funds fell short by about £100 with which the peal could have been augmented by the addition of two trebles. The new frame, however, has been erected to carry ten bells, and it is hoped that before long the two new trebles will be forthcoming.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

An interesting ceremony took place at All Saints, Wokingham, on Easter Eve, when the two new bells which have been added to the old ring of six, were dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Sturges, assisted by the two curates, the Revs. R. De Muller Nixon and A. P. Carr. Evensong was said to the end of the third collect, and hymn 396 was sung while the clergy and choir assembled near the tower. Special prayers were then said by the Rector, after which the whole eight bells were rung for a few minutes by the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Webb, of the firm of Webb and Bennett, Church Bell Hangers, of Kidlington, Oxon, who have carried out the work in their usual efficient manner, the go of the bells being all that can be desired. The new trebles have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also recast the 4th and 5th, and they have made an excellent splice. The bells have been rehung in a new wrought iron frame, resting on steel girders, which have replaced the old beams that supported the former timber frame, and has enabled the eight bells to be hung on one level. The arrangement has given great satisfaction to the Rector and churchwardens, who were surprised to find the decayed state of the beams. The parishioners were very pleased to hear again the sound of the bells, which had been silent for about ten weeks.



## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The knowing blades are again on the war-path. This time it is the words "Surprise" and "Places" which is causing the trouble. "Trouble indeed!" I can fancy the Rev. Henry saying with unmitigated contempt. Yes; trouble. The trouble is to understand what is meant by these long letters. "Surprise" and "Places." The writers are beyond doubt very clever men, but I am afraid that until every ringer has a mathematical education such points won't be thoroughly understood. Among the grumbling letters lately received by the Editor comprised the following: "Please put in my quarter-peal next week; if there aint room enough cut out that rubbishy nonsense about Surprise and Places." You see, Messrs. Boulanger et Cie., the opinions of the mass. In such a mixed community as bell-ringers we shall always find a deep strata of conservatism. A dislike of change from old terms to new is distasteful to many as being unnecessary; but anything which is of an obscure or cryptic kind, or appears so to be, will only receive a small welcome. I mean numerically small.

Nevertheless, howbeit, and notwithstanding, my dissatisfied brethren of the quarter-peal, the 700, the 6-score, etc., etc., when in your grumbings you draw comparisons, you are apt to forget that these gentlemen who write these letters upon mysterious subjects can have their say. They may write to the Editor to this effect: "Please put my letter in at once. It is of more importance, and vastly more interesting, than a long list of names of ringers who like to see them in print over and over again a dozen times in a column." You see comparisons are not only odious, but are apt to provoke an effective retort.

I have always advocated the publication of touches in reason. Let me give my friends a hint, both peal-ringers and touch-ringers. Don't clog your reports with a lot of unecessaries; don't stuff them with such a swag of "rubbishy nonsense," as you would say; such a lot of useless overweight. The peal reports are often spoilt by a lot of extraneous matter, destroying that appearance of simplicity and clearness which a peal record ought to have. The old ringers knew better than this, much better.

You will recollect that in my last I alluded to a tower in Essex where the punctuality of ringers was apt to be rewarded by the present of an umbrella. Perhaps the powers that be or some other powers have read what I then had to say. At any rate I hear that the hint I gave as to the probability of there being a surfeit of such useful articles, has modified the arrangements somewhat, and walking-sticks, briar-wood pipes, and other interesting things are suggested as a variation. A fear is however coming over me that the report of giving these presents is hardly founded on fact, and that I have been the victim of deception, if not gross falsehood. If this be so, my informant may rest assured that he will have to meet "P.S." face to face to explain his conduct.

I am going to refer to another word well-known to all of you. It is not "Places" or "Surprise," but very near the latter—don't be alarmed, my 6-score friends. The word is "Superlative." In the days when I went to school, we were taught that to adjectives belonged three degrees of comparison, thus; "Positive, Comparative,

and Superlative." Perhaps it is from this grammatical combination that the authors of the *Clavis* gave the title of Superlative to the method they built. [There only used to be three degrees, not of comparison, in the ringing world, and these were: Ringer, Caller, and Composer. Now a fourth is added: "method-builder."] I'll take a mouthful of fresh air, and what some people call a blow, before I begin another paragraph.

A few whiffs of Old Virginia, and a look-round was certainly a refreshing change. I was speaking of "Superlative," not with the usual suffix this time, but another: Superlative Bicycles, for change-ringers of both sexes. There is an advertisement on another page which every cyclist in the Exercise ought to regard. And why? Because the advertiser is a ringer of the proper color. The principle that we ought to support the brotherhood has been hammered into us for years. Yet we don't do our whack in this way. Here's a chance for all you wheelmen who are ringers. John Matthews knows what you want. Write to him and state your views and requirements. I hope to live to hear that Superlative bicycles have been to Boston, Philadelphia and other towns in the United States and New Zealand and Australia, where some of our brethren (and sisters) in the Exercise congregate.

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My last paragraph this week, unfortunately. It may be objected to that I advocate the business concerns of ringing brethren. Whoever objects, can keep on at it. Why do I do this? Simply to help the brotherhood. Not an atom of personal benefit comes to me by so doing; nor would I receive anything. Surely it is no harm to try and help our friends who are in business. You, my reader, don't want a bicycle, perhaps; you may not want a beautiful silk handkerchief with your name on; you do not want any handbell music, or photos. from that ringer, composer, and bob-caller (not method-builder), William Gordon. You want none of these. Well then, send five farthings, or five pence, or five shillings, or five pounds to poor old Bob Hawes, of Ipswich. And remember, you who object, these appeals to "help the brotherhood" has always been a cardinal principle of "THE BELL NEWS."

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The unsatisfactory state of things with regard to the unattached members of this branch (mentioned in this paper of the 18th of February last) have ended satisfactorily. The committee appointed to wait on the Vicars of Reading have been successful, the rev. gentlemen giving permission for their bells to be rung once a quarter for combined practice, so that the unattached members can now have one practice every month, to commence at St. Laurence's the first Tuesday in May, St. Mary's the first Wednesday in June, and St. Giles's the first Monday in July; and so month by month in the order named.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the Wylam branch of the above Association drove in a brake over to the pretty Northumbrian village of Newton, and were met at the station by the local ringers. A 720 was rung first by W. May, J. Bean, A. Dodds, C. L. Routledge conductor, H. Wilkinson, E. Weightman. This was followed by a 720 of Bob Minor in which three of the Newton men took part, conducted by A. Pigg. An excellent tea was provided at the village inn, kept by host Symm, the leader of the local band. After tea more ringing and a well-struck 720 of Double Court Minor was brought round in 28 mins. W. May, J. Bean, A. Dodds, C. L. Routledge conductor, H. Wilkinson, A. Pigg. The local ringers then rang some Double Bob Minor for the benefit of two of the Wylam ringers, but a 720 was not scored. A pleasant drive home in the dusk of the evening, enlivened by songs from the irrepressible chairman of the party, closed a most enjoyable spring outing.

## RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

GREAT SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 13th, at St. John's church, the marriage of Mr. John H. Grundy, youngest son of Mr. T. Grundy, of Loughborough, and Miss Edith Nixon, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Nixon, of the Manor Lodge, Great Sutton, was solemnised. The ceremony was performed, amid a grand array of palms and lilies, by the Rev. P. Douglas, Vicar, who gave an excellent address on the duties of married life. After the ceremony the beautiful hymn 351 A. & M. was sung. Mrs. Douglas presided at the organ, and as the newly-made man and wife were leaving the church a grand wedding march was played. There was a large gathering of friends at the Lodge to receive the happy pair, and all joined in wishing them a happy and prosperous life. Later on in the day Mr. and Mrs. Grundy left for London where the honeymoon was spent. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. George F. Hoad as best man, who carried out his duties admirably. Mr. Grundy is a member of St. David's belfry, Bangor, North Wales, where a peal was attempted, but which unfortunately came to grief after ringing an hour. The presents were both numerous and handsome.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Saviour's parish church, was solemnised the marriage of Mr. William Hughes, a member of the local band, and Miss M. E. Moston. Mr. C. W. Owens acted as best man, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. G. Moston, both also being members of the local band. The Rev. E. D. Pollock, A.K.C., Vicar of the parish, officiated at the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of friends and parishioners. At the close a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the event by C. W. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, J. H. Owens, G. R. Newton conductor, J. W. Evans, S. Moston, W. Smith. In the evening the ringers at the kind invitation of the bride and bridegroom were entertained in the most hospitable manner at the house of Mr. S. Moston. After justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr. W. Grimmant in a few well-chosen words presented Mr. Hughes with a clock, which had been subscribed for by his brother-ringers as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by them. He having briefly expressed his thanks, the rest of the evening was spent in handbell-ringing, singing, etc. Each member of the company before dispersing wished Mr. and Mrs. Hughes the best of health and happiness. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne."

## 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."

## MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

SIR,—The Rev. H. L. James is fond of similes and his last one was about as valuable as his definition for Surprise methods. Surfleet is less than one hundred miles from London, to go round by Leicester to get from Surfleet to London would probably be double the distance; the Plain Hunt, and Hart Major minus 2nds place, contain exactly the same number of rows if the place-making is different, so Mr. James's simile will not do.

With your kind permission I will now try my hand at a simile to see if I can make a better job of it.

For the sake of the following argument we will pre-suppose that one of the railway companies has two entirely different routes (both exactly the same distance) from York to London, and each route has sixteen stations or stopping-places. For distinction we will call them routes A and B; route A may be used to illustrate Bob Major with one interior and fifteen exterior places, and route B to illustrate Barnsbury Bob Major with eight interior and eight exterior places.

To illustrate the place-making of a bell in each method we have two passenger trains timed to leave York for London at the same minute, one going by A and the other by B route, each train has to stop sixteen times (e.g., a bell has to stop to make either an interior or exterior place), or once at each station on route, but they are timed to and they arrive at the London terminus at the same minute. What advantage had the passengers from York to London travelling by the B route over the passengers from York to London travelling by the A route?

It was amusing and not a little ridiculous to see illustrated (presumably to teach me something quite new) a fact that I had been aware of for years; and why? oh, why? did Mr. James take the trouble, when he knew as well as I that in writing of interior places not altering the position of the treble among the working bells, I was referring to the lead-end only. The structure of a method consists of all the places, interior and exterior collectively, not individually as Mr. James would have us believe, and if we chose to pack a method with interior places and the result at the lead-ends is the same as in the Plain Hunt, I do still and shall always maintain that the interior places of such a method had no more value in the construction of same than the exterior places of the Plain Hunt. Will Mr. James kindly oblige us with something original when he writes next.

GEORGE BAKER.

## CORRECTION.

SIR,—There are a couple of small errors in the article of mine on "In-Course Extents" which you print this week, and which I should like you to correct in your next issue. The last paragraph of the first column should read: "Now when you call a bob at the end of the plain course on 2 3 4, what you do is to shift the peal out of the plain course 23456 into the course whose course-end is 42356." Again on the next page I wrote—"if we take parts of four courses to make up a touch the length of two, we must have a good deal of loss," not "work" as your compositor has made me say.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

8, Hastings Road, Ealing.

## A DOUBTFUL PERFORMANCE.

SIR,—On glancing through "THE BELL NEWS" of April 25th, I was much surprised to see a peal published supposed to have been rung on the bells at Middlewich. The Crewe branch certainly attempted a peal, but to publish such a peal as an accomplished fact far exceeds my imagination. I have no wish to call in question the quality of the ringing the first two hours, but from that time to the finish the ringing consisted of a series of clashes, the finish being a perfect muddle. How the branch in question can have the audacity to call it the first peal I cannot imagine. Anyhow in the opinion of those in Middlewich the first peal has still to be rung.

GEO. H. MANN (Conductor), Middlewich.

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this Association was held at Derby on Easter Monday. The towers open for ringing were St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and All Saints. Visitors began to arrive quite early in the day, and ringing was commenced shortly after 10 a.m. and kept up until about 9 p.m. with the exception of the time taken up by the tea and general meeting. A committee meeting was held in All Saints church schools, which was largely attended. The Secretary was instructed to order a new peal-book in a temporary binding, the old book being full. Tea followed in the same schools, about eighty-five members and friends sitting down to a very good spread. At the general meeting the President (Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.), took the chair. There were also present the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Derby, the Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave), Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford), Rev. M. H. Pimm (Colston-Basset), J. H. P. Welby, Esq. (Tollerton), etc.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Mr. Wakley moved the adoption of the balance-sheet as pointed in the report, remarking that the balance shewn of over £50 would be considerably reduced during the next few months, as there would be a bill for writing up about 140 peals in the peal-book, this matter having got into arrears owing to the death of the man who had previously done the work.

Mr. S. Wesley, one of the auditors, seconded this proposition, and it was carried.

Mr. J. Griffin read the names of honorary and ringing members, who were duly admitted. The retiring President, Treasurer, and Secretary were unanimously re-elected.

Nottingham was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting on the proposition of Mr. J. S. Needham, seconded by Mr. John Thompson. For the next quarterly meeting Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and Mr. J. S. Needham seconded, Stoney Stanton. Mr. G. W. Bemrose proposed, and Mr. W. Gosling, jun. seconded Chesterfield. These being put to the meeting, a large majority decided in favour of Stoney Stanton.

Sir Arthur Heywood in addressing the meeting, made special mention of the silent peal of Stedman Cinques rung on handbells at Leicester, and read the published account of the same from "THE BELL NEWS." He considered this undoubtedly the finest ringing performance on record, and the Association should feel very proud indeed that it had such talented men amongst its members, men who had now rung silent peals on handbells of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. The other peals rung during the first quarter called for no special mention with the exception of the peal of Double Norwich Major rung by the Chesterfield band at North Wingfield.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Messrs. J. W. Taylor, jun., W. Wakley and J. Griffin were chosen as delegates to the Central Council for the next three years.

A vote of thanks proposed by the Rev. A. D. Hill to Sir Arthur Heywood for presiding, and to the clergy for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Following the custom which has now obtained for a considerable number of years, the members of this Association visited St. Albans on Easter Monday for their annual festival, which was observed by the ringing upon the bells of the Abbey, St. Peter's and St. Michael's, and attendance at a special service held at 5 o'clock in the evening, at which an address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the Dean of St. Albans. After service, the members adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent substantial tea was spread by Mr. W. Bugler, of the Market Place. The chair was taken by Alderman Toulmin. About 74 sat down to tea.

The chairman, extending a hearty welcome to the members of the Association, said he regarded that as a capital muster, included in which he was very pleased to see so many young fellows. Having entertained them to a few anecdotes which he deemed of interest to those who were engaged in the interesting science of campanology, Mr. Toulmin concluded with a few sincere words of encouragement to the ringers present to persevere with their interesting work.

Several new members from St. Michael's, St. Albans, were

inadvertently omitted from election, but will be brought forward at the next district meeting. We offer them our apologies.

In his capacity as hon. secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham made his customary statement with regard to the accomplishments of the Association during the year. They had, he said, succeeded in ringing 65 peals during the past twelve months, 56 on tower bells and 9 on handbells. He congratulated the members of the Association upon the success which they had achieved during the past twelve months. Mr. Debenham added that the annual report and balance sheet had not yet been prepared, but it would be compiled as soon as possible and would then be printed and circulated.

The election of officers for the year was then proceeded with, Mr. Debenham proposing the re-election of the Rev. Canon Wigram as President of the Association, whose great interest in all that appertained to change-ringing was well known. He regretted Canon Wigram was not present on that occasion.

Mr. Price seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

The re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham to the office of hon. secretary and treasurer was proposed by the chairman, who commented upon the very great interest which Mr. Debenham took in the work of the Association. He did not think they could possibly have the secretaryship in better hands.

The resolution having been carried amidst enthusiasm, Mr. Debenham made a facetious acknowledgment of the compliment which had been paid him. He said he felt their kindness in re-electing him to that office, but he thought the time would soon come when he would have to lay down the work and ask somebody else to take the post. He was unable to devote to the work of the Association the amount of time which ought to be given to the management of its affairs. Personally he should have been pleased to visit every tower where peals had been conducted during the year, but he was quite unable to do so. He hoped that between now and next Easter Monday someone would be found who would come forward and take over the duties. In conclusion, Mr. Debenham proposed the re-election of Mr. G. W. Cartmel as assistant secretary, a proposition which was unanimously agreed to.

Other officers were also elected, Mr. Huntley being re-elected to the position of auditor.

Mr. H. Baker was elected as representative of the Association on the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Debenham, votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's for granting the use of their towers, to the Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber for the annual tea, and to the Dean for his address.

The vote was suitably acknowledged by the Dean, who commented upon the strength which it was to a parish to have a band of healthy Christians officiating in the tower of the church.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Toulmin for presiding brought the festival to a close.

## THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the special General Meeting held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, April 27th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Master: Mr. Arthur Jacob; Secretary: Mr. Thomas H. Taffender; Treasurer: Mr. Wm. Weatherstone; Senior Steward: Mr. Thomas Langdon (Cumberland); Junior Steward: Mr. George Turl. Members are requested to note that the steeple will be open for ringing for morning service at St. Clement Danes on the first Sunday in each month at 10 a.m., and the Master hopes for the co-operation of members of the society in order to make the meetings regular and successful. In future all communications to the above society should be addressed to

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# Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDGWARE.—On Saturday, March 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Hughes, A. Jacob, T. Langdon, T. Titchener, J. Armstrong, J. E. Groves, J. Armstrong, J. Cornell, T. Langdon, A. Jacob conductor. First on the bells for several years. Another 720 E. Groves, J. Armstrong, J. Cornell, T. Langdon, A. Jacob conductor, A. J. Hughes. During the day 120s of Stedman and Grandfire Doubles and touches of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM.—On January 8th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., in honour of the coming of age of Lord Dalmeny. H. Griffith, F. A. Holden, A. Mann, T. Goff, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, A. H. Winch.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Tuesday evening, March 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Perkins, A. Whatmore, A. Presidge, F. Broadribb, N. Hollyoak, F. Plant conductor.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, 720 Treble Bob Minor, tenor covering. A. Round, A. Presidge, F. Broadribb, W. Smith, C. Smith conductor, R. Round, J. Faulkner. Rung as a compliment to C. Smith, one of the band, who sailed for South Africa on the 18th, his brother-ringers wishing him a pleasant voyage, and prosperity when there.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOUDHURST.—On Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. H. Lambert, A. C. Kay, G. Billenness, T. A. Vincett, C. Tribe, C. W. Player, F. J. Lambert, G. Johnson. Conducted by G. Billenness.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On April 15th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. W. Barker, J. Church, W. Fmedon, F. Hopper, H. Tysoe, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke conductor, A. Armstrong.

HARROLD (Beds).—On April 4th, 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars, Violet and Woodbine. F. Mynard, S. Lawrence, W. Freeman, J. W. Barker, F. Wilford, C. Clarke conductor.

WILLINGTON (Beds).—On April 13th, 720 each of Violet, Merchants Return, Woodbine. J. Church, M. Smith, J. W. Barker, W. Freeman, F. Wilford, F. Webb conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On January 11th, at Holy Trinity church, 672 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, W. Walton, T. Redman conductor, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, H. Heyworth. 704 Kent. W. Walton, T. Burrows, N. Townend, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, January 18th, 704 Oxford. W. Walton, T. Burrows, N. Townend, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, H. Heyworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, January 25th, 608 Bob Major. R. Hartley, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. 704 Kent. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Walton, J. W. Stirk, N. Townend, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, February 1st, 672 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, H. Heyworth, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM.—On March 10th, at the residence of A. W. Symonds, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. Moss, A. A. Berry, A. W. Symonds, J. Mayes, A. J. Berry conductor. This is the first 720 on handbells by A. A. Berry, and first by A. J. Berry as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the King's wedding day.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RYE.—On Sunday, March 29th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Billenness, L. T. H. Seers, T. H. Vincett, G. Willis, F. A. Vincett, E. S. Reed, W. Billenness, W. Tomsett. Composed by W. Walmsley and Conducted by W. Billenness.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, November 2nd, at Christ Church, 720 Violet. L. Holt, J. H. Smith, W. Smith, H. L. Cockroft, J. S.

Lomas, E. J. Cockroft conductor. On Sunday evening, November 9th, 720 College Treble. L. Holt, H. L. Cockroft, D. Briggs, J. H. Smith, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes conductor. On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. D. Barnes, H. L. Cockroft, W. Smith, L. Holt, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes conductor. On Sunday, November 30th, 720 each of Woodbine and Arnold's Victory. L. Holt, H. J. Cockroft, W. Smith, J. H. Smith, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. E. A. Reed, a member of the choir. On Sunday, December 7th, 720 Plain Bob. A. L. Hardman, H. L. Cockroft, L. Holt, J. H. Smith, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes conductor. For evening service 720 Worcester Surprise. L. Holt, J. H. Smith, E. J. Cockroft, the rest as before. On Sunday, December 14th, 720 Arnold's Victory. L. Holt, D. Briggs, W. Smith, J. H. Smith, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes conductor. For evening service, 720 Chelsea Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, D. Briggs, E. J. Cockroft, the rest as before. On Sunday, December 22nd, 720 Double Court Bob. W. Smith, J. S. Lomas, J. Brierley, the rest as before. On December 24th, 720 College Exercise. J. Holt, the rest as before. On December 25th, 720 Place Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, December 28th, 720 Stedman's Slow Course, standing as before. For evening service, 720 Double Stedman's Slow Course, standing as before.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Taylor. J. M. Turner, S. Roberts, B. Etheridge, F. Belcher, G. Fmch. Also 240. B. Etheridge, J. M. Turner, F. Belcher, F. Roberts, A. Darce, T. Taylor.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, 517 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, F. Hedges, L. Meager, W. Sear, R. Sear, H. Sear conductor, E. Marks, F. Goodman. On February 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, L. Meager, F. Hedges, conductor, H. Sear, R. Sear, W. Sear, E. Marks, F. Goodman. On February 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, L. Meager, R. Sear conductor, F. Hedges. On Sunday, February 22nd, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, W. Sear, F. Sear, E. Marks, R. Sear, V. Sear. On March 1st, 406 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, W. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear conductor, R. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges, V. Sear.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Monday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Ward, E. Ward first quarter-peal, H. Wittchell, F. Fay, C. Dickens, G. Swann conductor, B. Wittchell, G. Parsons.

GOUDHURST (Kent).—On Saturday, February 21st, at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Lambert, E. Johnson, W. Pope, H. G. Pope, C. Tribe, W. H. Lambert, E. Pope, F. Lambert. Also 168. G. Johnson, the rest as before. Rung in honour of the birthday of F. Lambert, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MALVERN LINK.—On Saturday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Barber, F. Hull, R. G. Knowles, F. Bryan, R. McCann, J. Brown, H. T. Knowles, A. Richens. And 230 Bob Minor. F. Bryan, W. Chance, R. McCann, F. Hall, H. T. Knowles, R. G. Knowles.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—Recently, at St. Barnabas' church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Nichols, B. Nash, F. Vickers, F. Nash, C. Valentine, H. Sear conductor. Another 720. J. Nichols, B. Nash, H. Sear conductor. F. Nash, F. Vickers, C. Valentine.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Tuesday, March 10th, at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major. W. Spiby, J. E. Goodacre, C. Dalby, E. J. Gale, A. V. Potter, W. James, H. Toll, R. H. Bartram conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Giles, at one time churchwarden of the above church and donor of the 2nd bell in this tower (hung in 1894) when the bells were rehung and augmented to ten. After the above the deceased gentleman's age was rung with the usual whole pull and stand.

SEBDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Hares, J. Screen, W. Mills, F. Bennett, T. Reeves, J. Davenport, R. Hall conductor, J. Ray.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, 1440 of Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford). W. H. Denteth, W. Newlands, M. Harrison, J. F. Stainton, R. H. Blakey, R. L. Patterson conductor. Longest touch of Minor by all.

SOUTH WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, April 23rd, a local band, with the assistance of their instructor, Mr. George Cleal, succeeded in ringing a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Tanner, J. Wilson, J. Penny, J. Clarke, E. Merryweather, A. Bell, G. Cleal, J. York. Conducted by J. Clarke. As the band, with the exception of Mr. Cleal are all learners, praise is due to them for their progress in the Art, which reflects credit on their instructor. It is to be hoped that this 504 is only a prelude to a 5040 by the same band.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1903.

This week there are exceptions taken to two performances which have been rung. One is dealt with in the correspondence column, the other is alluded to here. The following letter concerning this, which is signed by several members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, explains itself:—

"On Friday, April 24th, 1903, eight members of the Sproughton Society of Change-ringers attempted a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. Having heard various rumours as to the quality of their ringing, a good number of members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, made it a point to be outside to listen, and although the so-called peal has been published in a local paper we think it our duty to protest against its acceptance by the Exercise for the following reasons, which we can verify:—A clash occurred before the first course-end came up of such a nature that a fresh start ought to have been made. At 7.15 p.m., after about 37 minutes' ringing,



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the bells were clashing without any semblance of change-ringing for 1½ to 2 minutes; and in the last course, which, by the way, was got through, the bells were clashing for nearly two leads. After attempting to place the bells into something like their positions, which was heard quite distinctly in the church, the conductor said, 'That is all.'

We find this performance among the peal-records this week. As this letter is signed by members of the Ipswich Society we apprehend that the Sproughton men must have received some indication that it would be controverted, therefore we think it unfortunate that they did not withhold for a time its publication. The Ipswich men have done their duty in so promptly calling attention to the affair. But if the statements in the above letter are facts, it would have been much better had one or more of the peal-company taken counsel among themselves as to the propriety of shelving the performance, and thus prevent such an unpleasant disclosure.

### LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will attempt a 14,000 of London Surprise Major at King's Norton, near Birmingham, on Monday, May 11th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Bedford. Mr. E. Ransom, J.P., presided, supported by Mr. T. Bull, J.P., Treasurer, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Isaac Hills, Hon. Secretaries, Rev. A. Rust (Husborne Crawley), and about sixty members. After partaking of a capital dinner, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker read the twenty-first annual report, which showed much satisfactory progress. On the motion of Mr. C. Herbert, the report was adopted. The balance in hand, after the year's expenditure of nearly £11., was £30 1s. The accounts were passed.

Mr. Bull was re-elected Treasurer, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. I. Hills were re-elected Hon. Secretaries. Mr. G. C. Walker was appointed auditor, and Mr. Baker was appointed a representative on the Central Council. The remainder of the business was a revision of the rules.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	*FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.  
Tenor 31½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	HENRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 9.
ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—I. G. Shade and A. T. King.

### The Provinces.

#### LITTLE GLEHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Plain, April Day, Morning Star, Dream, and three 720s of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. CARTER .. .. Treble.	E. E. EVERETT .. .. 3.
E. HUNT .. .. 2.	C. HUNT .. .. 4.
W. STANNARD .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by E. E. EVERETT.

#### WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 6.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 2.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 8.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 9.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 5.	JAMES HARES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. KENT, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. J. R. Keble, who was one of the prime movers in the formation of the above society, and Hon. Secretary of the same for some years.

#### HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE RIPLEY GUILD.)

On Friday, April 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. SHARDLOW .. .. Treble.	F. H. KAY .. .. 5.
A. H. WARD .. .. 2.	J. PAGETT .. .. 6.
J. BOURNE .. .. 3.	H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
H. DAY .. .. 4.	A. CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

First peal on the bells. Rung with bells half-muffled.



## LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL ONE-PART.

THOMAS CURTIS* .. .. Treble.	*FRED W. HERBERT .. .. 3.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 6.
LEONARD ALLEN* .. .. 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 7.
HENRY MOUNTFORD .. .. 4.	*JOHN W. BECKWITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First Peal of Grandsire Triples, and first peal by Messrs. Curtis and Beckwith. This is Charles H. Fowler's 100th peal. All the above are members of St. John Society, Leicester.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON† .. Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 5.
EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 2.	†ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	†GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP* .. .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOLT, and  
Conducted by the REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON.

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

## RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GABRIEL LINDOFF'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Dr. Edward Adamson, for several years Churchwarden and Sidesman at the above church, who was buried on that day.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three 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.	FREDERIC G. BRETT .. .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. .. 6.
PERCY J. PAINE .. .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

Rung in honour of the Rector's (Rev. Canon F. H. Hichens) birthday.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY AUDSLEY* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	*ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
THOMAS SAXBY .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
EDWARD AUDSLEY .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal in the method. The figures of this peal were taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of February 28th, 1903.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Ernest Bishop, captain of the band, to Miss Rose Ethel Wheeler, of Fair Lawn, Frome.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 5.
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY* .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	*WILLIAM SHELDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

\*First peal.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Friday, April 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. 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 C. MEE.

First peal in the method on the bells; also the first in Ipswich. The Spronghton company wish to thank Mr. W. Motts (steeplekeeper), for getting everything in readiness for them.

## STOKESLEY, NORTH YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. P. CLARKSON .. Treble.	J. W. WHITTLE .. .. 4.
W. CLARKSON* .. .. 2.	T. METCALFE .. .. 5.
W. NEWTON .. .. 3.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

\*First 5000.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London, Duke of York, Woodbine, and College Exercise.

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

This is the first peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.



## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BROWN† .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JESSE GILLETT .. .. 4.	*ALFRED WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

## WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. Treble.	LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 4.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for R. H. Brundle who hails from Ipswich.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON* .. 2.	HARRY RITCHELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON .. 3.	ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 7.
ALEXANDER H. WATSON .. 4.	HENRY ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.

\*First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Colley, for the use of the bells.

## LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WOBBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

JOSEPH NICHOLLS* .. .. Treble.	MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS .. 5.
CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 2.	ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	MARK LANE .. .. 7.
SIDNEY AVIS .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. It was intended to have rung Treble Bob, but owing to one of the band being unable to attend, Mr. Nicholls kindly took the spare rope. \*First peal of Major and first attempt.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN DARLINGTON .. .. Treble.	J. JOHNSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 2.	FRED DARLINGTON .. .. 6.
G. A. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMPSON .. 7.
FRED SMITH .. .. 4.	HORACE SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

## SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

T. HAIGH .. .. Treble.	*T. BARKER .. .. 5.
T. HODGSON .. .. 2.	A. HAIGH .. .. 6.
T. F. EARNSHAW .. .. 3.	W. PEARSON .. .. 7.
J. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	C. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells by the Yorkshire Association. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting permission for the use of the bells; also the local ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 5.
HENRY TINSLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 7.
RICHARD W. BURROWS .. 4.	THOMAS PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Perry, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON* .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Eric Hugh Williams, son of Mr. F. Hugh Williams, churchwarden, to Miss Grahame, of London.

## PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES GOODWIN .. .. Treble.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 5.
FRANK PERVIN .. .. 2.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 7.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 4.	THOMAS HALLAM .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES and

Conducted by F. G. BURLEIGH.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS FRASER† .. .. Treble.	*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM WATCHORN .. 3.	Qr.-MR. SGT. ALFRED PYE .. 7.
RICHARD G. CARTER .. 4.	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. J. E. Sykes, who has accepted an appointment at South Shields, Durham. He had arranged the band to conduct the peal himself, but had to leave London on Friday by the midnight train. Mr. Watchorn kindly took the vacant rope and the above peal resulted.



### HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BOOTH* .. Treble.	WALTER FINEDON .. .. 4.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD† .. 2.	ARTHUR W. MOORE .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

\*First peal. †First in seven methods inside. The ringers of above peal wish to express their gratefulness to the Rev. Herbert Macklin for kindly providing tea at the Rectory, and for the pleasant time they spent with him afterwards.

### LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

On Sunday, April 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

G. BROWN† .. .. Treble.	†A. JARRETT .. .. 4.
E. HOAD† .. .. 2.	G. STEER .. .. 5.
G. COWLAND† .. .. 3.	*J. L. HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. L. HARRIS.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal. First 5040 on the bells.

### HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, three of Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK STYLES .. Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 4.
EDWARD TOLLEY* .. 2.	JOHN BUFFERY .. 5.
ALBERT SHARP .. 3.	FRANK COOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells which have lately been hung. \*First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

### INTWOOD, NEAR NORWICH.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 6-score each of St. Simon's, Stedman, and twenty 6-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN. .. Treble.	HERBERT D. STANLEY .. 3.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. 2.	GEORGE MAYERS .. 4.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

JESSE MOSS* .. .. Treble.	†ALBERT A. BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD W. YOUNGS .. 2.	ALPHÆUS J. BERRY .. 5.
E. HARRY SYMONDS .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

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

### WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN SOWTER* .. Treble.	†ARNOLD GELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 2.	JOHN WARDMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN MILLETT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK JOHNSON .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Major.

A reference to the three peals following will be found on the notice page:—

### HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

### COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR A. HADLEY .. 6.
FREDERICK SMITH* .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS 4.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

### HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1903, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 5.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 2.	*GORDON W. CHECKETTS .. 6.
REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 4.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is William Page's sixtieth peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Matthew's, Walsall, and the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at St. Paul's, Wood Green, both published in last week's issue, should have under the heading of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

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## Notices.

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**The North Wales Association.**—The first quarterly committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Rhyl, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Victoria Street, Llandudno.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton to-day, Saturday, May 2nd.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Luncheon at the Pavilion at 1 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas, 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Allen, B.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Eastbourne. Towers opened as follows:—St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, 6 p.m.; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Midhurst.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eltham to-day, Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due.

JOSEPH E. SYKES, *Hon. Sec.*  
26, Bramblebury Road, Plumstead.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on May 5th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 7th and May 21st, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 12th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 26th. Business Meetings at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Michael's and St. Paul's.

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

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Presiding Ringing-Master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Thursday, May 7th, 1903. Dinner at The Fox Hotel at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. for honorary and 1s. 3d. for company members. Notice of intention to be present must be sent before May 3rd. Those requiring railway allowances must send notice by same date.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Acting Hon. Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Devizes on Saturday, May 9th. Service at St. John's at 12.30. Preacher—Rev. F. E. Robinson. Dinner at 1.30 at The Crown Hotel, 2s., 1s. only to members. Business meeting immediately after. Towers available for ringing: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Blahop Cannings (8), three miles, Potterne (6), two miles, Rowde (6, very light), two miles, Bead (6), four miles, G.W.R., Melksham (8), seven miles, G.W.R. All ringers cordially invited. Notice not later than May 3rd to H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Devizes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th at St. Helen's. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Dinner at 6.30. Members intending being present please send in their names at once to

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 9th. Further particulars by circular.

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

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—There will be a committee meeting of the above Society on Saturday, May 9th, 1903, to make arrangements for the Eight Bell Contest to be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, May 30th, 1903 (which is the jubilee of the opening of the bells). Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The usual monthly meeting will follow immediately after the committee meeting, both to be held at The Park Hotel, Earlsheaton.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Place, Dewsbury.

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th, 1903. Further particulars next week.

P. H. PIERCE, *Hon. District Secretary.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wanstead (6 bells) on May 16th. The tower of St. Mary, Woodford, will probably be open. Further particulars next week.

THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, May 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Smith, 3, Bond End, Knaresborough. An excursion will be run from Leeds (N.E.R.), return fare 1s. 3d. Times of starting, &c., will appear later.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

**The Kent County Association.**—St. Mary, Lewisham.—Practice recommences on Thursdays, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GERALD KING, *Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT HARTLEBURY, COLWALL AND HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—These peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson by T. J. Salter, William Page and Rev. James F. Hastings, and all the ringers wish to express their thanks to the Rectors for the use of the bells, and their pleasure in joining in a peal or two with the veteran Master of the Oxford Guild and conductor of Stedman. At Hartlebury the sixth rope broke in ceasing the bells, after the peal was safely through.

**THE PEAL AT INTWOOD.**—This is the first peal on the bells, which are a musical ring put up about 1887. Cast by Warner and Sons. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the Hall for tea, kindly given by Colonel Unthank, the donor of the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank him for his hospitality and also the use of the bells, also J. Stone, one of the local company, for having everything in readiness. This peal was rung previous to evening service,

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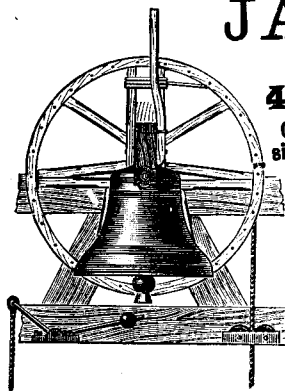
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*See 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).

**HUNTSHAM (Devon).** All Saints. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. All except the 6th, which is an old bell, by Taylor, 1875. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since the ring were rehung by Taylor, 1875. Ropes new 1893. No half-pull ringing since 1898. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, except during two months in summer.

**HUNSLET (Yorks).** St. Mary. Eight bells, all by Warner; no date given. Tenor 21 cwt. Timber frame. "They were rung for over twenty years" is the answer given to the question: "Do the bells go well?" A chiming apparatus is fitted. Apparently there is no ringing now. No further information.

**HURSTPIERPOINT (Sussex).** Holy Trinity. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 4th, 6th, 7th and tenor by Mears, the first 1868, the rest 1846; 2nd, 3rd and 5th by Pack, 1775. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs recently by Warner. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11, and every Sunday evening 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.

**HYDE (Cheshire).** St. George. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1853. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mears in 1883, and repairs were effected locally in 1894. Ropes good. Method: Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

**HVTHE (Kent).** St. Leonard. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, date not given except 7th and tenor, 1891. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go excellently. The ring were rehung by Mears in 1891. It has been suggested that the present weak frame should be replaced by an iron one,

but owing to change of Vicars and want of funds nothing has been done. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 8.

**ILFORD (Essex).** St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Monday, April 13th, the Rev. Dr. Pigou, Dean of Bristol, dedicated the bells of the parish church, which have recently been rehung by the well-known Salisbury firm of Messrs. T. Blackbourn & Co.

There was a large congregation, which included the Marquis of Bath, the patron of the living, to whose generosity it is due that this work has been accomplished. A special form of service was used, the Rev. Dr. Pigou officiating. This was followed by the office for the day, which was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Penny. The lessons were read by the Rev. W. J. Swayne, of Heytesbury, and the Rev. A. J. Everett, Rector of Sutton Veney. The Dean of Bristol based an interesting address on the text Numbers x. 10.

Ringling was freely indulged in during the day, Grandsire Doubles being the only method accomplished, mixed bands taking part. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, to which about thirty-seven ringers and a number of parishioners sat down. The business meeting of the Sarum branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild followed, and in the absence of the chairman the Vicar was voted to the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and signed. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Salisbury. Votes of thanks were accorded the Dean for his services that afternoon, and the Vicar for filling the vacant chair. The Vicar responded, and said he was very pleased to see so many ringers present, and he would be pleased to meet them there at some future date. The ringers then adjourned to the tower.

## LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

A quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Long Ashton on Saturday, April 18th, and was well attended about thirty members present. It was also the re-opening of this grand ring of bells, which has been entirely rehung in a new iron frame with entirely new fittings of all the latest improvements. The tenor bell has been recast, and the whole peal re-tuned. The work has been most efficiently carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the splendid tone and "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. The new tenor has a diameter of 4 ft. 8 in., and weighs about 31 cwt., now making one of the finest rings of eight in the diocese.

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## NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.

(Communicated.)

Change-ringing has received a severe blow in the North, and what should be the leading tower in the district has stepped back into the ways of the unreformed and degenerate days of call-changes.

For some ten years back new members who were well advanced in change-ringing have from time to time been admitted into the belfry, and in spite of a lukewarm support from some of the band, and with the assistance of some change-ringing friends, some of whom became honorary members of the Society, the character of the ringing was at last changed, and change-ringing has been the rule for some time past.

However, a short time since two of the best ringers in the band received a notice of about a week to terminate their engagement, for no known reason, and two others who refused to continue subject to such a condition, withdrew from the band, so that with one other member who had already left owing to circumstances apart from the Exercise, the five leading change-ringers of the band are now out of the tower, and the old order of Tombstone Surprise prevails, and that of a wretched quality. It seems a great scandal that this fine ring of bells should be rung in such a fashion, and it is to be hoped that the Vicar and churchwardens will take steps to remedy the matter, so that while the Church is taking a step forward in establishing a daily choral service, the belfry, which is part of the church, may not again permanently adopt that old and degraded condition which the various Associations throughout the country have so nearly obliterated. It is very strange that while the ordinary parish church is so far advanced in its belfry, which one generally finds in good order, with scientific change-ringing prevailing, the Cathedrals appear to be the strongholds of the old state of affairs, and there the Associations find the greatest difficulty in introducing the much needed reforms.

In these towers the ringing of the bells frequently seems to be deputed to one man, who stands simply in the place of a contractor, and the insistence of so many of our Clergy and Association officials that the ringer is a church worker becomes farcical.

It is rumoured that the band has been made up by recruiting from the towers of All Saints' and St. Stephen's towers, which have so far been impervious to all efforts to introduce change-ringing. Consistently with the character of such a tower the Cathedral has never produced a change-ringer within the last twenty years, having recruited chiefly from St. John's, which church during the life of the late Francis Lees seemed to have the duty of supplying the bulk of the change-ringers for the Newcastle district. One advantage of this disaster may be the re-establishment of a good band at St. John's, where the opportunities for advanced ringing are greater than at the Cathedral under recent conditions.

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## SWANWICK, DERBYSHIRE.

To witness the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Derby of the beautiful tower containing a ring of five bells and clock, presented by Mr. FitzHerbert Wright, of The Hayes, Alfreton, to the church of St. Andrew, Swanwick, in pious memory of her late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, which took place on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, there was a large gathering of parishioners and churchmen from the surrounding district, and the village church, which was built by the late Mr. Francis Wright, of Osmaston Manor (Mr. Fitzherbert Wright's father), was seated to its utmost seating capacity.

The tower is built on the north side of the church and forms a spacious and handsome porch to the north aisle; the upper stages comprise the ringing chamber, clock chamber and belfry. The work is late decorated in style.

The clock was supplied by Messrs. J. Smith and Son, of the Midland Clock Works, Derby, and the five bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The shortened form of evening service was used, the Rev. W. H. Draper conducting, the first lesson being read by the Rev. W. E. Bradstock, and the second by the Rev. R. B. Stoney. The Rev. W. H. Draper requested the dedication in the following form: "Right reverend father in God, I humbly beseech you to dedicate this gift to the service of Almighty God and in pious memory of her late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, for the religious use of the people of this parish." After the production of the Chancellor's faculty, the Bishop, accompanied by the rural dean, the Rev. W. H. Draper, and churchwardens, processioned to the tower and offered the dedication prayers, and on return to the chancel besought the Divine blessing on the benefactors of the Church. Then followed the hymn "Thou who hast bid all things on earth" and prayer, after which the Bishop delivered an appropriate sermon on Proverbs xviii. 10: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe."

The offertory hymn was "A tower of strength is God our King," and an impressive and beautiful service closed with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop. Immediately after the dedication of the bells a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of All Saints (Ripley) Guild, standing as follows: J. Bennett, H. Day, W. H. Frost, F. Kay, H. George conductor. After the service several 6-scores were rung.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wright entertained the Bishop, Clergy, and a few friends at The Hayes.

On Sunday the Rev. W. H. Draper occupied the pulpit morning and evening. His discourse at the first service was on 1 Peter ii. 6: "Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded." At the evening service his text was taken from St. John ii. 16: "My Father's house."

The offertory on Saturday afternoon amounted to £22 13s. 9d., and at Sunday's services to £12 3s. 0½d., making a total of £34 16s. 9½d. in aid of the cost (between £200 and £300) of the renovation of the church and churchyard walls, the greater part of which Mr. Wright has generously promised to liquidate.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the above Association was held at Ringmer on Saturday, April 25th. Twenty-two members in all were present, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's



(Brighton), Christ Church (Hastings), St. Leonards, Southover, Pevensey, East Grinstead, Lindfield, Buxted, Hellingly and Ringmer. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and good practice was had in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich. Tea was provided at The Swan hotel at 5.30, followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree, presided. The minutes of the last meeting held at Hailsham were duly read and confirmed. Mr. George Bray, of Pevensey, was elected a member upon the proposition of Mr. Penfold, seconded by Mr. Stroud.

The Secretary stated that the two quarterly peals had been attempted, one at Bexhill and one at Eastbourne, but he was sorry to say that neither of them had been scored.

The question of the next quarterly peal was then discussed, and upon the proposition of Mr. G. Watson, seconded by Mr. G. Penfold, it was unanimously carried that the quarterly peal should be Stedman, to be rung at Christ Church, St. Leonards, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Williams, and it was left to the Secretary to arrange the band.

A vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. — Gribble), who was unfortunately unable to be present, was proposed by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Watson, Mr. Jones' name being coupled by the wishes of the Secretary, who stated that Mr. Jones had rendered him great assistance in making the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Attree stated he was sorry to hear that the Ringmer band had ceased to become attached to the Association, and hoped they would join again.

A vote of thanks to the Master for attending and presiding was unanimously carried, to which Mr. Attree suitably responded.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the annual meeting of this Association was held at Worcester, and considering the inclement weather a very good number of members were present from the various parts of the diocese. At 1.30 service was held in the fine old church of St. Swithin, and a very appropriate and valuable address delivered by the Rev. J. K. Floyer, Minor Canon. Service being over the members wended their way to the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, where the largest gathering of ringers ever assembled belonging to the Association met to transact the business under the presidency of the Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D., Dean of Worcester. After a few hearty words of welcome from the President, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Several honorary and performing members were added to the roll, amongst them being Earl Beauchamp. It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Crowle. The President, Vice-Presidents (Clerical and Lay), and the whole of the officers were re-elected except the Rev. J. K. Floyer, who is leaving Worcester, having accepted the living of Warton, in Lancashire, offered him by the Dean and Chapter of Worcester.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, tower and bells, to the Dean for presiding, to the Rev. J. K. Floyer for his beautiful address and the interest he had taken in the arrangement of the meeting; also to the Rectors and Vicars of the different churches for the use of their towers and bells.

An adjournment was made after the conclusion of the

business to The Angel Inn, where a capital knife and fork tea was awaiting the members, and to which full justice was done. The cathedral tower was open for ringing, some of the members taking the opportunity of having a ring and others of going on the top of the tower, where such a grand view of the surrounding districts is obtainable. The bells of St. Helen's, which are in first-class ringing order, were at the disposal of members during the whole of the day, and some very good touches in various methods were accomplished. The whole of the six bell towers were open and these were patronised by mixed bands the whole of the day. It was a great pity that the bells of All Saints could not be used, the Rector, the Rev. B. Arthure, objecting to anyone ringing his bells except local men.

#### VISIT TO NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, at the invitation of the Rev. A. Beeston, the members of the Yorkshire Association who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise recently at Ranmoor, paid a visit to New Mills, in the Peak district of Derbyshire. Owing to the band being somewhat scattered, we arranged as our rendezvous Dore and Totley Station, from which place we get a direct run through some of the finest scenery of the Midland system. Having packed ourselves in a "Yarmouth beef sort of way" in the break-van amidst the ardent followers of "Old Izaak," who appeared to glory in their pipes of best (?) shag and Irish roll, we emerged from the 5-mile tunnel, and welcomed the open air once more with a sigh of relief. Eventually we reached our destination, and none too soon for some of the party, who had left their overcoats at home (or with some other relative) under the impression that summer had appeared again. We were met at the station by our genial host, who, as real enthusiasts in the sublime art generally do, took us at once to the church. After raising the bells in peal, the remainder of the morning was spent in ringing touches in various methods, until the welcome words—"Now for dinner, gentlemen," rang out crisp and clear. We adjourned to the residence of Mr. Beeston, where we were entertained in a most hospitable manner; course ends rolled up in fine style, as the method is easily learned, being all place-making and no dodging work. After dinner a few touches on the "Infants," and a quiet smoke, we made our way to the church once more, when "Go" was called for Yorkshire, and after 3 hours and 5 minutes excellent ringing the second peal in that method was scored, which has already appeared in these columns. Tea was the next order, and although time was limited we had to go, relying on our host for a short cut to the station. The short cut proved to be a slight trespass down the railway, over catch points, signal wires, and finally through a long dark tunnel, in spite of red lights ahead. We reached the station in good time, however, very little the worse for our sprint, and after bidding farewell at Dore and Chinley to Mr. Beeston and a ringing friend, we arrived at the "parting of the ways" at a respectable hour. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Mr. Beeston for the kindly manner in which we were entertained and which enabled us to spend a truly happy and enjoyable day.

G. H.

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## Correspondence.

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

THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH.

SIR,—I was surprised to read your leader, and also a letter from members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. I had not the slightest idea that the peal was not satisfactory to our Ipswich friends; we had no indication to the contrary. When we came from the tower some of the ringers were standing by. Not one of them spoke to us, and not one came to the meeting house to either congratulate us or to protest. I will be as brief as possible and explain the facts. I wrote for the bells to W. Motts, steeple-keeper, and was refused with the excuse that himself and brother-ringers of St. Mary-le-Tower Society intended ringing the first peal of London on the bells (letter I have forwarded to the Editor). The Vicar kindly gave us permission. We were met at the tower by W. Motts, who began telling us in childlike simplicity that we had no business with the bells, and that we should never have the bells again for a peal, and that he ought to ring in the first peal. One of our band offered to stand out, but W. Motts then refused to ring. We started, and in the fifth lead of the first course a bell missed a 5-6-5, but instantly put right. There was no occasion to stop, which we easily could have done and start again; and the next place was in the fifth course when a bell missed a snap, but was instantly corrected, and then some smart good ringing till the last course when some of the band were a bit nervous, and no wonder, knowing that there ten or twelve unfair critics listening, and never in the last course was a bell out of its place, and it is a scandalous thing to suggest that there was any attempt to put bells in position. As conductor of this peal, I never had an easier task; there never was clashing for ten changes in succession. The peal came in rounds true, and never at any part of the peal was a bell out of its proper course, and this I can verify. When the local band starts for a peal the gates are locked; on this occasion the Ipswich men were mean enough to walk in and out of the church with watches in hand like a lot of wild fellows. Undoubtedly they heard me say "this is all," and what else should I have said, but nevertheless we rang a good peal, and I defy any one to prove to the contrary, and allow me to inform our Ipswich friends that the Sproughton band can ring eight bells, and strike them as well, if not superior to any ringing I have heard in Ipswich this last few years, and my advice to the St. Mary-le-Tower society is this—not to be like the dog in the manger, but try and smother their jealousy and help a young band, rather than try and hinder them. I feel a bit sorry that we should have taken the first peal of London away from them, but let the Ipswich men hurry up and practise London, and try and ring as good and true as this one was. I am positive they will never ring a better. I might also say that I have rang upwards of 130 peals on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, and the peal in question will favourably bear comparison with any one of them. If the peal had been Treble Bob not a word would have been said. I told the Ipswich men weeks ago that we should get the first peal of London in Ipswich. We have persevered and rang the first peal; let the Ipswich men bury their anger and jealousy, and ring a peal of London as good and true as we have done.

CHARLES MEE.

[We have received other letters on this subject from D. Prentice and A. A. Girling, both of whom are at one with Mr. C. Mee. Also a protest against the members of St. Mary-le-Tower, signed by F. Mee, F. Rolfe, G. W. Mee, H. J. Mee, A. G. Rivers, and E. Rivers. It is unnecessary, however, to widen the correspondence.—ED.]

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR,—There are none so blind as those who will not see, which seems to me to be Mr. Baker's position. If he will take the trouble to compare two leads I gave on April 25th, he will find that the 2nd bell in the first column of figures actually does go to 8ths place, in the second column of figures never above 4ths, just half the distance, so that after all my simile is correct and Mr. Baker's wrong.

Mr. Baker has not answered one of my arguments, and it is

perfectly useless wasting more space in trying to convince him. I am quite satisfied that people who think will agree with me, and as rare old Ben Jonson once said "I can provide any one with an argument," but I cannot give them the brains to understand it, and so I have no more to say. H. LAW JAMES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—A meeting of the above was announced to be held at Aberavon, Glamorganshire, on Easter Monday. It being at the extreme end of the diocese, the writer was unable to be present. Will anyone who was present kindly say if the meeting was held, and where is the next quarterly meeting to be held.

A MEMBER.

STORE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Kidsgrove branch of the above Association was held in the Avenue schoolroom, when the following towers were represented: Brown Edge, Bucknall, Fenton, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Kidsgrove. A capital tea was provided by the Kidsgrove members, to which the visitors did ample justice. Mr. J. Johnson, of Tunstall, thanked the Kidsgrove ringers for their kindness in providing tea, and Mr. J. Mason, of Kidsgrove, replied by thanking the visitors for coming to their tower, saying that they always welcomed members from other towers, since they themselves were sure of receiving a hearty welcome in return.

In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. R. W. B. Moore), Mr. Heath (churchwarden), presided. He prefaced his remarks by referring to the sad event which had lately taken place in their midst, and had robbed them of one of their most promising members, viz., the accident at Bunkers' Hill colliery, which through the breaking in of water had caused the death of three men, one of whom was Mr. G. Baddeley, a ringer at Lawton, whose body they were laying to rest that day. The deceased had learnt the art of change-ringing at Kidsgrove tower, and had been the means of extending that art to Lawton and Alsager towers. Mr. Baddeley was a conscientious and upright man, and he hoped he was prepared for the sad end which had befallen him. He called upon Mr. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, to move a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased, which he did, speaking in the most feeling terms of the deceased's upright and honest disposition and his skill as a ringer.

Mr. Joseph Mason, of Kidsgrove, seconded the vote, remarking on the suddenness which which death may seize us, and what a wise thing it would be to be prepared for it at any time. The vote was carried unanimously, the members standing.

The chairman presented Wm. Dawson, of Norton, with the Association's certificate of merit on having obtained his first 720. Six new members were admitted, three from Kidsgrove, two from Norton, and one from Brown Edge, the chairman remarking how pleased they always were to receive young members, and wishing them success in the Exercise.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Johnson, of Tunstall, moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. This was seconded by Mr. C. Preston, of Bucknall, and carried. In replying, Mr. Heath said he was sorry to miss one face especially that was absent, and that was Mr. W. Twigg, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, who was absent through illness, he having sent Mr. D. Preston to officiate for him.

The ringers then returned to the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, also 720 Kent Treble Bob, concluding with 360 Violet Treble Bob.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 19th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 700 Grandsire Doubles, 678 covering. W. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, V. Sear, P. B. Giles, Esq., F. Goodman.

BITTON (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, April 16th, 720 Bob Minor, at St. Mary's church. C. Edwards, F. Brookes, W. Somerville conductor, A. Miller, G. Hillier, C. Beer.

CHESTER.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins. J. Sconce, V. Cain, E. Smith, W. Briscoe, W. Moulton, E. Channell, H. Dew conductor, J. Tomlinson.



## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Dorset branch was held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Easter Monday. There was the largest attendance that has been seen at a meeting of the branch, members being present from Sturminster Newton, Hazelbury Bryan, Wareham, Wimborne, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Christchurch, and other places. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman the Rev. F. Phillips presided. The Secretary read the report of the committee, in which hopes of further advance were expressed, and it was noted that every tower in the branch had improved in change-ringing during the year. The balance-sheet was also adopted, which showed a deficit of £2. As officers for the ensuing year the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell was re-elected Chairman, and the Rev. F. H. Fisher as Treasurer. The Secretary regretted that he was unable to stand again, but thought it would be to the advantage of the branch to have a change. He proposed the Rev. F. B. Phillips, who was ultimately elected unanimously, as was the Rev. C. A. Phillips as assistant-Secretary. The meeting then discussed and adopted various proposals for alterations in the rules. It was also resolved that the next meeting be held at or near Wareham on August 3rd. A number of new members were elected. At the service in the church there was a full attendance, a short address being given by the Rev. H. Drake. The bells were kept going from twelve o'clock: among other well-struck touches there were rung 504 of Stedman and of Grandsire Triples; also 336 of Bob Major, and courses of Treble Bob Major.

## CLEVELAND &amp; NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Saltburn and Skelton-in-Cleveland. Members began to arrive soon after 9.0 a.m., and the local band at Saltburn were early in the tower to welcome visitors with a touch of Bob Triples. Mr. Blakiston is persevering in his efforts to turn out a good band of change-ringers here. The great weight of the bells is somewhat of a hindrance to beginners, and there is much too much noise in the belfry. Some means ought to be devised for deadening the sound; and the obstruction caused by the clock case and wires is something atrocious; in fact they greatly spoil what otherwise ought to be a very good ringing-chamber. As regards the bells themselves—a present from Mr. Dorman last year it will be remembered—nothing too good can be said about them. The Loughborough foundry has turned out a magnificent ring; it is a treat to hear them, let alone ring them.

As regards Skelton bells—a sister peal from the same foundry—augmented to eight last summer by the addition of two trebles the gift of Squire Wharton of Skelton Castle, they run perfectly in double harness, as one might say, with the Saltburn bells; there is nothing really to choose between the two. Some prefer one ring, some the other; but when we come to the question of ringing-chambers the first prize must go to Skelton without doubt. Well, Easter Monday saw these two towers well frequented, and the walk from one to the other, about two-and-a-half miles through woods and fields, was very pleasant.

Dinner was served at Saltburn, and the Vicar of Saltburn—the Rev. B. Irwin—kindly took the chair, and forty members sat down to do justice to the food provided. The Rector of Skelton wrote regretting his inability to be present. Both these reverend gentlemen are honorary members of the Association. The President, Mr. Clarkson, was unfortunately absent, being in London on business. Ringing was kept going in both towers till well on in the evening, and an enjoyable day was spent. The Association is undoubtedly doing a good work in this part of its district, and interest in ringing being stimulated.

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## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at Retford on Saturday, April 18th. I fear that there will be nothing in this report of it to satisfy Plain Speaker's demand for wit and originality—but stay: here is an original idea for the editor [at least I have not seen it in print before]: seeing that there must be a great sameness about all ringing meetings, why should he not publish stereotyped forms, thus: No. 1—Plain; No. 2—Jocular; with all the stock jokes about "Go" and "That's all," for Grace before and after meat, the rabbit-pie course-ends, ham sandwich bobs, and all the rest? Blanks might be left for names and dates, with a space at the end, seldom to be used, for extraordinary news. These forms might be supplied to Secretaries at a penny plain, twopence spiced; thus the editor, his printers, and the Secretaries of societies would be saved much labour, and the Exercise kept as well informed as ever.

This account is an example of No. 1—Plain, very. The business meeting was held in the West Retford school, by the kindness of Canon Gray, who presided, at 3.30 p.m. The Secretary's report showed a slight increase in the roll of membership, and the same as to the balance at the bank, which amounted to £8 os. 11d. All the office-bearers of the previous year were re-elected, and Mr. H. Haigh was chosen to represent the Association on the Central Council. Service was held at West Retford church at 4.15, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. T. Slodden, Vicar of Worksop, one of the founders of the society. Tea followed the service, when forty-three members and friends enjoyed a comfortable social meal, and after that separated in parties to the three towers open to them for ringing, an account of which appears in the usual place.

## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.

A very pleasant meeting was spent on Thursday, February 19th. For many years Canon and Mrs. Escreet have made the ringers' supper an annual event. At 8 o'clock twenty-one sat down, the Rector presiding. The excellent repast over, an adjournment was made to the parish room, which adjoins the rectory. Here was found a liberal supply of various creature comforts, and these were much appreciated. The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Escreet for their kindness, including the domestics who had prepared the supper. The Rector responding, said it was a real pleasure to him and his wife to cater for the ringers on this annual occasion, even the lady who superintended the preparation of the supper felt a pleasure in doing it, for she had done it for the tenth time. He (the Rector) trusted that both the West end and east-end would be blended in such a way as to be for the good of the Church. Among the company was Quarter-Master-Sergeant A. Pye, who was admitted an hon. member in January, 1899, but soon after was ordered to the front. Touches were rung on the handbells, and at 11 p.m. all crossed hands and sang "Auld lang syne," which concluded the proceedings.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

On Easter Monday, Mr. Edwin Jennings, the leader of the Waldron company, celebrated his marriage with Miss Ethel Saunders, daughter of Mr. Hugh Saunders, of Waldron. The Misses Rose, Minnie, and Elsie Saunders, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, while Mr. Wren (of Croydon) supported the bridegroom as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings left in the afternoon for Bristol, where they are spending their honeymoon. The happy couple, who are local favorites, received a number of handsome and useful presents, including a fine clock with an appropriate inscription, from the Waldron ringers. After the marriage several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

**PORTMADOC.**—On Sunday, April 19th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at St. John's church, 360 Grandsire Triples. A. McMillan, W. Williams J. Owen conductor, E. Thomas, T. Jones, H. Wakefield, W. H. Evans, R. Roberts. First 360 on the bells by all the band.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1903.

We very much regret to read that ringing affairs at the cathedral of Newcastle-on-Tyne are very far from what they ought to be. The particulars which have been communicated to us relative to the cathedral will be found elsewhere, and we think the Exercise will be surprised to hear that such a state of things exists. The prevailing notion now is that such irregularities as are mentioned by our correspondent are only to be found in those few, very few, benighted places which have not the benefit of the civilizing influences a ringing Guild imparts. The most northern Anglican cathedral is about the last place from



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where we should now expect to hear that scientific ringing was treated with disdain.

It is hoped that some kind of influence may be brought to bear upon the Cathedral authorities sufficient to induce them to hearken unto the voice of wisdom in this matter.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will attempt a 14,000 of London Surprise Major at King's Norton, near Birmingham, on Monday, May 11th, starting at 8.30 a.m.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first of the reinaugurated monthly meetings of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch was held on Easter Monday in the tower of St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, by the courtesy of the Vicar. The following towers were represented: Boyne Hill, Bornham, Farnham, Fulmer, Horton, Slough, Stoke, Wycombe. Several touches were rung, followed by evensong, and sermon by the Vicar in the church. Tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar and the Farnham ringers, and the diligence of Mr. J. J. Parker, in the schoolroom, after which there was more ringing. And so ended a very agreeable Easter Monday.

## The Metropolis.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, VASSALL ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the clergy for permission to ring, and also Mr. G. Wild for having everything in readiness.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN E. MILLER .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION.

SANDEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 6.
HENRY TORBLE .. .. 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	JAMES SCHOLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry Torble, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, WOOD GREEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN O. WARD .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 4.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	MARK FENSOM .. .. 5.
WALTER E. DIXON .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, April 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble.	OR-MR. SGT. ALFRED PYE 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## The Provinces.

## LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

O. MAYLAN* .. .. Treble.	H. WALKER .. .. 5.
T. P. COOMBS .. .. 2.	G. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	E. WHITBREAD .. .. 7.
J. EARWICKER .. .. 4.	*H. SHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

HARRY J. MEE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. .. 6.
ALBERT A. GIRLING* .. .. 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 2, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

W. HARFORD* .. .. Treble.	W. WHITEHOUSE .. .. 5.
T. HEATHCOCK .. .. 2.	†R. MOORS .. .. 6.
A. J. SKELDING .. .. 3.	J. G. ORFORD .. .. 7.
F. BRACE .. .. 4.	†R. JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. JAMES.

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



HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SUDBURY BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. RUDD .. .. .Treble.	G. DEBENHAM .. .. .4.
H. F. MOORE .. .. .2.	A. E. MOORE .. .. .5.
W. SALISBURY .. .. .3.	†J. GOOCH .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by G. DEBENHAM.

†First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Manners Hervey for the use of the bells.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,  
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, April 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM VERRY .. ..Treble.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. ..5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. ..2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS .. ..6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. ..3.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. ..7.
THOMAS VERRY .. ..4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to celebrate the safe return home of the Rector, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stafford, who has been recruiting his health in Italy. This was also the Rector's and Mrs. Hodgson's silver wedding-day, by whom the ringers were entertained after the peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

HORLEY SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

NORMAN WAKEFIELD* ..Treble.	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. ..5.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. ..2.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. ..6.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. ..3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. ..7.
EDWARD DEWEY .. ..4.	*ROBERT BALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Songhurst and Dewey, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST ALDRIDGE† ..Treble.	TOM BOND .. ..5.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. ..2.	ALBERT TURNER .. ..6.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. ..3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. ..7.
HARRY MILES .. ..4.	*GEORGE COOK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

EDWARD G. STOCKEN* ..Treble.	ROBERT G. C. MANLEY .. ..5.
HARRY T. BURCH .. ..2.	†WILLIAM J. MANLEY .. ..6.
JULIUS A. SNOW .. ..3.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW .. ..7.
JOHN R. HAYMAN .. ..4.	ARTHUR G. CROSS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY T. BURCH.

This is the first time this composition has been rung on the bells by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt. \*First peal away from the treble. †First peal with a bob bell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat

ALFRED G. RIVERS ..Treble.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. ..5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. ..2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. ..6.
HARRY J. MEE .. ..3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. ..7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. ..4.	EDGAR RIVERS .. ..Tenor.

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

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, YORKS.  
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE AND THE  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 21 lbs.

R. ALCOCK .. ..Treble.	†J. J. LEIGHTON .. ..5.
J. W. PARKER† .. ..2.	†W. T. ROBSON .. ..6.
R. W. LOVIE† .. ..3.	T. METCALFE .. ..7.
J. H. JONES .. ..4.	W. E. WALAND .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

†Hails from Sunderland, the rest from Middlesbrough. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CLARKE ..Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. ..4.
WILLIAM CLARKE .. ..2.	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN .. ..5.
JOHN L. BATEMAN .. ..3.	WILLIAM ALLEN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. BATEMAN.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS ..Treble.	*ALBERT V. POTTER .. ..5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. ..2.	*HENRY R. BARTRAM .. ..6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. ..3.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. ..7.
FREDERICK W. HERBERT .. ..4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. This composition has 5-6 only in 6ths place.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 19 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER ..Treble.	CHARLES GILES .. ..5.
GEORGE L. BODDINGTON .. ..2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. ..6.
ALBERT REEVES .. ..3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. ..7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. ..4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells, lately augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank, the spice being most successful, and the hanging by Webb and Bennett excellent.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Wolverhampton and conducted by R. Pickering was Holt's Original and not Holt's Ten-Part as published.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Heanor, Derbyshire, published last week, was conducted by A. H. Ward.



## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

RETTFORD.—The following touches were rung at the annual meeting held at Retford on April 18th: At West Retford tower, for Divine Service, 240 Kent. H. Haigh conductor, H. Unwin, C. Crawford, A. Street, T. Smith, J. White, 720 Kent. A. Street, H. Unwin, H. Stenton, C. Fowler conductor, T. Smith, T. Laking. And 720 Kent. G. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, F. S. W. Butler, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, P. O. Bixby. At East Retford, 608 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, P. O. Bixby, G. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, T. Spurr, F. S. W. Butler, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, Rev. H. deLisle, C. Crawford. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Fisher, H. Warburton, G. W. Metcalfe, F. S. W. Butler, H. Haigh conductor, C. Crawford, P. O. Bixby, G. Wilson. At Ordsall, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. D. Blagg, O. Hurst, J. Belk, C. Metcalfe, H. Blagg, J. White conductor.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON.—On January 25th, at St. Andrew's church, 640 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, H. P. Nash conductor, J. R. Green, J. F. Clark, J. W. Woods. On February 1st, 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, E. Houlden, H. P. Nash, T. B. Woods, J. H. Clark conductor, J. R. Green. On February 8th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, J. W. Woods, H. P. Nash, T. P. Woods, J. H. Clark, J. T. Holmes conductor. On February 24th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, W. Houlden, J. H. Clark, J. W. Wood conductor, H. P. Nash conductor. On March 1st, 672 Bob Major. H. P. Nash, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, W. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. W. Woods, J. Clark conductor. On March 8th, 640 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. W. Woods, A. Mackears, T. B. Woods, J. H. Clark, J. R. Green, J. T. Holmes conductor. On March 9th, a plain course of Double Norwich. W. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, A. Mackears, E. Houlden, H. P. Nash, J. H. Clark, T. B. Woods, J. W. Woods. On April 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Woods, W. Houlden, J. Holmes, H. P. Nash, J. H. Clark, T. B. Woods conductor, G. Sneath.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GRIMLEY.—On Monday, April 13th, 720 College Single, in 23 mins. T. Bullock, W. Short conductor, J. Pigott, J. Key, T. Pigott, W. Page. Also 120 Oxford Bob.

SHELSEY BEAUCHAMP.—On Tuesday, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Short conductor, J. Pigott, Rev. J. F. Hastings, W. Dowding, J. Key, T. Pigott. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On February 8th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend conductor, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman. 576 Kent. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Redmond conductor, T. Burrows, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, H. Heyworth. 688 Bob Major. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, February 12th, 720 Oxford. T. Mouncey, J. Foulds first 720 in the method, R. Hartley conductor, B. Foulds first 720 in the method, H. Heyworth, W. Heaton. On Sunday, February 22nd, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. T. Burrows, W. Walton, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, N. Townend, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, March 5th, 720 Kent. T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend conductor, D. Campbell, T. Mouncey, R. Hartley.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORNHAM ST. MARGARETS (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 13th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Webb, E. Webb, P. Webb, F. Bowtell, J. Stalley, G. Bridge conductor. Also another touch. J. Stalley, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, P. Webb, G. Lilley conductor, G. Bridge.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CANNINGTON (Somerset).—On April 18th, at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Sweet, A. E. Coles, A. Burns, W. J. Bowden, H. J. Baker first as conductor, S. M. Luxton.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Thursday, April 16th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1472 changes. W. T. Prior, G. Gordon, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Prior, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, H. J. Tucker conductor, T. Newman.

WRITTLE.—On Easter Sunday, at 6.30 a.m., 236 Grandsire Triples. At 10 a.m. a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, composed by W. J. Piper. H. W. Kirton, T. Lincoln, R. Wood, F. G. Radley, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Head, H. Head, F. Edwards. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Poole, R. Edwards, F. G. Radley, A. Head, W. Lincoln, H. W. Kirton conductor, H. Head, F. Edwards.

WIDFORD.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rowland, jun. conductor, A. H. Watson, B. S. Thompson, W. Wellington, A. Shuttleworth, A. Tarbun compoer, C. Watkett, R. Dines.

STISTED.—On Sunday, April 19th, for afternoon service, 720 Double Court. E. Radley conductor, A. Shufflebotham, E. Chaplin, F. Rudkin, A. B. Wiffen, A. Chaplin.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins. A. N. Hardy, F. Perrin, E. J. Webb, S. Collins, J. E. Davis, E. Brett, F. J. Shepherd, H. Langdon conductor. Rung on the 26th birthday of E. J. Webb.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday evening, April 12th, 1260 Bob Royal, in 47 mins. G. Mee, A. Craven, B. A. Knights, G. Hollis conductor, D. Farthing, S. Price, G. W. Bemrose, J. Hunt, W. J. Thyng, A. Knights.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—On March 15th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples. G. Stocker, J. Snow, J. Hayman, G. Pike, R. Manley, A. Snow, H. Burch, A. Cross. On March 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Manley, J. Hayman, J. Snow, G. Pike, A. Snow, R. Manley, R. Snow, H. Burch. On April 5th, for evening service, 1638 Grandsire Triples. W. Snow, W. Manley, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. Manley, A. Snow, H. Burch, A. Cross. All conducted by H. Burch.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAYTHORPE.—On Easter Sunday afternoon, at St. Vincent's church, 748 Bob Major, in 29 mins. P. J. Stokes, J. P. Paley, sen. conductor, T. Cragg, F. W. Stokes, A. Codd, G. Scott, J. Cragg, J. P. Paley, jun. First 784 of Major by all. After evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Charles, J. Paley, sen. conductor, F. W. Stokes, T. Cragg, P. J. Stokes, J. P. Paley, jun., J. Cragg, J. Kelley.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, March 29th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Sharp, wife of the late Vicar, 360 Stedman Doubles. T. Futer, A. Holmes conductor, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, W. G. Jones. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Neaverson, T. Futer, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes, W. G. Jones conductor. On Sunday, April 26th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Alford, A. Cunningham, H. Cunningham, C. Neaverson, W. G. Jones conductor. And 240 Stedman Doubles. A. Holmes conductor, C. Neaverson, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, W. G. Jones. Also 240 Stedman Doubles. A. Cunningham, C. Neaverson, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes conductor. And 120 Plain Bob. A. Cunningham, C. Neaverson, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, W. G. Jones conductor. Also 120 Grandsire. A. Cunningham, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, H. Cunningham, W. G. Jones conductor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, A. Holmes, R. Bevan conductor, M. Woodcock, J. Nixon.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 43 mins. G. Gunner, J. Heathorn, H. Hutton, A. H. Pulling, C. W. Willshire conductor, R. Wood, B. Chorley, W. Jelley. The ringer of the 2nd is seventy-nine years of age.



## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 21st, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 12th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 26th. Business Meetings at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Michael's and St. Paul's.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Devizes to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Service at St. John's at 12.30. Preacher—Rev. F. E. Robinson. Dinner at 1.30 at The Crown hotel, 25, is. only to members. Business meeting immediately after. Towers available for ringing: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Bishop Cannings (8), three miles, Potterne (6), two miles, Rowde (6, very light), two miles, Seend (6), four miles, G.W.R., Melksham (8), seven miles, G.W.R. All ringers cordially invited. H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 9th at St. Helen's. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Dinner at 6.30. Members intending being present please send in their names at once to

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*  
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Rawtenstall to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Further particulars by circular.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—There will be a committee meeting of the above Society to-day, Saturday, May 9th, 1903, to make arrangements for the Eight Bell Contest to be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, May 30th, 1903 (which is the jubilee of the opening of the bells). Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The usual monthly meeting will follow immediately after the committee meeting, both to be held at The Park Hotel, Earlsheaton.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*  
47, Vulcan Place, Dewsbury.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 16th, 1903. Further particulars later.

P. H. PIERCE, *Hon. District Secretary.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wanstead (6 bells) on May 16th, The towers of St. John, Leytonstone, will be open from 4.30 p.m. till 6 p.m., and St. Mary, Woodford, from 4 p.m. THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*  
84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, May 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Smith, 3, Bond End, Knaresborough. An excursion will be run from Leeds (N.E.R.), at 2.10 p.m., returning from Knaresborough at 8.10 p.m., fare 1s. 3d. An earlier excursion will be run from Bradford at 12.25 p.m., returning at 9.10 p.m., fare 1s. 6d. The officers

of the Association will attempt a peal, starting about 11.30 a.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting at Burford, Saturday, May 16th. Bells available after 2 p.m. Service at 4. Meat Tea at 4.45 at 9d. per head for all who notify Rev. G. Cass, Burford, before May 14th. Business meeting to follow. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, *Branch Sec.*  
Witney.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A branch meeting will be held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at Wotton-under-Edge. Service, 5 p.m. Business meeting after service. These bells (8) have lately been rehung, and it is hoped that a good number will attend this meeting.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells at liberty from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh on Saturday next, May 16th. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice not later than Tuesday, May 12th, to the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, Leigh Rectory, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Newbury on May 23rd. Apply before May 20th to Rev. G. Dangerfield, Milton House, Newbury. Tea, 9d. each.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers' service, 6 p.m. A free tea will be provided for those members who notify their intention of being present to Mr. A. B. Bennett, Coster's Mill, Midhurst, by Thursday, May 21st.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The tablet recording the muffled peal of Stedman Caters which was rung in honour of the late John Day, the respected presiding ringing-master of this Guild for over 12 years, is now erected in the ringing chamber of Aston parish church. It will be unveiled by the Vicar of Aston, the Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A., on the afternoon of Saturday, May 23rd, at 4.30. The attendance of members and interested friends, especially ladies, is cordially invited.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Rusholme, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Oldham parish church on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

Heber's, Middleton. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 23rd. Ringing at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Margate on Whitsun Monday, June 1. Further particulars next week. For Dinner tickets apply to FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. H. Taffender's address is now 91, Darwin Street, Southwark S.E., instead of "92," as stated last week.

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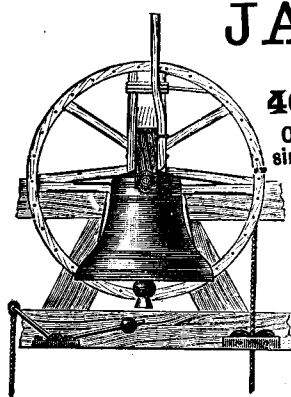
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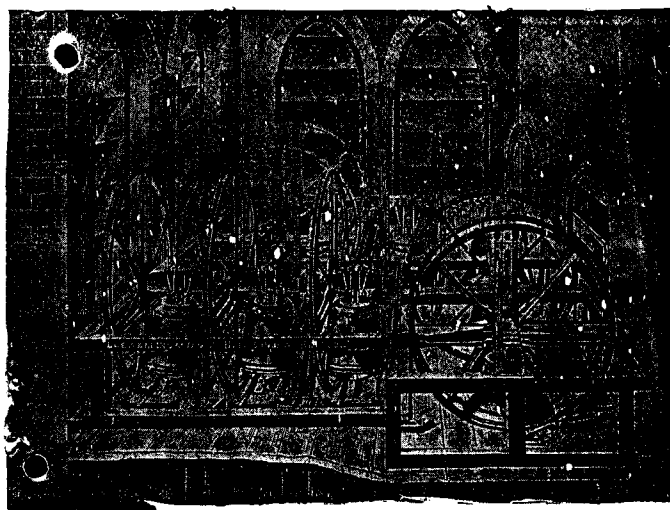
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*By 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).

ILFRACOMBE (Devon). Eight bells. No return.

ILKLEY (Yorks). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

INVERNESS. St. Andrew. Edinburgh Society. Eight bells. No information as to founder or dates, except that they were hung thirty years ago, and are in good condition. Tenor 25 cwt. Iron frame (?) Bells do not go well. Repairs have been effected by a local carpenter. Ropes new six years ago. No ringing either for Sunday services or practice.

IPSWICH (Suffolk). St. Mary-le-Tower. Norwich Diocesan Association. Twelve bells. Treble, 5th, 9th and tenor by Warner, 1866; 2nd and 3rd by Taylor, 1842; 4th by Hodson, 1684; 6th, 8th and 10th by Darbie, 1671; 7th and 11th by Graye, 1607 and 1601 respectively. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Frame—part iron, part timber. Bells go excellently. Clocking permitted. The ring were augmented to twelve and rehung by Warner in 1867, and repaired by the same firm in 1891. The 11th is getting very thin. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.35, and 6 to 6.50. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45, unless a peal on Saturday following.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants). St. Peter. Northants. Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1893; the rest by Mears, date not given. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. No repairs since rehung by Taylor in 1893. Ropes new 1893, bad. There is a difficulty about finding money for new ones. Methods: Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.45.

IRTON (Cumberland). St. Paul. Eight bells. No return.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of the above Association was held at Stowmarket on Thursday, May 7th, when a very fair number of members attended from Norwich, Diss, Eye, Aylsham, Debenham, Ipswich, Henley, Sproughton, Kelsale, Hethersett, etc. The bells of the parish church (tenor 25 cwt.), were kept going throughout the day, and numerous touches were rung.

A meeting of the Committee was held at 12.15 p.m., and at 1.30 dinner was served at The Fox hotel, thirty-five members sitting down. The Honorary Secretary (Rev. C. L. Kennaway), in the unavoidable absence of the President, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. McDonald Munro (Vicar of Stowmarket), W. G. Ransom, Esq. (churchwarden), the Revs. J. H. Pilkington, W. C. Pearson, and E. C. J. Bowen; Messrs. C. C. Tuck, F. Knights, F. Day, G. Moy, H. Bowell, G. Howchin, J. Souter, W. P. Rouse, C. E. Borrett (Acting Hon. Secretary), etc.

Grace was said by the Vicar of Stowmarket, and at the conclusion of dinner the chairman briefly proposed "The King," which was cordially received, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung. The chairman also proposed "Success to the Association," and in doing so thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and for their kind welcome and presence at the dinner. He then proceeded to inform the members of the decision the Committee had arrived at that morning respecting the Secretaryship of the Association. They had been specially summoned to consider the matter, as he had, to his great regret, come to the conclusion that the work connected with the office was more than he could undertake. Mr. C. E. Borrett had, up to that moment, done all the secretarial work since Mr. Bulwer's death, and had he (Mr. Kennaway) realised the enormous amount of time this absorbed, he should not have allowed his name to be proposed at their last annual meeting. Efforts had been made to find a gentleman with suitable leisure, but without success, and he had at last written to the President suggesting that arrangements should be made by the Committee to grant a remuneration to Mr. Borrett if he would continue the work. The President had approved, and the Committee had discussed it at great length that morning. They were unanimous that the enormous work which the Secretaryship involved, could not be voluntarily performed by Mr. Borrett, who had heavy business ties, and they had persuaded him to carry on the duties for an honorarium of £10 10s. od. per annum. He (Mr. Kennaway) was glad to learn from their applause that that meeting cordially endorsed the action of the Committee, and only wished to add that the idea of this remuneration originated solely with himself, and the amount was, after all, quite inadequate for the work done. He thanked Mr. Borrett for compiling the splendid report which had been issued to the members, and desired to couple his name with the toast.

Mr. John Davy (Hethersett), one of the oldest members of the Society, expressed his appreciation of the chairman's remarks. He had intended to propose that some



testimonial should be given to Mr. Borrett for his work, but as there now was no need for that, he could only wish him health and strength to carry out his duties.

Mr. Borrett, who was very warmly received, thanked the chairman, Mr. Davy, and the members for their kind appreciation of his work. The Association now numbered over 1000 members, and he believed their area was larger than that of any similar Association. They would readily see the duties of the Secretary of such a Society were by no means light, and he regretted he was unable to undertake them voluntarily. He would much rather some one else could be found, and therefore assured them emphatically, as he had also assured the Committee that morning, of his readiness to vacate his post directly they could find an equally or more suitable man.

The election of over fifty new members concluded the meeting.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 2nd. The tower of St. Peter was opened for ringing at 10.30 a.m. Luncheon was served in the Royal Pavilion at 2 p.m., when sixty-seven sat down. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Brighton, who was supported by Mr. G. F. Attree (the Master), the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton, Revs. A. Allen (Christ Church, Eastbourne), G. S. Pownall (Buxted), Messrs. Tompkins (Treasurer), Evans, Saker, Williams, and the Hon. Sec.

The toast of the Church and King was proposed by Mr. Attree, and responded to by Archdeacon Sutton and the Mayor, who welcomed all to Brighton.

The President (the Bishop) and Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition to the list of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The retiring officers were also re-elected. Messrs. Attree, A. B. Bennett, Saker and Williams were chosen as delegates to the Central Council, and the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan a member of the Committee.

The report was adopted, which shewed that the Buxted, Hailsham and Hellingly bands had joined the Association. There were 591 active members against 577 for the previous year. The Association was placed seventh on the list for the year's peals, with 69 peals, 1073 points. The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Oct. 8th was worthy of notice, being the first by all the band and in the county. The Committee hoped that those who had hitherto only rang Grandsire would study some new method during the present year.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to the condition of the ancient church of Bosham, and said the church was to be renovated and the bells rehung. The bells and tower were to be attended to first; generally they came last, and as the people of Bosham were suffering a good deal from the oyster scare, they would be glad of any little help. He proposed that a collection should be made at the service for this fund.

Mr. Williams read a letter from Miss Tatham, re the Dallington bells, where help and advice was asked for. This was referred to the Committee.

Mr. Hounsell reported that the Cuckfield bells had been rehung at a cost of £300, and would be ready for use about August.

The service was held at St. Nicholas, when the Rev. A. Allen preached the sermon. He based his remarks on the second rule of the Association—"The recognition of the true position of ringers as Church officials." He said

that workers who are unseen, like bellringers, are likely to be overlooked, and will themselves have a tendency to undervalue their work unless they are doing it from a high sense of duty to God. He pointed out that though the ringers are unseen, the effect of their work goes all through the parish bringing messages of warning, invitation, sorrow, or gladness. Several lessons from bells were also pressed on the ringers, the chief being—(1) That as the bell can only give out its message when moved by the ringer, so the soul can shed no influence around it unless moved by the Holy Spirit; (2) As the bell is known by the deep undertone which it gives out, so a man's real character is known by the seriousness of purpose which underlies all the life of joy and gladness.

The collection for the Bosham Bell Fund amounted to £1 10s.

The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Paul were then visited, and ringing continued to 9 p.m.

#### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the thirteenth annual meeting of the above society took place. Ringing was taken part in by between sixty and seventy members from 4 to 7 p.m. in the tower of St. Marie's church, Norfolk Row, the Standard and other methods being rung.

The business meeting was held at 7.30 at Mr. Lockwood's, Cambridge Street, Mr. James Rew, in the absence of Mr. T. G. Sarel, presiding. The auditing of balance-sheet, yearly report, and other routine business disposed of, the chief business of the evening was a proposition "that the Old East Derbyshire Association amalgamate with the Sheffield and District." The proposer was Mr. E. James, the Honorary Secretary to the Old East Derbyshire Association, who after thirteen years in that position (and a substantial balance in hand, bear in mind), thought that the time was ripe to amalgamate with some kindred society.

The vote in favor of the same was unanimous, and the future designation to be "The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association." The officers elected for the ensuing year were Mr. S. Thomas, President; Mr. E. James, Hon. Treasurer; and a committee representing each tower.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, past officers, steeplekeepers, and the chairman, brought a most successful gathering to a close.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Dorking on Saturday, April 25th, when members were present from Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Fareham, Shere, Gosport, Shalford, Capel, Leatherhead, Yateley, Farnham, York Town and Dorking. After tea in the Church Room, kindly placed at the disposal of the Guild by the Vicar of Dorking, the Honorary Secretary (Rev. E. W. Carpenter), took the chair in the absence of the Master who was unable to attend. Colonel Sir A. G. Hammond, v.c., K.C.B., D.S.O., was elected an honorary life member, and Dr. Raynor and Mr. G. Doman, honorary members. Twenty-performing members were also elected. An interesting discussion on the matter of instruction took place arising out of an application for further instruction on behalf of a band who had already received a course of twelve lessons. It was the general opinion of the Committee that the Guild would be well advised to assist



bands who were abler to ring the simpler methods in the matter of instruction in more advanced methods. The Hon. Secretary strongly urged that the funds of the Guild should be used more in the direction of instruction, and less in refreshment and travelling. He also gave notice that he proposed to add a new rule admitting probationers to the Guild, who wish to become change-ringers, and stated that he considered that bands desiring instruction ought first to join the Guild as probationers.

It was resolved that the Annual Festival of the Guild should be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 11th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Dorking for the use of the bells and Church Room, and also for arranging a short service for the Guild, and to Mr. Dodd for providing an excellent tea. Ringing in various methods was indulged in before the service and after the meeting.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly committee meeting of the above Association took place at Rhyl on Saturday, May 2nd. Mr. J. W. Davies, of Llangollen, occupied the chair. There were also present Mr. W. T. Pegler (Master), Mr. J. Owen, Portmadoc, Mr. G. F. Hoad, Bangor, Mr. F. Wallis (Treasurer), Mr. E. Dronfield, Abergele, Mr. Robert Evans, Rhuddlan, and Mr. S. A. Cullington, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the business of the meeting dealt with. The Secretary was pleased to report that since the formation of the Society on 14th February last over 100 ringing members had been enrolled, which shewed a very fair prospect of success.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and to the Vicar for the use of the room and bells brought the meeting to a close, and the ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire Triples and a 720 of Bob Minor were rung. After tea a date touch was attempted, but was lost owing to the clapper of the 7th bell coming out.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, NEAR NEWPORT, MON.

The Rev. H. L. Harrison recently presided at a meeting of parishioners in furtherance of the proposal of hanging a peal of bells at Christchurch. The Vicar read the report of an expert who had examined the tower, and who estimated the cost of a peal of bells, with a tenor bell of 14 cwt., at £491 13s., and a peal having a tenor bell weighing 20 cwt. at £736 5s. It was stated that the Coronation Committee were prepared to hand over a balance of £26 for the purpose, and subscriptions were promised from Mr. F. L. Davis, The Coldra, £100 (providing a further sum of £400 was raised); Mrs. Brewer, 25 guineas; Captain Roberts, £20; and other sums amounting in all to £181. The preparation of a scheme for raising additional funds was left in the hands of the Vicar and Messrs. Kersey, Parnall, and Herbert.

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The subscriptions of two societies are still unpaid. They are reminded that the rights of their representatives are in abeyance until payment is made.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary, pro tem.*  
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the members of the Whitley belfry availed themselves of a trip to Edinburgh in order to visit the beltries there and attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise at St. Cuthbert's. The day opened in a rather damp manner, and the spirits of the party were further damped when one of their honorary members failed to join the train at North Shields. However, hopes were indulged in that he might have gone on overnight, but unfortunately these were doomed to be overthrown. With the addition of Mr. Hillier, of Newcastle, however, we felt confident of securing a man in Edinburgh in addition to Mr. Barker, who had all along been included in the band. Reaching Edinburgh at 11.45 a.m., the first duty was to attend to the inner man, after which St. Cuthbert's was approached, where the party was met by Mr. Heathcote and the secretary of the local band.

Mr. Ellis, of the Cathedral, soon put in an appearance, with Mr. Barber, and after waiting to allow of Mr. G. Holmes's arrival in case he had followed by a later train, a start was made for Superlative, Mr. Heathcote kindly ringing the treble. However, we were not prepared for the method, one never having rung it before, and it came to grief, leaving only time to attempt Stedman Triples, which went very fairly for an hour and twenty minutes, when it came to a stop. A visit was then paid to the Cathedral, where some touches of Stedman Caters were rung, three or four of the local band taking part. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and the party, which included Mr. Thompson of Whitley, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in spite of the loss of the coveted peal. Very hearty thanks are hereby tendered to all the Edinburgh ringers for their exceeding kindness in every detail of the visit.

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## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held this year at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, when about seventy representatives of companies from various parts of the diocese were present. The splendid ring of ten in the Norman tower naturally formed a centre of great attraction, and many touches in different methods were rung at intervals during the day, both there and the almost adjoining tower of St. Mary's: and visits were also made to the neighbouring parishes of Fornham St. Martin and Horringer, which boast each a capital ring of six. At two o'clock all the members gathered for dinner at The Golden Fleece hotel, after which the real business of the day was transacted, the Archdeacon of Sudbury in the chair, supported by several well-known members of the Exercise.

The annual report for 1902, which was read by the Rev. W. W. C. Crump (Hon. Sec.), showed that the condition of the Association was most satisfactory and encouraging. The genial founder and ever-popular treasurer of the Association—the Rev. K. H. Smith—then explained its financial position and prospects, and presented his balance-sheet for the past year. In the unavoidable absence of the auditor (Mr. E. Ambrose, Long Melford) a letter from him was read stating that the accounts had been excellently kept.

On the motion of Mr. W. Taylor (Newmarket), seconded by Mr. S. Slater (Glensford), the report and balance-sheet were adopted amid general applause, and ordered to be printed. The election of officers was the next business, the following being elected: General Secretary, Rev. W. W. C. Crump (St. Neots); Treasurer, Rev. K. H. Smith (Ely); Auditor, Mr. J. A. Tod (Shelford); and district secretaries for the various archdeaconries. The General Secretary was appointed to represent the Association on the Central Council. A considerable number of new members were proposed and duly elected.

The proceedings concluded with the customary votes of thanks to those local clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells for the occasion, and also to Archdeacon Hodges for presiding.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, April 25th, at the parish church, Hands-worth. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some very good touches in various methods were brought round. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, when a very excellent address was given by the Rev. W. V. Chilwell, curate, in the absence of the Rector, and was very much appreciated by the members present. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, and some new members were elected. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on June 27th, if convenient. An adjournment was then made to the Coffee House, where tea was found to be in readiness, and full justice being done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. W. V. Chilwell for so kindly giving the address and making all necessary arrangements for the meeting, after which the members dispersed, some to the tower for more ringing, others for a walk round, as it was a very pleasant evening.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second of the newly-restarted monthly meetings of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch was held on May 9th at White Waltham. In spite of the showery weather, a considerable number of ringers assembled, mainly from Boyne Hill, Bray, Farnham Royal, White Waltham, and Waltham St. Lawrence.

## AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Macclesfield branch was held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, April 18th, when there were thirty members present from the various towers in the branch. About three o'clock several touches of Grandsire were rung. At five o'clock an excellent tea was partaken of in the schools, to which ample justice was done. After tea the business meeting was held, the president of the branch (Rev. L. Smith) being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Chairman, on behalf of himself and the members, thanked the Vicar and ringers of Christ Church for their kind welcome and the use of the bells and school.

The Vicar in reply said how pleased he was to see them at Christ Church, and hoped their visit would be the forerunner of many more. He congratulated the members on their excellent ringing, which it had given him great pleasure to hear.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. During the afternoon, by the kind permission of the incumbents, the bells of St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter-at-Gowts were rung by members of the Guild.

At 4.45 there was tea, to which 106 members sat down, followed immediately by the business meeting.

At 6.0 p.m. there was a service in the morning chapel of the Cathedral, the Bishop of the diocese being the preacher. We were very glad to see a good attendance of the members at the service.

Later in the evening the Cathedral bells added their music to that of the other towers named.

Altogether it was a successful meeting. The Guild, too, seems to be in a flourishing condition, and its members full of enthusiasm for their beautiful art.

## THE SPROUGHTON SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.

This Society held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, at the house of Mr. C. Mee. A goodly number of members were present, and the chairman read congratulatory letters from local and other bands on their performances of London and Cambridge Surprise peals. It was agreed that every member should have a month at conducting, so that all should take an interest in the Art. During the first quarter the company have rung fifteen peals, including two of London Surprise and two of Cambridge Surprise, and the first non-conducted peals in the diocese.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry on Wednesday, April 29th, on the occasion of unveiling a peal-tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples. The board was unveiled by Mr. Stenson Turner, deputy works manager, who said it gave him much pleasure to see such kind feeling existing among workmen. The board, which is a massive piece of workmanship, and written partly in Old English, is the gift of the Brush Electrical Engineering Co. of Loughborough. All the peal company are in the employ of this firm.

On Whit Saturday, the 30th inst., the popular passenger steamers Royal Sovereign and Koh-i-noor will commence their sailings from London Bridge (Old Swan Pier), to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, and fares and times of sailings will remain the same as last season. La Marguerite will begin her trips to Margate and across Channel to Calais, Boulogne, and Ostend, on Saturday, June 27th. During the winter months the steamers have been thoroughly overhauled.

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

## MR. BAKER'S LAST WORD.

SIR,—The only simile that the Rev. H. L. James reminds me in his last letter is that of a schoolboy who, being beaten in a stand-up fight, takes it badly, and finishes by throwing stones. Instead of advising me to do what I had previously done, if Mr. James had compared Barnsbury Bob Major with Hart Major he would have found a very great similarity, as the place bell in each method does not get higher than 6ths place for four successive leads, but this fact makes no difference whatever to the correctness of my simile.

Barnsbury Bob Major is constructed on the best possible plan, and is a vast improvement on Hart Major, as Barnsbury contains the minimum number of places (or whole pulls) possible in a plain method, the same as in the Plain Hunt, and that was why I used same for my similes.

With regard to Mr. James's assertion that I have not answered any of his arguments, the very fact that Bob Major and Barnsbury Bob Major each contain an equal number of places (or whole pulls) and have the same lead-ends, pulverises the argument that interior places have more value than exterior places in method construction, and also proves beyond dispute that some of the exterior places of Bob Major have been shifted to interior positions to produce Barnsbury Bob Major.

The minimum number of places, interior and exterior collectively, is a great desideratum in any method whether Plain or Treble Bob, and methods constructed on this plan are far in advance of methods packed with the maximum number of places.

In conclusion let me say that I have no more hope of convincing Mr. James than he has of convincing me, and as we are not likely to agree on the subject, let me suggest to him that we agree to differ.

GEORGE BAKER.

## REJECTED PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Wednesbury on the 21st of last March, will not be recorded by The Midland Counties Association.

W. E. WHITE.

## Date Touches.

AMBLESIDE.—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, extracted from Holt's Original by the conductor, in 1 hr. 17 mins. R. Dennison, J. Baxter, R. Everson, F. Haslam, W. Atkinson, B. Walker conductor, J. Braithwaite, J. Salmon. Tenor 32 cwt.

KENDAL.—On March 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, extracted from Holt's Original by the conductor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Dennison, W. Tyson, J. Baxter, T. Haslam, W. Atkinson, B. Walker conductor, J. Braithwaite, J. Salmon.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. J. Shepherd, A. N. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, S. J. Collins, A. Jones, E. H. Nixon, H. Langdon, J. E. Davis conductor. Also touches of Stedman Triples.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, April 27th, 640 Double Norwich. R. Stone, W. H. Granger, G. B. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. On Sunday, May 4th, 504 Stedman. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, C. Hazeldean, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor, J. Smith. 240 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, C. Hazeldean, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wrightman. For evening service 336 Grandsire. D. Wright, G. Steer, G. B. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, J. Smith, M. Whatley, H. J. Selby. 544 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright. On October 19th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, A. V. Selby,

J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. J. Lewis, D. Wright conductor, G. B. Selby, J. Heath, A. V. Selby, M. Whatley, R. Stone, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby. Also 336 Stedman. H. J. Selby, R. Stone, G. B. Selby, J. Heath, A. V. Selby, M. Whatley, D. Wright conductor, A. J. Lewis, On Sunday, October 26th, 336 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. Selby, H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright. 420 Stedman. W. G. Granger, R. Stone, H. J. Selby, A. J. Lewis, S. A. Wright, M. Whatley, D. Wright, D. Ashdown. 240 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, J. Heath, S. Wright, H. J. Selby, W. Granger, D. Wright. On Sunday, November 9th, the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. J. Lewis, R. Stone, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, M. Whatley, D. Wright conductor, G. Steer. 720 Grandsire by the same, 336, conducted by H. J. Selby, and 420 Stedman with W. Granger. On November 16th, 504 Grandsire, conducted by H. J. Selby. On Thursday, January 8th, 960 Double Norwich. R. Stone, M. Whatley, S. A. Wright, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, W. Granger, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. On Sunday, January 11th, 336 Grandsire and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, G. B. Selby, R. Stone, G. Steer, M. Whatley, D. Wright conductor, J. Heath.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. OSYTH.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for afternoon service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Hazell, P. Roper, S. Roper. W. J. Nevard conductor, G. Miles, J. Simmit. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jennings, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard conductor, G. Miles, W. J. Hazell. Before the evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Lancaster, P. Roper, S. Roper, W. J. Nevard, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Hazell conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Lancaster, P. Roper, S. Roper, W. J. Nevard, W. G. Hazell conductor, F. Balls.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON.—On May 2nd, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Daniels, J. Hare, C. Pratt, C. R. Lilley, H. L. Harlow, F. Wells, J. Blott, W. Sharp. And 336 in the same method. A. Daniels, H. L. Harlow, J. Hare, C. Pratt, C. R. Lilley conductor, F. Wells, J. Blott, A. Bryant. And 300 Bob Minor. C. R. Lilley conductor, C. Pratt, J. Hare, F. Wells, J. Blott, H. L. Harlow.

HENLOW (Beds).—On May 2nd, 960 Doubles, being five 6-scores of Grandsire and three of Bob, called differently. H. L. Harlow, F. Wells, C. Pratt, J. Hare, C. R. Lilley conductor. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Pratt, F. Wells, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, J. Blott.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Monday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. E. Leigh, J. Preston, J. Leigh, W. Leigh, J. Heasman, G. Malyon, A. Belton, H. Knight. First quarter-peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 5.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, February 1st, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. King, H. Warnett conductor, T. G. Deal, W. Keates, first quarter-peal with a bob bell, T. Taylor, J. Laws, G. H. Daynes, T. Daynes. On Sunday afternoon, February 8th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. King, W. J. Jeffries, A. E. Sharp first quarter-peal with a bob bell, T. G. Deal, T. Taylor, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clewes.

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REDHILL (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in commemoration of the 87th birthday of the Rev. H. Gosse, the donor of the bells. H. Ewins, J. Kenward, A. Songhurst, E. Dewey, W. Edwards, P. Etheridge, H. Card conductor, E. Kenward.

STALYBRIDGE.—On February 12th, at St. Paul's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Wood conductor, F. Wilde, A. Jackson, J. Lawton, G. E. Shaw, J. Wright, A. Roberts, W. Schofield.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1903.

THE long attempt for a record peal of London Surprise, notice of which was amply given in this paper, has fortunately proved successful, and the company who rang it last Monday are to be highly congratulated on their prowess. Fourteen thousand and odd changes of such a method as this, occupying in its performance nearly nine hours, is certainly a great achievement, and WILLIAM PYE in calling such a peal gives one more proof of his great abilities. This peal was rung on Monday, and from what we can gather the conductor reached his home in Essex the same night, and before going to rest posted the report



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the peal to us, which reached our office at noon on the following day  
This performance supersedes the Drayton peal rung some years ago, conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK. The Drayton band will we are sure be among the first to forward to the King's Norton company their due meed of praise.

One particular feature in connection with this peal is noticeable. It was rung under the auspices of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, yet we do not think there was one Birmingham native among the company.

## The Metropolis.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

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

WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
ARTHUR JONES .. 4.	SIDNEY M. DODINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his twenty-first birthday, his brother's fingers wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.  
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 2.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7.
JOSEPH W. CATTLE .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 9.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. 5.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## The Provinces.

### BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720s of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE MAYERS .. 4.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 5.
HERBERT D. STANLEY .. 3.	*HERBERT G. TRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

\*First peal.

### FREDERICK WHITE & SON, CHURCH BELL HANGERS, AND TUNERS, APPLETON, BERKS.

Messrs. WHITE AND SON are practical ringers, and have had considerable experience in Church Bell Hanging and Tuning. Reports and estimates furnished. The Ellacombe obime hammers fixed. Handbells supplied. Old peals restored.

### NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE BARNES .. .. Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 5.
B. LEACH .. .. 2.	WALTER TAYLOR .. 6.
S. LORD .. .. 3.	J. B. TAYLOR .. 7.
J. H. HAYDOCK .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

### SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

### THE ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, May 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 6.
WALTER HOBBS .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. 7.
ISAAC CAVILL .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the first peal of New Cambridge ever rung in the county, and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th, 7th and tenor.

### BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	HENRY HODGETTS .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	WILLIAM I OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Hall, of "The Gables," Cambridge, mother of the Rector of Bushey.

### MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, and Oxford Single Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CALEB SOANE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING .. 2.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL .. 3.	THOMAS STROUD .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

### LISKEARD, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN STEED .. 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. 2.	WALTER H. MARSH .. 6.
JOHN RICHARDS .. 3.	G. HARRY MYERS .. 7.
EDWARD HENDY .. 4.	WILLIAM FORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER H. MARSH.

This is the first peal on the bells.



## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, May 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Cox's.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	†FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 6.
PERCY WRIGHT* .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. .. 4.	†JOSEPH SLADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. †First peal in the method.

## BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 2.	GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 6.
HENRY MORRIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
JAMES FLEETWOOD .. .. 4.	JOHN GREENWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 5.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. 5.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON, ESQ. .. 3.	LEWIN FERRIGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JAMES STRUTT .. .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 5.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.]

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4.	ALBERT KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Four Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 7.
J. HENRY BOWER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS* .. .. 3.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 9.
FRANK BURGAR† .. .. 4.	SAM SEED .. .. 10.
JOHN MULLIGAN .. .. 5.	GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 11.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 6.	THOMAS SILVESTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HUDSON, of Sheffield, and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a farewell peal for Thos. Silvester who is leaving Sheffield for Canada, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his future home.

## PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY J. CHEADLE* .. Treble.	†JOHN PERRY .. .. 5.
GEORGE BURROWS† .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 6.
ISAAC PURSER† .. .. 3.	†ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. HARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by R. PICKERING.

\*First peal. †First peal of Bob Triples.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat

HARRY A. FISHENDEN .. Treble.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, of Ipswich and Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.



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COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 6.
HENRY EVERS .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. DECKWITH .. .. 7.
JAMES NEWMAN .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

TREETON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND  
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-  
SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Treble.	*CLEMENT GLENN .. 4.
JOHN THORPE*† .. .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 5.
RUSSELL RENSHAW* .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK BROADRIEB .. 5.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE .. .. 2.	HORACE SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. TAWNEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. DAINS and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A. W. Tawney, who hails from Maidstone, was elected a member previous to starting.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 19 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
HARRY BOTTRILL .. .. 2.	*ALBERT SMITH .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 7.
ARTHUR WRIGHT .. .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal on eight bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 2.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 6.
HENRY BRIGGS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
FRED. W. HERBERT .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

TEYNHAM, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

\*First peal.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAY* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT† .. .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. 6.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 3.	ERNEST BROWN .. .. 7.
JAMES KEY .. .. 4.	JOSEPH HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung for Divine Service, and is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, May 11, 1903, in Eight Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
14, 112 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—H. Withers, who took down every lead-end as rung. Further reference will appear next week.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.  
Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS H. HAIGH .. Treble.	*ABRAHAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
TOM STOCKDALE .. .. 2.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 3.	*GEORGE T. MILLER .. 8.
THOMAS HODGSON* .. .. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 9.
JAMES THOMPSON* .. .. 5.	JOHN W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Hull.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Walworth on April 30th was conducted by T. Langdon.



## 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 May 21st, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 26th. Business Meetings at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, after St. Paul's.

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

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Canterbury to-day, Saturday, May 16th, 1903. P. H. PIERCE, *Hon. District Secretary.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wanstead (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, May 16th. The towers of St. John, Leytonstone, will be open from 4.30 p.m. till 6 p.m., and St. Mary, Woodford, from 4 p.m.

THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*  
84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Knaresborough to-day, Saturday, May 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Smith, 3, Bond End, Knaresborough. An excursion will be run from Leeds (N.E.R.), at 2.10 p.m., returning from Knaresborough at 8.10 p.m., fare 1s. 3d. An earlier excursion will be run from Bradford at 12.25 p.m., returning at 9.10 p.m., fare 1s. 6d. The officers of the Association will attempt a peal, starting about 11.30 a.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting at Burford, to-day, Saturday, May 16th. Bells available after 2 p.m. Service at 4. Business meeting to follow.  
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,  
Witney. *Branch Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A branch meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, the 16th inst., at Wotton-under-Edge. Service, 5 p.m. Business meeting after service. These bells (8) have lately been rehung, and it is hoped that a good number will attend this meeting.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, to-day, Saturday, May 16th. Bells at liberty from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

G. PINGOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh to-day, Saturday, May 16th. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice not later than Tuesday, May 12th, to the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, Leigh Rectory, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Newbury on May 23rd. Apply before May 20th to Rev. G. Dangerfield, Milton House, Newbury. Tea, 9d. each.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers' service, 6 p.m. A free tea will be provided for those

members who notify their intention of being present to Mr. A. B. Bennett, Coster's Mill, Midhurst, by Thursday, May 21st.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

St Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The tablet recording the muffled peal of Stedman Caters which was rung in honour of the late John Day, the respected presiding ringing-master of this Guild for over 12 years, is now erected in the ringing chamber of Aston parish church. It will be unveiled by the Vicar of Aston, the Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A., on the afternoon of Saturday, May 23rd, at 4.30. The attendance of members and interested friends, especially ladies, is cordially invited.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Rusholme, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.  
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Oldham parish church on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

Heber's, Middleton. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 23rd. Ringing at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, the 30th May, at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town, at 5 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. T. H. Russell. The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead (10), will also be available from 6.30 to 8.30, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman. All members and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at as early a date as possible.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth on Saturday, May 30th. Meeting, 5.30 p.m., at The Hunloke Arms. Members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at The Oak Inn, Headingley, on Saturday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. H. J. Dale, Rector of Hornchurch, at 11.30. Business meeting at the Vestry Hall at 12.15. Dinner at 2.0. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than the 27th. The towers of the neighbourhood, with the exception of Springfield, will be open for ringing.

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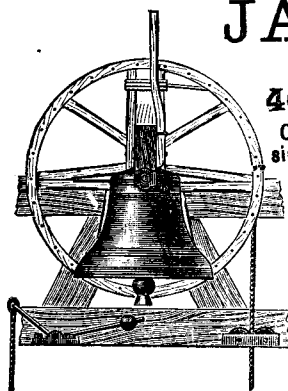
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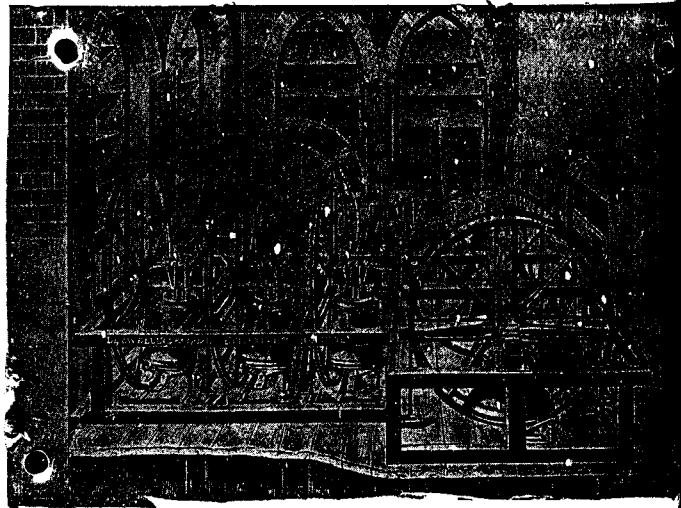
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**ISLEWORTH** (Middlesex). All Saints. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. All by Lester, 1767. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Banks, 1887. An estimate for further repairs has been lately received from Taylor. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 6. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

**ISLINGTON** (Middlesex). Chapel-of-Ease. Eight bells. No return.

**St. Mary.** Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. No information as to dates or founders. Tenor 18 cwt. Bells go very badly. Clocking permitted. It is not known when anything was last done to the bells. Ringing-chamber very dirty. No further information, and no signatures to return.

**KEIGHLEY** (Yorks). St. Andrew. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1806; 7th and tenor by the same, 1816 and 1783 respectively; the rest by Lester, 1761. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mallaby, 1888. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

**KELSE** (Suffolk). St. Peter. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 5th by Mears, 1831; 3rd and tenor by Darbie, 1681; 4th and 6th by Newman, 1708; 7th undated, by Brazier, believed to be a 14th century bell. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung with new fittings by Day in 1887. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Court Bob. Sunday ringing: 6 to 7. Practice: irregular.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, May 15th, the first anniversary of the dedication of the church bells as a ring of eight was celebrated in this parish, they having been most successfully restored and augmented by Taylor, of Loughborough, last year. Three trebles were added, the 5th was recast, and the whole rehung in a new iron frame with all the fittings, etc., up-to-date, and they are now one of the handiest and most musical peals for peal-ringing in the district. Ringing commenced early in the day, and there was a special service at 3 p.m. at which the following clergy were present: Rev. M. Allen (Winston); Rev. W. J. Chapman (Hemingstone); Rev. M. B. Cowell (Ashbocking), Rural Dean; Rev. W. A. Duke (Debenham); Rev. S. Hooke (Clopton), Rural Dean; Rev. A. Jones (Claydon), Rev. G. F. McClenaghan (Tuddenham), and the Vicar. The service was a shortened form of evensong, and commenced with a processional hymn. The first lesson, Isaiah xii. was read by the Rev. H. Jones, and the second lesson, St. John xv. 1-13, was read by the Rev. M. B. Cowell. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Hooke, who took for his text Joel ii., 15, his subject being "The purpose of Church bells." His earnest words were very attentively listened to by all present, and he concluded with a forcible appeal to ringers and all church-workers to be steadfast and unmovable in their work, remembering that their labour is not in vain in the Lord.

After service the ringing was kept up merrily until 6.30, when the ringers sat down to tea, to which they had been invited by the Vicar. After tea was over, all who were present were much interested in listening to an excellent touch of London Surprise (or Marvel) Major which was rung by the Sproughton company, and which testified to what indomitable perseverance and enthusiasm for ringing can accomplish, as this company has to learn all Major methods upon handbells, having only six church bells at home to practise on. Afterwards touches of Stedman, Bob Major, etc., brought a very pleasant and successful day to a close, the ringing being kept up until nearly 9 p.m. During the year twenty-three peals in ten different methods have been rung upon the bells, which it is believed surpasses any record of performances upon a ring of eight bells during the first year of its existence as such. The following is the list: 1—London Surprise (or Marvel) Major; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 6; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4. Also of the young local company that was formed last year, two members have taken part in five peals, one in four, and one in one upon the bells.

## BLACKPOOL.

**R**INGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—"THE BELL News" taken.—A good halfpall neighbourhood.

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## SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

This Queen of watering-places, as Scarborough is so often designated on account of its well-known attractions as a pleasure resort, is also rich in historical associations, the Scaur or Rocky Promontory nearly 300 feet in height being occupied by the picturesque ruins of a castle built about 1127 by the Earl of Albemarle, who commanded at the battle of the Standard at Northallerton in 1138, and dismantled during the Civil War, having stood two sieges in the interest of King Charles I. Hard by stands the parish church of St. Mary, a large and interesting edifice presenting traces of every style of architecture from transitional Norman to Flamboyant and early Perpendicular, and formerly enriched, Cathedral fashion, with two western and a central tower with a total length of 240 feet. The castle being in line with castle guns, was destroyed during the siege of the castle and never rebuilt, the central tower becoming in consequence an east-end tower in contrast to the usual position at the other end of the church, and this is the position of the present tower erected in 1669. This tower is occupied by a peal of eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., which were exhibited in the Great Exhibition of 1851. These bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, and in celebration of the event invitations were extended by the local branch to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and to the ringers of York Minster to attend at Scarborough on Saturday, May 9th, in response to which ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Robin Hood's Bay, Stockton, Thirsk, Thornaby and York, who were entertained to lunch at one o'clock at the Central Cafe. In the afternoon the Right Rev. Canon Blunt, Lord Bishop of Hull and Vicar of Scarborough visited the tower and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and afterwards presided at the tea provided at the Aquarium by the hospitality of W. Morgan, Esq., the Mayor of Scarborough. The Bishop, who was supported by the Rev. G. F. Twycion and Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Association, proposed "Success to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association," and in the course of his remarks in which he evinced a strong interest in the music of bells and the Art of ringing contrasted the sweet music of the bells as rung in this country with the miscellaneous jangle which prevailed on the Continent. He further remarked how emigrants to the colonies missed the familiar bells of their early life, and with what pleasure and joy they heard them once more on revisiting the old country.

In coupling the name of Mr. Clarkson with the toast, his Lordship expressed his regret at the absence of the Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, who was obliged to be in London.

Mr. Clarkson, in reply, thanked the Bishop for his kindly expression of feeling towards the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and the great pleasure derived from the present visit, which he trusted would be followed by other visits on future occasions. He also urged the local band to push on in the meantime and work themselves up to the level of the more expert branches of the Association, so that the bells of Scarborough which sounded so beautifully across the bay might be frequently heard to advantage.

A vote of thanks proposed by the Bishop was heartily accorded to the Mayor for his hospitality, which included

in addition to tea, for a company of about thirty-five, the attendance of the Aquarium band, which discoursed sweet music during the tea; also cigars which were handed round when tea was over. Several touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung at intervals during the day.

## LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On a recent Tuesday evening a pretty ceremony took place in the old church belfry, when a tablet erected to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII. was unveiled. The oaken tablet is a fine piece of work, and is probably one of the finest in the diocese of Lichfield. The lettering in gold, outlined with chocolate, has been effectively carried out.

"E. R. VII. This tablet was erected in commemoration of His Majesty King Edward VII. Touches of Bob Major and Plain Bob Triples were rung at intervals on 9th of August, 1902, from 6.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the following: G. Cope, J. Bullin, J. H. Goodwin, J. Ryder, A. Pegg, E. Sherratt, T. Turner (foreman), E. Sherratt, jun., E. A. Ridway (conductor).—Rev. T. H. B. Fearon, Vicar; E. Challinor, Churchwarden; G. Hordern, Parish Clerk."

The proceedings commenced with a short touch, after which Mr. Turner called on Mrs. Fearon to unveil the tablet. Every one present expressed their admiration, and the Vicar, in responding, said the board possessed a unique feature in the name of Thomas Turner, who rang at the coronation of our late lamented Queen, and after a few more suitable words, gave the board into the keeping of the churchwarden (Mr. E. Challinor), who in response said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to accept the board on behalf of the church, also as a record for future generations of what occurred in the Leek tower at the coronation of the King.

The ringers then rang a course of Bob Triples, also a course of Bob Major, and falling the bells afterwards for evening service brought this part of the ceremony to a close.

At the special request of the churchwardens, the Vicar and the ringers and a few personal friends were entertained to dinner at The Red Lion, and all partook of a very substantial repast, which was excellently prepared by host Swift.

After dinner the Vicar made an excellent speech on ringing matters, and also pointed out the position of the ringers as church workers. He also impressed upon them to persevere and attain a high standard of efficiency in their Art.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and several good songs were ably rendered.

## OTTERSASH, NEAR CHERTSEY.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes has been erected in the parish church here as a memorial to the late Vicar. Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work to the general designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are making a large clock for Accra Church, West Coast of Africa.

On Whit Saturday, the 30th inst., the popular passenger steamers Royal Sovereign and Koh-i-noor will commence their sailings from London Bridge (Old Swan Pier), to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, and fares and times of sailings will remain the same as last season. La Marguerite will begin her trips to Margate and across Channel to Calais, Boulogne, and Ostend, on Saturday, June 27th. During the winter months the steamers have been thoroughly overhauled.



## 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."

## AN INVITATION.

SIR,—I shall feel much obliged if you will intimate in the "BELL NEWS" that on Whit-Wednesday, June 3rd, on the occasion of the annual Tap Dressings at Wirksworth, the tower will be open for ringing, and all visitors will be welcome.

WILLIAM FOX.

## SURPRISE OR MARVEL.

What a marvellous feat, now everyone cries,  
The fourteen thousand of London ————;  
What wonderful men, we hope they are well,  
Who rang fourteen thousand of London ————.

A photo should show us these grand ringers' faces,  
Who made those surprising or marvellous ————,  
And a tablet of marbette recording the deeds  
Of the men and the method of wrong and right ————.  
They have published the method as London Surprise,  
And I meekly suggest to any who vies  
To excel in its length—to alter the name  
To Marvel when he has gained greater fame. P.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE LONG PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT KING'S NORTON.—Monday, May 11th being the day fixed for the attempt, arrangements were made to meet at King's Norton at 8 a.m., and as the Church clock was striking that hour the band began to assemble at the belfry door. After a general inspection of bells, ropes, etc., a start was made at 8.55. The bells soon settled down to their own time, which was as near as possible 27 changes to the minute, and that pace was maintained throughout. On the completion of the peal a great crowd of ringers who had assembled rushed up into the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their excellent striking throughout. Notable amongst those present were the brothers Pritchett, W. Palmer, J. Withers and T. Sharks, King's Norton, T. Hayward, Bromsgrove, T. Miller, J. E. Groves, J. Dowler, A. Hughes, W. C. Hunt and H. Dickens, Birmingham, C. O'Brien, Oxford, and many others unknown to the writer. The figures of the peal were sealed and handed over to J. S. Pritchett, and will be published in due course. Mr. H. Withers, who acted as umpire, took down every lead-end as rung from outside the tower, and produced the composition on the completion of the peal, without having ever seen it or knowing what plan it was on. This is the longest length ever rung in any Surprise method. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. W. Barnard and the brothers Pritchett for their kind hospitality towards them after the peal.

THE PEAL AT ST. CUTHBERT'S, EDINBURGH.—This peal was rung in honour of their Majesties the King and Queen's progress through the city; is the first by all the band; is the first by a Scottish band; and is the first in the method in Scotland. With reference to the time—3 hours and 28 mins.—I should explain that with the exception of the conductor, Mr. Heathcote, the ringers are little more than probationers, as not one of them had as much as handled a bell rope 15 months ago.

J. S. McC.

THE PEAL AT KELSEALE.—This peal is the longest ever rung on the bells, the previous longest being J. Reeves's 6016 of Oxford rung in 1832, of which there is an interestingly worded board in the tower, and was conducted by the late Henry Drew, grandfather of the conductor of the present peal. G. T.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., at the Church House, on the same morning.

I regret to announce that there is still one society, the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society, whose subscription is not yet paid. I was earnestly hoping to avoid publishing the name of any defaulters, and that this notice of meeting would have contained the happy intimation that all subscriptions had been received.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at the Westminster Palace hotel at 9 o'clock, at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in meeting members and ringing friends.

Fretherne, Stonehouse,  
Gloucestershire.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,  
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)

## AGENDA.

(1.) Election of President and Secretary for the triennial period commencing this year.

Nominations received:—

For President; SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart.

For Secretary: Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

(2.) Election of Hon. Members.

(3.) Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

(4.) Secretary's Report as to sale of publications, etc.

(5.) Appointment of Standing and other Committees.

(6.) To receive Report of the Peal Collection Committee.

(7.) To receive Report of Committee on Legitimate Methods.

(8.) To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

(9.) To decide upon the next place of meeting.

(10.) To consider the desirability of publishing a pamphlet containing the Rules of the Council, and a connected statement of the decisions arrived at since its formation.

(11.) To consider the desirability of forwarding to the Secretaries of the Associations a copy of the pronouncements of the Council in regard to the ringing of peals, together with a letter inviting them to endeavour to give effect, within their respective districts, to the regulations upon which the Council have agreed.

(12.) To consider whether some attempt should be made to induce the leading Church papers to take regular notice of ringing matters.

(13.) To consider whether the Council should publish a book explaining ringing in a popular way to the outside public.

(14.) To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently-proved compositions, and of worthless methods sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

(15.) To consider whether it is possible to move Associations to adopt more uniform rules in regard to the election of members and booking of peals.

(16.) To decide as to the qualification of single-handed peals on handbells to rank with other peals in the records.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGITIMATE METHODS.

A. All methods (Glossary page 10) are founded on principles.  
B. A Principle is a collection of rows which form a perfect round block (Glossary page 31) in which—

(a) Each bell does the same work.

(b) No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time.

(c) No bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place.

C. Methods are formed from Principles in two ways, viz.:

1. A Principle may be used as a method when it conforms to the following rules:—

(a) It must be true within itself.

(b) It must be divisible into as many divisions as there are bells, each division, together with the hunting and



- place-making that connect it with the next division, to contain the whole working of the method.
- (c) In the case of those methods in which the course order of the bells is altered by an alternate work (as the quick and slow in Stedman) these divisions are subdivided.
- (d) Each division, or in (c) each subdivision, must reverse true to itself.
2. One or more bells in any Principle (called "hunts"—Glossary page 9) may be allowed to retain their original paths, while the places of the others are taken by working bells which revolve about the hunt (or hunts) subject to the following conditions:—
- (a) No bell shall move up or down more than one place at a time.
- (b) No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place.
- (c) There shall be as many plain leads in the plain course as there are working bells, each lead containing as many rows as the Principle on which it is founded.
- (d) The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.
- (e) Each lead shall reverse true to itself and, together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method.

## DEFINITIONS.

A. A Plain Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead head to lead end it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

B. A Bob Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

C. A Single Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work it is in a different relative position among the working bells, and the working bells have two of their number in a different coursing order.

## NOTES.

*Principle.* This word is used by the Committee in a purely technical sense, and its meaning in this report is strictly limited by the definition there given.

The following are examples of Principles:—

## PLAIN PRINCIPLE.

## Six Bells.

123456  
214365  
241635  
426153  
462513  
645231  
654321  
563412  
536142  
351624  
315264  
132546  
123456

## TREBLE BOB PRINCIPLE.

## Six Bells.

123456  
214365  
123456  
214365  
241635  
426153  
241635  
426153  
462513  
645231  
462513  
645231  
654321  
563412  
654321  
563412  
536142  
351624  
536142  
351624  
315264  
132546  
315264  
132546  
123456

It should be noted that it is not at all necessary that the Principles should not contain repetition of rows.

"Methods are formed from Principles in two ways." This is not to be taken as limiting method builders to the two particular plans here described, but as a statement of fact covering all existing methods.

*Division.* All methods in Class I. are divisible into as many divisions as there are bells, e.g. Duffield Major 8, Forward Royal 10, etc. The division of Stedman and Shipway's Principles and methods in which the coursing order of the bells is altered by an alternate quick and slow work (or in some of Mr. Carter's methods where the course order is altered by an alternate odd and even work) comprises a quick six and slow six (or eight) or an odd division and an even division together; for neither a quick six nor a slow six alone contains the whole method.

*Reversion.* If lines be drawn at the top and bottom of any division (or sub-division) all places counted from the top line downwards must correspond with places counted from the bottom line upwards.

"One or more Bells in any Principle," etc.

(x) Is the Treble Bob Principle on six bells.

(y) Shews one bell retaining its original path.

(z) Shews the paths of the others taken by working bells forming a method.

(x) 123456	(y) 100000	(z) 123456
214365	010000	214365
123456	100000	124356
214365	010000	213465
241635	001000	231645
426153	000100	326154
241635	001000	321645
426153	000100	236154
462513	000010	263514
645231	000001	625341
462513	000010	623514
645231	000001	265341
654321		
563412	000001	256431
654321	000010	524613
563412	000001	526431
536142	000010	254613
351624	000100	245163
536142	001000	421536
351624	000100	425163
315264	001000	241536
132546	010000	214356
315264	100000	123465
132546	010000	213456
	100000	124365

142635

(s) Is the Plain Principle on seven bells.

(t) Shews two bells retaining their original paths.

(v) Shews the paths of the others taken by working bells, forming a method.

(s) 2143657	(t) 2100000	(v) 2135476
2416375	2010000	2314567
4261735	0201000	3241657
4627153	0020100	3426175
6472513	0002010	4362715
6745231	0000201	4637251
7654321	0000021	6473521
7563412		
5736142	0000012	6745312
5371624	0000102	7654132
3517264	0001020	7561423
3152746	0010200	5716243
1325476	0102000	5172634
1234567	1020000	1527364
	1200000	1253746

2157364

In some cases it is possible to found a method on two Principles, as in the case of Alliance, which is founded partly on the Plain Principle and partly on the Treble Bob Principle. It should be noticed that such methods are never capable of producing the full extent of the rows.

In methods which have a treble and a bell in the hunt, when



they are considered as plain courses and apart from calls the bell in the hunt must be looked upon not as a working bell but as equal and similar to the treble.

"No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place." The effect of this is to rule out all those mongrel methods in which, having an even number of working bells at the dodges, one bell has to lie four or more blows in any one place, e.g., Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, etc. (see note at end on "calls").

"The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end." This means that all methods must have what are known as "Bob Major lead-ends."

The division between the leads is:—

- In methods with one hunt (treble) between the first and second blows of the whole pull of the hunt before or behind.
- In methods with two hunts (treble and bell in the hunt) midway between the whole pull of the first hunt and the whole pull of the second hunt before or behind.
- In *Single* methods the theoretic parting of the leads is when the hunt (or hunts) is before.
- In *Reverse* methods the theoretic parting of the leads is when the hunt (or hunts) is behind.
- In *Double* methods the theoretic parting of the leads is when the hunt (or hunts) is both before and behind.

For practical purposes the Committee recommend that the parting of the leads should always be understood to be when the hunt (or hunts) is before.

- A *Single* method has all its places made on one side of the hunt (or hunts) only, with its working bells in proper coursing order at all lead heads and ends with the hunt (or hunts) before; e.g., Bob Major, Single Oxford Major, all places above the hunt, and College Single Minor and Darlaston Bob Triples (single variation) all places below the hunt.
- A *Reverse* method is in all respects reverse to its *Single* variation; e.g., Canterbury Pleasure and College Single (as given in Standard Methods) are *Reverse* methods, and the bells will be found in the same coursing order at all lead heads and ends with the hunt behind.
- A *Double* method has places made above the hunt and places made to correspond with them below the hunt, and the working bells in the same coursing order when the hunt is before and behind.
- A *Compound* method has places made on both sides of the hunt (or hunts) which are not related to each other; e.g., Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise. Compound methods can be reversed, e.g., Reverse Cambridge Surprise Minor (given in Standard Methods and other works as Superlative Surprise Minor).

The Treble or Hunt need not theoretically be the highest in the musical scale, but as any method with any other bell as Treble or Hunt can easily be varied so as to have that bell as Treble or Hunt, it is recommended for the sake of the music that no method be published or rung which has any other bell as Treble.

*Reversion.* If a line be drawn at the top and bottom of any lead of any method all places counted from the top line downwards must correspond with places counted from the bottom line upwards. See following examples:—

A1	1sts	12345678 21436587 24135678	A1	4ths	21436587 24135678
B1	3rds	42316587 24361578	B1	6ths	42316587 43261578
C1	5ths	42635187 24365817 42638571	C1	8ths	34625187 43652817 34568271 43658721
	1sts	46283751 64827315 46287135		6ths	46385712 64835172
C2	5ths	46287135 64821753 46812735	C2	8ths	46381527 64318257
B2	3rds	64187253 61482735 16847253	B2	6ths	46132875 41623857 14268375 12463857
A2	1sts		A2	4ths	

*Succession of Nature of Rows.* No method can be deemed to be absolutely perfect in which the succession of rows is not as follows (see note at end on "Calls").

*Four Bells.* Alternate doubles and singles, rows two even, two odd.

*Five Bells.* Doubles throughout, all rows of like nature.

*Six Bells.* Alternate doubles and triples, rows two odd and two even.

*Seven Bells.* Triples throughout, rows one odd and one even.

*Eight Bells.* Alternate triples and quadruples, rows two odd and two even.

*Nine Bells.* Quadruples throughout, all rows of like nature.

*Ten Bells.* Alternate quadruples and quintuples, rows two odd and two even.

*Eleven Bells.* Quintuples throughout, rows one odd one even.

*Twelve Bells.* Alternate quintuples and sextuples, rows two odd and two even.

Methods, however, which do not conform to this rule may still be legitimate.

*Music.* The Committee's work will not be considered complete without a reference to the question of music. Good music depends on the extent to which the big bells are kept together (i.e., the extent to which the proper coursing order of the bells is preserved) combined with double dodging. The Committee has already recommended a minimum standard for the coursing order of the bells. The amount of double dodging is a matter of good taste, and the Committee cannot recommend any definite rule on the subject.

*Extent.* The Committee has debated the question as to whether the fact that any method cannot produce 5000 true rows should prevent that method being considered legitimate. While considering that such methods cannot be deemed unfit to be rung, the Committee sees no likelihood of ringers practising them and considers the question settles itself.

*Calls.* Throughout this Report calls and their effect have been ignored, and each method treated in its Plain Course. But the definitions of a Bob Lead and Single Lead have been added in order that they may be compared with that of a Plain Lead.

#### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting was held at The Cardigan Arms, on Saturday, April 25th, Mr. G. Barraclough (president) in the chair, Mr. T. Maude vice. The following towers were represented, though the attendance was only small: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad and St. Michael), Tong, and the local company. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Maude proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements; seconded by Mr. J. Thackray; replied to by Mr. F. Hullah. Touches on the handbells brought the meeting to a close.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7th, at All Saints' church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks., a peal-board was unveiled by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Canon Drummond, in the presence of a considerable gathering of local ringers. The board recorded a peal of Bob Major, 5024 changes, and was the first peal of Major by entirely local ringers.

#### AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1903.

THE Central Council publishes the business paper for the next meeting on Whit-Tuesday. No less than sixteen items are down for discussion, most of them of an important character, and all interesting. It is satisfactory to find that so many interesting questions can be found for discussion at these meetings. At an early period of the Council's existence it was feared by some that the subjects for treatment would soon become exhausted. But not only is there no sign whatever of this, but the business, or measures, of the Council, seem to increase as time rolls on. There will never be a dearth of subjects for the Council to



ES. debate as long as the Exercise send men of mark to represent it.

lock It is not within our province to review the "considerations" which comprise the agenda. But upon the last item—with regard to the qualification of single-handed peals on handbells, we may say a word. The parties ringing such peals show, we have no reason to doubt, their practical acquaintance with the intricate method they select to ring, but, then, such a performance ought not to rank for the same treatment as double-handed peals, or peals on church bells. And if the Council expresses any opinion to this effect, we shall act in unison with it.

W.C. Not very long ago the state of the bells and the general want of arrangement in the belfry of the parish church of Scarborough was the subject of remark. Most of our readers will remember the experiences that a visiting band of change-ringers underwent there, and one of them meeting with an injury through some defect of the bell-gear. It is very refreshing to read that such an untoward state of affairs no longer exists. We have been favoured with a report (to be found on another page) that the Scarborough bells have been under the hands of skilled bell-hangers—Messrs. MALLABY, of the Albion Works, Barnby Don, near Doncaster—and that everything previously wrong with them has been put right. This is one more instance of the great value of disseminating particulars about our Church bells when their fittings are fast hastening to decay and ruin. It is pleasing to believe that once more our journal has been mainly instrumental in bringing about a salutary reform.

### The Provinces.

#### LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 19 cwt.

BENJAMIN GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	JOSEPH ROOKWOOD .. .. 5.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SHAW .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BONNER .. .. 3.	HARRY SHAW .. .. 7.
BERTIE WILSON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. Rookwood.

This peal was rung with 7-6-8 covering.

#### EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor about 8½ cwt.

RICHARD BEVAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 3.	C. H. MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

This is the first 5040 on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, with new frame and fittings.

#### CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART No. 1. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST EVERETT* .. .. Treble.	JAMES WALLACE .. .. 5.
HARRY SEAL† .. .. 2.	ALBERT MARKWELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 3.	PERCY DENTON .. .. 7.
ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. A. Markwell was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

#### TASBURGH, NORFOLK.

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

On Sunday, May 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being twenty-two 6-scores of Grandsire, and twenty 6-scores of Plain, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN...Treble.	W. L. DUFFIELD .. .. 3.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN... 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES.. .. 4.
ARTHUR E. FULLER ..Tenor.	

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

#### BURSTOW, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED WIDSOM* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 3.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 4.
*JOHN SHERLOCK..Tenor.	

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

\*First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. W. J. Evans, Rector of the parish. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Association before starting.

#### FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES LEVER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LEVER .. .. 5.
BARTLE HODGKISS* .. .. 2.	FRED MORRIS .. .. 6.
JOHN LEVER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LEVER .. .. 7.
ELLIS LEVER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMETHURST ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEVER.

\*First peal. First peal by the local company.

#### RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Billenness, mother of the brothers Billenness.



## EDINBURGH.—THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

J. LUCK .. .. .	Treble.	A. THOMSON .. .. .	5.
J. S. McCulloch .. .. .	2.	JAMES BALLANTINE .. .. .	6.
T. S. THOM .. .. .	3.	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE .. .. .	7.
R. J. G. THOM .. .. .	4.	D. STOCKS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.

Reference elsewhere.

## HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. .	Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. .	5.
ROBERT HUTTON .. .. .	2.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR FULLER .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. .. .	7.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. .	4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN NEAL .. .. .	5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. .. .	2.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. .	6.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. .	3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT

## FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

R. POTTER .. .. .	Treble.	J. SADLER .. .. .	5.
W. LADHAM .. .. .	2.	W. J. NEVARD .. .. .	6.
H. EVERS .. .. .	3.	E. W. BECKWITH .. .. .	7.
J. NEWMAN .. .. .	4.	D. ELLIOTT .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two 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.

WILLIAM PATTON .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES BAXTER .. .. .	5.
GEORGE W. PARK .. .. .	2.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. .	6.
THOMAS CLARK .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. .. .	7.
GOULDEN J. LUNGLEY .. .. .	4.	CHARLES TODD .. .. .	Tenor.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BETTS .. .. .	Treble.	*OLIVER BROCK .. .. .	5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. .	2.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. .	6.
WALTER BARRETT* .. .. .	3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK BORRETT† .. .. .	4.	†JAMES SOUTER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BARKER, and Conducted by JAMES BETTS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## RAMSBOTTOM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. .	Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. .	5.
ROBERT LEACH .. .. .	2.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK .. .. .	6.
SAMUEL LORD .. .. .	3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. .	7.
LAURENCE TAYLOR .. .. .	4.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

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

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was arranged for W. Hands, of Sonning, and it was his first.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATLING .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. .	2.	*HARRY THOMPSON .. .. .	6.
HARRY SMITH* .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. .	7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. .	4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. DREW.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

## EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. .	Treble.	FRANK MURPHY .. .. .	6.
ALEXANDER EVANS .. .. .	2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. .. .	3.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. .	8.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. .	4.	JAMES MOSS .. .. .	9.
THOMAS MUDGE .. .. .	5.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD,



## TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WALTER FARLEY* .. .. Treble.	LEWIS MOORE .. .. 5.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 2.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 6.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
JESSE B. TYLER .. .. 4.	GEORGE JAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\*First pea

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 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 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BRUNNING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

First peal in the method by ringers of treble, 4 and 5.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb in E.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. PIPER .. .. 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 9.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6.
JOHN LAWSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 7.
JOHN W. T. HOLGATE .. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

The above was an officers' peal.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN RICE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	WALTER JOHN RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1903, in Three Hours and a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE MIDDLESEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, May 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	QR.-MASTER SERGT. A. PYE 5.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

This is Mr. King's 100th peal.

## NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Monday, May 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM CHAS. TASSELL Treble.	THOMAS SAMUEL LEESON 4.
GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BASHFORD .. 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 3.	FRANK HAWKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 27th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 19 mins. \*T. Holmes, \*C. Parnell, \*H. Reynolds, \*W. Spalding, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, \*H. Ling, R. Freestone. \*Longest length. The above date touch was taken from T. Thurstans's five-part.

MENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 14th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Arbon conductor, A. R. Arbon, G. A. Tyte, A. Clements, A. A. Baker.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, taken from T. Thurstans's five-part, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Folkard, C. Parnell, E. Lincoln, W. Spalding, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, E. Poppy, R. Freestone.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 5th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1903 changes. W. Knott, J. Knott, G. Brooke, J. W. Lang, L. Illingworth, W. Thomas, F. Robinson, W. Walker. Tenor 11 cwt. Composed by A. Sykes, and conducted by L. Illingworth. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Caroline, widow of the late William Goodall, aged eighty-one years.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, January 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 168 Stedman Triples. C. Moulden, J. Tucker, N.



Cox, R. T. Hibbert, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Goodenough. Also 240 in the same method. C. Moulden, J. Tucker, R. T. Hibbert, J. Maskell, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, H. Pickering.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLITTON (Beds).—On February 7th, 2880 Grandsire Doubles. B. Gutteridge, B. Wilson, F. Bonner, A. Brightman, J. Rookwood conductor. The above was an attempt for a peal, but the lamp went out after ringing the above number of changes.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON.—On Sunday, February 23rd, at St. John's church, Vassall Road, 1216 Treble Bob Major. F. Davis, H. Langdon, G. H. Daynes, F. G. Perrin, T. Taylor, E. Brett, F. J. Shepherd, J. Davis conductor. On Sunday, April 19th, 1152 Treble Bob Major. A. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, E. J. Webb, S. J. Collins, J. E. Davis, E. Brett, F. J. Shepherd, H. Langdon conductor.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, January 24th, after meeting short for Major, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. I. Dear, W. H. Doran, H. Torble, J. Moule, G. Hayden, J. Dale, W. H. Judd conductor, G. Adams.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On February 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. B. Bennett, E. J. Pressling, W. R. Madgwick, H. Churchill, T. Stroud conductor, J. Lee. First 720 of Cambridge by all.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 2nd, 336 Bob Major. J. Garman, J. Brown, H. Mance, H. Burstow, H. Paice, G. Woodman, W. Short, G. Williams. First in the method on the bells by the local company. On Tuesday, February 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Short, J. Brown, H. Burstow, H. Mance, E. Waller, J. Rice, G. F. Williams conductor, G. Woodman. Rung as a compliment to G. F. Williams on attaining his twenty-first birthday.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 25th, an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3712 changes in 2 hrs. 21 mins. G. Woodman, F. Wickens, E. Jordan, J. Akehurst, A. Ellis, W. Short, G. F. Williams conductor, J. Worsfold.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, March 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. J. Pagett, G. Ward, A. H. Ward, S. Maskery, C. Draper, E. Willis, C. Hart conductor, E. Maskery, jun. On Thursday, March 19th, for practice, 432 Double Norwich. J. Overton, G. Ward, A. H. Watd, J. Pagett conductor, C. Draper, C. Hart, E. Willis, W. Wallace. On handbells 252 Stedman Triples. J. Pagett, A. H. Ward, W. Wallace, C. Hart. On Sunday, March 22nd, 560 Double Norwich. S. Maskery, G. Ward, A. H. Ward, C. Hart, C. Draper, W. Wallace, E. Willis, J. Pagett conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. A. H. Ward conductor, G. Ward, J. Thompson, C. Hart, C. Draper, S. Maskery, E. Willis, G. Wheeldon.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, November 20th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, W. H. Tubb, F. Carroway, W. Webb, F. L. Sparks, W. Eldred conductor. \*First 720 in the method as conductor. On Thursday, December 11th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Russell, W. Webb, W. H. Tubb, W. Eldred, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. On Thursday, December 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Russell, W. H. Tubb, W. Eldred, W. Webb, J. A. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. On Wednesday, December 24th, 720 College Single. W. Russell, W. Webb, W. H. Tubb, W. Eldred, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. On Thursday, January 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, E. H. Tubb, J. Cornell, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, April 23rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon, to Miss R. Wheeler, of Frome, among several other touches of Triples and Doubles, 168 Grandsire Triples in which Mr. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who acted as best man took part. H. Minty, W. Bishop conductor, J. Offer, E. C. Fricker, W. J. Prescott, H. Nutley, H. Shepherd, A. Langford.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, February 15th, for

Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. J. LeClercq, A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, jun., H. Garfath, sen. conductor, S. A. Wright, E. Claphaw, H. Jarratt.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 24th for practice, two courses and 504 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. Garman, J. Brown, H. Burstow, H. Paice, G. Williams, E. Waller, H. Mance conductor, R. Quick. First touch in the method by all the band and on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, H. Mance, J. Brown, H. Burstow, E. Waller, G. F. Williams, W. Short conductor, G. Woodman.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Divine, 1064 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. \*T. Curtis, W. Willson, jun., L. Allen, H. Mountford, F. Dexter, \*J. W. Beckwith, F. W. Herbert, W. Willson conductor. \*Longest length.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Clement Danes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Langdon, A. Jones, T. H. Taffender conductor, C. Burden, A. Coles, A. Jacob, W. Langdon, F. C. Newman, T. Langdon, A. Young. On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. G. Symonds, T. H. Taffender conductor, A. Coles, W. Truss, F. C. Newman, W. S. Langdon, T. Langdon, A. Coles.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1280 New Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Catterwell, W. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, A. J. Perkins, W. Keeble, G. R. Pye conductor, W. Watson, E. Pye.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Easter Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. F. Paskins, W. G. Fowler, J. Chalk, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, A. E. Paskins, A. Medley, R. White. First 6 score of Stedman Doubles on the bells by a local band.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 9th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Rimming, W. E. Sandford, G. Neale, G. K. Trowbridge, T. F. Stevens, S. Macey, W. W. Gifford conductor, L. Harris.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 9th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ferguson, H. Gibbon, W. J. Titchener, R. Alcock, N. Kidd, A. McFarlane, J. H. Blakiston conductor, T. Metcalfe. And 420 Stedman Triples. G. J. Clarkson, W. J. Titchener, R. Alcock, N. Kidd, T. Metcalfe, A. McFarlane, J. H. Blakiston conductor, H. Ferguson. Another 420 in the same method. T. Haigh conductor, G. Worth, G. J. Clarkson, G. Horner, A. C. Fearnley, A. Haigh, J. H. Blakiston, T. Metcalfe. Also 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ferguson, G. Worth, G. J. Clarkson, G. Horner, A. C. Fearnley, A. Haigh, T. Metcalfe, T. Haigh conductor.

SONNING (Berks).—On Thursday, January 29th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. \*H. Hammonds, A. W. Reeves, \*G. Wright, J. Hands, \*W. Hands, \*T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, \*G. Brown. \*Longest length.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 14th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan, G. Prior, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, I. Hammond. Also 672 Double Norwich. W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker conductor. Also 224 Double Oxford Major. H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker conductor.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 26th. Business Meetings at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, afterwards.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Midhurst to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers' service, 6 p.m.  
H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

**St Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The tablet recording the muffled peal of Stedman Caters which was rung in honour of the late John Day, the respected presiding ringing-master of this Guild for over 12 years, is now erected in the ringing chamber of Aston parish church. It will be unveiled by the Vicar of Aston, the Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A., this afternoon, Saturday, May 23rd, at 4.30. The attendance of members and interested friends, especially ladies, is cordially invited.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Oldham parish church to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.  
Heber's, Middleton. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington to-day, Saturday, May 23rd. Ringing at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, the 30th May, at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town, at 5 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. T. H. Russell. The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead (10), will also be available from 6.30 to 8.30, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman. All members and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at as early a date as possible.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth on Saturday, May 30th. Meeting, 5.30 p.m., at The Hunloke Arms. Members and friends invited.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at The Oak Inn, Headingley, on Saturday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The annual Eight Bell Contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, May 30th, this being the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The touch to be rung will be 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The contest will start at near 12.30 as possible. Earlsheaton Church is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from Dewsbury Town Hall.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. H. J. Dale, Rector of Hornchurch, at 11.30. Business meeting at the Vestry Hall at 12.15. Dinner at 2.0. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than the 27th. The towers of the neighbourhood, with the exception of Springfield, will be open for ringing.

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

Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Rothbury. The bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be open for ringing all day. Morpeth bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) after 5 p.m. Committee meeting, 12 noon. Dinner at The Queen's Head, 1 p.m., rs. 6d. to members. Intending visitors must send names before May 26th to C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Margate on Whit-sun Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting, 11 a.m. Service at St. John's, with address by Rev. C. J. M. Shaw, Vicar of Margate. The offertory will be given to the Swanscombe Restoration Fund. Dinner at Marine Terrace Hotel, 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open: St. John's, Margate (8), St. Peter's, Thanet (8), St. Lawrence (8), Birchington (8), and Quex Park (12). Members requiring dinner tickets must apply before Thursday, May 28th.

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

**The Herts Association.**—A District meeting will be held at Hatfield on Whit-Monday, June 1st.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The fifth annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner, followed by general business meeting, at The Golden Lion Hotel at 1.0 (members rs., others 2s.). Committee meeting same place at 11.0. Members intending to dine please send word by May 26th to Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stokesley R.S.O.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. The bells of the Abbey, St. James, St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Andrew and Christ Church will be available. Dinner, rs. each to members, at the Abbey Church house at 1.30. Business immediately following. Service at the Abbey, 3.30. Members intending being present at dinner should inform me by Tuesday, June 2nd.

Bridgewater.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at High Wycombe on June 6th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. (Rev.) E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Sec.*

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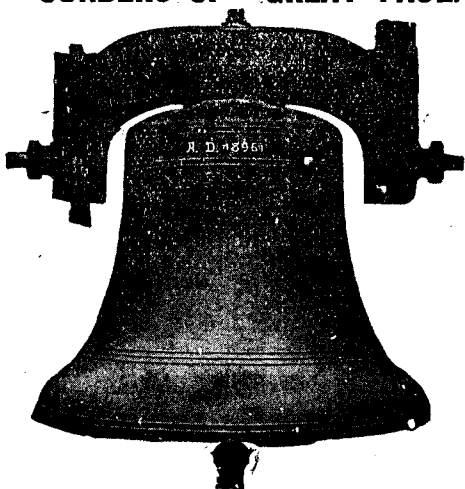
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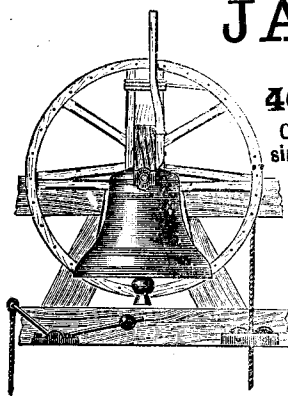
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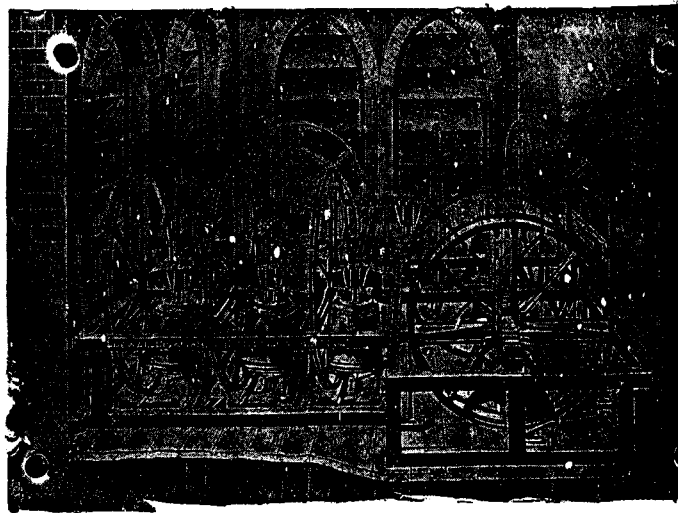
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Newham, 1700. No information as to the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, except that they old bells; 7th by Dobson, 1812. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. by Pack, 1774. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. No repairs, except by local smith, during the past fifty years. No steps have been taken to put the ring in order, partly from indifference, and partly from lack of funds. Ropes bad. No ringing of any kind for the past two-and-a-half years.

KETTERING (Northants). No dedication given. Central Northants. Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 4th by Saunders, 1714; 3rd by Taylor, 1890; 5th by Norris, 1630; the rest by Eayre, 1832. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were completely rehung by Taylor in 1900. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing at present. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Saturday, uncertain.

KEYNSHAM (Somerset). No dedication given. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Bilbie, 1731; 3rd, 1654; 4th, 1613; 6th, 1607; 7th, 1602. Tenor 33 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in., 1669. No founders of the last five mentioned. Timber frame. Bells go fairly but want rehanging. Repairs by Llewellyns in 1896. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st in month. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

KDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire). St. Mary and All Saints. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. 7th by Taylor, 1867. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. by Mears, 1857; the rest by Rudhall, 1754. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were entirely rehung in a new frame by Taylor in 1895. No difficulty in getting repairs done. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob,

Double Norwich and Surprise methods. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

KIMBOLTON (Hunts). Eight bells. No return.

KINGSBRIDGE (Devon). Eight bells. No return.

KINGSTON (Dorset). St. James. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1880. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well, and all in perfect order. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: twenty minutes before morning and evening service. The Vicar is a ringer. Practice irregular.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The above Society held their half-yearly meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 9th, members being present from Eccles, Worsley, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Padiham, Bacup, Flixton, Prestwich, Newchurch, Haslingden, Helmshore, Manchester, Todmorden, Bury and Bolton. The bells were kept merrily going by mixed bands from 3.30 to 5.30, when a retirement was made to St. Mary's schools, where Mr. Walter Taylor had prepared one of his well known excellent teas. At the meeting following, the number was considerably augmented by ringers arriving who had been ringing at Newchurch and Waterfoot during the afternoon. Through the late arrival of the Vicar, the president of the Association (Rev. H. Elsee, of Bolton) presided, and in his opening remarks congratulated the Rossendale branch on their achievements in the art of bell-ringing, the branch in his opinion being second to none in the Association for its quality of ringing, both in striking and number of methods rung. Mr. J. Barratt (Eccles) proposed, and J. Ramsbottom (Bury) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and the Rev. D. S. Johnson, who had now arrived, replied.

The Rev. H. N. Ross, in the course of a short speech, incidentally remarked that bell-ringing in England was not so exciting as in South America, where revolutions are so very frequent, and the first place to be seized by either party would be the nearest church. He remembered an instance very well when living in Peru, a fine bell of four or five tons in one of the towers being smashed to atoms by a cannon ball.

After the meeting recourse was again made to the various towers, where many touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Oxford, Kent Treble, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung.

The Westminster Abbey bellringers, J. R. Haworth, A. Hayward, R. French, W. Weatherstone, H. Flower, D. Lovett, and J. Miller were recently summoned to attend in the Jerusalem Chamber before the Dean of Westminster to be presented with medals for the Coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, for services rendered in the Abbey. Sir Robert Hobart represented the Earl Marshal.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., at the Church House, on the same morning.

I am glad to state that all subscriptions have now been paid, and that therefore the way is happily open for the Council to meet in full force.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at the Westminster Palace hotel at 9 o'clock, at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in meeting members and ringing friends.

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## AGENDA.

(1.) Election of President and Secretary for the triennial period commencing this year.

Nominations received :—

For President; SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart.

For Secretary: Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

- (2.) Election of Hon. Members.
- (3.) Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.
- (4.) Secretary's Report as to sale of publications, etc.
- (5.) Appointment of Standing and other Committees.
- (6.) To receive Report of the Peal Collection Committee.
- (7.) To receive Report of Committee on Legitimate Methods.
- (8.) To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

(9.) To decide upon the next place of meeting.

(10.) To consider the desirability of publishing a pamphlet containing the Rules of the Council, and a connected statement of the decisions arrived at since its formation.

(11.) To consider the desirability of forwarding to the Secretaries of the Associations a copy of the pronouncements of the Council in regard to the ringing of peals, together with a letter inviting them to endeavour to give effect, within their respective districts, to the regulations upon which the Council have agreed.

(12.) To consider whether some attempt should be made to induce the leading Church papers to take regular notice of ringing matters.

(13.) To consider whether the Council should publish a book explaining ringing in a popular way to the outside public.

(14.) To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently-proved compositions, and of worthless methods sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

(15.) To consider whether it is possible to move Associations to adopt more uniform rules in regard to the election of members and booking of peals.

(16.) To decide as to the qualification of single-handed peals on handbells to rank with other peals in the records.

\* \* Some particulars of ringing arrangements will be found on page 115.

## AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

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## Correspondence.

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

## SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—I cannot quite agree with your leader of Saturday last re single-handed handbell performances. I belong to a band which has rung single-handed handbell peals, and we are of opinion that to ring one handbell through a peal of either London Marvel or Cambridge Surprise is a much harder task than ringing a peal on the tower bells in the same methods. I would much rather ring a peal on the tower bells than ring one handbell through a peal. Of course a double-handed peal of Superlative or Cambridge surpasses all other performances, and deserves more recognition. In the easier methods, for instance Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, I say it is easier to ring a peal double-handed than to ring one handbell. And again, if a 6-bell band wishes to practice Major methods, and no tower bells are available, I think they deserve more credit than an 8-bell band, and their single-handed handbell peal is really a better performance. Sir, if your suggestion is carried, that a single-handed handbell peal ought not to rank with a peal on the tower bells, it will put a stumbling-block in the way of 6-bell bands anxious to ring peals of Major (and no tower bells available) and will have a tendency to hinder than to promote change-ringing. I hope the members of the Council will weigh this matter over, and rather postpone the last item on the Agenda (till the Council meeting of 1904) than to lower the value of a single-handed handbell peal, and in the meantime we could get the opinions of ringers through your valuable paper.

CHARLES MEE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol branch of this Association was held at Wooton-under-Edge on Saturday, the 16th instant, when only a small number attended, which can be accounted for owing to the very wet weather. A short service was held at 5 p.m., after which a business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. H. A. Cockey (chairman of the branch). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Westbury-on-Trym during June. Two new performing members were elected. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening.

## Obituary.

## ROBERT HAWES.

We are sorry in having to announce the death of our old friend Robert Hawes, who quietly passed away on the morning of Ascension-Day, at 5 o'clock, aged sixty-six. He had been in failing health for some time. For fifty-one years he had been connected with the St. Mary-le-Tower society, and was a very popular member. The members of the above-named society after the interment, which took place at Ipswich cemetery on the 25th instant, assembled at St. Margaret's and rang various touches with the bells muffled, with the usual whole pull and stand, in memory of their departed brother.

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## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—The Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. Ryle received a cordial welcome to Farnham on Friday evening, April 24th, when they came into residence at the Castle. Dr. and Mrs. Ryle reached Farnham by the 6.27 train from Waterloo, and one of the first sounds which greeted their ears upon alighting was the ringing of the parish church bells, where a 546 of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, sen. conductor, A. Baigent, A. LeClercq, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber. Afterwards, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Kimber, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 47 mins., standing as before, composed and conducted by H. Garfath, sen. It was Mr. Kimber's first quarter-peal. On Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 46 mins. A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, jun., A. LeClercq, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, sen., conductor, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 53 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, F. W. Ford, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, February 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. Miller, W. Pickworth, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, H. W. Newby, S. Wade conductor, C. Bale.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, February 3rd, at All Saints church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Allen, G. Heasman, H. Rainbow, S. Lawrence, A. Hensman, H. Blundell, W. Farey conductor, A. Stewart.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TILGHURST.—On Wednesday, February 4th, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Haines, E. Osborne, T. Hatherwell, C. Chapman, R. Chapman first 504 as conductor, F. Haines, H. Goodger, M. Waite. First 504 by the local band.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.—On Tuesday, February 3rd, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Billenness conductor, J. W. Burgess, J. Livermore, jun., T. Hunnisett, J. Beale, G. Penfold, S. F. C. Saker, W. Burt, 8. The band were attempting a peal, but owing to a continuous knocking at the door it was decided to bring the bells round at half-way. Upon opening the door it was much to the ringers' annoyance found to be a man with a small clock which he wanted to put in the vestry of the church.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEARSTED.—On February 10th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles, G. Burbridge, W. Cheeseman, G. Pound, W. Hope, J. Shorter, F. Feakins. 180 Bob Minor. G. Wratten, W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, G. Pound, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter. 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Cheeseman, W. Hope, G. Pound, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, E. Pollard. 120 Bob Doubles. G. Wratten, G. Apps, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter, F. Feakins. On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, 180 Bob Minor. G. Wratten, W. Cheeseman, G. Foster, E. Pollard, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter conductor.

ERITH.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. D. Barnes, W. Axell, J. Lowery, E. Wightman conductor, J. Garard, C. Wilkins. First 720 Bob Minor by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, S. J. Smith, B. Wilson, A. Brightman, F. Bonner conductor, A. Sharpe, M. Smith, H. Shaw. 224 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, S. J. Smith, B. Wilson, A. Brightman, F. Bonner, M. Smith conductor, J. Rookwood, A. Sharpe. On May 7th, for practice, 224 Grandsire Triples. B. Gutteridge, S. J. Smith, M. Smith conductor, A. Brightman, F. Bonner, A. Sharpe, J. Rookwood, A. King. On May 10th, on handbells, a touch of Bob Major. A. Brightman, S. J. Smith, M. Smith, F. Bonner, J. Rookwood, W. Finedon, J. W. Barker. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. J. Smith,

F. Bonner, W. Finedon, M. Smith, J. W. Barker. Two courses of Oxford Bob. B. Gutteridge, S. J. Smith, J. W. Barker, W. Finedon, M. Smith. First touches of Bob Major, Kent Minor and Oxford Bob by all except Messrs. M. Smith, W. Finedon and J. W. Barker. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Brightman, J. W. Barker, B. Wilson, W. Finedon, F. Bonner, J. Rookwood, M. Smith conductor, B. Gutteridge. First quarter-peal by all except M. Smith, W. Finedon and J. W. Barker, and M. Smith's first as conductor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GESTINGTHORPE.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, A. Shufflebotham, W. Steel, H. Collins, F. Rudkin conductor, G. Sentance. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Rudkin, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard, A. Shufflebotham conductor, H. Collins, W. Steel. And 144 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Sentance, F. Rudkin, A. Shufflebotham, H. Collins, W. Steel, C. H. Howard conductor.

FOXEARH.—On Sunday afternoon, May 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 288 Kent Treble Bob. A. Shufflebotham, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Rudkin, F. Wells, S. Slater, G. Sentance, W. Steel, H. Collins. Also touches of Bob Major with the local company.

SUDBURY.—On Sunday evening, May 24th, at St. Peter's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Sentance, J. Campin, A. Shufflebotham, F. Rudkin, A. Scott, jun., H. Harper, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Steel.

BOXLEY.—On Sunday afternoon, February 15th, 720 Plain Bob E. Lambert, G. Pound, F. Sharp, H. Brown, G. Hadaway, H. Sone, conductor. Another 720 in the same method. H. Sone conductor, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, J. Shorter, H. Brown, E. Lambert. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Hadaway, G. Pound, F. Sharp, H. Brown, E. Lambert, H. Sone conductor. The Vicar kindly provided tea at the Vicarage, which was very much enjoyed.

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, February 22nd, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Holden conductor, F. Pollard, H. Tomlinson, A. Riley, J. Pollard, J. Pollard, J. R. Eastwood, W. Dale.

LLANDUDNO.—On February 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, A. Fairlie, E. Hughes, J. Gillett, W. T. Pegler conductor, J. Cole, S. A. Cullington, S. Swain.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service at St. Mary's, Islington, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. H. May, C. Potheary, J. Barry, H. Stubbs conductor, H. Franks, A. Cook.

MORTIMER.—On Tuesday, February 17th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. C. Moulden, T. Neville, H. Austin, N. Cox, J. Tucker, W. Ford, C. Cox, G. Eatwell.

SPALDING.—On Tuesday, February 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. S. Wright, H. Eley, J. T. Brown, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, J. W. Jarvis, J. Facer.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—On Tuesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Avery, A. A. Waite, G. Hopkins, J. A. Waite, W. Smith, W. Staite, T. Clissold, H. Newman. Composed by W. Shipway, and conducted by A. A. Waite. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Edwards, of Holy Trinity, Liverpool, and Miss Miles, of Upton St. Leonards. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. A. Waite, the rest as before.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. R. Sandiford, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill conductor, A. Phillips, G. Carter, H. S. Humphery, W. J. Aldridge, A. Bangay first quarter-peal.

WEDNESBURY.—On Thursday evening, February 20th, for practice at St. Paul's, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Major, 1420 changes. C. Tyler, E. J. Tyler, O. Brown, A. Harber, J. Appleby, H. H. Somerville, W. Johnson conductor, J. Malpass. First quarter-peal of Major by all except 5, 6 and 7. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of the 6th.

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# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1902 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Position, 1902.	Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	T.B.M.M.	T.B.M.M.	T.B.M.M.	Grandshire.	Minor Mths.	Plain Mths.	Stedman.	Surprise.	Total value in points.	Value in points per peal.																								
VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL																																						
1 Middlesex City. Assn.	93	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1878	20.193																								
2 Norfolk Dio. Assn.	122	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1679	13.762																								
3 Oxford Dio. Guild.	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1328	16.600																								
4 Kent County Assn.	90	2	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1268	14.088																								
5 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	48	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1193	24.854																								
6 Glos. & Bristol Assn.	70	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1080	15.428																								
7 Sussex County Assn.	69	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1073	15.550																								
8 Hertford City. Assn.	58	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	869	16.172																								
9 Essex City Association	59	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	869	14.278																								
10 Durham & Newtle Ass.	45	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	671	14.911																								
11 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	628	19.030																								
12 Yorkshire Association.	52	3	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	568	10.923																								
13 Midland Cities Assn.	47	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	509	10.829																								
14 Lancashire Assn.	45	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	492	10.933																								
15 Bedford Association.	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	480	11.712																								
16 Winchester Guild.	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	419	14.448																								
17 Soc. Archdy. Staffs.	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	369	10.542																								
18 Surrey Association.	29	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	328	10.574																								
19 Chester Dio. Guild.	31	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	288	15.684																								
20 Royal Cumbld. Yths.	19	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	281	10.400																								
21 Worcs. & Dist. Assn.	27	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	219	11.526																								
22 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	210	16.153																								
23 Waterloo Soc. London	13	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	203	13.533																								
24 Devonshire Guild.	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	170	6.538																								
25 Bath & Wells Assn.	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	166	8.736																								
26 Lincoln Dio. Guild.	19	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	138	10.615																								
27 Cleveland & N. York.	13	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	98	8.166																								
28 Ely Diocesan Assn.	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	63	12.600																								
29 North Notts. Assn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	7																								
30 Salisbury Dio. Guild.	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	13.250																								
31 Stoke Achdl. Assn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	24																								
32 St. James' Soc. Ldn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	5.400																								
33 Llandaff Dio. Assn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	11.500																								
34 East Derbyshire Assn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5.666																								
35 Hereford Dio. Guild.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	7																								
36 Irish Association.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12																								
37 Old East Derby Assn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7																								
38 Liverpool Dio. Guild.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	408	9.951																								
Independent Societies.	41	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14176	14.176																								
Totals	1313	4	28	140	1	15	2	37	3	287	32	4	17	18	16	3	66	1	1	1	2	66	2	12	90	31	36	12	11	5	50	1	9	16	59	239	18614	14.176

The peals in Plain Methods comprise:—Bob Royal, 12; Bob Major, 90; Bob Triples, 22; Oxford Bob Triples, 8; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1. The peals of Doubles, \*1 method; 4, three 1 and one 4 methods; 6, one 1 and one 3 methods; 6, one 2, one 3, one 6, and one eight methods; 4, one 1 and two 2 methods; 2, 3 methods; 7, 7 methods; 2, 2 methods; 4, one 1, one 2, and one 4 methods. The 41 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Buckinghamshire, 1; Gloucestershire, 6; Hampshire, 1; Hertfordshire, 2; Ireland, 2; Kent, 2; Lancashire, 6; Leicestershire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Norfolk, 1; Northamptonshire, 3; North Wales, 2; Nottinghamshire, 1; Oxford, 3; Staffordshire, 2; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 4; Worcestershire, 1. The greatest number of

The time occupied in ringing the 1313 peals was 3,962 hrs. 59 mins., or 165 1/4 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 1.005 mins.

Conductors of four peals and upwards: W. Pye, 82; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 57; G. Williams, 33; C. R. Lilley, 23; J. Motts, 22; F. G. May and E. Wightman, 18; F. Bennett, 17; G. N. Price and W. Short, 16; W. Holmes, 15; Rev. H. L. James and C. F. Winney, 14; W. H. Barber, 13; J. Austin, 12; W. H. L. Buckingham, W. E. Garrard, J. S. Goldsmith, S. Reeves, S. Wade, 10; G. Cartmole, W. A. Cave, J. H. Cheesman, E. E. Huntley, A. Scott, W. H. B. Wilkins, 9; C. W. Clarke, T. J. Elton, 8; W. Billenness, G. T. Daltry, T. T. Gofton, F. Rolfe, F. Willford, 7; W. Grimes, F. T.



changes in one peal was the 10,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association, one peal containing over 7000 changes, three peals contained over 6000 changes, under 6000, 1308. Among the records made during the year the following are the most noteworthy. The Essex Association claims the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells conducted by W. Pye, and the first silent peal of Superlative Surprise Major on handbells. The Ancient Society of College Youths rang silent on handbells Lates's one-part peal of Stedman Triples. The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, rang Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, conducted by W. H. Barber. The Yorkshire Association rang a silent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on church bells.

The 172 peals of Treble Bob Maximus Royal and Major were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation, 144; in the Oxford Variation, 28; the 287 peals of Grandfire Triples: Holt's ten-part, 83; Holt's Original, 55; Holt's six-part, 6; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 29; Parker's twelve-part, 24; Parker's six-part, 13; Hollis's five-part, 12; Carter's twelve-part, 10; Rev. E. B. James' ten-part, 10; Vicars' six-part, 8; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part, 5; Penning's one-part, 4; Lindoff's 5; Thurstans' five-part, 4. Other peals, 19. The 239 peals of Stedman Triples: Thurstans' four-part and Variations, 167; Thurstans' one-part, 34; Thurstans' five-part, 4; Lates' one-part, 20; Washbrook's, 4; Carter's odd-bob-one-part, 3; Heywood's No. 6, 3; other peals, 4.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
1 Middlesex County Association	..	..	25	18	9	4	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	..	3	4	5	9	5	6	2
3 Oxford Diocesan Guild	..	..	2	1	3	2	1	2
4 Kent County Association	..	..	5	7	7	8	3	4
5 Ancient Society of College Youths	..	..	7	5	2	4	2	5
6 Gloucester and Bristol Association	..	10	13	12	7	11	11	9
7 Sussex County Association	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	5
8 Hertford County Association	..	..	29	25	19	13	18	20
9 Essex County Association	..	..	16	16	11	10	12	9
10 Durham and Newcastle Association	..	9	8	18	19	31	18	16

The following table gives the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881	..	156	1888	..
1882	..	244	1889	..
1883	..	334	1890	..
1884	..	419	1891	..
1885	..	500	1892	..
1886	..	556	1893	..
1887	..	646	1894	..

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#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL.—On February 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, sen., G. Smith, J. Hilling, W. Chandler first 720, R. Hutton conductor. Also another 720 in the same method. F. Housego, J. Hilling, the rest standing as before.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, February 1st, at All Saints church, 350 Grandfire Triples. T. Charles, M. Lewis, B. Millard, C. Travis, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones, conductor, S. Baiss. First 350 by the All Saints band. On Thursday, February 5th, for practice, 504 Grandfire Triples. F. Charles, T. Ford, C. Travis, M. Lewis, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. First 504 by the All Saints band. On Sunday, February 8th, for service, 350 Grandfire Triples. J. Bullen, B. Millard, T. Ford, C. Travis, M. Lewis, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones, S. Baiss.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WORTON-UNDER-EDGE.—On Sunday, May 17th, the day following the Association meeting at this place, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Hughes, F. E.

Hoad, sen., T. Langdon, T. Newman, H. R. Newton, E. Reader, T. J. Salter, T. H. Taffender, A. G. Warren, G. Wightman, W. Wilson, 6; H. Baker, J. Cotterell, E. E. Ferry, T. Groombridge, H. P. Harman, W. H. Judd, W. Keeble, W. H. Lawrence, C. Mees, J. Parker, T. Rickets, W. Spice, B. W. Witchell, 5; A. W. Brighton, H. Chapman, C. Charge, I. Creed, W. G. Ellis, C. H. Fowler, J. A. Goffon, J. E. Groves, R. T. Holding, sen., J. Hunt, T. B. Kendall, A. Knights, W. Lincoln, J. Maynard, W. Micklewright, J. Monk, Joseph Potter, G. R. Pye, T. Redman, F. Richardson, H. G. Rowe, I. G. Shade, F. Shepherd, T. Stroud, G. E. Symonds, W. Taylor, J. Thomas, H. Whittle, G. Willshire, 4. In addition to these there were 43 who conducted 3 peals; 86 who conducted 2 peals, and 223 who conducted 1 peal; also 3 silent peals, and five peals published without a conductor's name, making a total of 444 persons who acted as conductor's during the year.

Number of peals on church bells, 1271; on handbells, 42. They were rung as follows: January, 121; February, 100; March, 113; April, 101; May, 126; June, 76; July, 42; August, 106; September, 90; October, 115; November, 147; December, 176; total, 1313. Increase on previous year, 119. The 1313 peals is the greatest number of peals ever rung in one year. In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7000 changes count as two peals, over ten and under 12,000 changes, 3 peals. The following table gives the first twenty societies and their relative positions since 1895, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
11 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7
12 Yorkshire Association	..	..	4	6	9	11	8	14
13 Midland Counties Association	..	..	6	3	8	6	13	11
14 Lancashire Association	..	..	8	10	4	5	7	8
15 Bedford Association	..	..	15	17	15	25	25	17
16 Winchester Diocesan Guild	..	..	12	9	14	12	15	10
17 Society Archdeaconry Stafford	..	..	22	15	21	17	13	19
18 Surrey Association	..	..	13	14	20	16	17	12
19 Chester Diocesan Guild	..	..	..	27	19	24	22	21
20 Royal Cumberland Youths	..	..	..	11	11	17	23	24

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WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, May 25th, for morning service at St. Helen's church, 504 Grandfire Triples. A. Dunaway, W. Bright, C. Jones, jun., C. Jones, sen. A. Hill, W. Powell, H. F. Cooper conductor, E. Watkins.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service at the Cathedral, on the back eight, 504 Stedman Triples. W. B. Sampson, N. C. Wilson, C. C. Ellis, J. R. Robertson, E. F. Price, R. Whiston, W. H. Barber conductor, J. H. Ker.

NEW ROMNEY.—On Saturday, May 9th, at the monthly meeting of the above for combined practice, 336 Bob Major. C. Slugsby, E. Jahndson, G. Billenness, W. E. Pitman. A. Vincett, C. Tribe, W. Billenness conductor. P. Hodgkin. Longest length of Bob Major by 1, 2, 3 and 5. And 447 Grandfire Triples. G. Billenness, C. Tribe, E. Johnson, W. E. Pitman, A. Vincett, E. Hutchinson, W. Billenness, G. B. Anderson.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1903.

OUR brief comment last week concerning single-handed handbell peals has drawn out a kind of protest from Mr. C. MEE. We think that very few ringers will be found who believe that the ringing of a single handbell through a peal is more difficult than ringing two. No one not blessed with an extraordinary stock of imagination could ever utter such a statement, we should say. Some ringers have been heard to say, it is true, that Forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles is a greater job than a peal of Grandsire Triples. A "greater job" it may be, in the sense which is meant. The constant iteration in ringing



"a peal" of Doubles is more than some can bear; its monotony has been described as "maddening." Ringing one handbell through a peal would, we imagine, inflict a similar horror, and therefore Mr. MEE is perhaps not far out when he asserts that it is "harder" to ring one handbell than two. But we repeat that he will find it "harder" to get intelligent ringers to agree with his much too confident assertions.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—TUESDAY'S RINGING.

The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing on Tuesday evening from 6.15 to 8.15.

The St. James Society has arranged for the tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, to be open for ringing from 6 p.m. on Tuesday next, following the meeting of the Council.

There will be no ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Whit-Tuesday after the Central Council meeting, the tenor being unringable.

### NEW CLOCK FOR THE CAPE.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have just received an order for a large clock for the new town hall at Vryburg, Cape Colony. It will be supplied with all the latest improvements, and is expected to go to great accuracy.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
QR. MR. SERGEANT A. PYE* 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 8.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 9.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Tenor.

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

### BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—"THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good halfpull neighbourhood.

### The Provinces.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

LEONARD ALLEN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	*JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK DEXTER* .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

A peal of Superlative Surprise was arranged, but meeting short enabled the colts \* to ring their first peal in the above method.

#### SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT HUGHES .. Treble.	*ERNEST BROWN .. .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 7.
ERNEST F. ALLAWAY .. 4.	WILLIAM MURRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

#### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

#### DOVER.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently, with 6-8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. SAUNDERS* .. Treble.	*CHARLES TURNER .. .. 5.
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS* .. 2.	*JOHN B. SAUNDERS .. 6.
EDMUND POTTER .. .. 3.	HENRY WOOD .. .. 7.
HERBERT C. SAYWELL* .. 4.	*CHARLES SHEAFF .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WOOD.

\*First peal. First peal ever rung by a Dover band.

#### ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 4.	HARRY DENMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the quarterly peal for the division, and was rung for the evening service on Ascension Eve.



## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

## EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY .. .. 5.
ROBERT HUTTON .. .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR FULLER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 22, 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.	ERNEST S. REED .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRICE .. .. 2.	THOMAS A. VINGETT .. 6.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 4.	WALTER TOMSETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation held at the above church by the Bishop of Chichester on that day.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

E. V. COX .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
HARRY JUDGE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich.

## HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Little, College Single, Warnham Court, Plain Bob, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JAMES HALLWORTH .. Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY .. .. 4.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY .. .. 5.
JOSHUA DEAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL FERNLEY.

First peal in fourteen methods by the above Guild, the previous record in this direction being one in eleven methods by the same company on December 26th, 1902.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODISS† .. Treble.	*JAMES MARTIN .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† .. 2.	†JOHN EMERY .. .. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW* .. 3.	†JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
CHARLES HAMBLIN* .. 4.	†BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

†First peal with a bob bell. \*First peal. †First peal of Bob Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Robert Hawes.

## WOOTTON, BASSETT, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble.	LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. 5.
ROBERT W. HYNER .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY PALMER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

## CARDINGTON, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN MASSEY .. .. Treble.	LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

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

Reference next week.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY KEY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LONG* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 4.
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE* .. 2.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
JESSE J. ARBON .. .. 3.	HARRY G. WELHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. MEE.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.



## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	†FRANK HOLDEN .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEVER .. .. Treble.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 2.	ALFRED POTTER .. .. 6.
JOHN POTTER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DENNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL* .. .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WALTER HOBBS .. .. 6.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
IMAC CAVILL .. .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

## BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

\*First peal.

## GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 23, 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 8 cwt.

E. HILLS* .. .. Treble.	G. LANCASTER .. .. 5.
G. A. ANDREWS† .. .. 2.	*S. ROPER .. .. 6.
W. J. NEVARD .. .. 3.	W. J. HAZELL .. .. 7.
P. ROPER* .. .. 4.	*G. MILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and by a local band.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

WILLIAM SPICE .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
ALFRED TAWNEY .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
HARRY GOODWIN* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal in the method. For calling see Kent County Association Report for 1902, peal 757.

## BRADFELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. SPOKES .. .. Treble.	J. PARSONS .. .. 4.
J. WEDGE .. .. 2.	J. ALEXANDER .. .. 5.
J. BOWER .. .. 3.	F. RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

Rung on the birthday of our late Queen Victoria, in whose honour it was rung. Further reference elsewhere.

## SOUTH HARTING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CALEB SOANE .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 4.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. BOXALL .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First 5040 on the bells.

## COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	JAMES KITCHENER .. .. 7.
T. RICKETTS .. .. 4.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Brighton, and  
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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**Notices.**

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**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, the 30th May, at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town, at 5 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. T. H. Russell. The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead (10), will also be available from 6.30 to 8.30, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman. All members and friends of the Association will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at as early a date as possible.

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

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth to-day, Saturday, May 30th. Meeting, 5.30 p.m., at The Hunloke Arms. Members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at The Oak Inn, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, May 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The annual Eight Bell Contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, May 30th, this being the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The touch to be rung will be 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The contest will start at near 12.30 as possible. Earlsheaton Church is about ½ mile from Dewsbury Town Hall.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Mary's, with address by Rev. H. J. Dale, Rector of Hornchurch, at 11.30. Business meeting at the Vestry Hall at 12.15. Dinner at 2.0. The towers of the neighbourhood, with the exception of Springfield, will be open for ringing.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
St. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Rothbury. The bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be open for ringing all day. Morpeth bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) after 5 p.m. Committee meeting, 12 noon. Dinner at The Queen's Head, 1 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*  
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**The Kent County Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Margate on Whit-sun Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting, 11 a.m. Service at St. John's, 12 noon, with address by Rev. C. J. M. Shaw, Vicar of Margate. The offertory will be given to the Swanscombe Restoration Fund. Dinner at Marine Terrace Hotel, 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open: St. John's, Margate (8), St. Peter's, Thanet (8), St. Lawrence (8), Birchington (8), and Quex Park (12).

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

**The Herts Association.**—A District meeting will be held at Hatfield on Whit-Monday, June 1st.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The fifth annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Service at 12.15 p.m. Dinner, followed by general business meeting, at The Golden Lion Hotel at 1.0 (members 1s., others 2s.). Committee meeting same place at 11.0.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stokesley R.S.O.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place on Whit-Monday, June 1st, 1903, at Northampton. Usual arrangements.

T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. The bells of the Abbey, St. James, St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Andrew and Christ Church will be available. Dinner, 1s. each to members, at the Abbey Church house at 1.30. Business immediately following. Service at the Abbey, 3.30.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at High Wycombe on June 6th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m.

(Rev.) E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Boyne Hill.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The monthly practice at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, will be postponed till Monday, June 8th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford St., Dudley.

**The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.**—The annual meeting will be held at Penwortham on Whit-Saturday, June 6th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*  
60, Church St., Blackrod.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday next, June 6th. Members intending to be present must give notice to J. Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton. The meeting at Kingsley will be held on June 27th instead of the 20th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

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C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 13th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.

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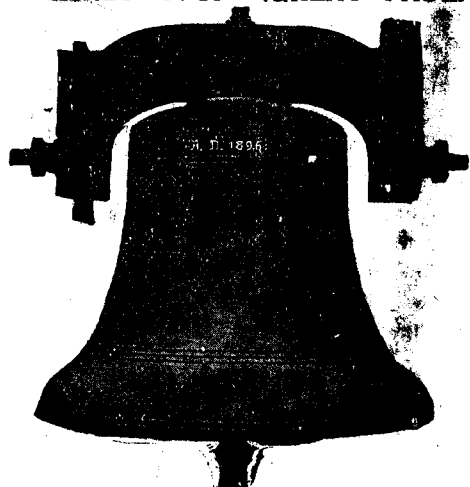
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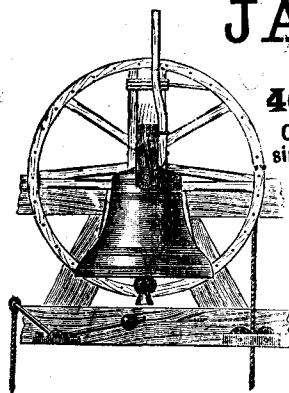
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey). Surrey Association. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears 1748 and 1741 respectively; 3rd by Catlin, 1750; 4th by Blews, 1873; 5th, 6th and 7th by Mears, 1826; 8th by Mears, 1848; 9th and 10th by the same, 1879 and 1830 respectively. Tenor 33 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. General repairs by Mears, about 1897. All repairs are attended to. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

KING'S SUTTON (Northants). Eight bells. No return.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire). Worcestershire and Districts Association. Eight bells. Treble and 7th by Blews, 1867; 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor by Chapman, 1783; 5th by Mears, 1826; 6th by Taylor, 1892. Tenor 14 cwt., 3 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Taylor, 1892. The bells are well looked after. Methods: Grandsire, Stedmar, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. Sunday ringing: 9 to 10. A chiming apparatus is fitted. No fixed practice.

KIRBY, WEST (Cheshire). St. Bridget. Chester Diocesan Guild. Treble, 2nd and tenor by Taylor, 1890; the rest by Rudhall, 1719. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Taylor, 1890. Ropes new 1890, about to be renewed. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 8, except on Saints' Days.

KIRKBURTON (Yorks). St. John. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 7th by Mears, 1877; 3rd, 4th and 5th by the same, 1849; 6th, 1656, no founder mentioned. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. by Barton, 1830. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Tenor lately

repaired by Shaw. Repairs are attended to as necessary. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 45 minutes before each service. Practice: Wednesday, occasionally.

KIRKHAM (Lancashire). St. Michael. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1846. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were entirely rehung by Mears, 1898. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.50 to 10.20, and 5.50 to 6.20. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30 from September 29th to March 9th.

KIRTON (Lincolnshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. No return.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the western division of this Association was held at Midhurst on Saturday, May 23rd, the towers represented being Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's), Chichester, Goring, Heene, Harting, Midhurst, Petersfield, Portsea, and Pulborough. Touches of Minor were rung in various Treble Bob methods till five o'clock. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. Bennett, the Hon. Secretary, at The Temperance hotel, thirty-eight sitting down. Amongst those present were the Vicar (Rev. S. M. Campbell), in the chair; the newly-appointed Archdeacon of Chichester, Rev. A. H. Simpson (Rogate), Rev. W. F. Eliot (Petworth), Rev. A. J. Roberts (Harting), and Messrs. A. B. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), Rev. F. B. Tompkins (Treasurer), G. Williams and H. Evans (Divisional Secretaries). The usual business meeting followed. The meeting of the last meeting were passed; the Archdeacon and the Rev. H. Drake were elected Life Members; Mr. H. Weeks (hon. member). It was proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Shipley. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies wrote thanking the members for electing him a vice-president, remarking that he considered it a great honour.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. Bennett for providing the tea; also to the Archdeacon and Clergy for meeting them. The chairman and Mr. Bennett replied, saying they were pleased to welcome the members to Midhurst.

The Archdeacon in responding said he was pleased to be present among the ringers, and the more he mixed with them the more he appreciated their good work in calling the people to worship; a part of his work would be to visit the churches in the diocese, and he hoped to find the bells in good order.

A service was held at 6 o'clock, the ringers' service being used for the first time in the county and much appreciated, after which the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

## BLACKPOOL.

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## THE BIRMINGHAM ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23rd, the belfry of Aston parish church presented a somewhat unusual appearance, a large party of ladies and gentlemen being present to witness the unveiling of a peal-tablet by the Vicar of Aston—the Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A.

After a short touch upon the bells, the Vicar arrived promptly at the appointed time, and was received by the Secretary of the society, Mr. Godden, and the tower-keeper, Mr. Russam. Among others present were the sons and daughters of the late John Day, Mrs. Russam, Mr. Brittain (churchwarden) Mr. Short (ringing-master at St. Martin's), Mr. W. R. Small (Tipton), Mr. W. Verry (Handsworth), Mr. Horton (West Bromwich), and many other prominent local ringers.

After a short prayer, Mr. Godden introduced the subject of the meeting, asking the Vicar to unveil and receive as the property of the church a tablet erected to record the muffled peal of Stedman Caters rung on those beautiful bells by members of the St. Martin's Guild in respect to the memory of the late John Day. He then went on to describe the sterling character of the late Mr. Day, who, as presiding ringing-master of the St. Martin's Guild for over twelve years, had so endeared himself to all in that capacity that his loss was felt by every member of the Guild as the loss of a personal friend.

The Vicar then unveiled the tablet, a well-proportioned marble one by a local firm, most tastefully written and ornamented in incised gold, and surrounded by a neat frame of fumed oak. In a few brief and pointed remarks he testified to the pleasure it gave him to preside at such a function.

Mr. John Day thanked the members of the St. Martin's Guild on behalf of his family and self for this (the third) record of his father's connection with the Guild, stating that he knew his father's aim in life always was to leave anything to which he had put his hand better than he originally found it, and judging by appearances that was so in the case of the St. Martin's Guild.

Mr. Churchwarden Brittain, in expressing his pleasure at seeing such a company present, stated that he often wished that they could more frequent and better ring at their Sunday services.

After a benediction by the Vicar, and some more touching, the proceedings terminated.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED

The monthly meeting was held on May 30th, at The Oak inn, Headingley. Previous to the meeting touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, Bob Major, etc., were rung. The business meeting commenced about 7.30 p.m., a good number of members from the following towers being present: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Leeds, and the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read on the proposition of Mr. J. Thackray, seconded by Mr. J. Broadley. Mr. Holgate proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements. Votes of thanks to the chairman and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters brought a successful meeting to a close.

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## AROUND THE SOUTH DOWNS.

One of the most enjoyable week-ends spent by the writer cycling and ringing, was on Saturday and Sunday May the 23rd and 24th. Leaving Brighton at 1.15 p.m. by road, Midhurst, 36½ miles (where a quarterly meeting was to be held), was reached at 4.20 p.m. The road taken was by Steyning and Storrington, then the by-roads close under the north side of the Downs to Midhurst, the scenery on this road being magnificent, and now at its best. A good muster turned up at the tea at The Coffee House at 5 p.m., including the Archdeacon of Chichester and several of the local clergy. A short bright service at 6 p.m., and touches in various Minor methods occupied the rest of the evening, then under Mr. A. B. Bennett's charge for the night.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar of South Harting (Rev. A. J. Roberts), Mr. Bennett had arranged to attempt a peal there in the afternoon of the following day, Sunday. Therefore 10.15 a.m., Sunday, found us in Midhurst belfry, where Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, etc., was rung for morning service, and at 11.15 we were on the road for South Harting, eight miles, a halt being made in the shade just outside the village for lunch, which had been very thoughtfully provided by Mr. Bennett. On arriving at the fine old church dedicated to St. Mary, we were welcomed by the Vicar, saying tea would be ready at the finish of the peal. After a few preliminary rounds, etc., the bells went off into Cambridge Surprise at 1.25, the seven 720s being the first 5040 on these bells. The ringing is done from the centre of the church on the ground floor, and the bells, owing to the long draught of rope to the first floor, require to be very carefully handled, three previous attempts for peals here by the Midhurst band have been lost I believe through this difficulty. Immediately after the bells stopped the Vicar came into the church and congratulated us on our success, and escorted us to the vicarage, where a most excellent tea was all in readiness, and needless to say was very much enjoyed, the view from the dining-room being thought almost the finest known in the country.

After thanking the good Vicar for his invitation to his tower, and for his hospitality, we had to part, the Midhurst men driving back for evening service, and the writer cycling on to Brighton, 46 miles, via Chichester, which was accomplished in just over four hours.

Ringers may be interested to know that the Vicar of Harting told us at the tea-table that he has busy days at this very quiet spot, taking five services single-handed on a Sunday and last, but not least, joins in the ringing for each of these services, he (the Vicar) also filling the very rare position of being both the Rector and Vicar of South Harting.

G. W.

## AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

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## ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Supper of the above was held at the Queen's Hotel, St. Albans, on Feb. 17th, there being present a full muster of members, with the addition of the Revs. G. H. Glossop, E. Deedes, of the Cathedral clergy, Rev. E. Ibbotson, late Vicar of St. Michael's, Walthamstow, Mr. H. Martin, late of Oxhey, and Mr. H. Lewis, representing St. Peter's, St. Albans. A capital spread was provided by Mr. T. Slater, to which full justice was done. After supper, with the Rev. G. H. Glossop in the chair, a lengthy programme of songs and toasts was gone through. The chairman gave the toast of the evening in an excellent speech, Mr. J. Earwicker responding for the Cathedral Society. Other toasts followed, interspersed with songs by J. Earwicker, R. Hammond, H. Walker, W. Sait, H. Martin, R. Churchouse, recitations by H. Martin, handbell ringing by Messrs. Whitbread, Lewis, Martin and Earwicker, a pleasant evening being brought to a close with the singing of "Auld lang syne."

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Eight Bell Contest in connection with the above Society took place at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton. Only four companies competed. Each company had to ring 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The judges, Messrs. Hanson, Kitchen of Elland, and Joseph Wood of Friezeland, gave their decision as follows:—1st prize, Association Silver Challenge Cup and 8 electro plated teapots, Dewsbury, 362 faults; 2nd prize, 8 cases of carvers and 8½ doz. knives and forks, Liversedge, 619 faults; 3rd prize, 8 silver alberts and gold centre medals, Huddersfield, 696 faults. Birstall had 1250 faults and no prize.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT CARDINGTON (REPORTED LAST WEEK).**—The band wish to thank the Rev. E. J. Hillier for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Badger and Clarke, churchwardens, and the sexton for their kind invitation and having everything ready. It was J. Maxey's first peal on eight bells.

**THE PEAL AT BRADFIELD (REPORTED LAST WEEK).**—This peal was the fifth out of six attempts, and was a good peal from beginning to end. As soon as the peal was over it was time to commence ringing for evening service, and as there are several lady ringers they were soon in the belfry with the Vicar's son. They seemed very pleased to think the peal was successful, as they had evidently been listening to the music of their ring of bells, which are in excellent order, and reflect great credit on Mr. Rowe and all connected with the belfry.

**THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.**—This peal was arranged for ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6, and was rung in honour of the presentation of the living of Dunstable, the old priory church, to the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, his brother-ringers giving him their heartiest congratulations, and wishing him every success. \*First peal of Treble Bob Royal and first peal on ten tower bells. †First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor by J. W. Barker.‡

**THE PEAL AT WALWORTH ON APRIL 30TH.**—In reference to Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples rung at Walworth on this date it was conducted by T. Langdon, and rung for the first time in the Metropolis at the second attempt.

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## WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday evening, March 9th, the Wakefield Society and a few friends, including H. Brame and J. Broadley of Bradford, and W. Idle of Dewsbury, sat down to an excellent supper at Ye Olde Ring o' Bells Inn, Wakefield, to mark the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brame of Bradford, Full justice having been done to the good things provided, a smoking concert followed. Mr. T. H. Ormond, the eldest ringing member, was unanimously voted to the chair. The following ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters, which was followed by other touches on the handbells during the evening:—W. Idle, J. Broadley, A. Scott, J. T. Eason and J. H. Ormond. Mr. J. T. Eason then presented to Mr. H. Brame, on behalf of the Wakefield company and a few friends, a silver medal in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed and supplied by Mr. G. H. Coldwell, of Mirfield, Yorkshire, and wished him long life, health and happiness. He sincerely hoped that whenever Mr. Brame looked upon the gift it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent with the Wakefield company. The health of the couple was then drunk with musical honours. On rising to respond Mr. Brame was greeted with loud applause. He thanked the donors of the gift most heartily, and said it had always been a pleasure to him to come and ring with them. The gift came quite as a surprise to him, and he would treasure it as showing the good feeling which existed between him and the Wakefield company. After songs, recitations, etc., had been given, the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings it has been the lot of the Wakefield company to enjoy. An 840 of Grandsire Triples was also rung on the Cathedral bells in honour of the above event.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NEWPORT (MON.)

On Tuesday, April 28th, the ringers of the above had their second Annual Dinner at the Shaftesbury Café, host Davies providing in rare good style. One very striking feature was that the changes and course-ends came up accurate, and not as our friends said a short time ago in the "B. N." as regards a couple of peals recorded lately that they were clashing all together. After the usual toasts and a little speech making, the rest of the evening was spent in singing songs, etc. Mr. Hugh Netts, one of the churchwardens, who is a son of the donor of the church and bells, manipulated the piano and gave a couple of rare good nigger songs.

## DARLEY ABBEY, DERBYSHIRE.

A large clock, shewing time on two six-foot dials, and striking hours, has been erected in the church here by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, and will be started this Whitsuntide. The whole of the expense is being borne by Walter Evans, Esq., Darley Abbey.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It was on page 62, in number 1099, that my last adumbrations (I apologise for the word, but it is getting very popular, though I can't say I fully understand its meaning) appeared. In the same number I read a letter from Mr. Geo. H. Mann, of a place called "Middlewich" somewhere in Cheshire. Mr. Mann condemns a performance in Grandsire Triples which was said to have been Guild. The record of that performance must be quashed; rung at Middlewich by the Crewe branch of the Cheshire no reply in its defence having been made. There was also an attack on a peal of London Surprise Rung at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. This attack was spiritedly met, and it somewhat ignominiously collapsed. Then in the following number there was a notice from Mr. White, the Midland Counties' Secretary, that a peal of Caters rang at Wednesbury in March last would not be recognised by the Association. Now these sort of things are very uncomfortable reading, and ought to be avoided. That is all I say about them now.

The following week on page 74 appeared an article headed "Newcastle Cathedral." You all read this article with pain and discomfort, I am sure. So far as the "B.N." is concerned no answer to the statements made therein has appeared. May be the authorities of Newcastle Cathedral hold themselves too high to condescend to explain their action, or argue the question; and perhaps they would consider a suggestion from an outsider a gross and unwarrantable impertinence. In fairness I am also bound to say—perhaps not. But then, things cannot remain as they are without some amount of friction, and perhaps, some very unpleasant episodes.

I am told that the editor has received a letter (not for publication) about this business from one of the Cathedral clergy. Journalistic honour forbids the contents of this letter to ooze out, but the reception of such a letter is apt to make one imagine that the above clergy would not be amiss to resume amicable relation with the ringers. Who are these ringers? Are they obscure persons having no local standing; people unknown to citizenship among Novocastrians? Take one or two of them by name. Robert Story—the president of the ringing Association embracing the two northern dioceses; Charles L. Routledge, the Hon. Secretary of the same. Are these obscure and unknown? I say they are better and wider known than any other Newcastle men living or dead. Their names have gone out into all lands; and their works unto the ends of the world. They are not without honour, too, in their own country; they are well enough known by men of light and leading to warrant the belief that their counsel in the present dilemma if asked for would be most worthy of consideration and free from any spirit of dictation. I appeal to the authorities of the Cathedral to end this unpleasant state of affairs. I ask them to look upon the ringers of their city not as a set of busybodies, or as members of a militant trades-union even, but as helpers and workers for the general good of the Church.

After this something in a lighter vein. You will recollect the umbrella and walking-stick arrangement. I apprehend that the following paragraph—handed to me for insertion in these notes—has come from the same quarter. What do you think?

"At The Two Brewers Inn, Leytonstone, on Saturday,

the 23rd May, a very interesting event took place, when Mr. F. Withers presented Mr. H. Toble with a beautiful cherrywood whip (to be used as a sign of authority) on his appointment to the post of 'whipper-in' to the West Ham 'Stagbeagle' band. Mr. Toble, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his thanks for the honour done to him. Amongst the company present were the veteran master, Mr. W. H. Doran, Mr. S. Hayes, and other well known ringers. After, the tower was visited and a good 120 of York Surprise Minor was rung, conducted by W. Keeble."

Whatever is a "stagbeagle"? I have heard of a monster insect, or reptile, called a "stag-beetle"; also a kind of dog known as a "beagle," but this latter does not hunt the stag. There appears to me to be an air of mysticism about this paragraph, but you can make what you please of it. The name of "Toble" seems new.

The greatest event of the month is the feat at Kings Norton. The band has been complimented, and the renowned skill of the caller received honourable mention, I am glad to say. But there is one name that has not had its due honours. That name is H. Withers. Now bear in mind that it was a peal of London Surprise Major—14,112 changes, the ringing of which occupied nine hours all but twenty minutes! Yet we are told that "Mr. H. Withers, who acted as umpire, took down every lead-end as rung from outside the tower, and produced the composition on the completion of the peal, without having ever seen it or knowing what plan it was on." Such "umpiring," I should say, is remarkable. When the medals are distributed for this peal, H. Withers should take the gold one, and if there is not one of that metal the Exercise should subscribe for one for him.

Talking of medals brings to mind the "distribution" the other day at Westminster. "Law," says a friend of mine to me, "whatever do you think of it! Medals forsooth! The ludicrous side of the affair takes one's breath away." I had to calm down my friend's exuberance. Why shouldn't Bill Weatherstone have a medal? He is a quiet, unassertive old chap, though I can't give the same character to one other of the company. Then there's Dick French—Old Dick, he is getting to be called—and the Nestor of scruffeites, J. R. H., and Joe Hayward; why shouldn't they have medals if they can get them—and bars too? Why not indeed?

I regret to read that our old friend and brother Robert Hawes is no more. I am asked to say that the list of subscriptions on his behalf will appear shortly. There is another claimant for practical sympathy now before us in the person of Thomas Clark of Ripon. Brethren, don't forget those amongst us who are in necessity. We don't know when our turn may come. The Exercise has done well in such affairs; don't let us get weary of well-doing.

There are several other topics seething in my breast (*vide* a writer in the first number of the "B.N."), awaiting reference. There is that wonderful production of Messrs. Attree and Baker, yclept among ringers as "The Analysis." A truly wonderful schedule. The gentlemen concerned in its compilation have their names already in a most high position on "the Campanistean rolls of fame" (another historical quotation), and their names hereafter will be regarded with almost as much honour as that of

PLAIN SPEAKER.



## Correspondence.

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

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

## SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—Your leader of Saturday last again shows how totally unacquainted you are with handbell ringing, and how one-sided your remarks are. I feel sure all intelligent ringers will easily understand my meaning more readily than you seem to understand it. Wont you allow a little credit to a 6-bell band ringing Major on handbells? I also beg to inform you that there is not much horror in ringing one handbell to a peal of London. I don't think any ringer is capable of giving an opinion without they have rung peals double-handed and single-handed as well, and then I think they can be confident in their assertions.

CHARLES MEE.

SIR,—I cannot agree with Mr. C. Mee with regard to single-handed peals on handbells. I say distinctly that they are not worth as many points as a peal on tower bells. My reason is that you have not got the weight of metal to swing about. That it is a more tedious job I readily admit, but in handbell ringing you can sit and ring, but I have never heard of a man who could sit and ring a tower bell through a peal (perhaps J. J. W. could oblige; we all know what he has done), neither do I agree with Mr. Mee that it is easier to ring simpler methods double-handed than it is single-handed. If it is possible to ring one method double-handed easier than single-handed it would be so in all cases, whether the methods were simple or intricate. On that point I think the majority of ringers will agree. Having taken part in several handbell peals, all double-handed, I hope that Mr. Mee will not think that I am trying to cast a slur on the handbell peals rung by the Sproughton company, as I consider they are a credit to them, not having eight tower bells available. In conclusion I should like to ask Mr. Mee to give us a definition as to why it is easier to ring Kent Treble Bob double-handed than single-handed. The old theory was—if a man rang one bell he was only half a ringer, but if he rang two he was a whole ringer.

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## A REQUEST.

SIR,—As one of Mr. Penning's peals of Grandsire Triples has turned out to be false, will he kindly publish the whole of the peal in its correct form in this paper, and oblige a great number of ringers, including

J. JAGGAR.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAMPTON.—On March 17th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Plummer, H. Carder, A. Gough, W. Newton, G. Woolford, E. Hawkins conductor.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, May 25th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Stapleton, C. W. Clarke conductor, W. Finedon, J. W. Barker, I. Hills, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, F. Webb.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COLSTON BASSETT.—On Friday, May 26th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering, each 120 called differently. S. Richards, H. Wagstaffe, A. Faulkes, W. White conductor, W. Allinson, J. Wagstaffe, J. Faulkes, J. Newton. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Violet Millington Knowles to Captain R. C. Batt, Royal Fusiliers. This is the longest touch by the local men. W. White is from Cotgrave; the others are the local ringers, who have only recently commenced change-ringing.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Saturday, May 30th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Double Court, in 23 mins. E. Preskott, N. Alderman, W. Steggall, F. Hull, J. George (Rugby), W. J. Nudds conductor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, May 31st, at the church of St. Mary and Eanswythe, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. H. A. Petts, W. Seeley conductor, E. Barker, J. George (Rugby), H. Croucher, F. Jordan, S. Binfield, A. Coppins. On Tuesday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Millen, H. A. Petts, S. Barker, J. George, H. Croucher, F. Jordan, W. Seeley, J. Coppins. Composed and conducted by James George. And another quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins. G. Millen, W. Seeley, S. Barker, H. A. Petts, H. Croucher, F. Jordan, J. George composer and conductor, J. Coppins. These quarter-peals were rung on the occasion of a wedding.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Saturday, May 30th, at St. Michael's church, 1440 Bob Minor. A. Lea, F. G. Leaker, J. Thomas conductor, S. Thomas, V. J. S. O'Brien, A. Lewton. The above was an attempt for a peal on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Frank Isaacs (conductor at St. Michael's) to Miss Alice Baker, but unfortunately it had to be abandoned owing to the bad "go" of the 5th and tenor. At St. James's church, a course of Stedman Caters. A. Lewton, F. Leaker, F. Pearce, J. Tyler, F. Portch, J. Thomas, V. O'Brien, F. Jewell, S. Thomas, A. Lea.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On the occasion of the wedding of Miss Quaife, a prominent church worker, to Mr. J. D. Thwaites, of Gillingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Lieermore, sen., J. Livermore, jun., F. Lock, L. Stapley, C. Saker, S. Saker (conductor, A. Barrow, W. Swain).

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Monday, June 1st, an attempt was made for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1700 changes. C. Bowen, F. Charles, C. Traviss, B. Millard, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

LLANGIBBY.—On Whit Sunday, for morning and evening service, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. R. Thomas, J. Roberts, H. Gwatkin, C. Williams, A. Williams conductor, C. Adams. This is the first 120s by the whole band, who twelve weeks ago commenced to learn change-ringing, and is supposed to be the first change-ringing ever done on the bells by a local bond, and who have had assistance from J. W. Jones, of Newport. The bells are from the well-known foundry of Rudhalls, and were rebung with entirely new frame and fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons last autumn.

LONG ASHTON.—On Friday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. H. Bridle, F. Leaker, G. Yeo, W. Apperley, J. Davis, F. J. Cooper, F. Price conductor, G. Goscombe. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 8, and first quarter-peal on the bells since rehangings.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins. J. G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, G. R. Pye conductor, H. Catterwell first in the method, W. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, E. Pye.

TODMORDEN.—On Saturday, May 30th, for a united service of the North East Lancashire Sunday School Union, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Mitton, E. Sutcliffe, H. Midgley, H. Greenwood, A. Crossley, W. H. Stansfield, W. Sutcliffe, E. Stansfield conductor, A. Crossley.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1903

THE Whitsuntide season has come to an end; the holidays are over; and we are again fair on the way for the season of Christmas. 'Tis true that we are yet far in advance of this period, but to Churchmen the fact of Whitsuntide having gone, and the vista of Trinity commenced, shadows forth the time when all Christians celebrate The Nativity. So we go on from month to month; from season to season; from year to year; scarcely a period being over without looking forward to what is coming next, and this unconscious almost of the actual flight of time. The season just over has been a very



pleasant one for holiday seekers. One of our friends, Mr. JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby, has had the temerity to essay a journey to Boulogne, his sailing experiences to Dublin some time ago not frightening him from the terrors of *mal-de-mer* which he invariably encounters directly he leaves *terra firma* behind. We hope our friends have enjoyed the brief respite from business cares which such a holiday affords, and that they will meet in the steeple again with redoubled vigour—like giants refreshed—to pursue the Art they are so fond of.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	FREDK. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

### The Provinces.

#### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE FULLER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM KING .. .. 4.
HENRY BURCH .. .. 2.	HARRY W. CUTTING .. 5.
GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 3.	CHARLES KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES KING.

\*First peal.

#### CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST EVEREST .. Treble.	PERCY DENTON .. .. 5.
ALBERT MARKWELL .. .. 2.	*ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. 3.	HARRY SEAL .. .. 7.
GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT LONGLEY.

\*First peal as conductor.

#### WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being ten 6-score each of College Single and Grandsire, and twelve 6-score each of Canterbury and Plain Bob.

ERNEST REYNOLDS* .. Treble.	†HARRY BROOKES .. .. 4.
WILLIAM E. LEESON .. .. 2.	PERCY PERRY .. .. 5.
ERNEST J. BROOKES .. .. 3.	†CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. E. Reynolds was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

#### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

H. SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 5.
J. HANDS .. .. 2.	E. J. MENDAY .. .. 6.
G. ESSEX .. .. 3.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. 7.
R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 4.	T. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

#### SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY MILES .. .. Treble.	WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 5.
JOHN LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN F. BARLOW* .. .. 4.	GEORGE PARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

CHARLES H. WATTS .. Treble.	ROBERT HANCOX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 6.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 30, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 2.	*THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 8.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 3.	*ROBERT S. STORY .. 9.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 10.
BERTRAM PEWETT .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

THOMAS ABBOTT .. Treble.	CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. 5.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN.. .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 7.
FRED PALMER* .. .. 4.	JAMES GARRETT.. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES GARRETT.

The above peal was taken from page 76 of the 1895 Appendix. \*First peal in the method with a bob bell.



## GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. W. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	*A. W. LONG .. .. 5.
G. WELDON .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 6.
P. C. LONG* .. .. 3.	W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 7.
G. T. MARSHALL .. .. 4.	F. MERRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Seamer, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	*JAMES EVINSON .. .. 5.
FRANK BURGAR .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BURGAR .. .. 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

\*First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers are also members of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Atkin, Glenn and Palmer were elected members before starting. Rung as a farewell peal to J. Holman, who is leaving Sheffield for Bath, his brother strings wishing him every success.

## CHELMSFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED WIGHT* .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR HEAD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	*HENRY HEAD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 8.
HENRY W. KIRTON* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 9.
THOMAS LINCOLN* .. .. 5.	*HENRY ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

\*First peal of Caters.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
CHAS. WM. NUTTALL .. .. 2.	*THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 6.
FRANK GODBER* .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. The ringers also belong to the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Societies.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR BURDEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. .. 5.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BURDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 7.
THOMAS A. VINCETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

Rung on the anniversary of the declaration of peace in South Africa.

## HUNTINGDON.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES JONES .. .. Treble.	LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal by J. Jones who is seventy years of age, and great credit is due to him for the manner in which he rang.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT HOLDEN* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
HERBERT ELLIS .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\*First peal.

## CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK PRITCHARD* .. .. Treble.	*DAVID HORNE .. .. 4.
HENRY PRITCHARD .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES HORNE* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK SMITH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 7.
BARZILLIA HAWKINS† .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 8.
HERBERT ELLIS† .. .. 4.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 9.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.	†EDWARD C. HEATH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

†First peal on ten bells. \*First peal on ten as conductor.

## NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	*FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. 11.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 6.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells since 1844. \*First peal of Stedman Cinques.



## HERSHAM, SURREY.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT ELLIS* .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 3.	*GEORGE WOODIS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

## DEVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. in D flat.

THOMAS T. HAIGH .. .. Treble.	ABRAHAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
THOMAS HODGSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. .. 7.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 8.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 9.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 5.	JOHN W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

First peal on the bells. G. Barraclough's fiftieth peal. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. R. Fisher, M.A., for kindly granting permission for the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. Youney, one of the local ringers, for having everything ready.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETIES.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours Twenty-six and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 8.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 9.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 5.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Hollis, a respected member of the local company, to Miss S. Dickens, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, which took place on the above date at Bourne.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXEORD BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WILLIAM BALLS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN* .. .. 2.	EDGAR HICKS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. William C. Pearson for the use of the bells.

## HADDENHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE .. .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 5.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. .. 4.	*DAVID CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

## COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE H. SIMPSON* .. Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. WHITE .. .. 2.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. .. 6.
CHARLES DALBY .. .. 3.	*THOMAS SQUIRES .. .. 7.
WALTER WHITE* .. .. 4.	*HARRY MARRIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1902 by Taylor. They are a grand peal and go excellent.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HOWES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 5.
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Reference to this peal elsewhere.

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### Notices.

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The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath to-day, Saturday, June 6th. The bells of the Abbey, St. James, St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Andrew and Christ Church will be available. Dinner, 1s. each to members, at the Abbey Church house at 1.30. Business immediately following. Service at the Abbey, 3.30. *Bridgewater.* A. E. COLLS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at High Wycombe to-day, June 6th. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. (Rev.) E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Boyne Hill.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. The monthly practice at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, will be postponed till Monday, June 8th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Penwortham to-day, Saturday, June 6th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

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The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheddleton to-day, Saturday, June 6th. The meeting at Kingsley will be held on June 27th instead of the 20th. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—All members are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of peal boards at Heston to-day, Saturday, June 6th. Meet at 4 p.m. Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tea provided free to all visitors on the Vicarage lawn. S. CARTER.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (2 miles from Smeeth station S.E.R.) on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing to commence at 3.0. Special Service at 5.0, and Tea at the Rectory (by the kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, June 10th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed. C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
*British School Villas, Tenterden.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 13th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Bolton, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*  
*7, Primrose St., Bolton.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Ossett on Saturday, June 13th. Meeting house, The Red Lion. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

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The North Wales Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Rhyl on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available throughout the day, also Rhuddlan (6), Abergelle (6), and Bodelwyddan (8). Business meeting in the Church House at 3 p.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON.

The Essex Association.—A District meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea provided for those who notify to me not later than June 16th. Business meeting at 5.30.

HENRY J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*

Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th, 1903. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock at which all members are requested to be present; address by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury Tea in the Pool Walk School Room at 5.30, tickets 6d. each to those only who have paid their subscriptions and whose names are sent in not later than the 22nd inst. (to others it will be 1s.) to be followed by the general meeting.

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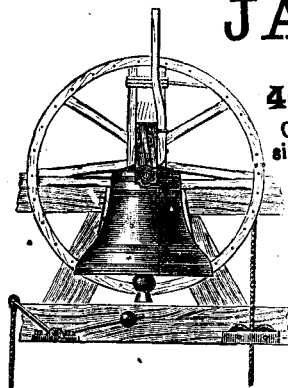
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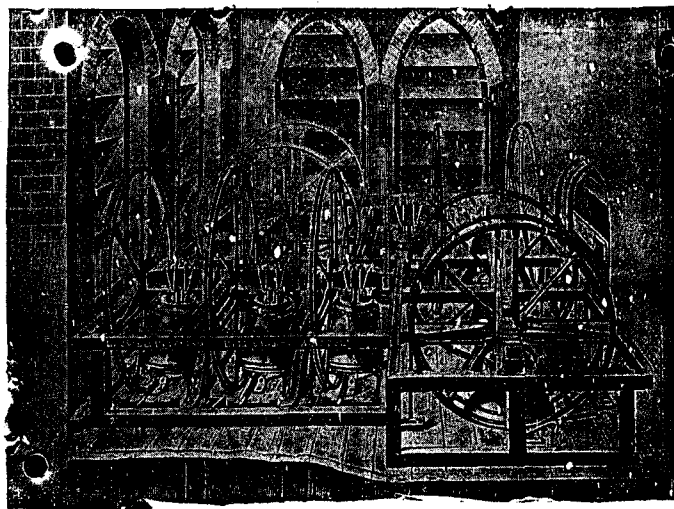
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**KNARESBOROUGH (Yorks).**—St. John. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Pack, 1776. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1893. Ropes new 1896, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.15.

**LANCASTER.** St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1886. Tenor 31 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well except the tenor. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.20, and 5.45 to 6.20. Practice: Tuesday, 7.15, October to April inclusive.

**LAVENHAM (Suffolk).** SS. Peter and Paul. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Dobson, 1811; 3rd and 5th by Pleasants, 1703; 2nd and 4th by Bowler, 1603; 7th by Mears, 1846. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. by Graye, 1625. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Repairs by Day, 1892. Ropes new 1892, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 7.15.

**LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).** SS. Mary and Nicholas. Ten bells. No return.

**LEE (Surrey).** St. Margaret. Ten bells. No return.

**LEDGERY (Herefordshire).** St. Michael. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The original peal was cast by Rudhall in 1690. It would appear that only the treble, 2nd and 6th now remain, as the 3rd is dated 1706; 4th, 1723; 5th, 1817; 7th, 1699; and tenor, 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1736. The founders' names of the recast bells are not given. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Greenleaf, 1897. Ropes new 1889, bad. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45. Practice: Thursday, 8.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S VISIT TO KNARESBOROUGH, MAY 16TH, 1903.

"Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered." So sang the Israelites of old as the ark advanced before them, and in later times the refrain was taken up by Cromwell's soldiers in discharging their cannon. But—except perhaps for its ruins—it is hard to realise that the peaceful seclusion of Knaresborough had ever been disturbed by the horrors of war. Here it would, at any rate, be well for those who speak so glibly of the "good old times," to be on their guard, for as one stood on the wooded grounds of the Castle Hill, and looked deep down their precipitous sides, all nature seemed wrapt in peace. The beauteous river winding far below us, the graceful swans sailing over its surface, and the delicious freshness of the spring foliage held the eye entranced, whilst from the tower of the more distant church floated sounds that were seemingly decoyed by the winds into the deep valley below, only to be wafted back with an effect that made scorn of all crescendos arranged by human skill.

"If ought there be on this rude earth of ours  
That Angels from their happy spheres above  
Could lean and listen to—  
'Twere these peaceful sounds."

And yet if we but fold back the curtain that hides the comparatively recent past, we can in the mind's eye behold Cromwell's Ironsides surrounding the Castle and preparing to execute a youth whose only crime—save the word—was that of carrying food to his beleaguered father. However to the credit of the rough humanity of the time the sentence was not carried out. This brings us almost to the period of the last of the civil wars of our country—a priceless boon to England indeed that her sons no longer look on their brothers as "enemies to be scattered," a result which we all humbly trust has been brought about for all time.

But we must cease our musings and get to business, for the County Association of change-ringers is here at the old world town, and that is what we have to chronicle. That the meeting is a large one will be gathered from the following list of the visitors' towers: Hull, Bolton, Bradford, Bramley, Leeds, Cleckheaton, Bingley, Halifax, Tong, York, Pontefract, New Mills, Huddersfield, St. Michael's Headingley, St. Chad's Headingley, St. Matthew's Holbeck, Pudsey, Wakefield, Saltaire, Birstall, Guiseley, Rothwell, Burley, Armley, Dudley Hill, Harrogate, Queensbury, Lightcliffe, Oxenhope, and Horbury. Through the kindness of Canon Hancock the ring of eight at the parish church (tenor 19 cwt.), was busily employed all day, first in the morning with an officers' peal, which was successfully carried through, and later by various bands who kept the music going until late in the evening.

Tea was served in the schools situated in the Castle Yard, to which some 300 sat down, after which the business meeting was held with the President in the chair, supported by the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer. Hon. Secretary, and members of the Committee, and the local



Hon. Secretary, etc. The previous minutes having been disposed of, it was agreed to leave the selection of the place of the next meeting to the Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hancock for the use of his bells and schools, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Lawson, of Lightcliffe.

On the motion of Mr. J. Cotterill (Halifax), seconded by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, of Birstall, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the local branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies for assisting with the tea.

In a very friendly reply from the local hon. secretary (Mr. Fred Smith), it transpired that some 200 members only had not sent word of their intention of being present, whereas some 300 had put in an appearance. This had consequently made a heavy call on the powers of the locality in dealing with such an unexpected influx, and he hoped that all would feel that they had done their very best for them. The unanimous view of the officers and of those present at the meeting was one of admiration for the manner in which the local committee had dealt with this unexpected invasion, and one and all hoped that a more business-like frame of mind might come over those that might well be termed "the absent-minded beggars" before the next meeting. The total inclusive number of new members passed by the Committee to date reaches forty-five, a very satisfactory result.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. The proceedings opened with a service at St. Mary's church, at which the Rector (Rev. H. A. Lake) and one of his curates (Rev. E. Penfold) officiated, with the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Association (Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. Eyre). An earnest address was given by the Rev. H. J. Dale, Chaplain of Hornchurch, from Ps. xcvi. 10, "Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King."

The business meeting was held in the vestry hall, the Rev. H. A. Lake presiding. The officers of the past year were re-elected, the Master announcing that the new Bishop of St. Albans, Dr. Jacob, had accepted the office of President, with an intimation of his interest in ringers' Associations. The Master's report for the year 1902 was submitted. The re-organisation of the Association by dividing the county into four districts each with a local Master and Secretary, had, he thought, answered expectation in the improvement of the Association's finances and the encouragement of change-ringing. There was an increase of eighty-one members, the total roll being now 611; and sixty-one towers in union with the Association, as compared with fifty-four a year ago. The number of peals rung during the year was fifty-eight—fifty-one on tower bells and seven on handbells—showing a large increase on the previous year's total of forty-three, which then was the highest on record. In belfry improvement there had been an addition of two bells at Prittlewell, making a fourth ten-bell tower in the county; of two at Stansted, completing the octave; and of one each to rings of five at Great Horkesley, Stebbing and Thorington. The balance sheet showed a slight increase (£1 15s. 10d. as compared with 11s. 5d.) in the adverse balance "due to treasurer"; but it was estimated that with careful expenditure the finances would soon recover themselves. It was afterwards resolved that the cost of entering peals in the peal-book should be considerably

reduced by adopting a less elaborate style of entry, and should be borne entirely by the band ringing the peal, at a charge of one penny per head. The name of Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, Master of the S.E. District, was added to the Peal Committee in the place of Mr. E. Wightman, who had left the county.

At 1.45 from fifty to sixty members dined together in the Boys' Schoolroom, kindly lent by the managers. The Master presided, supported by the Revs. H. A. Lake, H. T. Eyre and E. Penfold, and by the auditors, Messrs. B. Keeble and C. H. Howard. After dinner the company separated, some to the towers of Chelmsford, Writtle, Widford and Galleywood, and some to a pleasant lounge in the beautiful garden of "Guy Harlings," on the invitation of the Rector. The Rev. H. A. Cockey, a former hon. secretary and now a life member of the Association, arrived from Bristol too late for the meeting and dinner, but took part in some touches of Caters in the Chelmsford tower. Three peals were attempted in connection with the annual meeting—a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday evening, conducted by Mr. W. H. Judd of Prittlewell, which was successful; a peal of Bob Major at Galleywood on Sunday afternoon, which failed after 2 hrs. 20 mins. ringing; and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Writtle early on Monday morning, which after more than 3 hours good ringing collapsed through a shift-course. Unfortunate as regards peal-ringing, the meeting of 1903 was in other respects a success: though the numbers attending it have fallen off since the withdrawal by the railway companies of the privilege of reduced fares—a niggardly and short-sighted policy.

**SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**—A very successful meeting of this division was held at Wanstead on Saturday, May 2nd. By kind permission of the respective Vicars the bells of St. Mary's, Woodford, and St. John's, Leytonstone, were also placed at the disposal of the members, and various bands visited these churches. The business meeting was held in the vestry of Christ Church, Wanstead, about 35 members attending. The Master of the division, Mr. E. A. Davies, presided. Four new members were elected, including three of the local band. Barking was again chosen, after some discussion, as the place of next meeting in September. Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy for the use of their bells, and also on the proposition of Mr. Doran to the chairman for presiding.

At the Central Council meeting Mr. J. H. B. Hesse exhibited a pretty model of a church bell to illustrate an invention of his for releasing the clapper from contact with a bell directly after striking, the object being to leave the bell free to vibrate and so obtain an increased volume of sound. The bell was fitted with metal headstock and framework and an aluminium wheel, and the excellent finish of the complete model was generally admired. The question of a spring clapper for Church bells is not new—the late Redenhall Foundry, which was taken over by Mears and Stainbank, tried and patented one, though the idea was not perpetuated.

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# CLAWTON (DEVON) CHURCH BELLS.

May 28th, was a busy day at Clawton. In the morning the Lord Bishop of Crediton dedicated at the parish church two new bells—treble and 2nd—cast by Mears and Stainbank, of London, and which, with three old bells have been hung in a new oak cage and fitted with new accessories of every description by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, who has also put in new beams and flooring. The service was largely attended, and the clergy included the Revs. F. J. Peto (Vicar of Clawton), G. D. Melhuish (Ashwater), F. Russell Rawes, rural dean (Bradford), T. Kendall (Holsworthy), T. W. Brown (Luffincott), H. M. Squire (Tetcott), and B. Price (Broadwoodwiger). Dr. Trefusis also gave an address, in which he dwelt on bells and their uses. The opening touch was rung by the Ashwater band (Messrs. J. and W. Hill, J. Dufty, R. H. Moon, and W. J. Gerry), and the bells were tried during the day by ringers from Pancrassweek, North Tamerton, Holsworthy and Exeter, all of whom spoke very highly of the neat and solid workmanship and the smoothness with which the bells could be handled. The total cost of the undertaking has been £163, of which about £30 remained to be raised.

Luncheon, tea and supper, provisions for which had been given by parishioners and friends, were held in the pleasant grounds of Court Barn, by kind permission of Col. Prendergast, and very well patronised. There was also a bazaar, at which the stall holders comprised Miss Peto, Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Everitt, Miss Prendergast (on behalf of the working party), and Mrs. Squire. They were cordially assisted by numerous ladies of the parish and district, who also helped at the luncheon and tea tables. Selections were played during the afternoon by the Milton Damarell band, and records were run off on a gramophone by the Rev. K. A. Lake, of Halwill. Performances of the comedietta, "Lodgings at Bude," were given in the afternoon and evening by the Misses Prendergast and Greet, and afforded much pleasure to numerous audiences. The weather was fine, except towards the evening, and the programme was a successful one.

## THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS. FOUNDED A.D. 1782.

A meeting of this Society was held at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, on Thursday, June 4th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples failed after about an hour's ringing; and at 8 p.m. a business meeting was held in the vestry, which was attended by some sixteen members of the Society. The Vicar of Greenwich, the Rev. S. M. Bardsley, kindly presided. No meeting of the Society having been held since June 3rd, 1893, it was proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, a life member, that all members of the Society who had paid their subscriptions up to that date be now regarded as life members, and that the Master and Hon. Secretary then elected—Mr. W. Weatherstone and Mr. F. W. Thornton—continue in office until the next meeting, the Master being requested to act as Treasurer. This resolution was unanimously adopted; as were also resolutions to the effect that members shall in future be admitted to the Society on payment of an entrance fee of one shilling in lieu of an annual subscription, and that the Vicar of Greenwich be requested to undertake the custody of the Society's property, access thereto being only allowed to the officers of the Society. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly allowing the meeting to be held at St. Alfege and for presiding.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Royal published in "BELL NEWS" of June 6th, by Mr. J. George of Rugby, belongs to me—see the 1895 Appendix—the only alteration being the single called at the wrong in first course instead of the home in the 14th course.

H. J. TUCKER.

### SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—Mr. Keeble says that a single-handed handbell peal is not worth so many points as a peal on the tower bells, and the only reason he gives is that you have not got the metal to swing about. I must differ on this point. In ringing a peal on tower bells you have the bell to steady you from going wrong so quickly as on one handbell, and you have the rope for sight, which is in itself a great help. In single handbell peals you so easily miss the bells, and it is also a very tedious and tiresome job, but well worth doing and in my humble opinion as valuable as a peal on the tower bells, and deserves as much recognition. Why I think it is easier to ring double-handed peals of Treble Bob is this: in the first place, you have a smaller circle than you do ringing single bells and therefore a better sight, and one bell helps the other. Of course learners must ring one before ringing two, but when they once ring two bells they will find it much more interesting and easier than ringing one, and I should bet that an equal number of bands starting for peals double-handed and single-handed, the double-handed bands would score more peals than the single-handed bands. I must also differ from Mr. Keeble re easy methods and intricate ones. Ringers all know that you can't compare London to Kent Treble Bob, and to ring one bell to London is as much as I dare think of doing and in Kent I would prefer to ring two. In conclusion I wish to thank Mr. Keeble for his kind remarks respecting our single-handed handbell peals.

CHARLES MEE.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Eltham on Saturday, May 2nd, when about twenty members put in an appearance, the following towers being represented: Chislehurst, Lee (St. Margaret), Sidcup, Woolwich and the local band. The tower was open for ringing at 3 p.m. Doubles and Bob Minor were rung till time of evensong, 5.30 p.m. At 6 p.m. the business meeting was held in the Vestry, the Rev. A. Ashley (curate) giving the members a hearty welcome. He also kindly took the chair and apologised for the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Elphinstone, who was to have presided, he having to attend a special meeting in connection with a Bazaar to be held shortly in the parish. The Rev. C. E. Escreet, Rector of Woolwich, was also present at the meeting. Owing to Mr. J. E. Sykes, District Secretary, having gone to South Shields, the first business was the election of a District Secretary pro tem., and on the proposition of Mr. H. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. F. Webb, Mr. T. Groombridge was elected to fill the office. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Five new members were elected, viz., A. T. Paine, C. A. Chappell and T. C. Harler of St. Margaret's, Lee, A. C. Spurgin and E. Crowther of St. John's, Sidcup. Chislehurst was selected as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in July. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for presiding, who suitably responded, also a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Vestry. An adjournment was then made to the tower, where touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire and Bob Triples were successfully brought round, the bells being lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, June 2nd, under the presidency of Sir Arthur Heywood, when the following representatives were present: Ancient Society of College Youths—Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, Arthur Hughes, J. W. Rowbotham and T. H. Taffender; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Messrs. Henry Dains, R. A. Daniell and A. Hardy; St. James's Society London—Mr. W. Weatherstone; Bedfordshire Association—Rev. W. W. C. Baker; Birmingham St. Martin's Guild—Mr. W. H. Godden; Chester Diocesan Guild—Messrs. Joseph Ashmole and Henry Dew; Devon Guild—Rev. Maitland Kelly; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. R. S. Story; Ely Diocesan Association—Rev. W. W. C. Crump; Essex Association—Rev. T. L. Papillon, Messrs. B. Keeble, W. J. Nevard and N. J. Pitstow; Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. F. G. May; Hertford County Association—Mr. Herbert Baker; Kent County Association—Messrs. E. Barnett and J. H. Cheesman, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore; Lancashire Association—Rev. H. J. Elsee; Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate; Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild—Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson; Middlesex Association—Messrs. J. Basden, Arthur T. King and J. Waghorn; Midland Counties Association—Sir A. Heywood, Bart., Messrs. J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor, jun., and W. Wakley; Northamptonshire Central Association—Mr. T. H. Hensher; North Notts Association—Mr. Herbert Haigh; Norwich Diocesan Association—Messrs. C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole, J. Motts and Charles Mee; Oxford Diocesan Guild—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. W. P. Routh; Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Rev. H. Drake and Mr. A. Smith; Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Messrs. Rowland Cartwright and Samuel Reeves; Surrey Association—Messrs. A. B. Carpenter, M.D., and Charles Dean, jun.; Sussex County Association—Messrs. G. F. Attree, A. B. Bennett, S. Saker and G. Williams; Winchester Diocesan Guild—Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. H. White, J. W. Whiting and C. Willshire; Worcestershire District Association—Messrs. R. E. Grove and John Smith; Yorkshire Association—Mr. W. Snowdon; Hon. Members—Rev. A. H. Boughey, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. Pettit, F. W. J. Rees and J. A. Trollope.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said he understood there was but one nomination for the presidency for the triennial term now commencing, and he had been requested as a member of the Cumberland Youths to propose that Sir Arthur Heywood, a member of the College Youths, who had so ably occupied the position since the formation of the Council, should again be elected as the President. It was a pleasure to him (the speaker) to have the privilege of proposing Sir Arthur, and he was sure the resolution would meet with the warm approval of those present.

Dr. Carpenter having seconded,

Mr. Daniell put the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Sir Arthur Heywood, upon taking the chair, thanked Mr. Daniell for the manner in which he had moved the resolution, and the delegates for the reception and adoption of same. It would be an honour to preside over the deliberations of the Council for the ensuing three years, and he could assure them that he would do his best for the welfare of the ringers of England.

## ELECTION OF HON. SEC.

The President said the next business was to elect an Hon. Sec. Those who were present last year at Worcester would remember how kindly the Rev. C. D. P. Davies stepped in to fill the grave and unclosable gap caused by the death of the late esteemed Hon. Sec. Mr. Davies alone had been nominated as Hon. Sec. for the ensuing three years. Unfortunately Mr. Davies had moved his residence and had not therefore been re-elected to represent the Sussex Association. In order to get over the difficulty he would propose Mr. Davies as an hon. member, and if it was adopted—and he was sure it would be—then they could proceed to his election as Hon. Sec.

Mr. Bennett having seconded the resolution and the same having been adopted,

The President said there was no other nomination for appointment of Hon. Sec., and he had pleasure in proposing that Mr. Davies be elected.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, in seconding, said he was sure no better selection to take up the mantle of the late Mr. Bulwer could be found. Mr. Davies would find the Council a going concern and he was sure that with the President by his side Mr. Davies would not go wrong.

The resolution having been adopted with hearty applause,

The Hon. Sec. said he desired to thank those present for the way in which they had received and adopted both resolutions. His election as Hon. Sec. of the Council was a proof to him of the great confidence reposed in him. As Mr. Papillon had remarked, he had found the Council a going concern in every detail. Everything had been left in such excellent order by his predecessor, whose death they all so much lamented, that he could only hope with the help that he knew he should receive from the President, who would keep him right, that he should be able to discharge the duties to their satisfaction. In connection with his duties he was pleased to be in a position to state that the whole of the subscriptions to the Council had been paid.

## APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

The Hon. Sec. reported that communications had been received regretting they could not attend from the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Messrs. R. Ridyard, J. Carter and F. E. Ward.

## ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the hon. members retiring this year were the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. J. Rees, J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and F. E. Ward.

The President said that the Standing Committee had discussed the question of re-election and it was not seen how the Council could well dispense with the services of any of the above named gentlemen. If the whole were re-elected the number of hon. members would be complete. Hitherto they had always kept a vacancy open in case an emergency election was found necessary, as had been the case that morning in regard to Mr. Davies. The Council was not in a position that day to discuss the matter, but it would probably be desirable next year to propose the increase of hon. members from 12 if necessary to 20. There were even now several gentlemen whose services would be valuable upon the Council. If this was done the Council would not be by any means over-weighted by co-opted members. He would give notice of such a motion for next year.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the whole of the above were re-elected as hon. members.

## FINANCE.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the balance from the previous year was £99 13s. 6d., the subscriptions amounted to £11, and the sum of £4 7s. had been received from the sale of publications, making a total of £115 os. 6d. The expenditure included printing, £8 13s. 6d.; postages, reporting, &c., £3 2s. 6d.; leaving a balance in the bank as per pass book of £103 5s.

The President having informed the Council that the accounts had been audited by the Standing Committee, the same were passed.

## SALE OF PUBLICATIONS—GLOSSARY TO BE RE-PRINTED.

The Hon. Sec. reported upon the sale of publications, from which £4 7s. had been received from Messrs. Bemrose & Son. With the exception of "The Glossary," of which only three copies were on hand at the publishers, there was sufficient stock of the publications to realise when sold about £13 12s. 6d., which the Council might fairly claim to add to their credit. The Standing Committee had discussed the question of re-printing, and considered this necessary, more especially as an order had come in for 300 copies since the stock had run out.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge asked if some of the Secretaries of the various Associations had not got copies in hand which they would be willing to transfer to other Secretaries if necessary.



Mr. A. T. King said he had 100 copies, if not more.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said the College Youths had about 100 copies.

A Member mentioned that the Worcestershire Association had disposed of about 50 out of a second batch of 200 copies.

The President did not think it would be desirable that any Secretary should part with the whole of the copies he had, although he might wish to be relieved of a portion. If some 300 or 400 copies could be got together the Hon. Secretary could send them on to Messrs. Bemrose. It was, however, their best publication and would finally have to be re-printed.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey pointed out that if those having copies in hand could dispose of them to those who were not ringers they would be doing a good thing for the Exercise. He moved that the work be re-printed.

Mr. Bennett seconded.

Mr. A. T. King thought it would be better if Secretaries of Associations could be supplied in smaller numbers at a time, say 30 or 40 copies. It was a little troublesome to have so many at a time.

Mr. R. A. Daniell thought that Secretaries who had copies should retain them rather than return any, as in the course of time all would be disposed of.

Mr. W. Wakley asked the number of the first edition.

The President said there was a doubt as to the actual number. He thought it was 3000.

Mr. W. Snowdon was of opinion that 6000 copies were printed.

Mr. Griffin supported the proposal to reprint.

The President said it would be desirable that there should be some expression whether, if the work was to be re-printed, it should be done—with the exception of any typographical errors—without alteration. The Standing Committee were of opinion that it would be difficult to insert in "The Glossary" at present the settlement of such a question as had arisen between Mr. Baker and Mr. James, but if in the course of a few years the matter were definitely decided, in case of another reprint amendments could be introduced.

The Rev. H. L. James considered that the reprint should be as the work now stood. Not that he was not surprised to find the word "Marvel" in the work when he remembered with what laughter the word was received by the Council when it was mentioned by the late Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Cockey's resolution was adopted.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee, consisting of the President, Hon. Sec., Revs. F. E. Robinson, G. F. Coleridge and H. A. Cockey, and Messrs. F. W. Rees, W. Snowdon, H. Dains, R. A. Daniel, G. F. Attree, T. Lockwood and C. H. Hattersley, were re-elected.

(To be continued.)

#### AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

**SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, May 10th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pye conductor, G. Pye, A. Cole, J. Motts, H. Chapman, W. Keeble, J. Dowler, H. Withers. Also a course of London Surprise Major. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, E. Pye, J. Motts, G. Lindoff, W. Keeble, H. Chapman, H. Withers. On handbells three courses of Stedman Triples. H. Withers, W. Pye, E. Pye, W. Keeble.

**WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire).**—On Wednesday, June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. George, B. Fletcher, J. Pagett conductor, W. Fox, B. Greatorex, G. Westley.

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#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock deareries branch was held at Burford on Saturday, May 16th. In spite of the weather there was a very fair attendance, the towers of Burford, Witney, Kidlington, Ducklington, and Freeland being represented, while members outside the branch were present from Oxford, Chipping Norton, and Moreton. Some improvements have lately been effected in the tower by Messrs. Bond (of Burford), the result of the work being, it is to be hoped, as satisfactory from the architectural as from the ringing point of view.

Several good touches of Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening, and a touch of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

At four o'clock all those present joined in worship in the grand old church, the form of service being that drawn by the Rev. H. Drake. The officiating clergy were the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Cass), Rev. Gilbert Cass, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild, whose words from the pulpit were listened to then as always with great attention, and it may be achieved with profit.

The tea and business meeting followed, the catering being well carried out by the landlord of The Bull hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, President of the Branch, who had bicycled seventeen miles in the pouring rain in order to be present. The Vicar of the parish took the opportunity of expressing his great pleasure at seeing such a gathering, and hoped he might be able to welcome the Guild again at Burford.

The spring meeting was held at Newbury on Saturday, May 23rd, about forty members attending from Reading, Wantage, Witney, Aldermaston, Thatcham, High Wycombe, Beenham, Purley, and Oxford. Among the company were the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Assistant Hon. Secretary), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. G. Dangerfield, W. Pole Routh, Esq., E. C. O'Brien, Esq., W. Newell, etc. A start was made in the morning for a peal of Stedman Triples, but had to be abandoned after ringing nine courses owing to the bad going of the bells, but despite this short touches were indulged in during the afternoon, when touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung, and the members then adjourned to the church for a short service, where they listened to a splendid sermon by the Rector of Newbury (Rev. L. R. Majendie). A move then made to the parish hall where a splendid tea was laid ready, to which I need hardly say justice was done.

The Master, on rising to thank the Rector for welcoming the Guild to Newbury, said he hoped the next time they came some improvements would be made to the bells.

The Rector in response said he would think about the Master's words, and would try to have the bells put in order so that it would be comfortable to ring.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis next proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. Dangerfield, who he said had worked to make the meeting a success.

The company then separated, some to the parish church, and some to Speen, where touches were rung at each church, and so brought the spring meeting of this branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 1903 to a successful close.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1903.

## ST. MARY'S BELLS, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

It will be remembered that in the early part of the present year the oldest bell in St. Mary's tower, being cast in 1627, had become cracked, and required, therefore, to be recast. Mr. F. W. King, Bury St. Edmund's, very generously offered to bear the cost of the work, and the bell having been recast has now been hung, and the fine ring of eight at St. Mary's is again complete. The 7th bell has also been retuned. The bells were rung for the first time for Divine Service on a recent Sunday. The bell referred to is one of those on which the clock chimes the quarters, and was recast at the Whitechapel Foundry.

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**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.****Tenor 28 cwt.**

BERTRAM PRWETT .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**The Provinces.****YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

**Tenor about 14 cwt.**

JOHN METHERALL† .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FRED HOPPER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

†First peal in seven methods. This is believed to be the first peal ever rung on the bells. W. Stapleton was elected a member before starting for the peal.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,***AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5125 CHANGES.****Tenor 15 cwt.**

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. Treble.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
CHARLES F. TURNER .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 9.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

**EMBERTON, BUCKS.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 30, 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, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

JAMES LETTS* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MYNARD .. 4.
WILLIAM MYNARD* .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BOOTH .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

\*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Booth.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 9 cwt.**

HENRY T. WILSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN STEDDY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Major on the bells.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 12½ cwt.**

FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	THOMAS C. LANGDON .. 7.
GEORGE GUTTERIDGE .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

G. Gutteridge was elected a member of the above society previous to starting. First peal of Major on the bells.

**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	*HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE* .. .. 2.	QR.-MASTER SERGT. A. PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB* .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 4, 1903, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 17 cwt.**

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 5.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAY† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL 4.	WESLEY WATSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

†First peal on eight bells.

**EYNSFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, June 5, 1903, in Three Hours,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being seven 720s each called differently. **Tenor about 13 cwt.**

W. WEST .. .. Treble.	S. SMITH .. .. 4.
E. N. HOWARD .. .. 2.	*R. BRETT .. .. 5.
T. BOOKER .. .. 3.	R. BALDWIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. BALDWIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to E. N. Howard, who is leaving the district. First peal by all except R. Brett. \*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. This peal is about to be augmented to eight.

**HALLOW, WORCESTER.****THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,****A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART.****Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.**

WILLIAM ROUSE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT KNOWLES .. 5.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 2.	HERBERT KNOWLES .. 6.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 7.
GORDON CHECKETTS .. 4.	THOMAS MALIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

First peal in the method by the band; first on the bells; and the first by the above Association. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

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## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
EDMUND F. PRICE* .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR ROOKE† .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on these bells since being overhauled by Warner, and the 6th recast. The Rector of Buxted immediately after the finish entered the belfry and congratulated the band on their success, inviting all to the rectory to partake of refreshments.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	HERBERT ELLIS .. .. 5.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 4.	MAURICE STEER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TOMLIN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM EARLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE TOMLIN .. .. 2.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 6.
JAMES YORK* .. .. 3.	FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH .. 4.	GEORGE W. YORK* .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by F. HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Tomlin, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRED PALMER* .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT .. .. 6.
JOHN MAIN .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal in the method.

## SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPOUGHTON.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM CLARK* .. Treble.	JESSE J. ARBON .. .. 4.
HARRY J. WELHAM .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 5.
ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 3.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. MEE.

\*First peal.

## HARROLD, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 2.	SYDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN ASPINWALL .. Treble.	*CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 5.
JOHN GARDENER* .. .. 2.	JAMES DILLON .. .. 6.
JAMES MARSH* .. .. 3.	*JAMES PARKS .. .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 4.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

\*First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The umpire in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Neots and published in our last issue, was L. Watson. The peal of Double Norwich rang at Hersham on June 1st, and recorded in our last issue should have been accredited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and was the composition of the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

## Date Touches.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONDON (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 23rd, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Holmes, C. E. Parnell, H. Reynolds, W. Spalding, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Ling, R. Freestonq. The above date touch was taken from T. Thurstans's five-part.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 30, at St. George's church, was attempted a peal of Stedman's Caters, but owing to the breaking of the 7th rope below the sally it came to grief, after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. J. Booth, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, A. Barnes, C. Darwen, T. Marshall, J. W. Bayley, H. Sear, E. Reader conductor, G. Marshall. On Sunday, May 31, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters in 50 mins. J. Booth, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, H. Sear, H. Meakin, J. Mottershead, T. Marshall, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader conductor, G. Marshall. Arranged by T. Marshall.

REDDISH (Lancs).—On Monday, June 1, at St. Elizabeth's church, was attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to a trip occurring in the 44th course the conductor called stand after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. A. Barnes, H. Meakin, G. Astbury, H. Sear, J. W. Bayley, A. S. Gordon, E. Reader conductor, T. Marshall.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—For practice on May 4, 720 Durham Surprise Minor. W. F. Pattison, J. Robinson, W. Brown, G. Siddle, A. Meyers, W. Sheraton conductor. May 5, on the occasion of the opening of the Church Institute at St. Oswald's, Durham, by the Bishop of Durham, 720 of Superlative, J. Robinson, C. Clark, W. Brown, G. Siddle, F. Sheraton, A. Meyers conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. F. Pattison, W. Brown, C. Clark, A. Meyers, G. Siddle, J. Robinson conductor.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 10, for evening service at the church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, T. Deal, E. Richards, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes, K. C. Ewer first quarter-peal. Composed by E. Richards.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMESHORE (Lancs).—On Sunday, May 3, 608 Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 504 Stedman Triples. Tuesday, May 5, two courses each of London and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday, May 10, 560 Bob Major and 576 Oxford Treble Bob. Tuesday, May 12, 672 of Cambridge and 576 of Superlative Surprise. Sunday, May 17, 360 of Woodbine and 672 of London Surprise Major. Tuesday, May 19, 832 of Cambridge. Sunday, May 24, 704 Kent Treble Bob and 672 Stedman Triples. Tuesday, May 26, 576 each of London and Cambridge. The following ringers took part: H. J. Steff, T. P. Brandwood, J. H. Entwistle, J. Foster, J. Banks, R. Wallwork, W. Haslam, T. Wallwork and J. H. Banks.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, May 20, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, with 6, 8, 10 covering in 55 mins. F. Smith, W. C. Lampard, W. Andrews, E. G. Lampard, C. Russell, D. Froome, W. T. Tucker, W. Crute, W. H. George conductor, L. Lampard. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Froome.

GOSPORT.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, 1316 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Brown, A. Clark, R. Fuge, H. Westbrook, B. Clark, H. Ford, F. Burnett conductor, J. Sweetenham. Longest touch in the method on the bells.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Good Friday morning, with the bells half-muffled, at Holy Trinity Church, 1004 Stedman Caters in 44 mins. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, A. Naylor, G. T. Marshall, D. W. Brown, G. Miller, C. Jackson composer and conductor, J. W. Dale. On Monday, April 13, 1260 Stedman Triples in 52 mins. W. Southwick, R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, W. Thomas, D. W. Brown, C. Jackson, A. N. Wood conductor, J. W. Dale. Composed by the late T. Thurstans.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, May 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Hazell, P. Roper, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor, G. Miles, S. Roper. Also after service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. J. Hazell conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to William Death, who had been clerk at the parish church for sixty-four years. He passed away on Monday, May 18th, and was interred on May 22nd, aged ninety years, with every respect as a good and faithful servant, for it is said that he attended church for twenty years, never missing a service.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TWICKENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Naish, J. Strutt, E. Stacey, F. G. Goddard, H. G. Naish, J. Howes conductor. J. H. B. Hesse, G. Clements.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALBURGH (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 23rd, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2000 changes. J. Betts, F. Borrett, E. Poppy, E. Borrett, W. Mobbs, E. Lincoln, W. Barrett, F. Smith. On Sunday morning, May 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, Rev. A. Pagan, W. Mobbs, W. Barrett, E. Borrett, F. Smith.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLOXWICH.—On Sunday, November 2nd, being the dedication festival of the parish church, and the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. L. Bently, E. J. Stafford, J. Barton, W. Barton, J. C. Adams, F. Edwards, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. Also 630 in the same method. L. Bently, W. H. Newell, J. Barton, A. Painter, J. C. Adams conductor. A. Turley, J. Elton, F. Edwards. On Sunday, November 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. L. Bently, J. Barton, A. Painter, W. Barton, J. C. Adams conductor, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. Also 672 Bob Major. E. Stafford, W. Barton, A. Painter, J. Birch, F. Edwards, A. Turley, J. Elton, J. C. Adams conductor.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. H. Gutteridge conductor, W. Wilder, T. Leader, E. T. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, W. H. Fussell.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Friday, May 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. \*A. E. Leader, W. H. Fussell conductor, T. Leader, E. T. Hooper, W. Wilder, F. V. H. Sinkins. \*First 700 of Minor.

BARTON SEAGRAVE (Northants).—On Sunday, May 10th, the Burton Latimer ringers with W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough, visited this tower to have a ring on the bells which lately have had a new treble and the old four recast by Taylor. After getting permission from the Vicar, a 600 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. C. Rowley, M. Norton, J. Pettitt, G. Lines, W. Perkins conductor, W. B. Meadows. For evening service a 6-score each of Grandsire and St. Simon's. M. Norton, J. Pettitt, G. Lines, W. Perkins, W. B. Meadows.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Easter Sunday morning for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. West, E. Howard, T. Booker, S. Smith, T. Collyer, R. Brett conductor.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Hancock, F. Shepherd, P. Borrowghs, A. Miflin, G. Sandover, T. Lavers, F. Davey conductor J. Nethercott.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Easter Monday an attempt was made for a peal of London Surprise Major which came to grief after ringing 4,500 changes. F. Palmer, A. Tyler, W. V. Newman, W. Perkins, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, W. R. Hensler, J. Houghton, jun., conductor.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 17, 448 London Surprise Major. F. Sumner, J. Withers, A. Pritchett, T. Pritchett, W. S. Pritchett, J. S. Pritchett conductor, W. Palmer, H. Withers.

LEWISHAM.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, H. Barrett, G. King first quarter-peal with a bob bell, A. E. Sharpe, T. Taylor, G. H. Daynes, H. Warnett, C. H. Walker.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, May 26, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Spiby, R. A. Bartram, C. Dalby conductor, E. J. Gale, A. V. Potter, F. Morris, W. James, T. H. Gillett. Also 1264 Bob Major. W. Spiby, H. Toll, C. Dalby, E. J. Gale, A. V. Potter, W. James, T. Morris, R. H. Bartram conductor. First quarter-peal of Major on the bells.

NORTHFIELD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 24, for Divine Service, two 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Cole, H. Wilson, J. Withers, F. Hobbs, F. Hall. First Bob Doubles ever rung on the bells. On Sunday, May 17, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Chambers, F. Withers, J. Cole, H. Withers, F. Hobbs, J. Withers conductor. Recently 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Cole, J. Withers, F. Withers, F. Hobbs, H. Withers conductor, A. Pegler.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancs).—On Tuesday, February 17, 720 Oxford Single. R. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Houldsworth, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, February 24, at the parish church, 720 College Treble. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band also first on the bells. Also 720 Oxford Single. R. Bentley, I. Whalley, A. Houldsworth, A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, J. J. Haworth, conducted by C. Sharples. On Sunday, March 1, 720 Killommarsh. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, March 17, for Confirmation Service, 720 Oxford Single. I. Whalley, J. T. Yates, A. Houldsworth, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth conductor. On Sunday, April 12, 720 Duke of York. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, April 28, 720 Plain Bob. R. Bentley, J. T. Yates, A. Houldsworth, J. J. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, conducted by C. Sharples. On Sunday, May 3, 720 Killommarsh. J. J. Haworth, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, May 24, 720 New London Pleasure. I. Whalley, J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band also first on the bells.

PINCHBECK.—On May 20th, 720 Bob Minor. J. S. Wright, T. Allibone, J. T. Brown, J. Facer, R. Smith, G. Ladd conductor. T. Allibone belongs to the East Derbyshire Association, the rest to the Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. \*W. Barlow, J. Gratrix, J. Brooks, W. Stevens conductor, A. Percival, J. Heywood. \*First 720,



### Notices.

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**The Romney Marsh and District Guild.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (2 miles from Smeeth station S.E.R.) to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Ringing to commence at 3.0. Special Service at 5.0. and Tea at the Rectory (by the kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30. All ringers will be heartily welcomed. C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle to-day, Saturday, June 13th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.  
THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Bolton, to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.  
G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.  
7, Primrose St., Bolton.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Ossett to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Meeting house, The Red Lion. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.  
WALTER IDLE, Sec.  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The North Wales Association.**—The annual meeting will take place at Rhyl to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available throughout the day, also Rhuddlan (6), Abergelle (6), and Bodelwyddan (8). Business meeting in the Church House at 3 p.m.  
S. A. CULLINGTON,

**The Essex Association.**—A District meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea provided for those who notify to me not later than June 16th. Business meeting at 5.30.  
HENRY J. TUCKER, Dist. Sec.  
Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

**Lavenham.**—On Saturday, June 20th, the tower will be open for ringing during the day. Any brother ringer will be made welcome.  
A. SYMONDS.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on June 20th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.  
JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hadlow on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.  
W. LATTER, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**The St. James's Society, London.**—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, June 22nd, to consider if necessary the revision of rules. Practice at 8, business meeting at 9.45, when it is hoped as many will attend as possible.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.  
91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th, 1903. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock at which all members are requested to be present; address by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury. Tea in the Pool Walk School Room at 5.30, tickets 6d. each to those only who have paid their subscriptions and whose names are sent in not later than the 22nd inst. (to others it will be 1s.) to be followed by the general meeting.  
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

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**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Anniversary of the above Society on Saturday, June 27th, 1903. All standard methods.  
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**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, the 27th June. Tower open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.  
A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Ringers desiring tea please write Mr. S. Brierly, 11, Belfield Lane, Tirgrove Rochdale, by the previous Thursday.  
JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. H. S. Reeves has removed to 13, Primrose Cottages, Hatfield, Herts.—Mr. A. J. Hughes has removed to 25, Belmont Sreet, Euston Road, Bangor, North Wales.

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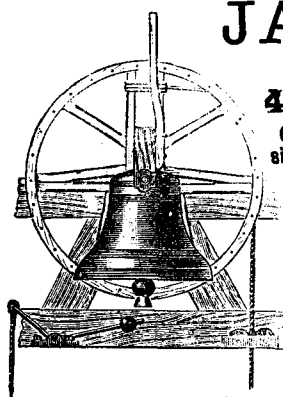
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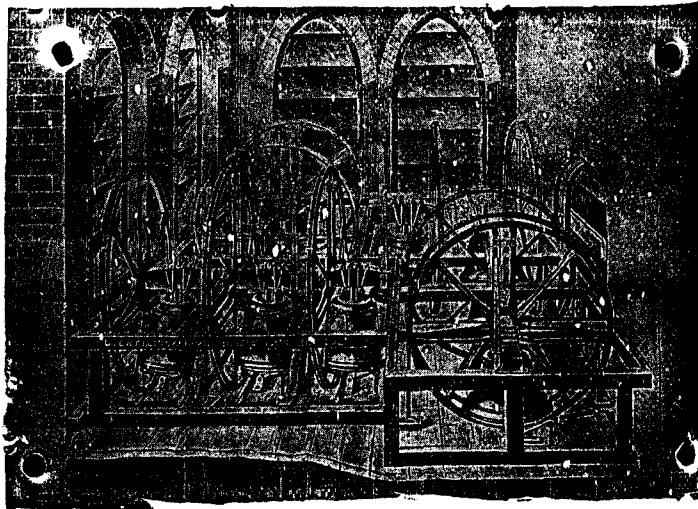
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LEEDS (Kent). St. Nicholas. Kent County Association. Ten bells. 7th, 8th and 9th by Wilnar, 1638; tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. by Hatch, 1614; the rest by Gatlin, 1751. Timber frame. Bells go well all but the 9th, which is cracked, and were rehung by Woolley, date not given. Funds are not forthcoming for the recasting of the 9th. Ropes new 1896, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.

LEEDS (Yorks). St. Peter. Yorkshire Association. Thirteen bells. All by Mears; date not given. The 13th bell is a sharp 2nd to give a light eight. Tenor 36 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. The four back bells were rehung by Mallaby, 1891. Strengthening of frame now contemplated. Churchwardens always willing to effect necessary repairs. New ropes provided as necessary. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. The band being widely scattered, there is no fixed practice night.

LEEK (Staffordshire). Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1863, the rest by Rudhall, 1721. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears in 1876. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: three-quarters-of-a-hour before each service. Practice: Thursday, 7, from September to March inclusive.

LEESFIELD (Lancashire). St. Thomas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the 6th 1897, the rest 1866. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs are needed and are contemplated. Ropes new 1888, indifferent. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

LEICESTER. St. John the Divine. Midland Counties'

Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1902. Tenor 21 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go excellently. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays, 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8. A chiming apparatus is fitted.

St. Margaret. Ten bells. No return.

St. Mark. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1872. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. A proposal is on foot to recast the ring, adding two new trebles, but there are no funds. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual meeting of this Association was held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, June 1st, being attended by about forty members. Thirsk is one of those places which holds its fairs and markets on a Monday, and Bank Holiday makes no difference to the rule. The visit of a ringing association then on such a day added still more to the liveliness of the scene, though it is to be feared the farmer haggling with his neighbour over a shilling for the price of a pig or a cow, or the cheap-jack medicine vendor, as he proclaimed the merits of his wares from some inverted barrel, did not pay much attention to the music of the bells. Nevertheless ringing went on in spite of such counter attractions.

Vice-President J. Wrightson was down at the station to welcome visitors by the first train, and ringing was indulged in till service time, which was 12.15. The Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Perkins, took the prayers, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Heywood (at present of Stokesley) from the words "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." The line of thought worked out by him was that when men are happy or joyful it expresses itself in noise in some shape or form. When they are sad they are silent. What we ought to aim at is not merely however to make a noise, but to make a "joyful" noise, and to be "joyful." The heart must be right in the sight of God.

Dinner was served in splendid style at The Golden Lion hotel, the Vicar being in the chair till the annual business meeting which followed, when the President (Mr. Clarkson) conducted the meeting.

The loyal toast having been duly given and received with musical honours, the President gave that of "The Bishop and Clergy of the diocese," coupling the names of the Vicar and preacher, each of whom replied in suitable terms. The next item was the Secretary's annual report, which shewed the Association to be in a very satisfactory condition, with a balance of £16 in hand, and a total membership of 218, an increase of forty-five upon last year. The report and balance sheet were upon the motion of the President adopted and ordered to be printed, and with his motion he coupled the name of the Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, for a vote of thanks



for his work in connection with the Association. The Hon. Secretary briefly replied. It was decided that the meetings for the coming twelve months should be held as follows: September at Richmond, by special invitation of the local band, who are making efforts to increase their ring from six to eight; February, Wath with West Tanfield; Easter Monday, Whitby; and the annual one next Whit-Monday at Middlesbrough. The whole of the retiring officers were unanimously re-elected for another year. In the afternoon several ringers visited Felixkirk, a small village about three miles away, where there is a nice little ring of six, and where great interest is taken in all church matters, including bells and ringers by the Squire, A. J. Walker, Esq., who has also just been appointed churchwarden, and who most kindly provided tea in the schoolroom for those who went over. The warmest and brightest of weather prevailed all day, and added much to the pleasure of a very enjoyable gathering.

#### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at Dublin on Whit-Monday, members attending from Arklow, Bray, Rostrevor and Dublin (three towers). The bells of Christ Church Cathedral (10), SS. Augustine and John (10), and St. Patrick's Cathedral (10) were placed at the disposal of the members and were kept merrily swinging during the day. At 4.30 p.m. the President, R. R. Cherry, Esq., kindly entertained the members to a substantial tea in St. Patrick's Schools, after which the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Dean of St. Patrick's occupying the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed and the report adopted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. R. Cherry, Esq., President; G. Lindoff, Hon. Sec.; J. Myers, Treasurer. Twenty new members were then admitted; Arklow selected for the next annual meeting, Whit-Monday being the day set apart. The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to R. R. Cherry, Esq., for his kind hospitality, to the ladies who had so kindly assisted, and to the Dean for presiding.

#### Obituary.

##### WALTER W. WIFFEN.

We regret to announce the death of Walter W. Wiffen, who passed peacefully away at Braintree on Thursday, June 11th, in his 73rd year, after a short illness. Deceased had filled the position of verger and sexton at the parish church for upwards of twelve years, and by his devotion to his work and general disposition had won the respect of all. Although not a change ringer he took a great interest in the art, his interest in an attempt for a peal being as keen as those ringing. Two sons and one grandson are enthusiastic change-ringers. The funeral took place on Monday, June 15th, at the cemetery. Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, Vicar, officiated, assisted by Rev. L. Hood, curate. Notwithstanding a heavy downpour of rain several were present to pay their last respects to a faithful servant. In addition to those sent by various members of the family wreaths were sent by the Vicar and Mrs. Kenworthy, Mr. W. Parmenter (Vicar's Warden, parish warden, and sidesman), and the St. Michael's Guild. In the evening a long touch of Bob Major was rung.

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#### LARGE BELLS.

The quarterly number of *The Reliquary* for October 1900 contained a very interesting article by Mr. Richard Quick on small bells, which was in due course reviewed at some length in these columns. Mr. Quick has in the issue of the same periodical for January 1903 followed this up by an article, excellently illustrated, under the above heading, which we shall notice more briefly. Not that we have anything to say against Mr. Quick's work, but because, good as it is, it deals with a subject so much more "within the soap of our every day contemplation," that it is not necessary to dwell on it to the same extent. Thus Mr. Quick describes the founding of bells, tells us of English large bells and the Alexandra bells at the Imperial Institute. He has qualified for doing this by personal visits to our leading foundries and information derived from their principals. We are very glad to find such conscientious preparation on the part of anyone who presents these subjects to the readers of such a periodical, the more so as we have so frequently to lament the inaccurate and sentimental twaddle which is too often served up to the public about bells. Nor need we say anything about the orthodox tradition of the origin of large bells at Nola in Campania, the truth of which (with all respect to Polydore Vergil, long since, as we hope, in Paradise), we immensely doubt. We will pass all this by with the remark that Mr. Quick has dealt with it in an accurate and scholarly manner.

We must confess that we have never been able to get up much steam in the direction of interesting ourselves in the great bells of the world. They are wonderful specimens of human achievement, but the statistics of the dimensions and the weights of these musically useless anomalies are rather wearisome than otherwise. The form and ornamentation of them is really what is interesting, and it is in this respect that we are so much indebted to Mr. Quick for his excellent illustrations. Take for instance the Great Bell of Moscow, estimated to weigh about 193 tons, which stands upon a granite pedestal and has never been of any practical use. What is the good of burdening the mind with details concerning it? But Mr. Quick's illustration of it shows it in point of form and ornament to be a work of art, which we should like to see with our own eyes.

We cannot close without reference to a story, on the face of it strange enough, about the history of two English bells now in the South Kensington Museum. Mr. Quick tells us that they may be dated at A.D. 1335, that they were hung about that time in Glastonbury Abbey, that on the dissolution of that house they were acquired by the Chapter of Wells Cathedral, and hung in the north transept, where they acted as clock bells, being struck by two wooden figures of warriors—until the year 1878, when they were given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in part exchange for two new ones! Think of it—a corporate body so fortunate as to possess two bells of such historical interest coolly getting rid of them as old metal! Verily the Dean and Chapter of Wells a quarter of a century ago appear to have been a conglomeration of "barbarous Vandykes."

We heartily commend Mr. Quick's article to all persons—members of the Exercise or others—who may have the opportunity of perusing it.

**WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday evening, May 10th, at Christ Church, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Horton, T. H. Reeves, J. Simpson, J. Walker, F. Bennett, J. Hall, J. Hares conductor, R. Speakman.



## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

By the kindness of Mr. Churchwarden Davies, and of Mr. A. J. Davies, of Downham Market, the senior members of the above Society enjoyed a prolonged ringing tour in West Norfolk during the Whitsuntide holidays. Leaving Liverpool Street Station in a specially-reserved carriage on Saturday afternoon, May 30th, the party was met at Downham by Mr. A. J. Davies, who at once conducted them to The Castle hotel, which was to be the headquarters of the Society whilst staying in the town. After tea an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Edmund's parish church, but it unfortunately collapsed after ringing 2436 changes in 1 hr. 24 mins. C. Fenn, E. G. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, A. J. Carter, T. Faulkner, A. C. Hardy, E. A. Davies. On Sunday morning the bells were rung for the early Celebration, some touches of Grandsire and Double Norwich Major being brought round. This was most probably the first scientific change-ringing on the bells, and both on Saturday evening and Sunday the ringers were congratulated by several townspeople on the excellent ringing. At 9 o'clock a large motor car, which was to convey the company from place to place, arrived, and a start was at once made for Littleport, Cambs. A pleasant ride along the banks of the Little Ouse of about fourteen miles brought the party to St. George's church, to ring for morning service. A hearty welcome from the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Rogers, and the bells soon raised, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative were successfully accomplished. After service the whole company were hospitality entertained by the Rector and Mrs. Rogers to luncheon.

Ely Cathedral was next on the programme, but time was limited, and would not allow of more than a cursory glance over the noble edifice, the Lady Chapel, the beautiful Gothic lantern dome, and Mr. Le Strange's painted ceiling claiming chief attention. Motoring through Soham and Mildenhall, Thetford was reached in time for tea and to ring for evening service at St. Peter's. Downham was reached again at 10 p.m., travelling in all about eighty miles.

On Monday, after being photographed, an early start was made for King's Lynn, calling by special desire, for half-an-hour's ringing at Stow. Here some Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Superlative Surprise Major were rung, probably the first in these methods on the bells. Lynn was reached about 12 o'clock, and a good reception was received from the local ringers. The bells of St. Margaret's (10), and St. Nicholas (8) had been placed at the Society's disposal, and were each in turn visited. After dinner a beautiful drive through Sandringham and Castle Acre was very much enjoyed, passing by Sandringham church, his Majesty's residence, the kennels, stables, the kitchen garden, York Cottage, the famous Norwich gates, etc. A slight mishap to the motor car caused a late arrival at Swaffham, the last place to be visited. Permission had been obtained and the bells were soon ringing, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major being the methods rung. The Castle hotel was reached safely a little before ten o'clock, and after supper a social hour was spent, Messrs. Davies, Heath, Fenn, Hardy and Cottis amusing the party by singing songs, etc. The health of Messrs. Davies (father and son) was proposed by Mr. T. Faulkner, and Mr. E. A. Davies, in responding to the toast, said what a pleasure it was for him to be holiday-making with his ringers once more. In the two days over 8000 changes were rung in seven different towers in these counties, and about 150 miles travelled by road by motor.

One of the most pleasing features of the excursion was the keen interest taken in the proceedings by the ringers of neighbouring parishes, one gentleman walking in about six miles expressly to listen to the peal, and then coming again next morning to do the same; also on Monday he brought his brother-ringers from Stow purposely to hear the handbells rung, whilst at Downham the handbell ringers were called upon to perform at the Misses Green's Academy for young ladies.

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

## THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON.

SIR,—In your issue of June 13th the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major reported as having been rung at Christ Church, Aughton, on Monday, June 8th, should read an attempt had been made to ring a peal of Treble Bob, but ended in failure, as the peal was not secured. To publish it as being successful is bringing the Art of change-ringing to its lowest ebb. Myself, along with other well-known ringers who are competent to judge, heard the attempted peal from beginning to the reputed end, and had they stood the bells about 9.30 p.m. when they had the clashing competition it would have been more to their credit, and not kept the clashing competition up to the supposed forty minutes more, well, certainly not ringing, but torture, to the inhabitants surrounding the church, and to

THE CRITIC.

[Our correspondent should have appended his name.—ED.]

BOB ROYAL.

SIR,—Will Mr. H. J. Tucker kindly say on what date the peal in the 1895 Appendix referred to by him was published in "THE BELL NEWS."

JAMES GEORGE.

## THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT IPSWICH.

SIR,—The silence of the St. Mary-le-Tower company seems to be taken in the wrong light as regards the so-called peal of London Surprise at Ipswich. We intended treating Mr. Mee's letter with the contempt it deserves, and bring the matter up at the annual meeting of the Association. It is said that a certain mistake was instantly corrected. Well, some people's idea of an instant is decidedly funny. Mr. Mee says something about wild fellows. It would make anyone wild to have heard some of the "ringing" and then call it a peal. I don't say that the All Saints' society cannot ring London; I say that they ought to stop when they get into such a muddle as they did in the so-called peal. Mr. Mee seems over positive about our capabilities. Well, if we cannot ring a better peal than theirs, we will leave it alone. He tries to ridicule Mr. W. Motts, who as everybody knows is a perfect gentleman. And my opinion is, that the first peal of London Surprise has yet to be rung in Ipswich; whoever rings it, and I don't mind who. I thought I would write these few lines just to dispel the idea that we had dropped the matter.

L. W. WIFFEN.

## AN APPEAL.

The practical sympathy and aid of the benevolent is asked for Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow and Ripon, and now of Hull. He is over seventy years of age and is now lying seriously ill and in needy circumstances. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by G. T. Miller, Hon. Sec., 2, Cornwall Street, Hull. Will conductors kindly bring this case before their companies. Mr. Clark has always been a warm supporter of cases like his own.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SHEFFIELD.—This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Warner. It was also J. W. Smithson's first peal in any method, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, he having attained his majority on that day, all the company wishing him many happy returns. Previous to starting for the peal Messrs. Hammond, Willey, Smithson and Gledstone were proposed members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

CHISWICK.—On Thursday, May 7th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. E. Wilkes, H. W. Wilkes, S. W. Adams, H. T. Burton, A. H. Butler, W. E. Garrard conductor, G. J. White, T. Tinkler. First quarter-peal by the local company.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, May 11th, at St. Peter's church, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Privett, Rev. W. H. Gordon, G. Privett, G. Passingham, C. Privett, D. Knott. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Rev. W. H. Gordon.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 137.)

## PEAL COLLECTION.

The Hon. Secretary reported that this was going on slowly. It was proposed to issue the work in sections. Some sections would embrace a whole Group, but it would be impossible in some cases for the whole of a Group to appear in one section. Grandsire Caters was in hand at the present time, and it was hoped that Group I. would shortly be completed. Mr. Arthur Knights had prepared a large collection of Grandsire Caters and Cinques from which Mr. Dains had made a selection. He would suggest the re-election of the Committee and the work would be proceeded with.

Mr. Cockerill moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, the re-election of the Committee.

The Rev. H. L. James called attention to the statement made last year that Mr. Trollope had a collection of 2000 peals of Bob Major. He thought it would be sufficient if the actual bobs were printed, leaving out the figures; this would make it come into a much smaller compass.

The President thought this might create a difficulty in case of a misprint or a slip of any kind. No doubt it was a good suggestion with a view of getting it in a smaller compass, but he was afraid there would arise a liability to error if bob marks only were printed. He did not himself see the use of printing a vast number of peals in any particular method. Suppose even a thousand Bob Major compositions were published, who was going to look through so many to see if a peal claiming to be new was to be found in the collection?

Mr. Trollope said there had been a great deal to do in connection with his branch of the work and he knew something about the peals he had in hand, but to go and say straight off if a composition claiming to be new was there or not would be rather a big order.

The resolution to re-appoint the Committee was adopted.

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. L. James moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Legitimate Methods which appeared in these pages on May 23rd. He said the work had involved a great deal of correspondence. The draft which last year was reported lost had been re-drafted afresh some nine or ten times. By this the Committee got to know and to understand one another much better. He hoped that they had got to the bottom of the whole thing, at any rate for the present.

The President asked if it was not desirable that the report should be printed.

The Rev. H. L. James said if the report was printed, the notes, which were rather extensive, should also be printed, as they were valuable to those who wanted to know the real meaning of the report, but he was afraid the great bulk of ringers would not take the trouble to go into the matter sufficiently to master it, even with the help of the notes.

Mr. Trollope, in seconding the adoption of the report, supported the printing of the notes with the report. He had been spoken to by several friends who thought the report might have been drawn in a more intelligible manner, but the Committee could not do so. What the Council wanted was a definition of what was a method—a question which very few people had taken the trouble to look into. The Committee, upon examination, found they had to treat it upon purely mathematical lines. With Mr. James he thought that very few ringers would take the trouble or even make the attempt to go into the question. If they did there would not be many who would get to the bottom of the question. He thought that new composers should qualify themselves by some knowledge of what they were attempting to do.

The President asked if it was necessary to re-elect the Committee.

Mr. Trollope did not see that re-election was necessary. The Committee had covered all existing methods and the report would cover method-building for some years to come.

The Rev. H. L. James agreed that it was not necessary at the present to re-elect the Committee. If, however, the Council adopted the report there might be a number of questions arising

out of it. This might be the case as to some of the 6-bell methods in Snowdon's "Standard Methods."

Mr. W. Snowdon said he was aware that such a question might arise. Speaking of some of the 6-bell methods which appeared in the work published by his late brother, this he said was regarded more as an educational work. He was aware there were some methods not up to the mark. His brother had taken the methods as he found them practised.

The Rev. H. L. James said he had found that some of the methods referred to were capable of being turned into good methods.

Mr. Daniell considered the Committee had given them a very able report; the technical grounds, however, should not be discussed at that meeting.

The report was adopted.

The President said he fully agreed as to the value of the report. They ought not to lose sight of the fact that ringers as a body were not intended to understand a mathematical report of this kind, which would now exist for skilled reference. There was being gradually formed a solid groundwork of technical literature, upon which the Exercise could have future advances. The report was one which he considered reflected great credit on the Committee which had compiled it.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed and Mr. Snowdon seconded that the report be printed as an appendix to the new edition of The Glossary.

The Rev. H. L. James said he was willing to admit that the report was open to criticism, and that people twenty years hence building upon it might go much further into the whole question. He supported adding the report to The Glossary as an appendix.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey did not consider it fair to those who had already purchased copies of The Glossary to add this as an appendix to the new edition.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson pointed out that additional copies of the report could be printed for circulation at a very small cost among those who had already purchased The Glossary.

The President thought it would be better to let the report be attached to the pamphlet containing the decisions of the Council which it was suggested should be published than to let it appear in the new edition of The Glossary.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed and Mr. F. W. J. Rees seconded an amendment to adopt the President's suggestion.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee saw no reason why both the resolution and the amendment should not be adopted.

Mr. Bennett advocated the whole of the decisions of the Council in one publication.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Snowdon proposed and the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded that the report appear as an appendix to the new edition of The Glossary in addition to appearing in the pamphlet.

Mr. Bennett doubted whether, if this was done, those having copies of The Glossary (1st edition) in hand would be able to dispose of them.

Mr. Daniell had no doubt but that the Exercise that wanted the pamphlet would purchase it with the report as soon as possible. As to The Glossary, he did not consider there should be this appendix to the new edition.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon asked if the amendment to the original resolution having been adopted should not now come as a substantive motion.

The President having pointed out that they were dealing with an amendment to the original amendment, the same was put and lost, and Mr. Cockey's amendment was then put as a substantive motion and adopted.

The President moved and Mr. Borrett seconded that the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Committee for their valuable report, which was adopted with applause.

In reply to the President, Mr. James said he did not think it necessary to re-elect the Committee unless the question of "Marvel" or "Surprise" was referred to them and Mr. Baker's name added. (Laughter.)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said it appeared that some fault had been found as to the slow progress of the reports which were appearing in "THE BELL NEWS." He was doing the work himself and



could not get on more rapidly. He might mention that the particulars of some individual rings occupied him in tabulation fully half-an-hour—chiefly through the careless way in which in some cases the particulars had been furnished. After writing out it might be half a sheet of foolscap he often found some half-concealed foot-note which made it necessary to rewrite the whole. He did not think that it was intended to republish all the report, but it would be desirable to produce an abstract showing where rings needed attention, and towers where there was Sunday ringing, and so on. When the Committee was originally appointed there was an impression that a large number of rings were in a bad condition. He had somewhat modified this view, for unless there were many of the towers from which no return had been received which were defective, there were not so great a number of 8-bell rings in a bad condition as they had been led to believe. The indication was that much improvement had taken place within the last few years, no doubt largely through the influence of the various Diocesan and County Associations. He would take the opportunity of stating that it was impossible for him to reply to the many communications which he received respecting the schedule which was appearing. Some wrote to say that the information which appeared was wrong. What the Committee did was to rely upon information given by two accredited ringers on the spot. He thought that some of those who wrote were relying too much upon works on church bells which were not written exactly in reference to the points on which they as ringers for the most part required information.

The Rev. H. L. James said in some places there were no ringers or any one who understood about bells except as to the ringing of them or perhaps how to break a stay. How was information obtained in such a case?

The President said in some places ringers residing in the neighbourhood had supplied the information.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore asked if it was necessary that corrections should be sent by resident ringers, and pointed out that some, like himself, not residing on the spot might be able to send corrections.

The President said he was having all corrections carefully noted, and it would be for the Committee, when the publication of the schedule was completed, to advise what should be done in the matter.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee pointed out that the schedule had now reached the letter K; would it, he wished to know, be any use sending corrections for the letter A?

The President replied in the affirmative, and said the whole of the schedule as it appeared was mounted on sheets with space for corrections for each tower, and all corrections sent in were inserted in order that if reprinted they could be included. The Committee were re-appointed.

#### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The President said it had been considered desirable in past years that the provincial meetings should be upon a definite scheme of east, west, north and south in successive years. The Council had worked upon those lines, the two last meetings taking place at Derby and Worcester. The Standing Committee had discussed the matter and were of opinion that the next meeting might fitly be at York, and then perhaps the Council might in 1905 go to Canterbury.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed and Mr. W. Snowdon seconded that the next meeting be held at York.

Mr. Attree, in supporting, hoped that the Council might at some future date find its way still further north and go to Edinburgh, pointing out that reduced railway fares could be obtained by parties of eight or ten.

The resolution was adopted.

#### RULES AND CONNECTED STATEMENT OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

The President said he had placed this item on the agenda because he had seen the necessity of having a pamphlet containing the whole of the decisions that had been arrived at by the Council, in order that their suggested regulations should be readily accessible. In some cases it had been considered desirable to amend certain decisions. These, he considered, should all be printed in their modified form and be clearly set

out before the Exercise. He would move that the Hon. Secretary with himself be authorised to take the matter in hand.

Mr. Griffin seconded.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed and Mr. W. Routh seconded that the whole of the proceedings of the Council be printed.

The President said this would not meet his views. His object was to give every ringer a clear and simple tabulation of the Council's decisions now in force.

Mr. Borrett said he was one of those who had fallen into an error as to a decision of the Council, and he had watched to see how many would jump upon him the following week. No one did, so therefore there were others like him and to whom such a pamphlet would be useful. He supported the resolution.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said if the resolution was adopted it would give no key to the various steps by which the final form of the decisions had been arrived at and the dates of such steps.

The Hon. Secretary said if the President's resolution was adopted it would contain a connected statement, but the amendment would be a historic statement as to how the decisions were arrived at.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey considered that such a pamphlet would be most useful to the Exercise, especially if it showed all decisions concerning any point at a glance.

Mr. A. T. King was of the opinion that whatever was done it should be so arranged that the whole of a decision could be seen by itself.

The President said the adoption of the amendment would not give what he desired. He (the President) wanted the actual work of the Council that had been done and settled upon to be shown, and not a mere summary of the proceedings of each Council meeting.

The amendment was lost and the resolution adopted.

#### PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE COUNCIL RE RINGING OF PEALS.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he had been asked to move the item No. 11 upon the agenda. The discussion which had taken place upon the last item pointed to the fact that something of the kind suggested in this No. 11 item would do a deal of good and be useful to the Exercise. Most of the pronouncements already made were more or less hidden in the minute book, whereas if this resolution was adopted the Exercise would have the opportunity of knowing what was right and what was wrong according to the pronouncements of the Council. He considered that a copy of these should be sent to the secretaries of the various Associations asking them to take copies for distribution among their members.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, in seconding, said he did so as one who had benefitted by similar clear printed statements in regard to other matters.

The President said the intention in putting the item upon the agenda was that secretaries of Associations should be approached in respect more particularly to the important decisions arrived at last year, when resolutions were passed as to what constituted a true peal. Did the Council consider that it would be sufficient to forward to the secretaries the pamphlet already authorised, or should the peal pronouncements be sent separately? If the former, he thought the pronouncements at the Worcester meeting were of such importance that the special attention of secretaries should be drawn to them.

Mr. Daniell advocated that the attention of secretaries should be drawn to the whole of the pronouncements of the Council since first constituted.

Mr. King also supported the same view.

It was resolved that the whole of the pronouncements of the Council be forwarded to secretaries, with a letter drawing their attention to the more important ones.

(To be continued.)

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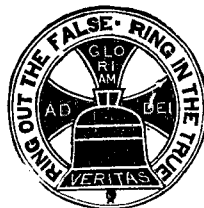
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1903.

We have in preparation a set of photographs which will be issued with this paper at an early date. They comprise portraits of celebrated ringers, and a picture of a church in the North which has recently undergone a most extraordinary operation. As soon as the particulars of this are obtained from a well-known contributor, the printing of the photograph will be at once proceeded with. It is hoped and believed that all ringers will welcome this addition to the number. The pictures will be printed on splendid paper.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

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MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	JAMES MONDAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

**The Provinces.****BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, June 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

C. H. PACKER .. .. Treble.	F. W. FROUDE .. .. 5.
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C. LOMAX .. .. 3.	F. HUNT .. .. 7.
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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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ALBERT GLEDSTONE .. .. 4.	JOHN LLOYD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

Reference elsewhere.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Friday, June 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WALTER C. HUNT .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 2.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. .. 6.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Stedman, and belongs to the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh.

**STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
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**ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

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ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 2.	THOMAS C. LANGDON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	*PERCIVAL R. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. Rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich.

**ELTHAM, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

RICHARD HIMS .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS FRASER .. .. 4.
JOHN H. PRESTON* .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. .. 5.
HENRY WILKES .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal of Minor. This peal was rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service held at this church, and also to celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of J. H. Preston's wedding.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Treble.	SEDLEY J. COLLINS .. .. 5.
ALFRED WICKS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR JONES .. .. 6.
HARRY LAST .. .. 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. 7.
THOMAS SADLER .. .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by FREDERICK HOLDEN.

First peal of Major by A. Wicks. First peal of Major as conductor.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Prewett, who kindly entertained the band and friends to supper.

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## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

HARRY CHEADLE .. .. Treble.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK I. STEELE .. .. 2.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by C. RAVENSCROFT, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G

JOSEPH CHURCH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. .. 4.
ALBERT ROBINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 3.	FRANK WEBB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD J. WEBB .. .. 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MARKS .. .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 8.
ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 4.	EDWARD HULL .. .. 9.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY G. MILES, and

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.  
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
DOUGLAS HARRIS* .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Major on the bells. \*First peal of Double Norwich.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 5.
JESSE PUPLETT* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY* .. .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 7.
ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 4.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal in the method.

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## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN METHERELL† .. Treble.	FRED HOPPER .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE† .. 2.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 6.
HARRY HOWARD .. .. 3.	ARTHUR MOORE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 4.	†HERBERT C. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

†First peal in the method. A peal of Double Norwich was arranged, but owing to wet weather some of the band were unable to come.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER PARSONS .. Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WREN .. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR THORNTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. This was the quarterly peal of the Central Division.

## WARWICK.

On Monday, June 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EMSCOTE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD* .. .. Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WALTER JOHN PINFOLD* .. 2.	*WILLIAM COLLETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MALE* .. .. 3.	*HENRY LETTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE ELLIS* .. .. 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major rung in Warwick.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NEOTS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire—E. C. Chasty. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. W. W. C. Crump, General Secretary of the Association, to Miss S. Porter, of Haddenham, which took place at Haddenham on the above date. The reason of this being a handbell peal is that all the bells in the neighbourhood are unringable.

## BEDFORD.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. R. LILLEY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.
JOHN HARE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Caters by J. Hare. Umpire—Mrs. C. R. Lilley, who ticked off the peal as it was rung. This is the first peal of Caters in hand in the county of Bedford, and was rung at the second attempt.



## Date Touches.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 15th, a date touch, in 45 mins. D. Anscumb, H. Corbett, W. Cook, F. Holden, A. Winch, J. Wyatt, A. Dean conductor, H. Price.

## Miscellaneous.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Whit-Monday, June 1st, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. W. Fowler, S. Wyatt, J. Routley, A. Doble, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, E. A. Poole, A. Walker, E. Wyatt, S. Jessop. On Sunday, June 14th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal in the same method. S. P. Merson, W. A. Fowler, J. Routley, F. J. Sadd, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, E. A. Poole, S. Wyatt, E. Wyatt, W. White. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. Askwith, as Archdeacon of Taunton.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Essex).—Recently at the parish church a peal in seven methods was attempted, but after ringing Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob, it came to an abrupt conclusion, owing to the sudden flaring of the lamp. W. Marrable, G. Radley, A. Pearman, J. Puppelt, G. Barker, I. Cavill conductor.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Orpin, J. McGrath, J. W. Barker, F. Crouch, F. Skevington, F. J. Bird conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor and 120 Bob Minor. J. Bird conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 1st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Heath, E. Raddon, R. Roffey, G. Condict, E. Allen conductor, J. Hunt, S. Radford, E. Heather. On March 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Heath, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, E. Hazelden, E. Allen, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Hunt conductor, G. Brion.

## THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On May 8th, at the residence of Mr. J. Judd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. G. Stibborns, J. T. Kentish, W. E. Judd, conductor, J. Judd.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANDUDNO.—On Friday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Jones, A. Fairlie, E. Hughes, J. Gillett, W. T. Pegler conductor, G. F. Hoad, S. A. Cullington, S. Swann. On Saturday, April 4th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. W. Jones, W. T. Pegler conductor, E. Hughes, J. Gillett, J. H. Midwinter, G. F. Hoad, S. A. Cullington, S. Swann.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOODCHURCH.—On Monday, April 27th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Taylor, W. Bennett, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Wilcox conductor. On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 720 Kent; for evening service, 720 Violet. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Easter Tuesday, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the re-election of the churchwardens, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. King, A. C. Bedwell, H. Barrett, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clews. For evening service on Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Keats, T. S. Deal, J. Law, A. E. Sharp, T. Taylor, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett conductor, G. King.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. White, J. Ward, C. Holdaway, T. Nicholson, F. Wilson, F. Kedgate conductor, J. Ballard, G. Martin. Arranged as a farewell touch for T. Nicholson, who was leaving the district.

HODDESDON.—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Matthews, G. Radley, I. Cavill, J. Puppelt, S. Knight, W. Cavill conductor. On February 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Radley, I. Cavill, H. Reeves, C. Matthews, J. Puppelt, W. Cavill, S. Knight conductor, C. Plummer. On May 2nd a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. a change-course occurred. I. Cavill, J. Puppelt, C. F. Winney, C. Matthews, G. Barker, W. Cavill, H. Baker conductor, G. Radley. On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples and 504 Bob Triples. W. Golby, J. Puppelt, I. Cavill, G. Radley, H. Reeve, W. Cavill, S. Knight conductor, W. Plummer.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Easter Monday, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. F. Gregory, H. Yarwood, A. Booth, S. Moore, T. Moore, J. Ashmole conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Gregory, T. Moore, A. Booth, H. Yarwood conductor, S. Moore, J. Ashmole.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, A. Roope, C. Roope, F. Roope, A. Wier, E. Borrett. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett, A. Wier, C. Roope, F. Roope, J. Allen, E. Borrett.

PATELEY BRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. R. A. Dick first 720, R. Thompson first 720 with a bob bell, A. Ditchburn, G. H. Mason, J. Heckingbottom, J. Sommersall conductor. On Monday, May 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Thompson first 720 of Treble Bob, J. Heckingbottom conductor, A. Ditchburn first 720 of Treble Bob, G. H. Mason, A. Haigh, J. Sommersall.

PORTMADOC.—On Wednesday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. McMillan, C. Williams, J. Owen, E. Thomas, T. Jones, H. Wakefield, M. J. Morris composer and conductor, R. Roberts. Longest length by all except the conductor. Rung as a welcome home to F. S. Percival, Esq., and Mrs. Percival, the donors of the tower and bells.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 16th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a last token to the Rev. H. Gosse, formerly Vicar of the above church for thirty-six years, and who gave the bells in loving memory of his wife. F. W. Rice, J. Kenward, E. Dewey, E. Kenward, T. Sparks, H. Reeves conductor, P. Etheridge, A. Songhurst.

STRETTFORD.—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Oxford. A. Barnes, T. Marshall, J. Smith, W. Brown, R. Ridyard, H. Chapman conductor. Also 720 Kent. T. Marshall, A. Barnes, J. Smith, W. J. Taylor, W. J. Moss, H. Chapman conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Birchall, W. J. Taylor, T. Smithson, W. Brown, H. Chapman conductor, J. Gregory. On Thursday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Moss conductor, J. J. Moss, H. Chapman, W. J. Taylor, C. Birchall, T. Birchall.

STAINES.—On Sunday evening, May, 3rd, for Divine service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Collins, A. Dickinson, A. Wicks, J. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, W. H. Fussell conductor, J. Phillips, A. H. Bates. After evening service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. [A. G. Redman, W. H. Fussell conductor, A. Wicks, J. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, W. E. Butler, J. Phillips, A. Butler. Messrs. Parker and Heywood also took part in another short touch.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Saturday, May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. White, T. Cure, W. H. Horwood, S. Hope, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. H. White, T. Cure, S. Hope, W. H. Horwood, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke conductor. These are the first 720s on the bells.

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## Notices.

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The Essex Association.—A District meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30. HENRY J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*  
*Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.*

Lavenham.—To-day, Saturday, June 20th, tower will be open for ringing during the day. Any brother ringer will be made welcome.  
A. SYMONDS.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hadlow to-day, Saturday, June 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 6. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The St. James's Society, London.—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, June 22nd, to consider if necessary the revision of rules. Practice at 8, business meeting at 9.45, when it is hoped as many will attend as possible.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th, 1903. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock at which all members are requested to be present; address by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury. Tea in the Pool Walk School Room at 5.30, tickets 6d. each to those only who have paid their subscriptions and whose names are sent in not later than the 22nd inst. (to others it will be 1s.) to be followed by the general meeting.  
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull St., West Bromwich.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Anniversary of the above Society on Saturday, June 27th, 1903. All standard methods.  
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The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, the 27th June. Tower open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Ringers desiring tea please write Mr. S. Brierly, 11, Belfield Lane, Tirgrove Rochdale, by the previous Thursday.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.30.  
W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday afternoon, June 27th. Tower open at 3.0. No allowances.  
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Sec.*

Hythe, Kent.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association. Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Colerne on Saturday, the 27th inst. Service 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Train from Bristol to Box leaves Temple Meads station 3 p.m. and returns 8.55 p.m. from Box to Bristol.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley on Saturday next, June 27th. Members who intend being present must send word to Mr. Isaac Moreton, Kingsley.  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoney-Stanton on Saturday, July 4th. The 8 bells at Stoney-Stanton and 6 bells at Sapcote will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. excepting during time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in the National Schools. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly inform Mr. H. Briggs, Sapcote Road, Stoney-Stanton, not later than Wednesday, July 1st, so that proper arrangements may be made. The Hon. Sec. will be glad if members who have not done so will pay in their subscriptions at or before the meeting.  
Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Dinner 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions were due on Jan. 1st, and any not yet paid should be sent to me without delay.  
E. W. CARPENTER.

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Short has removed from 64, Moland St., to 54, Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.—Mr. E. H. Oxenham has removed to 6, Campbell Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.

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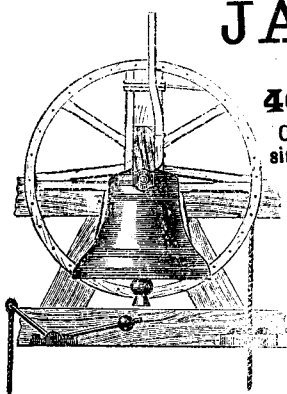
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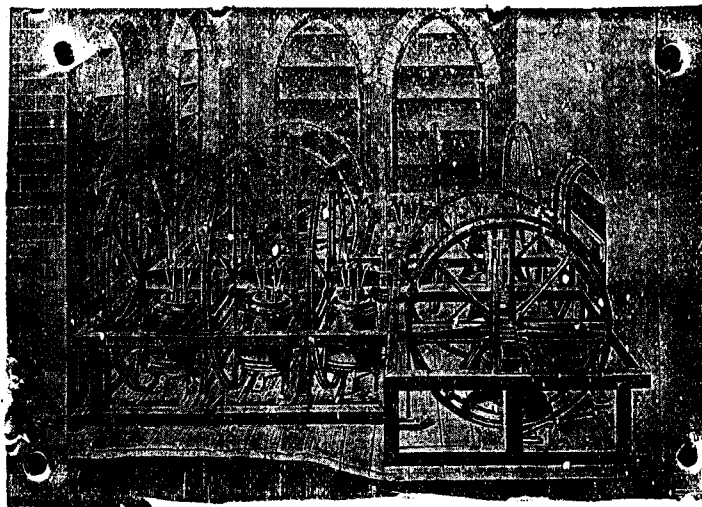
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LEICESTER. St. Martin's. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. 1, 2, 3 and 4 by Taylor, 1854; 5 and 9 by the same, 1879; the rest by Arnold, 1781. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were overhauled by Taylor 1889. It has been recommended that the belfry windows should be partly bricked up, but funds are not available. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays, 5.30 to 6.30. No practice at present.

St. Mary. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in., 1631, no founder mentioned; the rest by Mears, 1830. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Taylor, about 1886. Various repairs recommended, but few effected from lack of funds. Ropes new 1890, fair. Half-pull ringing largely practised. No regular Sunday ringing or practice.

LEIGH (Lancashire). St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, the two trebles 1761, the rest 1740. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by Mears, 1877. Estimate for repairs by Taylor now under consideration. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45, 2.15 and 5.45. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Bedfordshire). All Saints. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1787. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. The ring were re-hung by Webb 1898. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

LEISTON (Suffolk). St. Margaret. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. 4th and 6th by Brand, 1640; 7th by Darbie, 1674; the rest by Taylor, 1884, except the 3rd, 1869. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame.

Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1884. No information as to ropes. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.25, except in Lent. Practice: Saturday, 7.30. Visitors cordially welcome.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of this Association was held on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st, at Margate. The attendance was smaller than might have been expected at so popular a resort, and on so beautiful a day. The Association has never met at Margate before, though ten years ago Ramsgate was the venue, and the same towers were open for ringing, viz., St. John's, Margate (8), St. Peter's, Thanet (8), St. Lawrence (8), Birchington (8), and Quex Park (12); but in 1893 there were only six bells at Birchington, which, like the Margate ring at that time, went very badly.

The Central Committee met at St. John's, Margate, in the ringing chamber, as the vestry was occupied at the time by a wedding party. The same practising members as were co-opted last year were again appointed to serve on the Committee:—Messrs. J. W. Leonard (West Malling), W. Martin (Swanscombe), A. Palmer (Lenham), L. Silver (Gravesend), W. Spice (Penshurst), and C. Tribe (Tenterden).

The service was at 12 noon. The Rev. A. L. Brine read the prayers, the hon. secretary, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the lessons, and the Vicar, Rev. C. J. M. Shaw, gave a short address on Psalm xxiv. 6: "This is the generation of them that seek Him: that seek thy face, O Jacob." During the service the hymns, "When God of old," "Soldiers of Christ, arise," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," were sung. The singing throughout was unaccompanied, but none the less hearty for that. It had been arranged that Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., should preside at the organ, but he did not arrive till the last hymn was being sung. The offertory was for the restoration of the bells at Swanscombe, the church destroyed by lightning last August, and amounted to £1 8s. 10d. A collection (Messrs. Harper and Ring going round with the hat) made afterwards at the dinner from those unable to be present at the service realised just over £1, and was made up to a guinea by Mr. A. H. Saxby, secretary of the Margate ringers, for whose kind help in insuring the success of the meeting the thanks of the Association are due. The Committee have also granted five guineas towards the restoration from the Belfry Repairs Fund.

Service concluded, the members present proceeded in the leisurely fashion peculiar to ringers and policemen to Mann's Terrace Hotel, where a goodly spread awaited them. Members and friends, several ladies among them, to the number of 164, eventually assembled in the large room, entered on one side from the High Street, and on the other looking over a balcony straight out to sea. The Vicar presided and was supported by many well known change-ringers, Mr. James George, Rugby, and two



invited guests, Messrs. C. E. Borrett and J. Armiger Trollope, of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The Rev. A. Butler, Rector of St. Alphege, Canterbury, was also present with his daughters and a large party of ringers and friends.

After dinner the chairman gave the accustomed Royal toast, which of course was received with acclamation.

Mr. Groombridge (Hon. Sec., Lewisham District), proposed the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy," with thanks to the preacher at the service, to which Mr. Shaw suitably responded.

The Hon. Secretary then read the report for the past year, which clearly demonstrated the flourishing condition of the Association. Attention was directed to four points of progress: (1) increase of members from 799 to 903; (2) increase in number of towers in union from 69 to 80; (3) a record number of peals, many members having rung their first peal or first in method, and several appearing for the first time as conductor; (4) the large amount of instruction given. Reference was made to the death of Archbishop Temple, of Dean Farrar, one of the Vice-Presidents, and of several honorary and practising members. It was stated that Archbishop Davidson, who is a Life Member of the Association, had signified his willingness to accept the office of President, which had been filled by his three immediate predecessors.

The balance-sheet for the first time since the present Secretary's tenure of office, shewed an excess of expenditure over receipts, but there was no occasion for alarm as the balance was still over £40. The Belfry Repairs Fund at the end of last year amounted to £47 14s. 0d. Greater efforts should be made to interest the clergy and leading laity in the Association's work, the decline in the number of Honorary Members being rather an unhealthy sign. The Report closed with an urgent request to members and secretaries of bands to pay their subscriptions, and send in returns in good time. On the motion of the Rev. A. L. Brine, seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman, the report was adopted.

The Vice-Presidents, other than ex-officio, the Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee were re-elected, the new Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Wace), being elected in place of Dean Farrar, and the Rev. A. S. Hope (St. Gregory's, Canterbury), being put on the Committee, *vice* the Rev. L. E. Goodwin. The actual business being thus speedily transacted, sufficient time was left to propose the health of "The Ladies," for whom the Rev. A. Butler returned thanks; and of "The Visitors," to which Mr. Trollope responded.

The company then dispersed to ring at the various towers or to enjoy some of the manifold delights of Margate on a Bank Holiday. It was the general opinion that Margate was an excellent place for a meeting, and that it was a pity the Association could not in accordance with their circuit arrange to hold the Annual Meeting there again in the near future.

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#### THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the above Guild was held at Aldington on Saturday, June 13th, and was attended by eighteen members from the following towers, viz.: Appledore, Elmstead, Lyminge, Rye, Tenterden, Wye and Wickhambreaux, and some of the local men. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, and Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor was rung till 5 o'clock, when all the members attended a special service in the church, and heard a very encouraging address from the Rector, the Rev. W. E. M. Nunn, Mr. W. E. Pitman presiding at the organ. They then accompanied the Rector to the rectory, and found an excellent tea awaiting them, the Rector's wife and daughters doing the honours at the tables.

The usual meeting was held after tea, when the Rector was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and five active members. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for his generosity in providing the tea, also to the ladies for their kind assistance, and also to the Rector for the service and address and permission to ring. Load pipes was the next order, and a stroll round the garden and grounds, while four of the more enthusiastic members rang courses of Grandsire Triples on the lawn double-handed. A move was then made to the church, and the bells kept merrily going till after 9 o'clock, when fourteen ringers lit their lamps and mounted their bikes and pedalled to "Home, sweet home."

The next meeting was proposed to be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 11th.

#### ST. MARY, WESTONING, BEDS.

A new fourth bell has been hung in place of the old one which was cracked. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, by whom the peal was rehung in 1895.

#### Obituary.

##### JOSEPH MULLIGAN.

On Sunday, June 14th, there died in Sheffield, after a long illness, Joseph Mulligan, for upwards of thirteen years a member of the parish church company, and also a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1880. Though not a member of the above company at the time of his death he was always very closely connected and interested in anything that was being done in the ringing world. He was a good ringer and a most genial friend. On Thursday, June 18th, he was laid to rest, four of his brother-ringers acting as bearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. The same evening the members of the parish church company rang a touch of Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to their departed brother. The deceased was 39 years of age.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Saturday, May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. White, T. Cure, W. H. Horwood, S. Hope, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. H. White, T. Cure, S. Hope, W. H. Horwood, H. Cure, J. F. Clarke conductor. These are the first 720s on the bells.

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5000.

123456789 5 16

412365\*

214563 - -

213465 - -

215364 - -

512463 - -

513264 - -

514362 - -

415263 - -

413562 - -

314265 - -

315462 - -

312564 - -

514263 3-5-6s-7-10-14

415362 - -

412563 - -

413265 - -

314562 - -

312465 - -

315264 - -

513462 - -

512364 - -

215463 - -

213564 - -

214365 - -

The last twenty-three courses repeated, calling the first course 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 produces 214365879.

\*This course is called 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 commencing with the last change of slow six:—

123456789

132547698

315274968

351

531

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153

135729486

Has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th in the tittums, and twenty-three times behind the 8th in the inverted Home position.

RUGBY (Warwicks.).—On Sunday, June 7th, after evening service at St. Andrew's church, the following members of the local company rang 504 of Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks, J. George (conductor), A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, A. L. Coleman.

BANGOR.—On Saturday, May 23rd. at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. S. Taylor, Rev. T. L. Jones, W. T. Pegler (conductor), J. H. Grundy, G. Foster, G. F. Hoad, J. H. Midwinter, T. W. Crane, jun.

## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

14, 112.

234567	M	IN	OUT	4ths	5ths	W	H
352764	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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453627	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
563742	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
625734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
645723	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
436752	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
346257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
426735	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
254763	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
524367	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
234756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
372546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
524736	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
754236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
274536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
473526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
476253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265743	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
725643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
675243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
574263	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
573624	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
632754	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
762354	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
372654	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
275634	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
274365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
346725	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
736425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
476325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
672345	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
675432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
453762	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
743562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
573462	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
376452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The above are the figures of the peal rung at King's Norton, Worcestershire, on May 11th last, conducted by William Pye. They came to us just as they were handed to Mr. J. S. Pritchett, sealed, before the peal commenced. Mr. Withers's figures are exactly the same.

## NEW DODGING HUNT METHOD.

By HENRY DAINS, *Cumberland Youths*.

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21435687

24153867

42518376

24158367

42313876

45231786

54327168

53421786

35247168

53427618

35246781

32547618

23456781

24365871

42638517

46235871

64328517

46238157

64321875

63428157

36241875

32614785

23167458

32617485

23164758

21346578

12435687

21345678

12436587

Plain Lead

14263857

Bob

14235678

## THE NEW PALACE STEAMER,

"La Marguerite," on the 17th inst. came out of dock, after a most careful overhaul, and was given an exhaustive trial run down the Channel, with very satisfactory results. Everything in the engine room worked without a hitch, and the vessel attained the very high speed of about 21 knots. She will commence her Margate, Ostend, Calais and Boulogne sailings on the 27th inst., this year going Mondays and Wednesdays to Ostend, instead of only once a week as formerly. Combined Boat and Hotel tickets will be issued at low rates, and the cross-channel fares are so moderate that a greatly increased traffic is expected this year. On the 6th prox., in connection with the visit of the President of the French Republic to this country, it is quite likely that "La Marguerite" will make a special trip to Calais or into the Channel, in order that her passengers may view the magnificent assemblage of war vessels, and also join in the welcome to M. Loubet.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 149.)

## THE PRESS AND THE EXERCISE.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, in introducing this question, said that his object was much the same as that which had suggested the next item on the agenda, viz.: to ask whether something could not be done to diffuse more knowledge of ringing matters among the public at large. Every one present who, as Secretary of a diocesan or other Association, had endeavoured to promote the spread of change-ringing must have found his greatest obstacle in the general ignorance which prevailed upon the subject, and not least among the clergy and church authorities. In these days people depended for their knowledge of most subjects upon the newspapers; and if perhaps the leading Church newspapers, such as *The Guardian*, *Record*, *Church Times*, etc., could be induced to take some regular notice of ringing matters, there might in time be less ignorance of the subject among churchpeople. "THE BELL NEWS" appealed to ringers only, and was so much Hebrew to outsiders; *Church Bells* was a ringing paper only in name; and the few articles that had appeared in newspapers and magazines were not easily accessible. Nor again such an article as that on "Campanology" in the new volumes of the "Encyclopædia Britannica." He had no very definite suggestion to offer, except that possibly a committee might be appointed by the Council to see what steps could be taken in the direction indicated.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said the suggestion was a valuable one. It had occurred to him to ask whether, as none of the church papers were represented there that day, any notice had been sent them of the meeting. There appeared as much need as ever to spread a knowledge of ringing, for there were still many people who looked upon it as a kind of mania.

Mr. A. T. King supported the resolution. He remarked that he remembered how when copies of a certain paper were sent out having one sent to him with the remark that it must have been sent to the clergyman in mistake.

Mr. F. W. J. Rees said formerly ringers had to depend upon *Church Bells*, but when "BELL NEWS" arose it aroused the interest of ringers. He remembered several letters appearing in *Church Bells* as to the insertion of even half a column of what was said to be unintelligible matter which ought to be excluded altogether.

In reply to the President Mr. Papillon said by the term church papers he referred to *The Guardian*, *The Record*, *Church Bells* and *Church Times*. He would suggest that a committee should be appointed to confer with the authorities connected with church papers to see how far recognition of ringing matters could be obtained.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly pointed out that it would be necessary for some one to be prepared to supply the information.

Mr. H. Dains said *Church Bells* no doubt had done good work and had had the opportunity of expanding so as to be better patronised by ringers, but had not done so. The question was could they as ringers make it worth the Editor's while to insert ringing matters when they were told that as a body ringers did not support "BELL NEWS" sufficiently to make it profitable to the Editor. Why not give "BELL NEWS" greater support and make it into a good twopenny paper? He would suggest that some good might be done if some one having the ability would write good articles for some well-known magazine and show the readers of the magazine what change-ringing really was.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said matters connected with Association meetings, openings and the like, did generally find their way into the local papers. If such reports appeared in *The Guardian*, *Church Times* and other church papers it would bring these matters before a class of readers who seldom took any interest in ringing. He believed much good might be done by general articles appearing in the ordinary press, and leaving "BELL NEWS" to deal with technical points.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said there was need of having correct reports and the use of correct terms. Whenever a wedding took place if the bells were rung the reporter always wrote that a merry peal was rung, whatever the ringing might happen to have been.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggested the election of a small committee to deal with the matter.

The Rev. H. L. James thought the Committee had better go to work at once and see if they could not get some report inserted in the press of the proceedings that day.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon said he had upon two or three occasions sent short reports of the Council proceedings to the *Times*, and the same had duly appeared. A suggestion had also been made when the *Encyclopædia* was appearing that a chapter should be inserted upon change-ringing and this had been done. He did not therefore think that the press was entirely against them.

The President said when the Council was first formed the late Hon. Secretary with himself sent pars. to the principle London dailies, which generally appeared, but somehow they allowed the practice to drop. An excellent article was written by Mr. Bulwer, and appeared in the *Windsor Magazine*, and he saw no reason why similar articles should not be offered by other writers to other magazines. He remembered that at the Oxford meeting Canon Erskine Clarke was spoken to as the Editor of *Church Bells* respecting the insertion of more ringing news, but the reply was that they must cater for their readers, and not give them that which they did not appreciate. The Council should remember that the bulk of papers were printed to pay, and if it paid Editors to take up specific matters they would do so, and not otherwise. Under these circumstances he did not think that ringers would get much attention given them. It would be best to leave the matter in the hands of a small committee who would undertake to see what could be done. If such a committee were appointed and commenced by giving some account of the proceedings of the Council they must do so in a generally intelligible form which would interest outsiders. Many of those present knew something of the work which Mr. Papillon had done in this direction. With respect to "THE BELL NEWS" it must be remembered that it had been most valuable to the Exercise. The Council's proceedings had always appeared in its columns. It had also been of great interest to those who achieved peals by having them publicly recorded, and the Exercise at large owed a debt of gratitude to the Editor for his labours on their behalf. All should try to assist him and so help forward the interests of ringing. He would suggest that a resolution should be moved appointing a small committee to take steps to secure by the press in general fuller recognition of the Exercise by the insertion of information respecting the science of change-ringing.

The Rev. T. S. Papillon moved, and Mr. Daniell seconded, a resolution setting forth the suggestion made by the President, which having been adopted, the proposer and seconder with the Rev. Maitland Kelly were appointed as a committee.

## THE NEED OF A POPULAR BOOK ON RINGING.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in introducing this subject, said that he was very glad to find that it was only another aspect of the preceding subject, and that Mr. Papillon and himself were both bent on obtaining a similar result. He pointed out that the difficulty of referring any intelligent person to a source of information about change-ringing was, that, apart from technical treatises, knowledge of the subject was only to be found in expensive books like the extra volumes of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" or "Groves' Dictionary of Music," or "Proceedings of the Brighton Church Congress," or detached articles in by-gone numbers of Magazines, and, of course, the file of "THE BELL NEWS." He considered that there was a great want of some handbook offered at a reasonable price, say at about 3s. 6d., which would be within the reach of the ordinary enquirer and would act as an introduction to the more lengthy and technical literature upon the subject. He therefore moved for a committee to consider and report to the next meeting of the Council whether such a publication would be financially practicable, and if so as to the best form in which it could be produced.

Mr. A. T. King seconded. He said such a proposal had often been spoken of, but it was generally said that it would be rather a big undertaking. There could be no doubt whatever that such a publication would be most valuable. He considered it would be best for a Committee to take the matter in hand and draw up a scheme of what the book should contain. One could say a great deal as to what it ought not to contain, but the real question was what should it contain in order to remove



that ignorance which still prevailed as to the science of change-ringing.

Mr. W. Snowdon said both Mr. Papillon and Mr. Daniell were on the right track. His own experience was chiefly through what his brother did in what he thought might be termed a popular form. His brother wrote for the *Leisure Hour* and also for *Chambers' Journal*, which was done by request. He believed that a publication on the lines Mr. Daniell had suggested would pay its way in time. The difficulty he saw was to get the public to know of the existence of such a book. There must be something to lead up to it; something in that direction might be done by a review of the book. There might be two such publications, but they would be of little use if the public did not know of them. There must be a demand created; this might be brought about by the assistance of the Press. Above all it must be generally interesting, and then there could be no doubt that it would do an immense work, which ought to be a strong argument in favour of adopting the proposal. If the demand was created then all would be well, but to leave the book upon the shelves in Paternoster Row would be useless. With respect to the appearance of ringing matters in *Church Bells* he remembered how an organist became so interested through what appeared there that he took up ringing and increased the ring at his parish church from six to eight bells, and finally from eight to ten. This was one example of what good had been done by the publication of ringing matters in *Church Bells*.

The Rev. H. L. James thought there was room for a series of publications upon church customs and church work, and that if some one could be found to take in hand the publication of a series, Change Ringing could be one of the series.

The Rev. H. Drake, in supporting the resolution, referred to Mr. Ellacombe's works in the British Museum. If you wanted to refer to these it was necessary to get out the whole, which could not be done without some difficulty. He considered the suggestion made by Mr. James a good one, more especially if the idea could be carried out in a popular form and so catch the eye of the public. There was also a need of something which would set before the Clergy what the bells were for, as so many did not appear to know, in fact there were clergy who regarded them as a nuisance. A publication to be successful with the Clergy should show the advantages of change-ringing, and the advantage of having in a parish a good band of change-ringers, and at the same time give some advice upon the care of bells.

Mr. Bennett thought that if a copy of such a work as had been suggested was sent to each of the Archdeacons of England a great deal of good might be done, as it was part of their duty to see that the bells of a parish church were well cared for.

The President suggested that the Committee which had been appointed on the last resolution should be requested to take this matter in hand and report to the Council next year as to the best way to carry out the proposal. The discussion upon both subjects had shown how important they were. He was sure if the committee applied their energies to supplying information to the Press much good might be done.

Mr. Bennett desired to know if the committee could not at once bring something under the notice of the Archdeacons.

The President said such a proposal would come more fitly another year upon the Committee's report. It was a part of the Archdeacon's duty to look after the bells.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker suggested that a copy of the pamphlet upon the care of bells might do some good if sent to the Archdeacons.

The Revs. H. A. Cockey and Maitland Kelly said this had been done in their respective districts.

Mr. Bennett moved, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, that the committee should be asked to at once draw up a small pamphlet to be sent to each of the Archdeacons. Such a pamphlet should show the need of enquiry as to the state of the bells.

The Rev. H. L. James thought that in many places the Archdeacons would be told to mind their own business.

Mr. Daniell trusted the committee would not be overburdened.

Mr. Attree thought the subject an important one, in fact one of the most important upon the agenda. He pointed out that the incumbent was not the only person concerned in the question

of the ringing of the bells. As a churchwarden he claimed to have a voice in the matter.

The Rev. H. L. James said as an Incumbent he could have the bells of his church rung if he choose for twelve hours, and no one could stop him.

The President thought the idea of such a pamphlet a good one, but that it would be better to wait for the committee's report next year before taking any further steps.

Mr. Bennett withdrew his resolution, and the matter was referred to the previously-appointed committee.

(To be continued.)

### Correspondence.

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

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

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON.

SIR,—In your issue of June 20th I notice what appears to be an attack upon the performance of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Christ Church, Aughton, on June 8th. "Critic" and his colleagues, if ringers from or round about the parish, are well-known to myself, are not competent to judge the merits of the peal in question, as they have not rung many changes in this class of ringing, so I do not consider them competent to judge. At 9.30 p.m. "Critic" says we had the clashing competition. The bells rang clear and did so till about 9.55 p.m.; then there was a little flutter, but it was soon put right, and maintained right until the last few changes from home, when there was another little flutter, caused, as one of the old ringers said, by nothing but nervousness. Taking into consideration that it was the first attempt of myself and three others the peal was not a bad one. In conclusion I may say I am much adverse to a person such as "Critic" trying to hide his identity under an assumed name, and beg therefore to subscribe myself as

R. PARK.

THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT IPSWICH.

SIR,—After eight weeks our friends at Ipswich have again gave tongue, this time through the voice of their youngest member. I am surprised the older members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society should get a lad to do their correspondence, one who is not yet old enough to know good ringing from bad. If Mr. W. Motts is a gentleman he has not proved himself to the All Saints' Society. I am pleased to think the peal in question will be mentioned at our annual meeting, we shall then be able to prove to the meeting what jealous men we have at Ipswich. Mr. Wiffen also says he don't mind who rang the first peal. Well, why did the St. Mary-le-Tower Society try their utmost to prevent us having St. Margaret's bells? Let them answer this question. They may ring the second peal of London in Ipswich, but they will have to improve very much before they ring as good a peal as we have done. This will be the last notice I shall take of this matter. We rang a good and true peal, and we are all perfectly satisfied, and in conclusion the All Saints' Society still think the ringers at Ipswich are wild fellows.

CHARLES MEE.

(Other letters have been received relative to the foregoing peals, but it is not advisable to widen the discussion.—Ed.)

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1903.

THE Exercise generally are willing to acquiesce in the decisions of the Council with regard to the legitimacy or otherwise of methods. Nay, further, the majority of thinking ringers are pleased to see the attention and research displayed by those gentlemen whose qualifications fit them for the enquiries into the construction of methods, the result of which are made known from time to time in these pages. We subjoin the latest dictum of a gentleman—the REV. H. L. JAMES—who, though fully qualified to speak about such matters, can hardly expect entire obedience to the strict law he herewith lays down.



The following is Mr. JAMES's letter:—

SIR,—Bob Triples, Grandsire Minor and Violet Treble Bob are not legitimate methods, see Report adopted by the Central Council at the meeting on June the 2nd. Therefore the peal of Bob Triples rung at Bury St. Edmund's on June 1st is the last one that can claim to be a peal, and the so called peals at Eltham, Kent, on June 13th, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, on June 13th, and Bedford, on June 13th, will not count.

H. LAW JAMES.

N.B.—What is Merchant's Return? The following in "Standard Methods" are all illegitimate: Bob Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course Doubles, Yorkshire Court Minor, Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, Grandsire Minor, Violet Treble Bob Minor, New London Pleasure Minor, Duke of York, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, Yorkshire Court Major, and Double London Court Major. Another method which wants mentioning as illegitimate is Union Triples.

These methods may be illegitimate, but we think that whenever a 5000 of either of them is rung, it will have to "count."

### THE TOWN HALL, CARDIFF.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known tower clock makers, have succeeded in obtaining (in competition with all the chief manufacturers), the order for the large clock for the new Town Hall at Cardiff. This palatial building, now nearing completion, will be one of the most imposing municipal structures in the kingdom, and will cost about a quarter of a million. The clock will strike the hours on a bell weighing 50 cwt., and chime the Westminster quarter-chimes. The dials will be of the skeleton variety, and will measure 12 ft. 6 in. in diameter. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will make both clock and bells. We understand Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are exceptionally busy, having many large contracts in hand, including chime clocks for Broadwater parish church, Worthing; Santa Cruz church, Madeira; Pekin Bank; Malta Barracks, etc.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

QR.-MR SERGT. A. PYE .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	†HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method and first attempt.

### The Provinces.

#### GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lbs.

EDWARD ASTLEY .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE POTTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS MACLAREN .. .. 2.	GEORGE WARDLE .. .. 6.
ROBERT POTTER† .. .. 3.	JOHN FOREMAN .. .. 7.
ROBERT FALCONER .. .. 4.	ERNEST FERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

†First peal with a bob bell. \*First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of Dr. Lloyd, the new Bishop of Newcastle.

#### SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being ten of Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen of Plain Bob, and eighteen six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. E. HIGGS* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE J. PEPPER .. .. 3.
J. MURREY .. .. 2.	*FRED C. TOWELL .. .. 4.
RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal.

#### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES ABLITT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DYE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH LAST .. .. 6.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK CLARKE .. .. 4.	JESSE SADLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by W. DYE.

#### BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. .. 2.	FRANK EDWARDS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 4.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

Rung as a wedding peal to Lewis Bentley, and this is his first peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.



## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

JOSEPH BENNETT, JUN. ..Treble.	CHARLES PRICE.. .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	ERNEST S. REED .. 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 7.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT .. 4.	WALTER TOMSETT ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

## CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ..Treble.	*H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 6.
F. STEDMAN POOLE† .. 2.	*B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHY .. 3.	*R. A. DANIELL .. .. 7.
E. H. LEWIS* .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES ..Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. (Trinity), and  
Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. \*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on tower bells by either University. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th belong to Trinity College; and to Sidney Sussex; 6th to Pembroke; 7th and tenor to Caius.

## ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ROBERT BRETT .. ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 2.	EDWARD AUDSLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

## UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN SMART .. ..Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 2.	†GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
EDMUND LINDUP .. .. 4.	*TERRETT GATLAND .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman Triples.

## GREAT TEW, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 19, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

HAROLD HUMFREY .. ..Treble.	THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.. 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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On Saturday, June 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK* ..Treble.	FREDK. W. DIXON .. .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON* .. .. 2.	JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 6.
W. E. H. ASH* .. .. 3.	*JAMES A. TEALE .. .. 7.
HARRY TOMLINSON .. .. 4.	*FREDK. W. HIRD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jackson and Hird.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN ..Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLOWAY .. 6.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 2.	ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 8.
THOMAS PIGOTT.. .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

## GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

FREDERICK PESTELL ..Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 4.
EDWARD TODD .. .. 2.	ABEL FULLER .. .. 5.
JOHN GODFREY .. .. 3.	GEORGE ORFORD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

This peal was arranged for F. Pestell, and is his first peal on six bells.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. ..Treble.	*FRANK WAGSTAFF .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
FRANK GODBER .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

\*First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Wagstaff.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. In E.

HARRY WITHERS .. ..Treble.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. 6.
ALBERT J. HICKS* .. .. 3.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR COLEMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

This is Mr. George's 250th peal, they having been rung in 140 different churches, and with 651 different ringers. \*Hails from Rugby. This is Mr. A. J. Hicks' first attempt for a peal. The band were afterwards kindly entertained by Mr. J. S. Pritchett to a substantial supper.

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

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 15 cwt

THOMAS BALDWIN* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT THOMPSON .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
JESSE GILLETT .. .. 3.	†JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in E flat.

HENRY R. NEWTON.. .. Treble.	W. D. SMITH .. .. 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 2.	E. P. O'MEARA.. .. 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 3.	W. T. COCKERILL .. .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES STONE .. .. Treble	HERBERT FRANKUM .. .. 5.
ERNEST HUGHES* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 6.
REV. H. C. BELL .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
G. W. T. SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal. This is W. Horne's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN. * Treble.	GEORGE SYMONDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. 2.	*GEORGE MAYERS .. .. 6.
ALBERT ROUGHT* .. .. 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	GEORGE FREESTONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples. The band were congratulated by the Vicar, the Rev. — Mayhew, at the conclusion of the peal, who kindly provided refreshments, for which the ringers wish to thank him, also for the use of the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one 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.

GEORGE W. MEE* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. .. 3.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 7.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by G. W. MEE.

\*First peal as conductor upon eight bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY† .. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 7.
EDGAR HICKS .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

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

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 5.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
QR.-MASTER SERGT. A. PYE* 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell, and first attempt, never having rung a bob bell in that method previous to starting for the above. Rung in honour of the marriage of W. Keeble, which took place on that day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	ALPHAEDS PERKINS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 3.	JOHN MAWBY .. .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
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APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. .. Treble.	*CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
RICHARD WHITE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	HARRY WOODWARDS .. .. 9.
THE HON. A. ERSKINE* .. 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.



## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

A. WARD .. .. .	Treble.	A. ACFIELD .. .. .	5.
C. LANKESTER* .. .. .	2.	W. BARBER .. .. .	6.
A. CLEMENTS .. .. .	3.	A. S. BARRELL .. .. .	7.
D. LEGGETT .. .. .	4.	C. FISHER .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by C. FISHER.

\*First peal.

## KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. SELLERS .. .. .	Treble.	W. BARKER .. .. .	5.
A. O. BARBER .. .. .	2.	T. RICHARDSON .. .. .	6.
H. BISHOP, JUN. .. .. .	3.	C. FLATTERS .. .. .	7.
H. BISHOP, SEN. .. .. .	4.	J. BISHOP .. .. .	Tenor.
		T. RICHARDSON, JUN.	

Composed by W. BARKER, of Frampton, and Conducted by C. FLATTERS.

First peal in the method by the Eastern branch upon the bells, and by all the band. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. Dennis, son of Mr. W. Dennis, with Miss Roper, of Kirton.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

G. J. CLARKSON .. .. .	Treble.	*T. MELCALFE .. .. .	6.
W. H. STEPHENSON .. .. .	2.	R. G. GREENWOOD .. .. .	7.
F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. .	3.	W. NEWTON .. .. .	8.
J. W. NEWTON .. .. .	4.	T. STEPHENSON .. .. .	9.
A. W. BARRETT .. .. .	5.	A. M. C. FIELD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

First peal of Grandsire Caters by all, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first on the bells, the first in the county of Durham, and the first by the above Association. \*Fiftieth peal. Further reference next week.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN AND THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(ST. NEOTS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 21, 1903, in Two Hours Thirty-three and ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. .	1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. .	5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. .	3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. .	7-8.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire—Lewis Watson. First peal in the method in hand by the above Associations.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples at Arklow, Ireland, has been sent without any time of performance.

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## Date Touches.

BOSTON.—On Thursday, June 18th, at St. Nicholas' church, a date touch of 1903 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 15 mins.: April Day, Primrose, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire, the three odd changes being made by a Primrose Bob. J. Colman, A. Palmer, A. Gale, H. Palmer conductor, J. Kirk.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Sunday, June 7th, after Divine Service in the evening, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks, J. George conductor, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, A. L. Coleman.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THIRSK.—On Whit-Monday, in connection with the annual meeting of the above Association, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Rudd, A. McFarlane, R. Pick, R. W. Lovie, R. Greenwood, W. H. Porter, J. H. Blakiston conductor, G. J. Clarkson. 1088 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Long, R. Pick, G. J. Clarkson, J. W. Lovie, W. Pick, D. H. Burton, J. H. Blakiston, T. Metcalfe conductor. 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Langley, J. Wrightson, W. Pick, J. W. Neasham, R. W. Lovie, T. Metcalfe, D. H. Burton conductor, A. McFarlane.

FELSKIRK.—On Whit Monday, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, W. H. Stephenson, F. P. Howcroft, J. Waller, A. W. Barratt, T. Stephenson conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Stephenson, C. Howroyd, F. P. Howcroft, E. Barnett, A. W. Barrett, T. Stephenson conductor.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSDALE.—On May 10th, at St. Cuthbert's church, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. A. Charlton first 720, J. Spragg, J. W. Foster, N. Richley first 720, T. H. Surtees, F. Barron conductor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL.—On Friday, May 8th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Judd, W. Dudley, W. Dowsett, H. T. Wilson, W. Bedwell, J. Smith, G. E. Wilson conductor, E. Collins.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYSS.—On April 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Perrin, W. Butler, W. J. Read, J. Arthur, W. W. Wilkinson, W. Downs. First 720 on the bells. And 120. W. Perrin, A. Garrett, J. Arthur, W. J. Read, W. Wilkinson conductor, W. Butler.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 1903, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Christian, H. Wright, E. Todd, A. Rought, J. Godfrey, D. Hayward conductor, J. Matthews, F. Pestell. On Tuesday, June 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. H. Woodward, F. Pestell, D. Hayward conductor, R. Christian, H. Wright, E. Todd, J. Godfrey, J. Matthews.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, June 21st, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. O. Bone, A. Barkus, A. Hughes, W. Trass, C. Kennedy, M. A. Wood, D. F. Gibbons, G. Dorrington, jun. [Composed and conducted by M. A. Wood.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At the church of St. Mary on Hospital Sunday, June 14th, after Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. \*F. C. Maynard, R. J. Maynard, \*H. J. Maynard, J. H. Wilkins, F. Rumens conductor, R. W. T. Maynard, E. S. Poll, R. K. Knight. Composed by A. G. Freeman. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. French, a member of the St. Mary's Society.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor, in 21 mins. W. G. Matthews, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall conductor. On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford. W. Berry, A. Hill, W. G. Matthews, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam, W. Steggall conductor.



## Notices.

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**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield to-day, Saturday, June 27th, 1903. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's towers will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock at which all members are requested to be present; address by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull St., West Bromwich.

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Anniversary of the above Society to-day, Saturday, June 27th, 1903. All standard methods. Saffron Walden. F. J. FITSLOW, Hon. Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend to-day, Saturday, the 27th June. Tower open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Milnrow to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7.30. W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—A district meeting will be held at New Romney this Saturday afternoon, June 27th. Tower open at 3.0. No allowances. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Sec.

Hythe, Kent.

**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Colerne to-day, Saturday, 27th inst. Service 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Train from Bristol to Box leaves Temple Meads station 3 p.m. and returns 8.55 p.m. from Box to Bristol.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley to-day, Saturday, June 27th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoney-Stanton on Saturday, July 4th. The 8 bells at Stoney Stanton and 6 bells at Sapcote will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. excepting during time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in the National Schools. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly inform Mr. H. Briggs, Sapcote Road, Stoney-Stanton, not later than Wednesday, July 1st, so that proper arrangements may be made. The Hon. Sec. will be glad if members who have not done so will pay in their subscriptions at or before the meeting.

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

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Fenton on Saturday, July 4th. The Business meeting will be held in the Church Room at 5 p.m. Members who intend being present must give notice to Mr. E. Sherratt, 11, Blorton Road, Fenton.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday afternoon, July 4th.

W. W. C. BAKER, } Hon. Sec.  
I. HILLS.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the church of St. Mary, Oldham, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, Sec.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Crowle, near Worcester, on Saturday, July 4th. The Rev. J. Bamber, M.A., Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those members only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, July 1st. The Tower and Bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Dinner 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions were due on Jan. 1st, and any not yet paid should be sent to me without delay.

E. W. CARPENTER.

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**The Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at All Souls, Halifax, on July 11th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock. WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

## MARRIAGE.

On Sunday, June 21st, at the church of St. Paul, Stratford New Town, by the Rev. Thos. Browne, John William Keeble to Ethel May Kemp. At the church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, for evening service on the same day, a 720 of London Surprise, conducted by the bridegroom, was rung in celebration of his wedding by the following: F. Withers, J. Moule, J. Mardell, S. Hayes, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor. The number of bobs corresponded with the date of the month.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has removed to Llanyre, Maybury Road, Woking.

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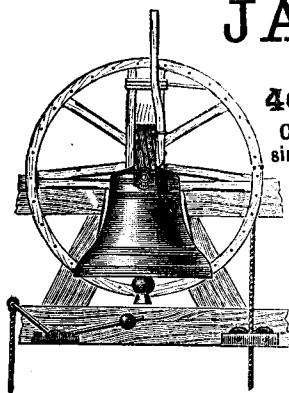
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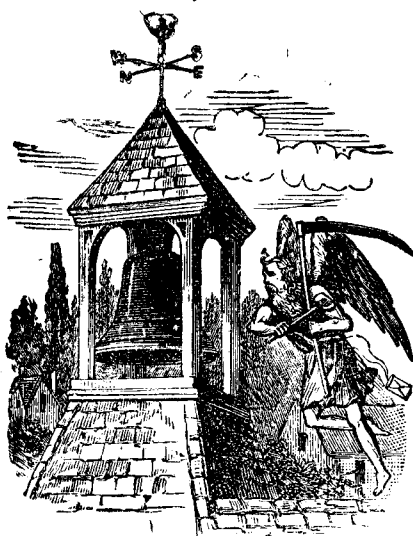
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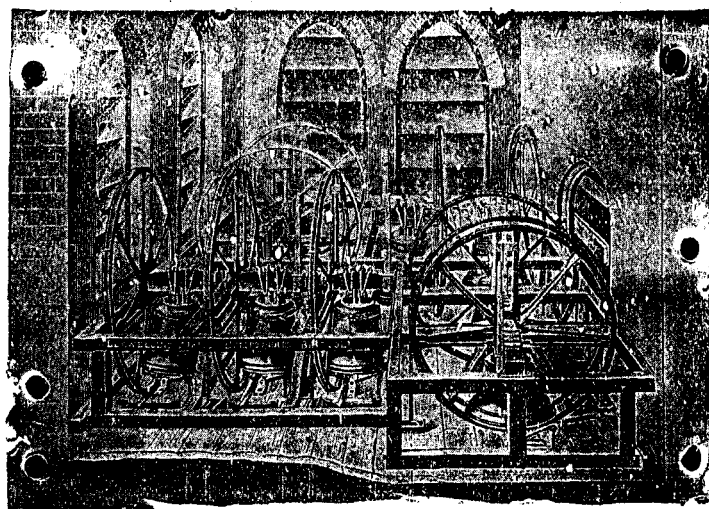
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**LENHAM (Kent).**—St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble by Gillett, 1898; 2nd, 4th and 7th by Catlin, 1751; 3rd and 4th by Phelps, 1709; 5th by Inot, 1592; 6th by Hatch, 1619; tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in., by Bartlett, 1686. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Gillett, 1898. Ropes new 1898. A young band, hoping to start half-pull ringing shortly. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: second Thursday in each month from March 25th to October 11th, otherwise every Thursday, 7.30.

**LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).** Ten bells. No return.

**LEWISHAM (Kent).** St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 3rd by Mears, 1819; 2nd and 7th by Taylor, 1896 and 1894 respectively; 4th by Warner, 1859; 5th and tenor by Pack, 1777; 6th by the same 1743. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go very well. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Taylor, 1894. Ropes worn, but will be renewed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 5.40. Practice: Monday, 8. Ringers are always welcome.

**LEYLAND (Lancashire).** St. Andrew. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor, 1897; 2nd, 3rd and 7th by Rudhall, 1722; 4th and 6th by Stevenson, 1835. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were overhauled by Taylor, 1897. Ropes new 1901, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Mondays.

**LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).** The Cathedral. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ten bells. Treble and 9th by Rudhall, 1764 and 1758 respectively. Tenor

30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. by Mears, 1813; the rest by Bagley, 1688. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1880. Necessary repairs are at once attended to. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 7.45, October to June, except during Lent. Ringing-chamber is in excellent order.

**St. Mary.** Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells. All by Rudhall. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft., 1 in., 1734, the rest 1726. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs to tenor by Blews, 1873, but this bell goes badly. Estimate for rehanging by Barwell has been received, but funds are scarce. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice suspended owing to bad go of the bells.

**LIFTON (Devon).** St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1827. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Warner, 1881. No half-pull or regular service ringing. Practice: Monday, 8.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

This Guild held its twenty-first annual festival on Saturday, May 9th, at Devizes, when ringers attended from St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. James's (Devizes), St. Martin's (Salisbury), Edington, Bratton, Orcheston St. Mary, Longbridge Deverell, Coombe Bissett, Bishop's Canning, Westbury, Trowbridge, Great Bedwyn, Keevil, Bulford, Seend, Berwick St. John, Horningsham, Warminster, Melksham, Great Cheverell, Patney, All Cannings, Leigh, Frome, Bristol, Swindon, Verwood, and Ringwood. The clergy present were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Canon A. B. Thynne, C. W. Hony, S. Dugdale, T. L. Jenkins, J. H. Burn, P. H. Jackson, H. Drake, F. B. Phillips, C. Wood, G. T. P. Streeter, and H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Hon. General Secretary).

The festival began with a special service at St. John's church, at which over 200 members of the Guild were present. The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached an impressive sermon. Dinner was served at The Crown hotel, the Master of the Guild (Mr. H. H. Palairret) presiding over a company numbering nearly 120. After dinner the Master gave the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. The Rev. C. W. Hony proposed "Success to the Guild," and the Rev. J. H. Burn proposed the health of the preacher at the service.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, said he had suffered a little disappointment since he had been in Devizes, inasmuch as he had not been able to ring a peal. He was sorry to say that the method of ringing in which he took the greatest interest, namely, Stedman, was little practised in the district, and he urged the desirability of learning that method. He was speaking to a London band of ringers the other day, and one of them remarked that Surprise peals were all very well, but what they thought most of in London was a peal of Stedman, and



especially Stedman Triples. If that method stood so high in the estimation of the competent judges in London it ought not to be beneath their attention to become proficient in it.

The Hon. Secretary gave "Kindred Societies." He remarked that it was the first time the toast had been honoured at their gatherings, but it was necessary, inasmuch as they had other Associations represented, directly or indirectly, by dual membership of some of their own members—Bath and Wells, Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, Oxford, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Boutflower, of Bristol, who responded, and congratulated the Guild on the success of the festival.

The Rev. P. H. Jackson moved a vote of thanks to the Incumbents who had lent their towers for the purposes of ringing, and the Rev. F. B. Phillips gave "The retiring Officers," the Master and Hon. Secretary, who both replied, thanking the members for the support that had been accorded them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary gave a summary of the annual report which would shortly be issued. This stated that the Guild had been generally successful, and the membership had increased. There had been a slight decrease in round-ringers, but that had been more than balanced by an increase in change-ringers, which he (the Secretary) hoped would continue. The branches had worked very smoothly, and upon the whole he had received the greatest assistance from the branch secretaries, to whom he tendered his sincere thanks. Their work had been good, and they had helped considerably to lighten his duties. As regarded the financial aspect, there would be an increased balance of £7 or £8. As to the scientific aspect, seven peals had been scored last year, ending March 31st, against four the year before. It was true they were only Grandsire Triples, but still they were seven peals. The honours were pretty equally divided; two by Devizes three by Salisbury, and one each by the Wimborne and Dorchester branches. They regretted the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of two very prominent members—Sir Roger Brown and Mr. Hector Monro. The report was formally adopted, and the Vice-Presidents re-elected, so far as they were willing to serve.

With regard to the office of Master, the Secretary said he was glad to say their present Master would remain in office if they chose to re-elect him.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett was again elected Hon. Secretary amid applause, and in reply he assured the members that he would repeat what he had done on behalf of the Guild, and asked them to strengthen him by their support in the coming year.

The only alteration in the Committee was that the Rev. C. Myers, of Salisbury, gave way to Canon Morrice, also of Salisbury (who sit alternately by arrangement), and that the name of Mr. Hart (Westbury) was substituted for that of Mr. A. Smith (Warminster), who withdrew. Mr. J. R. Jerram was elected Inspector of Belfries, and Mr. C. H. Hampton, of Devizes, hon. auditor. The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. A. Smith and the hon. secretary were elected as the representatives on the Central Council, who held their meeting this year in London.

Some alterations in the rules recommended by the General Committee of the Guild were then discussed. The alterations were specially referred to the Committee last year, and they were unanimously recommended by them; but Canon Thynne and some other members objected that

it was very difficult to vote on them as read out by the secretary, because it was impossible to digest them at a moment's notice. They thought that copies of the resolutions should have been sent, if not to every member, at least to every tower. It was pointed out, however, that notice of the Committee meeting had been sent to each tower, who could not have sent a representative to keep the members in touch with the doings of the Committee.

The Hon. Secretary objected to a proposal for the printing of the suggestions and the postponement of the matter, remarking on the large amount of work which would be involved.

Canon Thynne said they had confidence in the Committee, but they wanted to know what they were doing. The proposed alterations might be excellent, but they wanted them in black and white, so that they could lay them before the different ringers.

The Master said he was in favour of adopting the Committee's recommendations, but he did not see why printed copies of future suggested alterations could not be sent round to the towers.

The Rev. J. H. Burn endorsed that opinion.

In the end, the alterations as recommended by the Committee were adopted, Mr. Drake being the only dissident.

The only other business was to decide on the place of next meeting, which will be Dorchester.

After the meeting, the members of the Guild dispersed to various towers in the vicinity, the use of which had been given for ringing purposes, these being Devizes St. John (8), touches of Grandsire Triples, Devizes St. Mary (6), touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Bob Minor, Potterne (6), round ringing and call changes, Bishop's Cannings (8), Grandsire Triples, Seend (6), Grandsire and Plain Bob, Rowde (6), round ringing and call changes.

### Obituary.

#### WILLIAM SECRETT.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above, who was a member of the St. Nicholas society, Great Yarmouth, for upwards of forty-two years. He commenced his ringing career at Hethersett where his father, Charles Secrett, was for over fifty years a member of the local company. The deceased came to Yarmouth in 1857, and in 1861 was elected a member of the St. Nicholas society. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), in May, 1881. He also took part in three others, two of Grandsire Caters and one of Bob Royal. On the day of his funeral muffled touches were rung, and the age of the deceased fired on the bells, in which all the members took part. A very large wreath in the shape of a bell was sent by the company as a mark of respect. During the service in church Mr. Hayden Hare played the Dead March in *Saul* as the mourners left the church. Mr. Secrett died on the Saturday evening, and whilst ringing for service on Sunday morning the tongue of the deceased's bell broke, and the bell became silent when eighty changes had been rung, being only four more changes than the age of the deceased. He had served in the army during the hard days of the Crimean war, and in acknowledgement of this fact military honours were accorded at the funeral ceremony, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. As a ringer he was the most honest and upright of men.

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

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. James's letter and your comments thereon may I say that I am rather inclined to think that we can say that a 5000 on five or six bells containing any of the methods mentioned by him as illegitimate may be allowed to stand as a peal. Of course as part author of the Report on Methods I am quite of the same opinion as Mr. James that these methods are not legitimate. But the Council has resolved that it will not fix any qualification whatever for a five or six-bell peal, and as all the Council's resolutions must be read in the light of each other, I think that this may be taken to allow or rather not to forbid the ringing of these methods in a peal. But it is very different when you come to seven or eight-bell methods. Out of the list given by Mr. James two only are ever rung, at least to any extent—Grandsire Major and Bob Triples. Now the report on methods, among much that was no doubt unintelligible to the majority of ringers, contains the perfectly plain and straightforward statement that a certain clause rules out both Bob Triples and Grandsire Major. This report was printed in "THE BELL NEWS," which every ringer sees or ought to see. It was debated in the Central Council, and was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed as a standard for ringers. Now it is quite certain that ringers must have known that this report would rule out these two methods, yet as far as I know not a single ringer, publicly or privately, in this paper, in the Central Council, or in private conversation, expressed his opinion that these two should be considered as legitimate. So that the report is not the dictum of any one man or a committee, but the deliberate opinion of the whole Exercise, so far as the Exercise has expressed an opinion. Whether any peals of Bob Triples will count in future—which means, I suppose, whether they will be booked—depends on the action of the different associations. But I should have a rather poor opinion of the consistency of any association which through its representatives voted for this report, and then went flat in its face by booking a peal of Bob Triples.

If any one thinks he has a grievance in this matter, or that the Exercise has not properly had its say on the matter, the question is not closed for ever. Let him move an amendment at York, and so bring up a discussion on this one issue. We will fight him and all and sundry on it. But don't let us make a laughing-stock of the Council and the Exercise by resolving that we will not do a thing, and then straightway going and doing it.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SIR,—As a member of the Committee elected at the Central Council meeting at Norwich, to consider and arrive at some proper definition regarding what should be deemed illegitimate in method construction, I must ask Mr. James to kindly inform the Exercise what clause in the report we gave disqualifies the following methods: Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, and Union Triples, because I must confess I don't remember one. Should there be one, my opinion is that it should be struck out at once. If Mr. James is not greatly mistaken in that case the Exercise (including the committee which produced this definition) has still a lot to learn.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

## ANSWER TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—Mr. Dains may be surprised to hear that his new method belongs to neither of the groups that he mentions. Dodging Hunt Major methods divide naturally into four classes. I call them—I: Surprise Methods; II: Delights; III: Exercises; IV: Treble Bob methods. Minor methods divide into three classes; Royal, five; and Maximus, six. Mr. Dains' new method is one of the third class, an exercise, and a very good specimen of the class too. I have already forwarded an article on this subject to your valuable paper, which would have explained the whole matter, but as you were unable to see your way to publish it, I am afraid that Mr. Dains will have to take my word for what I say, unless he likes to write to

me privately on the matter, when I shall be very pleased to give him all the explanation in my power. May I take this opportunity to ask if there is any company that would like a copy of London Surprise Royal.

E. BANKES JAMES.

[The article the writer refers to as not having been published, was received by us accompanied by the proviso, that it could be inserted or not, as we pleased. The subject had been already dwelt upon.—Ed.]

## A LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA.

SIR,—The writer, a ringer of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and late Hon. Secretary of the Victorian Association of Melbourne, Australia, will be in England by the 12th of July inst., and would like to enjoy a ring during the few weeks succeeding that date. I would be thankful for any communication addressed to "Tarmvera," Aldington Road, Streatham Park, London.

ERNEST BEHAN.

THE AUGHTON PEAL.—Another letter about this peal has been received from the correspondent who signs himself "The Critic." This letter cannot be inserted unless he is willing that his actual name and address should appear. Whatever reason has he for suppressing his name in matters like this?

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting was held at Tiverton on Whit-Monday, and proved to be one of the most successful in point of numbers and general arrangements. A very hearty welcome was accorded to the members of the Guild by the incumbents of the neighbouring parishes, visits being paid to the towers of Oakford, Bampton, Stoodleigh, Washfield, and Halberton, while various bands en route visited Heavitree, St. David's Exeter, and Bradninch. Tea was provided in the drill hall at 4 o'clock, about 120 members being present, including the president—Rev. M. Kelly—the Rev. F. Molineux, Hon. Sec. and the Revs. Preb. Scott, D. M. Owen, C. H. Knowlys, and T. B. Panther. Fifteen companies were represented.

The annual meeting followed the tea. In the report of the committee regret was expressed at the resignation of patron of the Guild by Bishop Ryle, on his translation to the See of Winchester. Great satisfaction was expressed at the restoration of the Cathedral bells, and that the honour of scoring the first peal of Caters had been secured by members of the Guild selected by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A total of twenty-two peals had been scored during the year, being seven peals by Mr. Coleridge's band, and fifteen by local companies, making a record for the Devon Guild. The steady increase in members continued, 45 associate and performing members having been elected. Three new bands had joined, viz.: Lynton, Lymptone, and Sidmouth. Two meetings had been held during the year, one at Totnes, the other at Exeter, and both were largely attended, the latter being the first occasion of testing the Cathedral bells in change-ringing.

The following elections took place: Dr. Robertson, Lord Bishop of Exeter, a member and patron of the Guild; Rev. M. Kelly, president; Rev. F. Molineux, hon. sec. and treasurer. The president and Mr. A. W. Searle were appointed representatives on the Central Council. The Misses C. Scott, K. and L. Hennell, L. C. Kennaway, L. and M. Todd, A. Mooyart, and A. Haydon, were elected lady performing members. The bands of Washfield and Walkhampton were admitted to membership, and H. B. Kindersley, esq. was elected an honorary member.

A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the members of the Tiverton band and the ladies who assisted in the excellent arrangements for the tea. A short service in St. Peter's church, with an address by Prebendary Scott, concluded the proceedings.

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## INSUFFICIENTLY PROVED COMPOSITIONS, AND WORTHLESS COMPOSITIONS.

The Hon. Sec. said he could not help thinking that it must be surprising to a very large section of the Exercise that not only did many false compositions find their way into "THE BELL NEWS," but that some compositions perhaps little altered by transposition appeared over again, while methods were brought out which were useless. Snowdon's "Treatises" on Treble Bob and on Grandsire ought to be sufficient to enable composers to know if their compositions in those methods were true or not. Yet compositions were sometimes published which on the face of them proclaimed that either their authors were absolutely ignorant of the elements of proof or that they had not taken the trouble to prove their compositions in any way. He would admit that all were liable to an occasional slip at times, but many of the compositions which were rushed into print were inexcusable. Before a man attempted to compose he ought to take the trouble to learn how to prove. Many of the worthless methods which likewise were rushed into print showed that the authors did not understand that there are correct principles which underlie the foundations of all methods. He thought now attention had been called to the matter that the whole Exercise would do all it could to discountenance both false compositions and worthless methods as much as possible.

The President said this matter was one which had more than once previously appeared on the agenda, but had not been reached for the want of time. The original intention was to frame a resolution respecting the absurdity of people putting such things in print. It did appear to him somewhat strange that such worthless things should be done in connection with change-ringing. No man would make himself appear such a fool in connection with any other science, if he did, his reputation would be thenceforth destroyed. Why, then, he asked, should it be tolerated in the science of change-ringing. It should be brought home to those who published these worthless methods and false or unoriginal compositions that these were no credit. He was afraid some of them looked to be admired as local gods if they got something into "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. H. Drake proposed, and Mr. Williams seconded, that a committee be appointed to work in connection with the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," to whom all compositions should be submitted before publication.

The Rev. H. L. James doubted if such a resolution would have the desired effect, as those who were so foolish as to rush into print might also be foolish enough not to pay any regard to such a resolution.

Mr. Daniell suggested that the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" should be requested not to insert any new compositions unless accompanied by a certificate from a well-known composer.

Mr. H. Dains did not consider that any such resolution or even that proposed by Mr. Drake would do any good. Besides, they would be somewhat interfering with the liberty of the Editor. He considered the suggestion made by the Hon. Sec. in the terms of the agenda would be sufficient.

The Rev. H. Drake had not the slightest intention of attempting to interfere with the liberty of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," or any desire to go against his wishes. He withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Daniell framed a resolution on the lines of his suggestion, which having been seconded,

Mr. A. T. King expressed an opinion that it would be sufficient to draw the Editor's attention to the Hon. Sec's suggestion.

Mr. Daniell's resolution was lost and the suggestion of the Hon. Sec. agreed to.

## OVERLAPPING OF ASSOCIATIONS, ELECTION OF MEMBERS, ETC.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said the Council had done something by the adoption of a model code of rules for Associations and Companies which might well come under this item of the agenda he had been asked to bring forward; but there was one point which the Council had as yet not touched, viz.: the relation of one Association to another. He ventured to suggest that it was one which they would do well to discuss. Associations were recognised as covering certain areas, and therefore

there need not be overlapping of one Association into the area of another. A difficulty which however had to be met was the case of a member, for some reason dropping out of the Association which covered the area in which he resided, being permitted to join another Association, and with the assistance of, it might be, outside members of the Association, ringing a peal within the area of the Association to which he had ceased to belong. Another point was how far was it desirable that one Association should advertise and hold a meeting within the area of another Association. He thought that before such a course was adopted that it was only right that the Association desiring to hold such a meeting should communicate with the Secretary of the Association of the district in which it was intended to hold the election. With respect to the question of the qualification for election as a member of an Association he did not think it desirable or even possible to apply the same test in all Associations. Some Associations when established found change-ringers in existence; other Associations had had to build up change-ringers, as there were few if any within their area. Such Associations as the latter were desirous of encouraging beginners by making them members at once. Under all circumstances he did not consider it possible to obtain the same qualification for membership by the whole of the Associations. He thought, however, that when they came to the question of non-residents that there should be (if they were not members of the Association which covered the area in which they resided) a uniform qualification. He moved that it be an instruction to the standing committee to consider and report to the next meeting on the whole question.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded.

Mr. Borrett said it would be desirable to have a pronouncement from the Council as to the booking of the peals. Should they be booked by more than one Association?

Mr. Attree said that, at the request of the Council, the second Association when a peal appeared under two was not counted in the register of points. Previous to the request peals had appeared under not only two, but sometimes three, and even four Associations. At the present time no peal was credited to more than one Association.

The President thought it would be desirable for the Council to carefully consider if it was competent for the Council to ask Associations not to book peals published as rung by more than one Association.

The Rev. H. Drake was desirous of knowing exactly how the question of the booking of peals stood. There had been a number of peals rung in which those taking part were members of the Winchester and also of the Salisbury Association. It had been understood that it was not fair to credit such peals to both Associations, so half were credited to each. As to the question of overlapping, he considered that there should be some authority to which such questions could be referred. Such an authority should be one which could give an impartial decision, the residential qualification was important one; he had himself been a member of three Associations in this way.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews considered the question of overlapping a purely local one. If a Secretary of an Association held a meeting in the area of another Association without consulting the Secretary of that Association it was bad form. As to membership of Associations, he saw no reason why a member of the Exercise should not be a member of fifty Associations if he thought fit.

The President said the Council had never undertaken to settle disputes, neither was it constituted for such a purpose. The point to be dealt with was the uncertain way in which members of Associations were often elected. To propose a member before starting for a peal, when the man proposed does not, if the peal is lost, join the Association, was clearly a proceeding wanting in rectitude; while in some cases it was actually left for the peal to be rung before the man was proposed, which was a distinct fraud.

Mr. Daniell pointed out that each Association had corporate existence, and a right to ring peals and book them.

Mr. Story considered that there should be but one record of a peal, and that a band belonging to two Associations should decide before starting under which Association it should be rung.

Mr. Attree said that the Sussex Association only booked



peals that were credited to one Association. He did not see how a band could ring two peals at the same time. If a band started for a peal, and the whole of them were members of two Associations, they yet could only ring it as members of one Association. If they were all members of the Cumberland Youths and started for a Cumberland peal they rang it as such, and no other.

The Rev. H. L. James said still the fact remained that if a band belonging to six Associations rang a peal there had been a peal rang by as many Associations.

Mr. A. T. King considered that previous to a band starting for a peal it should be definitely arranged under what Association it was to be rung, which was not always done.

The Rev. H. Drake considered an Association was entitled to get all the peals it could.

The President said that in 1892 there was an informal instruction to Mr. Attree, and in 1893 it was decided by resolution of the Council that it was undesirable for peals to be published as rung under more than one Association. He would suggest that the standing committee should be requested to look into the question of the possibility of obtaining more uniform procedure in regard to overlapping and the election of members, and to report to the next meeting.

This was agreed to.

#### SINGLE-HANDED PEALS ON HANDBELLS.

Mr. W. Snowdon said while he was not responsible for this item on the agenda, yet he was aware that some resolution was necessary. He remembered some two years ago someone wrote and asked him if he thought that single-handed handbell peals would be allowed. He would admit that the reply had not yet been sent. It was a question which had been coming to the front for some time, and the time had now arrived when the Council ought to take some notice of the question. Those who were in the habit of ringing double-handed would regard it as something terrible to ring single-handed, but it might happen that a six-bell band that wanted to ring eight might have to go some distance for an eight-bell tower. The question which arose therefore was how far would such a band be right if they rang a peal on eight handbells single-handed. A peal was a peal after all, besides single-handed handbell ringing was useful in this way: the man who was a round-ringer should be got into the ranks of an Association and taught the science of change-ringing, for which purpose handbells were very useful. He thought it desirable that they should be friendly toward their weaker brethren. At the same time the question was one which wanted looking at in a broad sense. The point which it was desirable to decide was whether if eight men took the trouble to ring a peal single-handed it ought to be booked, if so what points should it score. He moved that single-handed handbell peals rank as peals.

Mr. A. T. King, who seconded, said it might be very convenient to some bands to ring a single-handed handbell peal. The question was should the same number of points be allowed as for a peal upon tower bells. If so he thought that the number of points for a double-handed handbell peal should be increased, as there could be no question that a double-handed peal was far superior to a single-handed one. He did not think that there should be any refusal to place a single-handed peal upon record.

Mr. Snowdon said he would add to his resolution that only half the number of points be allowed for a single-handed peal as for a peal upon tower bells.

The Rev. H. L. James could not support such a resolution. He pointed out that a slip upon the tower bells where there was the weight of metal to help to keep the proper balance was more easy to overcome than a slip upon handbells.

The President thought the addition would embark them on contentious ground, and their time was short.

Mr. Snowdon withdrew the last portion of the resolution.

Mr. Attree could not see the logic of the proposal.

Mr. Snowdon desired to encourage six-bell bands to ring upon eight bells, but did not say that a band which only had five bells should be encouraged to ring on six. He thought the ringing of a peal of London Surprise single-handed on handbells was a little more difficult than some thought. He considered that an eight-bell band would be justified in ringing ten handbells. He

admitted that there was some force in Mr. Attree's contention.

The President said there had been a request made that the matter should be considered by the Council. He thought the principal question was as to the value of points.

The Rev. H. Drake moved that only double-handed peals be allowed points.

Mr. Daniel considered that the question should stand over for another year. He did not think there was anything in the "Glossary" which would go to show that a single-handed handbell peal was not a peal.

The President put the resolution that a single-handed peal should rank as a peal, when there were some half dozen who voted against it. The President then said this was a resolution which under the rules of the Council made it necessary when there was opposition to take the names of those voting for and against. The Council had already exceeded its time, consequently it was impossible to go further into the matter that day. It would have to stand over till next year.

In replying to a vote of thanks the President congratulated the delegates upon their attendance, and the manner in which one and all had rivetted their attention on the various subjects discussed.

In the evening the President entertained the Council and their friends at a social gathering at the Westminster Palace hotel.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association (which was founded in February last) have been looking forward with no little interest to their first general meeting, which was fixed to take place on Saturday, June 13th.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. Cullington, Secretary of the Association, for in addition to the bells at Rhyl being available, the following were placed at the disposal of the members for the day:—Bodelwyddan, Rhuddlan, and Abergele. Owing to the inclemency of the weather it was found impossible to take advantage of these generous facilities, and the ringers had to confine themselves to the ring of eight at Rhyl.

The meeting was fixed to take place at 3.0 p.m., and when the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Bangor and chairman of the association, took his place in the chair, it was at once apparent that the association was exceedingly well represented, members being present from Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Llangollen, Wrexham, Abergele, Beaumaris, Llandudno, etc.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the design was also chosen for the new membership certificate for the Association. A discussion arose as to the destination of the annual general meeting: Mr. W. Rogers (Wrexham) strongly urged that Wrexham should be chosen, and also pointed out that as Wrexham tower contained the only peal of ten bells in North Wales it would give the members an opportunity of ringing Caters. It was ultimately decided that the annual general meeting should take place at Wrexham on the second Monday after Easter Monday.

The representatives from each tower reported good progress among their fellow-ringers, and the chairman urged that all members in their respective districts should do their utmost to further the cause of the association. The association was formed into three districts, viz.: Bangor, Rhyl, and Wrexham.

Mr. W. Rogers (Wrexham) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, and also to the Secretary (Mr. Cullington), for the very able manner in which the Association had been brought together.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones (the chairman) in responding said that he would like to see the clergy take a deeper interest in bellringing, and pointed out that ringers took an important part in Church work. He wished to pass a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Rhyl for so kindly placing the church house and bells at their disposal; also to the Vicars of Bodelwyddan, Rhuddlan, and Abergele for their kind offers also; and this was unanimously carried. Mr. Cullington also responded, and a most enjoyable evening thus came to a close.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1903.

OUR friend Mr. TROLLOPE explains more fully than did the Reverend H. LAW JAMES, the actual position of ringers, all and sundry, with regard to the Council's Report on Methods. There is very little to be objected to perhaps, in his letter, which is a model of lucidity, but he appears, like the rev. gentleman above-named, to be of the opinion that peals rung in pronounced "illegitimate" methods, such as Grandsire Major for instance, must not, and ought not to "count," i.e. be "booked." We don't regard the excellent "Report on Methods" as indicating exactly this. There is not the least doubt that some members of the Council who heard the report read, and



have seen it in print since, will at a near period be found among a company ringing peals in the ostracised methods, and insisting that such peals shall "count."

No; the Council points out in a really able manner (for the special education of ringers), the distinction between the legitimacy of methods and the reverse, and naturally would prefer to see its opinions acquiesced in by the Exercise. But the report, so far as we remember, never hinted at such a dictum as Mr. JAMES laid down, viz.: that peals when rung in the particular methods mentioned "will not count." In connection with this matter, we have received the following letter:—

"SIR,—No reasonable person will need to be told that the adoption by the Central Council of the report of Mr. H. L. James' Committee on 'legitimate methods' simply meant that we approved of the distinction drawn between good and bad methods, and that it had nothing to do with the legitimacy of peals. Such reckless writing on the part of a prominent member of the Exercise as Mr. James' letter in your last issue is to be deprecated.  
Duffield, June 27th. ARTHUR HEYWOOD."

A great many ringers in selecting a method for a peal, would generally take one which afforded the greatest amount of entertainment. Personally for such a reason, we should greatly prefer Grandsire Major to Bob Major, and we are far from being alone in such preference. It has one great blemish in the bell behind, we know, and there is also its fatal illegitimacy. But it tries the arts of the composer more than any other method we know of which has a treble plain hunt. The legion of Bob Major composers fight shy of Grandsire Major, its difficulties are too heavy for them. One almost wishes it could be pronounced legitimate, even if the bar had to be placed across Bob Major.

While therefore fully agreeing with the valuable report of the Council and the teaching it conveys, ringers will hardly come to the conclusion that it enjoins the total or partial disuse of the methods concerned.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A branch meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Colerne on Saturday, June 27th, when about twenty-five attended. A short service was held at 5.30 p.m, which was taken by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, chairman of the branch. Service over, the party accepted the kind offer of the Vicar (Rev. Maxwell N. Smith), to tea on the vicarage lawn, which was much enjoyed, as the weather was so very fine. After tea the ringers again met in the belfry, where a business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Westbury-on-Trym was chosen as the next meeting place. Three performing members from Chippenham were elected. Votes of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their hospitality, and for the use of the bells.

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#### The Metropolis.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	*MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### The Provinces.

##### ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. LESTER.. .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 2.	ALEXANDER TAILYOUR .. 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 3-4.	ANDREW STUART .. .. 7.
	RALPH PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. T. Annesley, the Secretary of the Arklow Guild, to Miss Kathleen Story. First peal by J. W. Washbrook, jun., aged 10½ years.

##### RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1903, in Two Hours Fifty-seven and ½ Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven 720s each called differently.

ALFRED TURNER* .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 4.
JOSEPH C. SHATFORD* .. 2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. 5.
ROBERT F. TURNER* .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

\*First peal.

##### CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK HOLDER.. .. Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method.

##### LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (LEIGHTON BUZZARD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

LEWIS RICKETTS .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS 6.
GEORGE H. BONFIELD .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
JOHN HARE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEBB.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.



## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES NORTH* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PEARCE .. .. 5.
CHARLES HOLDAWAY .. .. 2.	CHARLES GILES.. .. 6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 7.
CHARLES HAZLEDEN .. .. 4.	CHARLES JEFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere. A "Charles" peal.

## MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND DENIS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST J. PRESSLING .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4.
HARRY CHURCHILL .. .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. BOXALL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.. 5.
JESSE PUPLETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. BARKER.. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 7.
CHARLES MATTHEWS* .. 4.	*GEORGE PLUMMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Rowe, which took place on that day.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EMBERTON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Lett, W. Mynard, J. Lowell, F. J. Mynard, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor. For evening service 720 College Single. J. W. Lett, J. Lovell, W. Freeman, F. W. Booth, F. J. Mynard conductor. On Saturday, May 9th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Lett, W. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. J. Mynard, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor. On Sunday, May 10th, after evening service, 720 Double Court. J. W. Lett, W. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. J. Mynard, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor. On Saturday, May 16th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Lovell, W. Mynard,

F. W. Booth, F. J. Mynard, W. Freeman conductor, S. H. Smith. On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Lett, W. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. J. Mynard, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ULCOMB.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Lord Theobald Butler, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. P. Hodgkin, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, H. Brown, L. Newman, C. H. Sone conductor. Another 720 in the same method. L. Newman, E. Lambert, F. Sharp, C. H. Sone, H. Brown, P. Hodgkin conductor. This is a very pretty ring, but very much want rehanging. Some of the bells are by Hatch, the Ulcomb bell-founder, and are 300 years old.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—On May 3rd, with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. H. Sherlock, who for some years had been churchwarden, and who dropped dead on returning from a confirmation service at the parish church, the local ringers, assisted by members of the Shipley branch, rang 720 Oxford Bob. J. Howell, R. Howell, R. Summersell, H. Turrell, A. Cripps, W. Denman conductor. And 720 Warnham Court. J. Howell, R. Howell, W. Pearce, H. Turrell, S. Woolgar, W. Denman conductor. Also 720 Oxford Single. J. Howell, R. Howell, R. Summersell, A. Cripps, S. Woolgar, W. Denman conductor. On Sunday, May 17th, for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Howell, R. Howell, A. Cripps, W. Denman, S. Woolgar, H. Turrell conductor.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. C. J. Watson, S. Smith, T. Barber, E. Bellwood, W. Ward, G. Longden conductor, W. Lobley. On Wednesday, May 13th, 588 Bob Triples. C. J. Watson, R. Gill, T. Barber, E. Bellwood, J. W. Ward, W. Lobley, J. H. Blakiston, W. Barber.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—During the May term on handbells double-handed, 528 Bob Maximus. E. H. Lewis, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Two 360s of Bob Royal, and a 540. E. H. Lewis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey conductor, H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 240, 336, 352, 464, and 1024 Bob E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 576 and 608 Bob Major. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 252 Bob Triples. E. H. Lewis conductor, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 270 and 324 Grand-sire Caters. F. S. Poole, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, E. H. Lewis, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 350 Grand-sire Triples. E. H. Lewis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 720 Double Bob Minor. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole. And sixteen different 720s of Bob Minor, including one with forty-six calls, and one in 11 mins. 27 secs.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, May 10th, 910 Bob Major. J. Pigott conductor, A. J. Hughes, T. Horton, R. Hall, J. Jaggard, F. Harris, F. J. Steele, T. Pigott. On Sunday evening, May 3rd, for Divine Service. 240 Bob Major. S. Astbury, G. Pigott, R. Hall, J. Jaggard, J. Pigott conductor, J. Key, T. Pigott, A. J. Hughes.

ARKLOW (Ireland).—On Friday, June 26th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. J. W. Washbrook, jun., A. Tallyour, J. W. Washbrook, sen., E. Lester, J. Black, I. Myers, R. Prestage.

COSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, J. Roberts, W. Bayliss, A. Fletcher, W. Fisher conductor, S. Baker, A. Law. Composed by T. Collinson.

MANCHESTER.—On Saturday, April 4th, for practice at the Town Hall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 55 mins. W. Lowe, W. Cartwright, G. Barnsley, W. Brown, R. Newton, H. Page, A. Scragge, F. Hyde conductor, R. Ridyard, J. Gregory, H. Cavanagh.

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WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 12th, for practice at the parish church, 917 Grandsire Caters in 36 mins. H. Belcher, G. Newbold, W. Smith, F. J. Steele, H. Tinsley, C. Willater, G. Hughes conductor, T. Foster, J. B. Jukes, W. Best.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—Recently for evening service 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Berry, W. J. Matthews, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam, W. Steggall conductor, S. M. Dodington (first 720 of Bob Minor).

#### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—The black retriever dog which habitually attends outside the tower whenever the bells are rung (he takes no notice of chiming or tolling), and acclaims his appreciation by a bellowing howl and tossed-up nose, was in attendance on this occasion, and no doubt duly noted that all was right. The tenor at the above church is in the key of D flat.

MR. T. METCALFE'S FIFTY PEALS.—In the foregoing Mr. T. Metcalfe rung his 50th peal, of which the following is a list: one of Minor in one method; two of Minor in three methods; one of Grandsire Triples; two of Stedman Triples; one of Bob Major; one of Oxford Treble Bob Major; eighteen of Kent Treble Bob Major; ten of Double Norwich Court Bob Major; eleven of Superlative Surprise Major; one of Grandsire Caters; two of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Of these he conducted one of Stedman Triples; four of Kent Treble Bob; one of Double Norwich Court Bob; and one of Superlative Surprise Major.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S 250 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 50, conducted 14; Caters, 23; Cinques, 5; Major, 2; Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 45; Caters, 26; Cinques, 7; Union Triples, 1; Bob Triples, Major, 22, conducted 1; Minor, 1; Royal, 6; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; 2; Treble Bob Major (Oxford), 1; Kent, 29; Royal (Kent), 13; Maximus (Kent), 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Forward Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; total—250. These peals represent 1,259,855 changes, which occupied 787 hrs. 32 mins. to ring, the first peal being rung on February 16th, 1889, and the 250th on June 20th, 1903.

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT GUISELEY.—This peal, which was reported last week, was rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of two of the ringers. After the peal the company sat down to an excellent tea at The Red Lion hotel, after which a smoking concert was held, songs being given by friends from Holbeck, and touches and tunes on the handbells by the Guiseley handbell ringers. A gramophone was kindly lent by one of the members. Mr. Joseph Yeadon, who was in the chair, and has been a ringer for over thirty years, said a few congratulatory words to the members. The Rector, Mr. Thomas and Mr. S. Brown also addressed the members, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

MR. W. HORNE'S FIFTY PEALS.—5040s of Minor, 12, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples, 2; Caters, 1; Bob Major, 9, conducted 2; Royal, 2; Stedman Triples, 16; Caters, 2; Treble Bob Major (Kent), 3; Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; total—50. Rung in twenty-one towers.

THE PEAL AT HAWLEY.—This peal was to have taken place at York Town, but owing to one of the tradesmen opposite the church objecting to Saturday ringing, the Rev. F. E. Godden, Vicar of Hawley, kindly obliged the band by lending Hawley bells for the occasion, for which they desire to express their thanks; also to Mr. Steer for having everything in readiness.

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#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, June 21st, eight members of the St. Peter's Society rang a peal with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to their late Vicar, the Rev. Edward Briscoe, who was a good worker in the Church, both inside and out, and was held in high esteem by his ringers, who were very sorry to hear of his sudden death, and with the permission of the Rev. J. K. Taylor succeeded in ringing a peal to his memory. The rev. gentleman died at St. Edmund's School, Hindhead, on Sunday, June 14th. Only a few weeks ago he resigned his living at Carbrooke to take up an appointment in another county. The deceased was a graduate of Oxford, and was ordained deacon in 1879 and priest in 1880 by the Bishop of Peterborough. He was appointed to the curacy of Strathern, Leicestershire, in 1879; in 1883 he was appointed curate of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, and two years after received the appointment of assistant master of the Grammar School, Ely, where he remained two years. In 1887 he became the curate of St. Stephen's, Guernsey, and in 1888 was appointed Rector of Marholm, Peterborough, which position he held two years, and then became Vicar of Irtlingborough. In 1895 he became by exchange Vicar of Carbrooke, and soon after he was appointed by the Bishop of Norwich to be Diocesan Inspector of Schools for the Deanery of Beccles. The interment, was of a most impressive character. Memorial services were held at Irtlingborough, in honour of so good a man. His absence is felt by all who knew him.

#### Compositions.

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				314265	-	-	-
412365	-	-	-	315462	-	-	-
415263	-	-	-	312564	-	-	-
413562	-	-	-	213465	-	-	-
314265	-	-	-	215364	-	-	-
315462	-	-	-	512463	-	-	-
312564	-	-	-	513264	-	-	-
213465	-	-	-	514362	-	-	-
215364	-	-	-	514263	-	-	-
512463	-	-	-	513462	-	-	-
513264	-	-	-	512364	-	-	-
514362	-	-	-	215463	-	-	-
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513462	-	-	-	214365	-	-	-
512364	-	-	-	412563	-	-	-
215463	-	-	-	413265	-	-	-
213564	-	-	-	314562	-	-	-
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**Notices.**

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**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoney-Stanton to-day, Saturday, July 4th. The 8 bells at Stoney-Stanton and 6 bells at Sapcote will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. excepting during time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in the National Schools. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, followed by meeting. The Hon. Sec. will be glad if members who have not done so will pay in their subscriptions at or before the meeting.  
*Cotgrave, Notts.* W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Fenton to-day, Saturday, July 4th. The Business meeting will be held in the Church Room at 5 p.m.  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Luton this Saturday afternoon, July 4th.  
W. W. C. BAKER, } *Hon. Sec.*  
I. HILLS.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at the church of St. Mary, Oldham to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.  
CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Crowle, near Worcester, to-day Saturday, July 4th. The Rev. J. Bamber, M.A., Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The Tower and Bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Dinner 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions were due on Jan. 1st, and any not yet paid should be sent to me without delay.  
E. W. CARPENTER.

*Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.*

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at All Souls, Halifax, on July 11th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock.  
WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, the 11th July, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. Many current subscriptions are still outstanding, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad if members would make their payments at an early date, to save him the trouble and expense of correspondence.  
ARTHUR T. KING,  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet. *Hon. Sec.*

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth on Saturday, July 11th. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. each.

Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. J. Hind, Blyth, Bawtry, not later than July 6th.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.  
E. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Hoathly on Saturday, 18th inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided by the Rector, and every member intending to be present is requested to send his name to Mr. E. A. Jones, The School House, East Hoathly, by Thursday morning, 16th inst.  
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

**ALL SAINTS, CRONDALL, HANTS.**

To those who may happen to possess a knowledge of the parish of Crondall in North Hants and its ancient old parish church, it may be interesting to know that its grand peal of bells (6) have recently been rebung on the most approved principle, the work having been carried out very satisfactorily by Mr. Stokes of Exeter, and meets with the unanimous approval of the local band of ringers, as well as those of neighbouring villages, several of whom have paid a visit to the village for the purpose of testing them.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. George Baker has removed to 38, Clifton Street, Brighton.

**"LA MARGUERITE."**—On Monday last the above-named steamer, belonging to the New Palace Steamers, Limited, commenced her cross-Channel trips for this season, taking a large number of passengers from Tilbury to Ostend and back. The vessel performed the journey in her usual good style, doing the 220 miles (the distance for the return journey) in just over 10 hours, including a call at Margate. On Monday, 6th prox., "La Marguerite" will make a special trip to the English Channel to meet the Fleets escorting the President, and accompany them to Dover. Passengers will thus have an opportunity of joining in the welcome to M. Loubet. The Company also announce that on Saturday next the popular Husbands' Boat trip to Margate will be resumed by the Palace Steamer "Koh-i-Noor." This will enable City business men to take the fresh air route to the seaside after the usual Saturday office hours.

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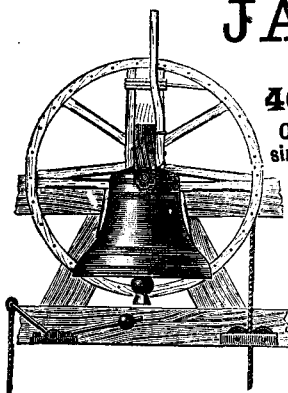
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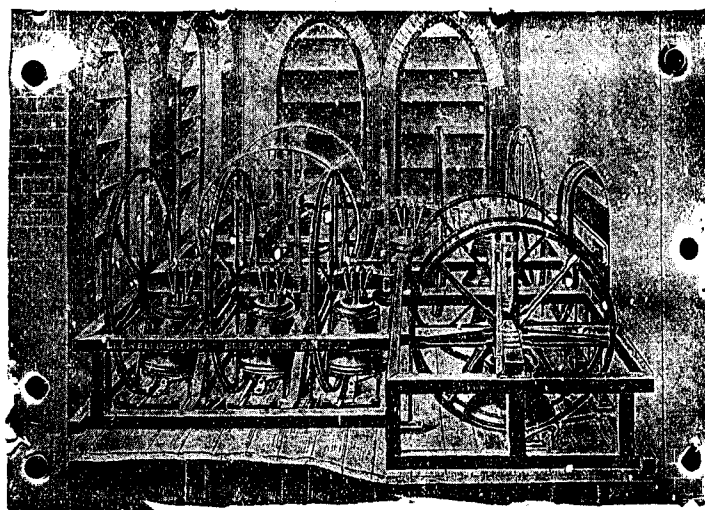
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**LIGHTCLIFFE** (Yorks). St. Matthew. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1875. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1895. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Tuesdays, 8.

**LINCOLN**. The Cathedral. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 6th by Penn, 1834; 4th by Taylor, 1895; 2nd, 3rd and 5th, 1702; 7th, 1606; tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft., 1793. Founder's names of last five not known. Repairs by Taylor, 1895. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 7.30, 1st week in September to 2nd in May. The other questions not answered.

**St. Peter-at-Arches**. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1728. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1890. A proposal has been made to reduce the noise outside by bricking up part of the belfry windows, but the authorities do not approve. Ropes new 1892. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise, but the company has all resigned.

**LINDFIELD** (Sussex). St. John the Baptist. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. 4th by Carr, 1682; 5th, 1603; 6th, 1631 (founder's name not mentioned); 7th by Giles, 1599; the rest by Taylor, 1887. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1887. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 6.15. Practice: Wednesday and Saturday, 8.

**LINDLEY** (Yorks). St. Stephen. Yorkshire Associa-

tion. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1874. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. (? 3 ft. 8 in.) Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since the bells were hung in 1874. Ropes new 1890. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. No regular practice, but a band can be arranged.

**LISCARD** (Cheshire). St. Mary. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor. Date not stated. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the above Guild was recently held at Shipton-under-Wychwood. During the afternoon until service time touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by mixed bands. At 4.30 evensong was held in the church, and was well attended. The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached a very impressive and interesting sermon, taking for his text Psalm cl. 5. After the service the ringers proceeded to the Beaconsfield Hall, where upwards of forty sat down to a capital meat tea. A business meeting was subsequently held, the Rev. J. Philipps occupying the chair.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Chipping Norton on October 25th last having been read and confirmed, the election of new members was proceeded with.

The Rev. J. E. Philips said the next item was of a more mournful character, and to him a distinctly sad duty. Since their last meeting their friend and neighbour, Canon Carter, the Rural Dean of Chipping Norton, had passed away, and in him the Guild had sustained a great loss. As a body of bellringers, he was sure they would like to present to Mrs. Carter a vote of condolence on that occasion. He was sure Mrs. Carter had taken the greatest interest in the Guild, and he begged to propose that the secretary be asked to convey to Mrs. Carter and her family a vote of condolence and the expression of their sorrow. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The chairman stated that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild would be held at Witney on Monday, July 13th, when he hoped as many as possible would attend.

It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury. Amendments were proposed for Enstone and Hook Norton, and on being put to the meeting Enstone was the place selected.

The chairman said he should be delighted to see them again at Enstone, and he could assure them they would receive a very hearty welcome.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shipton. He was quite sure they all wished to thank Mr. Carter for the very cordial welcome he had extended to them that day. Although not an actual



bellringer, he was always most interested in their Guild, and always endeavoured to attend wherever they held their meetings. They also wished to extend their vote of thanks to the organist and choir for brightening their service that day, and he felt he must congratulate the members on the good muster at the service. It had been said that they held the spring meeting too late. He might say they wanted to have it fixed for May 16th, but if they had done so the Master of the Guild would not have been present, and he knew they would rather have it a week or two later than lose the pleasure of his presence. He had never heard such an excellent sermon on any similar occasion as they had that afternoon.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his presence there that day, and for his splendid address in church. They all knew the Master well. He was a long and tried friend, and always had something to say to them of practical interest with regard to bellringing, and always put their work on the highest footing. It was a work that should be strongly supported by all Church people. He wished more of the clergy would attend those meetings, and he thought they ought to do so. The ringers would then feel more encouraged, and he believed their numbers would be doubled.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, said it was a very agreeable part of his duty to attend those meetings. That was the third Saturday in succession he had attended a meeting of that kind, and it gave him great pleasure to come to Shipton, where they had a tower of eight bells. With reference to his address to them in the church, that was also part of his duty. He prayed God to prosper their work in every respect. When looking round with regard to their Guild he felt very thankful, but there was still a good deal that remained to be done.

Mr. Peirce, in proposing a vote of thanks to the President, said they had been very anxious for their presence at Shipton for a long time, and he was very glad that their next meeting was to be at Enstone.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps, in responding, said that he was very much obliged to Mr. Peirce. It was a real pleasure for him to come there. If it had not been he had a good reason for staying away, for he encountered a thunderstorm at Chipping Norton, the like of which he had not experienced for many years, but after sheltering as long as he could, he came on through it rather than miss the pleasure of meeting them that day.

Mr. W. Simmons proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for his able and energetic work in the cause, and Mr. Barlow in responding, assured them that the work was in his heart, and always gave him the greatest of pleasure. He hoped at their next meeting at Enstone they would have as good a muster as they had there that day.

After the meeting the ringers again adjourned to the tower, when most of the members took part in touches of either Grandsire or Stedman Triples.

To inaugurate the occasion, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the night previous, particulars of which have already appeared in this paper.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the north-western division was held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Saturday, June 20th, when the bells of St. Mary, a ring of eight, tenor 19 cwt., were at their disposal from 3.30 p.m. Tea was provided by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Galpin), at the Mission Hall

at 5.30., when the chair was taken by the Rev. W. S. Willett, Vicar of Gilston, Herts., in the absence of the Master (Rev. G. H. Oakshott), who is away on the Continent. Tea being over, the usual business was done, the minutes being read by the District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Tucker, and passed. The Secretary proposed, and Mr. G. H. Barker seconded, that the Rev. F. W. Galpin, Vicar of Hatfield, become an honorary member, which was carried. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Newport in October, and that the bells of Saffron Walden be at the disposal of the members if possible, which was carried. It was proposed by the Rev. W. S. Willett that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality to the members. During the day members were present from Bishops Stortford, Stansted, Sawbridgeworth, Ware and Hoddesdon, and rang touches in the following methods: 168 and 504 Stedman Triples, 560 Double Norwich, conducted by H. J. Tucker, 224 Double Norwich and 448 Surperlative Surprise Major, conducted by W. Watts. The last two methods are believed to be the first ever rung upon the bells. At the end of the business it was proposed by H. J. Tucker, seconded by T. Jordan, that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev. W. S. Willett for presiding, which was carried. The rev. gentleman in responding said it gave him great pleasure in being present that day, and also for presiding, and hoped that it would not be the last occasion on which he would have the pleasure of meeting them, as from what he could see the north-western division of the Essex Association were on the war-path, and he did not think they would be content until they had rung a peal of London.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 27th. Altogether about 100 members were present from various parishes in the Archdeaconry. Touches were rung during the afternoon on the Cathedral bells, and also at St. Mary's. At five o'clock a special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. At this service a very helpful address was given by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury, an honorary member of the society. The arrangements for the tea had been most excellently made by the kindness of certain ladies. The tables were laden with ample provision, and decorated with flowers which had been most kindly sent for the purpose, and there was no lack of willing hands ready to supply what might be needed in the way of refreshment. All this was much appreciated by the ringers. With such admirable management the success of the meeting was assured.

The Rev. Prebendary Bolton by whose kind permission the tea had been held in the Pool Walk schoolroom, presided over the general business meeting which followed the tea. The report showed that thirty-eight peals in different methods had been rung during the year. This is a very considerable increase on the average return in the previous past, and has never been previously equalled by the members of the society. Two honorary members were elected at this meeting, viz., the Rev. B. G. Nicholas and the Rev. W. E. Thompson, of Christ Church, West Bromwich, and altogether twenty-one new ringing members were admitted. The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.



## CRANBROOK, KENT.

On Saturday, June 20th, eleven members of the Ancient Society of College Youths left the London Bridge Station by train at 8.30 a.m. en route to Tunbridge Wells, the latter place being reached at 10 a.m., where they were met by their lady member Miss Rosa Mc A. Leney, whose kind invitation had made them her guests for the day. A char-a-banc equipped with four beautiful horses awaited the arrival of the Youths. The trysting place was Cranbrook, which was reached by a beautiful drive of eighteen miles by way of Pembury, Brenchley, and Horsmonden. The Limes, a very neat and cosy hostelry, and of which Cranbrook no doubt is proud, hove in sight, and the happy party were not long in renewing old acquaintanceship with the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The town of Cranbrook is situated upon a small brook called the Crane, whence its name, fourteen miles south-east of Maidstone, and seven-and-a-half north-west by west of Tenterden. A substantial luncheon having been negotiated, eight blithe young fellows hid themselves to the belfry of the church dedicated to St. Dunstan, and did there and then perform a true and complete peal of Stedman Triples in the space of 3 hrs. an  $\frac{1}{2}$  mins. by the clocks and watches which do so numerously abound on such occasions. The record of this performance appeared in the proper column of this paper. The bells upon which the peal was rung, and which is supposed to be the first peal in that method upon them, were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1801. The treble, 2nd and tenor are maiden castings, and the entire ring were rehung in new fittings and framework by the same firm eighteen months ago. Just previous to the completion of the peal another young man arrived in the person of Mr. James Pettit. The Youths, including Miss Leney, just made a bakers' dozen, and were joined at dinner by the Rev. Percy L. Clarke, curate of the parish, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Bell, being unable to be present owing to stress of work, although he was at the luncheon.

After the cloth was removed Miss Leney, in a neat little speech, expressed the pleasure it gave her to welcome her guests the "Youths" once again, but regretted the absence of her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in responding, proposed "The Health of Miss Leney" in eulogistic terms, and also gave expression to the sincere regret of all present at the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Mackinnon, and the hope of a speedy recovery from the affliction of the eyes for which she was under treatment.

Mr. W. D. Smith, in supporting Mr. Dawe, added that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar of Cranbrook for his kindness in allowing the use of the church bells.

The time had now arrived for the departure of the visitors, the thanks of whom were bestowed upon Mrs. Smith for the excellent manner she had catered for the wants of the inner man; also to those who had assisted in preparing the same. Seated again, the return journey was made via Goudhurst, and Tunbridge Wells reached with ten minutes to spare ere the last train arrived to speed the party on to London. Thus ended another of a long series of most enjoyable outings in the "Garden of England." It may not be out of place to note here that although Mrs. Mackinnon was absent, Miss Leney kept her well informed, by telegraph, of the progress of the day's doings, messages passing between the two ladies, the last being with reference to the achievement of the peal, to which a congratulatory answer was received at the dinner table.

The names of those "Youths" forming the party were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, F. E. Dawe, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, W. D. Smith, C. F. Winney, and M. A. Wood.

## FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

In the presence of a crowded church and a large and fashionable assemblage of guests, the marriage was solemnised at All Saints' church on Wednesday afternoon, June 24th, of the Rev. Harold Matthew, M.A., curate of Fairfield, Liverpool, and Miss Kathleen Bradstock, eldest daughter of the highly-respected Vicar of the parish. The service, which was fully choral, was most impressively rendered, and as the bridal party left the vestry after the signing of the registrar, Mendelssohn's wedding

march was played on the organ, and the fine-toned bells pealed forth with a joyous ring in the well-known changes of Queens, etc. In the evening the ringers attempted a peal of Bob Major, but were unsuccessful, and afterwards a quarter-peal, 1264 changes, in the same method, was rung by the following: J. Shardlow, S. Wesley, H. Day, W. Thyng, W. Fox, W. J. Sevier J. Pagett conductor, H. George. Amongst the lovely collection of presents was one from the ringers of the parish church in the shape of a massive handbell, with inscription (dinner bell), from the well-known firm of Taylor of Loughborough.

## MARGATE, KENT.—PRESENTATION.

On Sunday evening, June 4th, at the Vicarage, a very interesting presentation took place. The Rev. A. L. Brine, who is leaving Margate, he having accepted the living of Willesborough, Kent, the ringers felt that they could not let him leave them without showing some token of their respect. Mr. A. H. Saxby, in a brief speech, spoke of the practical help he had given to the St. John's company, and the loss his leaving would mean to them. He had great pleasure in asking the Vicar to make the presentation, which took the form of a solid ebony silver-mounted cigarette cabinet. The presentation having taken place the Rev. A. L. Brine thanked the ringers for their kindness, and spoke of the happy times he had spent with them. He hoped it would not be the last time that they would meet together. Previous to this little gathering a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins. G. Eves, S. G. Twyman conductor, E. L. Burgess, Rev. A. L. Brine, E. E. Foreman, J. Blythman, A. H. Saxby, E. Foat.

## BELLRINGERS AT DINNER.

On Saturday evening, May 23rd, the members of the Swindon parish church Guild were entertained to dinner at The King's Arms hotel by their Captain, Mr. Ernest Bishop. [The chair was occupied by the host himself, and he was supported by Mr. T. Robinson, while Canon E. W. Estcourt was also present. Mr. C. D. Godwin provided a capital repast. The usual patriotic toasts were given from the chair, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Canon Estcourt, in responding to the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all denominations," spoke in complimentary terms of the excellent work done by the bellringers in the service of the Church. He then proposed "The Health of Mr. Bishop," which evoked an enthusiastic response, coupled with musical honours, and Mr. Bishop made a suitable reply.

The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by a number of songs by Messrs. Bishop, Hill, Godwin, Ricketts and Palmer, while Mr. J. Thomas delighted the company with selections on his dulcimer and touches in various methods on fairy bells.

Towards the close of the evening Mr. T. Lawrence expressed the company's appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Bishop, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A most enjoyable evening terminated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

## NOTTINGHAM.

On Monday evening, June 21st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Blackwall, T. Horton, F. Blood, J. Hickman, J. Woolley conductor, G. Johnson, H. Woodiss, W. Peabody. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Woolley's 50th birthday. The company afterwards adjourned to The Barley Corn inn and drank his health. Mr. Woolley, in responding, said he had now been a ringer at All Saints' church for fifteen years, and this year, as senior ringer had been appointed steeplekeeper. It was his intention in the future, as in the past, to do all he could for the good of bellringing and bellringers generally. The meeting then terminated.

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

## THE AUGHTON PEAL.

SIR,—Your refusal to insert a letter on this matter with no writer's name attached, is just. But I am surprised you should have made an exception to this rule in the last two notices respecting the Royal Cumberlands, which had no name to them. The writer of same was ashamed to attach his name to them, but your readers know 'twas your ancient contributor Ananias, who is unfortunately still in existence.

JOHN ROGERS.

[We cannot understand our old friend's allusion.—ED.]

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—If I am able to go to York next year I promise to move a resolution which will raise the definite question of whether Grandsire Major and Bob Triples are to be booked or not. And I shall also try and get an authoritative ruling as to whether and how far the Council is bound by the exact wording of any report it may adopt. Meanwhile may I ask any who think differently to say so and give their reasons. Our reasons are fully worked out in the report and the notes printed with it, and I feel sure that none will find a weak place in our arguments there. I may say I fully agree with you that Grandsire Major is a rather agreeable method to ring. I have said in our paper before that I parted with it with some regret. But a bastard it is, and why ring bastards when there are so many other methods much better, which have scarcely yet been practised? If anybody would like to ring a method on eight bells with a bell in the hunt, there is one we use as an illustration in the notes to our report. It is the most perfect possible of its kind, and I offer it to the Exercise in exchange for Grandsire Major, with permission to the first band that rings it to call it what they like. In conclusion don't let any one think that our condemnation of these methods is anything new. One of the chief reasons which induced Mr. Bulwer to raise the question which led to the appointment of the late committee was the feeling which he freely expressed that the time had come for ringers to drop Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, and turn their attention to something better.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—The letters in this week's paper in reply to mine seem to require some answer. Mr. Trollope reminds us that the Council has not laid down any rules for five and six-bell performances, which is perfectly true, and so I suppose my objection to peals containing illegitimate Minor methods must give way; but I still feel very strongly that it is a pity that ringers should waste their time in practising illegitimate Minor methods to the exclusion of the large number of legitimate methods which are hardly ever practised. When we come to Triples and Major I agree with every word that Mr. Trollope has written, and I cannot see how one bell striking four blows in one place can truthfully be called half-pull change-ringing. The report is of course educational, and I hope that its effect will be to put all illegitimate methods on all numbers of bells out of practice, because there are quite enough good methods on all numbers of bells to occupy the attention of any ringers during his lifetime without ringing mongrels. Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, and Union Triples are all illegitimate because they consist of bob leads only, and have not a plain lead in them.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—We must not forget "The Glossary." This work, which is an official publication of the Central Council, contains a definition of the term "peal," which covers Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, and if this is to be modified it clearly must be modified by an express resolution of the Council. It certainly cannot be affected by the fact that the Council has accepted a report from a committee on a different subject.

I quite realize Mr. James's point. It certainly seems unsatisfactory that, as things at present stand, it is apparently possible to ring a legitimate peal in an illegitimate method. It looks to me as though, having regard to the Committee's report, the

logical conclusion is that such performances as Bob Triples and Grandsire Major would be ruled out of recognized peals. But if so, it must be done by an express resolution. It is obvious that the value of the definitions in "The Glossary" must cease to be trustworthy if they are liable to be modified by expression in reports presented to the Council not necessarily bearing upon the definitions themselves, however excellent those reports may be. I thoroughly agree with Mr. James and Mr. Trollope that peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire Major should be discouraged, and I hope the Committee's report will have that effect, but I do not think we are yet in a state to say that they do not count.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I am glad you have taken up the position which no doubt is correct in this matter. For my own part I hardly feel that the report is so final as you would seem to imply. Had I been able to be present when it was presented to the Council I should supported its adoption, and agreed that it is one of the best pieces of work the Council has done. But that by no means implies that it is perfect; and before any final sanction be given to it I trust that a thorough examination and explanation in your columns will remove several blemishes, which are only natural in an untried work.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—Your excellent report has dropped the last few words of the sentence at the end of what I said on "Overlapping." The point I brought out and which was felt by all was that the chief difficulty of making any rule on the matter arises from the fact that some associations (like the College Youths and Midland Counties) necessarily overlap. Before I came here I was where three and more Associations could have held a meeting in the same place; whereas here one ought not to have a meeting in the adjoining parish (although most of us ring there) as it is in another diocese. I did not quite see the point of Mr. Matthews's reply: if, as would seem by your report, he is under the impression that a meeting of the Salisbury Guild has ever been advertised or held within the boundaries of the Winchester Guild without the permission of the latter guild he is mistaken, as such is not the case.

## THE BELLS OF LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

SIR,—In your issue of June 27th, in the schedule of "Our Church Bells," your information states: "No half-pull ringing." So far from this being the case there are various methods rung, viz.: Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. As a member of the Leiston society for many years, of which I have many pleasing recollections, and having taken part in some good ringing in each of the above methods, I hasten to remove such a slur on my Leiston friends, and shall thank you to kindly cause the necessary adjustment to be made in the report. I may add there are two other matters incorrect, viz.: the 3rd is a recast in 1854, not in 1869, and the weight of the tenor is 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. If such inaccuracies are allowed in the report, it will be of little value when published.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

BOB ROYAL.

SIR,—I beg to inform Mr. J. George (of Rugby) that the figures of the peal in question are in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 16th, 1892, and is a four-part peal instead of a two-part, as given by him.

H. J. TUCKER.

The members of the St. Albans Cathedral company had their annual holiday on Saturday, June 13th, the place selected being Southsea. Taking into account the very wet weather, they enjoyed themselves exceedingly well. A visit was paid to All Saints church, Ryde, on Sunday, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service. The visitors would like to thank the Vicar, and Mr. Jennings (the conductor), for the kind reception they received. A pleasant morning was spent on Monday in a ramble through the dockyard, including a trip to the famous Victory (Lord Nelson's ship), afterwards boarding the cruiser Hero. The party returned home on Tuesday. Thanks are due to the Rev. G. D. Castleden for his trouble in arranging the excursion.

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St. James's Society, London ..	W. Weatherstone ..	Challis F. Winney ..
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Bedfordshire Association ..	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ..	George Walker ..
Birmingham and District Amal. Society ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Birmingham St. Martin's Guild ..	W. H. Godden ..	
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	Joseph Ashmole .. Henry Dew ..	
Cleveland and North Yorks. Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	G. J. Clarkson ..
Devon Guild ..	Rev. Maitland Kelly ..	C. G. B. Wollaston ..
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	R. S. Story ..	William Holmes .. Thomas Hudson .. C. L. Routledge ..
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Essex Association ..	Rev. T. L. Papillon .. B. Keeble .. W. J. Nevard .. N. J. Pitstow ..	
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Irish Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	R. R. Cherry, K.C., LL.D. ..
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## SUMMARY.

MEMBERS.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	TOTAL.
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Total ..	70	30	100

## ASSOCIATIONS.

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Partially ..	10
Not ..	6
Total ..	35

## Obituary.

## T. CLARK.

It is with heartfelt regret that we have to record the death of Mr. T. Clark, formerly of Sharow, Ripon, who died at Hull on June 24th in his seventy-first year, after a long illness. He joined the Yorkshire Association at its formation in 1875, and was therefore a life member, with two peals standing to his credit. He was also a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and for many years was a Vice-President. He rang in twelve peals for the latter Association, making a total of fourteen in all, several of which he conducted.

His remains were interred on Friday, the 26th, at the Hull General Cemetery, being borne to their last resting place by several of the Holy Trinity ringers. The Rev. P. Gordon, M.A., of Holy Trinity church, was the officiating clergyman. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by C. Jackson, W. Southwick, D. W. Brown and T. Stockdale, and the same evening a quarter-peal (1260 changes) in the same method (taken from Holt's Original) was rung at Holy Trinity church, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to their departed colleague, by the following members:—W. Southwick, C. Jackson conductor, F. Merrison, G. Marshall, D. W. Brown, A. Naylor, T. Stockdale, J. W. Dale.

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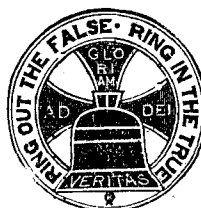
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1903.

THERE is no necessity whatever for any further correspondence condemnatory of Grandsire Major or Bob Triples, or in fact of any of those methods declared as "illegitimate" by the Central Council's Report. What we have attempted to point out is not that such methods are not what the Committee say they are. We acquiesce in every word of the report, and have more than once admired the ingenuity of those gentlemen who framed it. Our remarks have been mainly to protest against the dictum laid down that owing to the publication of this report, peals rung in the methods condemned will not count; in other words, will not be booked. This some-



what autocratic ukase has been too hastily promulgated. An opinion, uttered by one whose authority is of the highest value, has been pronounced to the following effect: "The adoption of the Council of the Report simply meant an approval of the distinction drawn between good and bad methods, and had nothing to do with the legitimacy of peals." And yet if we understand Meesrs. TROLLOPE and JAMES aright, they contend that the adoption of the report actually implies such a condemnation, that those methods shall not be recognised if they are ever rung as peals. How is this stringent regulation to be carried into effect and universally obeyed?

We apprehend that it is intended at the York meeting to place a resolution on the agenda ruling that all these methods shall not be used in the future, and that any peals in them shall not be recognised. How is such law to be enforced? Mr. JAMES may forbid the practice of them in his own tower of Surfleet, and we should not be surprised to hear he had done so already. But then Mr. JAMES, ingenious as he is, is not the Exercise, or even the Central Council. There is great doubt about the Council allowing such a proposition on the paper, and greater doubt of its being carried. We should say the Council would be careful not to pass a resolution which the representatives imagined could and would not be obeyed. Our concluding lines in last week's article may be repeated: "While fully agreeing with the valuable report of the Council and the teaching it conveys, ringers will hardly come to the conclusion that it enjoins the total or partial disuse of the methods concerned."

At the meeting of the Central Council the Rev. HERBERT DRAKE proposed a resolution relating to the figures of compositions which appear in this paper from time to time. He somewhat hastily withdrew it because our friend Mr. DAINS feared that by the passing of such a motion our liberty might be interfered with. Both these gentlemen may rest assured that we should have welcomed the passing of Mr. DRAKE's proposition. Our friends on the Council should know that while we may comment on its actions in any particular, "THE BELL NEWS" has ever been loyal to its dictates, and will try to continue to be so.

Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR, of Southwold, formerly of Leiston, is a little concerned at an error creeping into the Schedule "Our Church Bells." Well, it is doubtless through the fault of some of Mr. TAYLOR's friends at Leiston, who supplied the information. The compilation of this Schedule is no small matter, deserving of gratitude, instead of grumbling when errors occur from the carelessness of people.

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PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

(THE ST. MARK'S SOCIETY, DARLING POINT, SYDNEY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

HERBERT CAMPBELL .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 4.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 2.	PERCY HOWARD .. .. 5.
JOHN A. WHITE .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. PORTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PORTER.

First peal by Herbert Campbell, aged 16 years. First peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

#### The Provinces.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT DRONSFIELD .. .. 5.
GEO. HY. BEEVER .. .. 2.	FRED CROSLAND .. .. 6.
ED. B. SHAW .. .. 3.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 7.
JAMES PRIESTLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN HILTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. HY. BEEVER.

Reference elsewhere.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 6.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST D. HUNTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

LANGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, and five 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

RICHARD W. BAKER* .. Treble.	†JOS. MURREY .. .. 4.
CHARLES DALBY .. .. 2.	†THOMAS H. MORRIS .. .. 5.
WALTER JAMES .. .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal and first attempt. †First with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Minor.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

MAURICE STEER .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon Sturgess for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.



## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. 3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 4.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

A. Pitstow was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

## PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent, one of Oxford Single, and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN H. BRAY* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 4.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells.

## GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
THOMAS MACLAREN* .. 2.	EDWARD ASTLEY .. 6.
ROBERT FALCONER* .. 3.	*JOHN FOREMAN .. 7.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	ERNEST FERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt.

J. MATTHEWS .. .. Treble.	A. FOX .. .. 5.
W. BENNETT .. .. 2.	H. JUDGE .. .. 6.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. .. 3.	E. C. O'BRIEN .. .. 7.
E. V. COX .. .. 4.	F. WEBB .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the HON. A. ERSKINE.

\*First peal as conductor.

## LEESFIELD, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BUTTERWORTH* .. Treble.	*ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. 5.
EDWIN B. SHAW .. .. 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY .. 6.
GEORGE HENRY BEAVER .. 3.	HERBERT BARLOW* .. 7.
SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEAVER.

\*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness.

## NEW MILLS.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6

THOMAS JACKSON .. Treble.	*FRED HOLT .. 5.
TOM MARSHALL .. .. 2.	*ALLEN S. GORDON .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY* .. 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Lowery.

## ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 7.
WILFRED J. MOSS .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Reference elsewhere.

## HUNTINGDON.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED R. NEWTON .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 6.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GOSS .. 4.	JOHN IRONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal by the ringer of the treble who is 16 years of age, and also first peal by the tenor-man. Mr. S. Peck, of St. Neots, who heard the peal throughout, took the time at the beginning and finish, and also complimented the company on their good striking.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DENNIS CARRIER .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 4.
WALTER T. FINEDON .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Reference elsewhere.

## Miscellaneous.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On April 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 30 mins. H. J. Poole, W. A. Fowler, J. Routley, E. V. Cox, Esq., J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, E. A. W. Poole, E. Wyatt, W. White, S. P. Merson.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service at the church of SS. Mary and All Saints, 1260 Bob Royal, in 48 mins. G. Mee, A. Craven, B. A. Knights, G. Hollis conductor, D. Farthing, S. Price, G. W. Bemrose, J. Hunt, W. Thyng, A. Knights.



## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON.—On April 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Franklin, E. V. Cox, W. Bennett, H. Judge, F. Webb, E. C. O'Brien, A. Erskine conductor, W. Franklin.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 574 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun., longest touch as conductor, A. E. Smith, A. LeClercq, T. Upshall, A. Baigent, H. Garfath, sen., E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. T. Harper, J. Hancock, J. Wildblood, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. James, W. Rigby conductor, S. Dimelow. Rung in honour of Miss Nall's twenty-first birthday.

WOODCHURCH.—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett conductor.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE.—On Monday, March 16th, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Dewey, H. Ewins, G. Huggett, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, T. Brown, J. Ansell, F. Hoad, jun., T. Sparks, H. Reeves, G. Thompson. And 224 Superlative Surprise. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, R. Thorpe, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun. 416 Double Norwich. P. Knight, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, R. Thorpe, G. Thompson, F. Hoad, jun., G. Croucher, W. Argent, G. Huggett. On Monday, March 23rd, 501 Stedman Caters. P. Knight, F. Hoad, jun, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, G. Croucher, J. Ansell, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, W. Argent, H. Reeves, H. Ewins. 448 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, sen., R. H. Thorpe, G. Thompson, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun. 336 Double Norwich Court Bob. G. Thompson, F. Hoad, sen., R. Thorpe, J. Ansell, G. Huggett, G. Croucher, H. Reeves conductor, F. Hoad, jun.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday, March 8th, 576 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, A. T. Winter, G. W. Metcalfe, T. Spurr, T. H. Denman, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, J. B. Joyne. 503 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, G. R. Winter, A. T. Winter, T. Spurr, G. W. Metcalfe, R. Miles, H. Haigh, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyne conductor, F. W. Abbott. On Sunday, March 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. R. F. Bescoby, E. Collingburn, J. B. Joyne, R. Miles, G. R. Winter, A. T. Winter conductor, H. Warburton, G. W. Metcalfe. On Sunday, March 22nd, 1256 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. T. Winter, G. R. Winter, T. H. Denman, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyne, R. F. Bescoby. On Thursday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Swannack, H. Warburton, G. W. Metcalfe, G. F. Clarke, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, Rev. H. F. DeLisle, T. Spurr. Composed by John Carter. This quarter-peal was arranged for the Rev. H. F. DeLisle, curate of Whitwell.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Armstrong, A. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, H. Newby, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor, E. A. Dodson first quarter-peal.

EDGWARE.—On Monday, April 13th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, E. Tubb, W. Webb, J. Cornell, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. And 720 Oxford Bob. B. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Sparks, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. First 720 of Oxford Bob on the bells since being rehung.

FINCHLEY.—On Wednesday, April 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, W. Webb, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. W. Tubb, J. Cornell, W. Webb, W. Eldred, F. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. And 720 Plain Bob. F. Carroway, W. Webb, W. Tubb, F. Sparks, J. Cornell, W. Eldred conductor. The above was rung for a wedding On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, 720 College Single. W. Russell, W. Webb, F. L. Sparks, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL.—On Wednesday, April 1st, at St. Michael's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, sen., R. Hutton, F. Housego, G. Smith, J. Hilling conductor. Another 720 in the

same method. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, W. Chandler, R. Hutton conductor.

QUIDENHAM.—On May 6th, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, F. R. Borrett conductor, H. Secker, W. Ringer, W. Hensley, J. Woods, W. Killington. A 1008 in the same method. E. G. Kemp, F. R. Borrett conductor, W. Hensley, H. Secker, A. Newson, W. Ringer, W. Killington, J. Woods.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, April 28th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Kingdon, G. Lungley, G. Park, R. B. Wilson, T. Newton first in the method with a bob bell, G. J. Lungley conductor.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD.—On Tuesday, March 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Plummer, H. Carder, A. Gough, W. Newton, G. Woolford, E. Hawkins conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells by the local band.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On March 1st, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Morris, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Morris, J. E. Sykes conductor. On March 26th, on handbells, 120 Plain Bob. J. Browning, H. Morris, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser conductor, J. E. Sykes. On March 29th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Harris, J. Preston, W. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. Hims, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 12th, 240 Grandsire Minor. C. Harris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. 360 Bob Minor. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, A. Stranger, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On April 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Morris, J. H. Preston, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Fraser, T. Groombridge conductor. 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Morris, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes conductor, F. Morris, T. Groombridge. This 720 was rung as a farewell to J. E. Sykes, who has left for South Shields.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Franklin, E. V. Cox, W. Bennett, H. C. Judge, F. Webb, E. C. O'Brien, Hon. A. Erskine conductor, W. Franklin. On Saturday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal in the same method. H. G. Judge, W. Bennett, J. Franklin, F. Webb, Hon. A. Erskine, E. C. O'Brien, E. V. Cox conductor, W. Franklin.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 51 mins. F. Hollingworth conductor, W. Earle, J. York, L. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, H. Hollingworth, J. Warren, G. York.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On April 29th, at Christ Church, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. A. Lawson, A. Tully, T. Hogg, T. Teasdale, J. Hern, J. E. Sykes conductor.

OLD WARDEN (Beds).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Doubles. On Sunday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 45 mins. On Sunday, April 26th, 600 Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Vicar. F. York, T. R. Scott, W. Newton, F. Wells, W. J. Mayes conductor, T. Wells.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On March 17th, at Christ Church, 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Clay, G. A. Smith, W. Thompson, F. Darlington, J. Johnson, J. Darlington, H. Smith, T. Jones. On March 24th, 576 Treble Bob Major. J. Darlington, C. Clay, F. Smith, H. Smith conductor, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, G. A. Smith, Sergt. W. Thompson. First touch of Treble Bob by a purely local band.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On March 31st, an attempt was made to ring a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in honour of Mr. T. Ingram's 93rd birthday, but it came to grief after ringing 1003. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Sampson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. And 360 Bob Minor. J. W. Willson, T. Humberstone conductor, the rest as before.

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**Notices.**

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Dinner 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions were due on Jan. 1st. and any not yet paid should be sent to me without delay.

E. W. CARPENTER.

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at All Souls, Halifax, to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready for dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Stanmore to-day, Saturday, the 11th July, by kind permission of the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. Many current subscriptions are still outstanding, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad if members would make their payments at an early date, to save him the trouble and expense of correspondence.

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

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth to-day, Saturday, July 11th. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. each.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Hoathly on Saturday, 18th inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided by the Rector, and every member intending to be present is requested to send his name to Mr. E. A. Jones, The School House, East Hoathly, by Thursday morning, 16th inst.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.  
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday next, July 18th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. G. Redfern, Brown Edge.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells at St. Bartholomew's available to all ringers from 3 p.m. Tea at The Thornes, Horley, at 5.30 (1s. 6d. per head to non-members). The usual business meeting will follow.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Owing to the tenor at Whitefield being unringable, the next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor St., Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested for the transaction of important business. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing me by July 22nd. Those who have not paid contributions for 1903 will oblige by doing so.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.  
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—The next district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, July 25th. Any member wishing to come to certify by July 22nd.

GEORGE GREEN, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Neal has removed to 71, Wright Street, Small Heath, Birmingham.—Mr. Holman has removed from Sheffield to 29, Millmead Road, Oldfield Park, Bath.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

THE PEAL AT PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Parramatta is a town some 14 miles from Sydney, situated on the banks of the Parramatta river, and was once the capital of this State. It is chiefly noted for its historical associations, among them being the old Government House in Governor Fitzroy's time, and the King's School, the oldest in this State. The bells are a musical ring of six by Mears and Stainbank, cast in 1860, and are in good order, which does great credit to the captain, Mr. A. French. The ringers of the peal consist of three Englishmen, viz., Percy Howard, Beds., James Adams, Lancs., Chas. Porter, Middlesex, and three Australians, J. A. White and H. Campbell, Sydney, Thomas Biddle, Ballarat, Victoria, and late of Christchurch, N.Z. We have many difficulties in the way of change-ringing out here, one is an 8-bell tower.

THE PEAL AT GLODWINCK, LANCs.—An interesting feature about this peal is that the same company of ringers, with the exception of Ed. B. Shaw, twenty years ago on June 30th 1883, rang on these bells a long peal of Grand-sire Major, consisting of 9600 changes. This peal still holds the record of being the longest ever rung in Oldham since the year 1821. Messrs. Shaw, Priestley, Crosland and Hilton hail from Tees, near Oldham, and the rest from Glodwick.

**Situation Vacant.**

Wanted, TWO MEN, to work in quarry (limestone), change ringers. Apply in first instance to Mr. J. Cole, Oaklands, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno.

**Situations Wanted.**

As CARETAKER of hall or church schools, etc. Age 23. Handy at repairs, etc. Good characters. Ringer on 6, 8 or 10 bells.—A. T. Jones, 13, Beulah Grove, West Croydon, Surrey.

As CARETAKER of Public Offices or otherwise. 4½ years' references. Change ringer on 6 to 12 bells.—Apply, Henry F. Cooper, assistant hallkeeper, Shirehall, Worcester.

MAN, married, age 33, well educated, wants employment any capacity. Would act as verger. Good change-ringer.—Geo. Thompson, co. Mr. Warren, 89, Parson's Mead, West Croydon.

As JOINER.—Young man seeks situation as Joiner, age 22. Good change-ringer, member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.—Apply, Editor of "Bell News."

**SPLENDID****SUIT LENGTHS**

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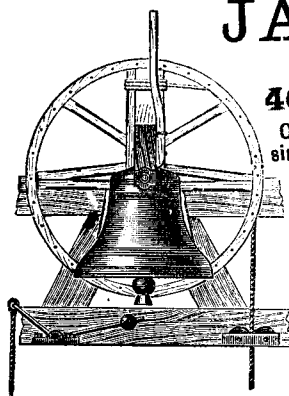
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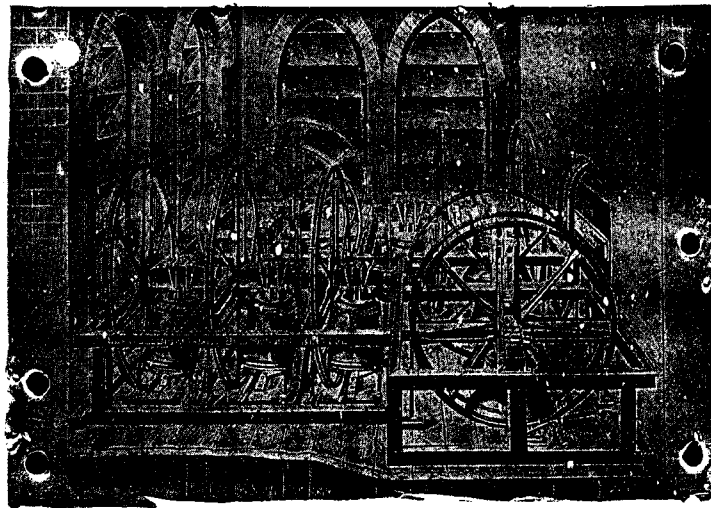
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LITTLEPORT (Cambridgeshire). St. George. The Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1891. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1891. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 6. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

LIVERPOOL (Lancashire). St. Nicholas. Lancashire Association. Twelve bells. All by Dobson, 1813, except 4th, 1825. Tenor 41 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Only front 8 are pealable. Clocking permitted. Partial repairs by Taylor, 1895. The church authorities have been annually notified that the bells require re-hanging, but no effort has been made. Ropes new 1888, indifferent. There is now no band of change-ringers, Sunday ringing or practice. Some of the bells require quartering.

St. Luke. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Dobson, 1818. Tenor 17 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. No Sunday ringing. Practice: usually Monday, 7.30. It is not stated when the ring were hung in an iron frame.

St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; the two trebles, 1839; the rest 1830. Tenor 24 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by Taylor about 1890; and later by local man, since when no length can be rung. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing or regular practice at present, as the tower has been under repair.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire). Christ Church. Eight bells. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1878. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 18.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4th, a quarterly meeting of this Association took place in splendid weather at Crowle, near Worcester, and was well attended, members being present from Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Birmingham, Crowle, Dudley, Halesowen, Hallow, Kidderminster, Kings Norton, Malvern, Pershore, Tipton, Wordsley, Worcester, etc. Service was held in the church at 5.30, and a very eloquent address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Bamber. The rev. gentleman after speaking of the life of St. Paul, his sufferings and anxieties, brought home to those present their duties as ringers, and forcibly impressed upon them the desirability of performing the same. Divine Service being over the Vicar invited them all to the vicarage, where tea had been prepared on the lawn among the beautiful trees, to which full justice was done. Owing to pressure of time the business meeting had to be commenced at once so as to allow the distant members time to get to Worcester to catch their different trains. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several honorary and performing members were added, including the Rev. Canon Duke, of Birmingham, the Rev. J. Bamber, Vicar of Crowle, and his company of ringers. It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Badsey, near Evesham. A vote of condolence was passed and the Hon. Secretary instructed to forward the same to the relatives and friends of the late Canon Cattley, and also to enter same on the minutes, shewing that the deceased gentleman was held in great esteem by the members of the Association for the deep interest he had taken in bells and bellringers, not only in Worcester where he resided, but also in the diocese. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. Bamber for his stirring address at the service, for presiding over the business meeting, for the use of the tower and bells, and for the splendid tea he had so freely provided; also to his good lady, Mrs. Bamber, for her kindness in waiting at the tables.

In reply, the rev. gentleman said he thanked them all for the good things they had said about him and Mrs. Bamber, and he must thank them for being there. It was a great pleasure to him to see so many present, and expressed a wish to see some of the members visiting his belfry and ringing his bells, which were at their disposal for peal ringing for twelve hours at a time if they wished it. The bells, which have just been augmented from five to eight by Messrs. Barwell, are in good going order. When another floor is placed between the bells and the ringers, which the Vicar said would be shortly accomplished, it will be the means of shutting out the deafening noise which at present exists. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, etc., were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, June 2nd. Sixty-four representative members were present out of eighty-eight, representing twenty-nine out of thirty-five societies; and five honorary members out of eleven. Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., being the only person nominated for the office of President, was duly elected on the motion of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Dr. Carpenter. The Rev. Charles D. P. Davies being the only person nominated for the office of Hon. Secretary was, on the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, duly elected, after having been previously elected an Hon. Member on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Bennett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. H. Dains, the following retiring hon. members were re-elected for three years: Rev. J. H. Pilkington and Messrs. J. Carter, J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett, F. W. J. Rees, J. A. Trollope, and F. E. Ward.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts, shewing a balance from the previous year of £99 13s. 6d.; Subscriptions, £11; receipts from sale of publications, £4 7s.; total £115 os. 6d. Expenditure: Printing, £8 13s. 6d.; reporting, travelling, postage and stationery, £3 2s.; total £11 15s. 6d.; balance in bank, £103 5s. On the motion of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, the accounts were passed.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the sale of publications had realized £4 7s., and that there was a stock in hand of the value of £13 12s. 6d., but that "The Glossary" was sold out.

On the motion of the Rev. H. L. James, seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was resolved to reprint "The Glossary" in its present form, correcting only typographical errors; the number of copies to be decided by the standing committee.

On the motion of the Rev. A. H. Boughey, seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the standing committee, consisting of the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, F. E. Robinson, H. Cockey and Messrs. G. F. Attree, H. Dains, C. H. Hattersley, R. A. Daniell, T. Lockwood, W. Snowdon and F. W. J. Rees, was re-elected.

The Peal Collection Committee consisting of the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Carpenter and Mr. H. Dains, reported and, on the motion of Mr. Cockerill, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, were re-elected with thanks.

On the motion of the Rev. H. L. James, seconded by Trollope, the report of the Committee on Legitimate Methods was adopted with thanks, and on the motion of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by Mr. F. W. J. Rees, it was resolved that the report be printed and incorporated with the pamphlet containing the decisions of the Council.

The Committee on condition of rings reported. On the motion of Mr. G. F. Attree, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the committee, consisting of the President, Messrs. R. S. Story, W. T. Cockerill, J. A. Trollope, F. E. Ward and G. Williams were re-elected.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Snowdon, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Council be held at York.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, it was resolved that a pamphlet containing the

complete rules and decisions of the Council be published. The preparation to be left in the hands of the President and Hon. Secretary.

On the motion of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, it was resolved that a copy of the pronouncements of the Council as embodied in the before-mentioned pamphlet be forwarded to each Association Secretary, drawing their attention to the more important ones.

On the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. R. A. Daniell, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to endeavour to obtain fuller notice of ringing matters on the part of the Church Press. The committee selected were the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Mr. R. A. Daniell, and the Rev. M. Kelly.

On the motion of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, it was resolved that the question of publishing a popular book on ringing be referred to the previously-appointed Press Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the President, it was resolved that in the opinion of the Council the publication of palpably false compositions and worthless methods reflects discredit on their composers.

On the motion of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Dr. Carpenter, it was resolved that it be an instruction to the standing committee to consider and report upon the possibility of moving Associations to adopt more uniform practice in regard to overlapping areas, election of members, and booking of peals.

The value of single-handed handbell peals was discussed, but decision was postponed.

A vote of thanks to the President moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, concluded the meeting.

## A VISIT TO WARWICK.

On Saturday, July 11th, the ringers of Bishop Ryder's church, accompanied by the Vicar and Mr. T. Miller, of St. Chad's, and Mr. J. Perry, of St. Philip's, journeyed to Warwick. They were met at All Saints', Emscote, by the genial tower-keeper, Mr. Pinfold, and two short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, one conducted by Mr. T. Miller and the other by Mr. W. H. Hancox (the Ringing Master). The party then partook of tea at the Castle Restaurant, by the invitation of the Rector (Rev. G. E. Badger), to which ample justice was done. Mr. Carrod (Secretary), proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity and his presence, which was seconded by Mr. Pinfold, supported by the organist (Mr. Johns). After trying in vain to ring the six at Leamington, they returned to Warwick, where they were met by Messrs. Adams and Matthews. After a touch of Grandsire Triples and one of Caters, the time for return had arrived. Thanks are hereby tendered to each for the use of the bells.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I am behind in my contribution this month, but then, look at the weather. My friends know, at any rate my ancient friends know, that the weather affects me immensely; awfully so; "not half"; if I may descend to quote the latest abominable cockney slang. The weather seemingly has affected peal-ringers also, for the records have come, not to grief, but to proper and most agreeable proportions. A pleasant prospect, if it can be maintained, that peal performances will become a kind of choice morsel. And they will then become popular.

Having introduced myself once more, now I can go ahead. The month, or six weeks, or whatever term it is since my last notes were written, has been full of events of one sort or other. The C.C. has held its thirteenth meeting for instance. And a remarkable meeting it was. As the C.C. grows in years, it lays tighter hold of the sentiments, and sympathies, and interests of that wondrous collection of people denominated "The Exercise." This conglomeration of persons used to be looked upon as a kind of feeble folk—like the conies—but we all know such estimate is very far from correct. The representatives of the Exercise upon the C.C., at any rate the leading members, were very much to the front at the last meeting, and adroitly dealt with the various questions on the business paper. The critics were critical to a fault, and those who spoke not at all shook hands with themselves, I'll be bound. There is to be a lively meeting at York next year, and it will be worth while attending. You know anybody not a member of the C.C. can be present, so long as they keep a passive attitude both in speech and action. Therefore I intend having a look in at York, all being well, as they say when a long peal is to be attempted.

From what we have read lately it is surmised that "the powers that be"—meaning in this case the various incumbents throughout the land whose churches have rings of bells—will be invited to affix in their ringing-chambers, a printed list of—I had almost written "methods"—those alleged un-methodical mixtures which formerly were regarded as being good methods, and their practice in high favour. Accompanying such list will be set forth the pains and penalties to be inflicted upon anyone who has the temerity even to allude to them in any way, let alone ring them. Alas! my favourite Union Triples is among those which have come under the ban. Then whoever, I am told, commits the horrible offence of ringing Tebbs's peal of Stedman Triples, or those peals of Grandsire Triples by the late Mr. Johnson with a call every lead, will have to undergo penance until they have purged their gross offence. Sad times are indeed coming upon us.

On the 13th of April last was rung a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Crewe Society at a place called "Middlewich." The following week, May 2nd, a letter appeared from a Mr. Mann, condemning this performance. This letter, though the writer signed his name, was taken no notice of. On June 6th—a month after—I alluded to this in my notes thus: "The record of that performance must be quashed; no reply in its defence having been made." Then the Editor receives the following letter under date of June 10th last:—

SIR,—I notice in Plain Speaker's remarks this week, he says

the record of the peal we rung at Middlewich must be quashed. He writes like one having great authority, from whom has he received authority to say the peal must be quashed, who authorised him to dictate what must be done, at any rate we in Crewe are not going to be dictated to by him, but shall treat him with the same contempt that we have treated Geo. H. Mann, "Conductor" (of Churchyard Bob, etc). We are responsible only to the Guild under whose auspices the peal was rung, and I have no doubt you will before long receive a satisfactory reply, it is not our fault you have not received one before this.

R. T. HOLDING.

I think you will say this is not a courteous note, and not warranted by the circumstances. We have now arrived at the 16th of July, and the "satisfactory reply" is not yet evident. Some of you may be of opinion that the responsibility spoken of travels beyond the confines of the Guild. That is all I need say upon this subject.

The University gentlemen are coming along, both those of Oxford and Cambridge. They know how to ring evidently, and to call. Could a greater number of undergraduates be got together at the Universities to learn ringing, I think it would tend to make the science more popular, and more known by the general public than references by the Church section, or in fact any other section, of the Press. For these latter are often very misleading, and inaccurate, and, with those who know, "do not count."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE ST. JOHN'S MARGATE COMPANY.

The third annual outing of this Society took place on June 10th. Accompanied by the Rev. A. L. Brine, the party left Margate sands at 6.10 a.m., and during the journey to Headcorn the handbells were freely used. Here a brake was in waiting to convey the trippers round the country. The little village of Frittenden was the first stopping place, when the bells were soon raised and a 366 of Grandsire Triples scored. Proceeding Cranbrook was reached about 11. When touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung, dinner was served at The George hotel, after which another visit was paid to the tower where we seemed to have arrived at the proper time, for a wedding ceremony was taking place, and as a peal for the occasion a well struck 432 of Stedman Triples was performed. A return journey was then made and a stop made at Staplehurst for tea previous to which the tower here was visited, when several touches were rung by the younger members of the band. Headcorn was reached about 6.30, where we found the bells all ready. After several touches of Bob Major had been rung a start was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman, which unfortunately came to grief after about 700 changes. The return journey was made at 8. There being a half hour to wait at Ashford, several touches were rung on the handbells on the platform to a large audience. Margate was reached about 11. The weather was not all that could be desired, but everyone enjoyed themselves on behalf of the ringers. Mr. A. H. Saxby wishes to thank the four vicars for the use of their bells, also the different steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

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## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this Association was held on a recent Saturday afternoon at St. Werburgh's church, Kingsley, and the gathering was in every respect a decided success. Some three years ago the record meeting of the Association was established, when the gathering took place at Leigh, some fifty-eight then being present. On Saturday, with the weather favourable for an outing by brake or other means of locomotion, and the prospect of viewing some of the scenes in the Churnet Valley, together with a stroll through the rectory grounds, there was every prospect from the first that the Leigh record would be left behind. The following towers were represented: Leek, Cheddleton, Norton, Brown Edge, Tunstall, Hanley, Stoke, Fenton, Longton, Stone, Alton, Bucknall and Cheadle. The proceedings opened in the afternoon with a short touch of Superlative Surprise by E. Bradshaw, J. Moreton, Jas. Moreton, H. Carnwell, J. H. Carr, J. Moreton. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were also rung previous to tea.

After tea Mr. W. Twigg, Hon. Sec., of the Association, in a few well-chosen words, said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of those present, and that was to present to the Rector and his wife a wedding gift on the occasion of their marriage since their last meeting at Kingsley. They had always been well treated by the Rector on their visits, and he would ask him to accept a gong in the shape of a church bell.

The Rector said that he gratefully accepted the present as a token of kind regard. He felt greatly honoured to be able to entertain such a large assembly of ringers as were then present. He should always take an interest in their Association. Ringing was one of the best things they had which occupied their spare evenings, and gave them an opportunity to do something for God. The Association was one of the best in the country, and their members had done some of the best performances also.

The Rev. H. C. Frith (Longton), clerical secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the splendid way in which he had entertained them. He also mentioned that the funds were in a most flourishing condition, and they had three new subscribers to announce.

Mr. Page seconded the vote. Hearty cheers were given for the Rector and Mrs. Beech on the former rising to respond, and the large company joined heartily in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." The bell is made of ordinary bell metal, silver-plated, and bears the following inscription: "Presented by the Stoke Archidiaconal Association of Change-ringers to the Rev. H. E. Beech on the occasion of his wedding, September 18th, 1902." The large party were afterwards photographed in the grounds, the present being included. During the day a suggestion was made to recommend to the next annual meeting that the 1904 annual meeting should be held at Kingsley.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Thursday evening, June 18th, the members of the Cathedral Guild met in the guild room, Edgar Tower, to hold the last business meeting with their warden, the Rev. J. K. Floyer, who is leaving Worcester. The business being got through, Mr. W. H. Johnson, secretary of the Guild, handed to the Rev. J. K. Floyer a carved oak framed photograph of the members of the Guild, bearing a plate with the inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. K. Floyer by the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild of Bellringers on his leaving Worcester, June, 1903," together with a Royal Worcester Porcelain tobacco jar with the recipient's initials engraved thereon, and a stand bearing a suitable inscription.

In handing over the presents Mr. W. H. Johnson referred to the great interest the Rev. J. K. Floyer had taken in the Guild for the past five years, doing all he could to assist its members through any difficulty, and thereby furthering the advancement of change-ringing. He asked him to accept the small presents, not for their value, but as a token of the respect in which he was held by all members of the Guild, and assured him that though they were sorry he was going away, he would take with him their best wishes for his future prosperity in life.

The Rev. J. K. Floyer, in accepting the presents, thanked the members and friends present, and said that he should ever look upon those presents and think of the happy time spent with the Worcester Cathedral Guild. Referring to the great

change in bell-ringers of the present time and those of some few years ago, he said he did not wish to criticise the art of ringing, for he did not know quite so much about it as he would like to, but he thought as far as the conduct of ringers was concerned the formation of Guilds and Associations had done great things for belfry reform, and he again wished to impress upon their minds that ringing the church bells was not only to be looked on as a matter of art, but also as a work of the Church, and therefore a work to the glorification of God. Thanking them once again, he gave them a kind invitation to his new home, and wished them all good-bye.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Luton, on Saturday, July 4th, and was very well attended by members from Bedford, Luton, Woburn, Leighton, Linslade, Clifton, London, Crawley, Ridgemont. During the afternoon touches in various methods were rung. Soon after 5 o'clock the members sat down to tea, presided over by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec., supported by the Rev. J. Rust (Crawley). The members were very pleased indeed to see that he is making good progress in method ringing. After tea the usual business meeting was held. Two new members were elected, one non-resident and one resident. It was proposed and carried that the next meeting be held at Old Warden. A discussion was introduced in reference to recording peals under the heading of two Associations, and according to the tone of the discussion it was against booking any peals so headed.

## A VISIT TO EAST ANGLIA.

On Saturday, June 27th, and Sunday, June 28th, the members of St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, paid another visit to Bury St. Edmunds and district. Leaving Liverpool Street by the 5.8 train on the 27th, Bury St. Edmunds was reached at 8.16, the company being met at the station by Mr. F. Bressey, at Wanstead, who had cycled from London to John O'Groats, and thence to Bury St. Edmunds. Breakfast having been disposed of at The Britannia, our Headquarters for the two days, a start was made for Fornham, where Durham was struck off in fine style. The next on the programme was West Stow, where London was brought round and Cambridge attempted, but the fifth got dry either above or below, however, we did not have to wait, as thanks to the kindness of the Rev. A. H. Pemberton, refreshments were ready to hand, and after duly attending to the inner-man, a move was made for Troston. A good 720 of Chichester was rung, being the first 120 of Surprise on the bells. The next place on the programme was Ixworth (Iker), York and Victoria being brought round; on to Pakenham, where on arrival tea was served on the lawn by Mrs. Jones (the Rector being unable to meet us); 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman have been rung on the tower bells with a course at Grandsire Caters on handbells; the last tower for Saturday was St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds. Arriving there punctual at 8 o'clock touches at Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob were brought round, and a few touches on handbells at Mr. H. Turner's, brought us to supper time, which would have passed off better if the six singles had been brought home; but all is well that ends well. Bedtime having come round, which the majority were glad of we dispersed for a few hours rest with orders not to be late on Sunday morning, as we had a big order on at 6.30 sharp at the Norman Tower, all arriving true to time, and with the newly made Benedict at the helm 3 courses of Double Norwich was rung to perfection, also touches of Caters, Triples, and Bob Major, this bringing us up to breakfast time. After attending to this necessary function a move was made to Rougham, where Worcester was tapped off, thence back to Bury St. Edmunds for dinner; this having been accomplished, the last tower on the programme (Horringer) was started for, Wells and Cambridge, being the result, this making a total of nine towers having been visited with very good results. After having taken tea at our Headquarters, tracks were made for the station, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and in conclusion the company wish to return their thanks to the Clergy for permission to ring, and to all friends who made our outing such a pleasant and successful one.

W. K.



## 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."

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—With one statement in your leading article this week I most cordially agree. It is of no use for the Central Council to pass resolutions which will not be obeyed; I really do not think that anything more is necessary.

The position I have taken up is however not only a logical conclusion from the "Report on Legitimate Methods," but also from the "Report on Calls." That report states that only one kind of bob may be used in a method, and a peal rung with two kinds of bobs has never been allowed since that report has been adopted, now the various Minor methods I mentioned consist of bob leads only, while their bobs are also bobs—two kinds of bobs in one method.

I am afraid that the Exercise thinks that this is an attempt to narrow the field of practice, and to show that this is not really so I append amendments of the various Minor methods which are illegitimate.

H. LAW JAMES.

## MINOR METHODS.

(So-called College Single is really Reverse College.)

## College Single.

123456

214365

241635

426153

246513

425631

245361

423516

243156

421365

412635

146253

164523

## New Violet.

123456

214365

124635

216453

261543

625134

621543

265134

256314

523641

526314

253641

523461

254316

253461

524316

542136

451263

452136

541263

514623

156432

516342

153624

135264

## Stedman Slow Course.

123456

213546

231564

325146

235416

253461

523641

532614

352164

531246

513264

153624

156342

Most others can be corrected similarly by putting the right place when the treble lies behind, and 2nd or 6th at the lead-end.

Thus—College Pleasure: 2nd place instead of 4th when the treble lies behind. City Delight: 2nd place instead of 4th when the treble lies behind, and 2nd or 6th instead of 4th at the lead-end.

The following old Surprise Minor methods are all legitimate: Coventry, Durham (which reverses nicely), York, Ely, Wells, Chelsea, Carlisle, and Chester.

The following are not legitimate: Worcester, Chichester, Rochester, Bristol, Lichfield, and Lincoln.

Durham and York are excellent music and well worth practice.

## A PROTEST.

SIR,—I must beg leave to enter an emphatic protest against what I cannot help calling the scandalous letter of Mr. John Rogers in your last issue. That a member of the Exercise of his standing and abilities should abandon his mind to such a

composition is a matter no less of astonishment than regret. What is his grievance? Apparently that, according to him, the last two notices respecting the Cumberland Youths appearing in your paper were unsigned. Well, if so, what does it matter? The essence of a notice is the information thereby conveyed, not a signature; besides every one knows that notices do not get pitchforked haphazard into your columns, but that you are satisfied of the authenticity of what you print. Of course it is open to anyone to criticize notices if he thinks it worth his while, but your readers are entitled to expect that criticisms will be couched in language befitting civilized beings. Instead of this Mr. Rogers has published a most offensively scurrilous libel implying, if words mean anything, that somebody unnamed connected with the society of Cumberland Youths is ashamed to affix his name to a notice because he is a liar. To make such a statement to the Exercise as this without producing a scrap of evidence in support of it is in my opinion an intolerable insult to our society, and I feel bound to denounce it.

R. A. DANIELL, Master.

Mr. George H. Gutteridge, of Framewood, Stoke Poges, would like a reply from Mr. C. W. Clarke, or some other Bedford ringer, as to whether the bells at St. Peter's, Newport Pagnell, are pealable.—Mr. J. Small, of Wolverhampton, thanks Mr. A. Ford, of Gloucester, and Mr. J. W. Dains, and the Hon. Sec. of the Middlesex Association, for back numbers of this paper.—Mr. H. J. Tucker (and all whom it may concern) is informed that Mr. J. George (of Rugby) gives up all claim to the peal of Bob Royal.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED.

The monthly meeting was held at Holbeck St. Matthew's on Saturday, June 27th, Tower ringing commenced during the afternoon. The business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow at 7.30 p.m., Mr. G. Barraclough in the chair. The company comprised members from the following towers: Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck (R.C.), Leeds, Shipley, and the local company. The minutes of previous meeting were passed as read. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the local company for their kind arrangements. Touches on the handbells ended a splendid meeting.

## THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, June 6th, 1903, at Tipton. The service of the Worcestershire Association was said in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a suitable address on bells, their origin, and uses. The services of the organist and members of the choir were much appreciated. After service a substantial tea was provided by the Vicar, to which between thirty and forty members sat down. The business meeting was afterwards held under the presidency of the Vicar, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Tipton, and hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again on some future occasion. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, five new members were elected, and Oldswinford was selected as the place for the meeting. It was decided to attempt peals at Brierley Hill, Blakenhall, Dudley, and Tipton during the quarter.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address, the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and also for the bountiful repast which he had so generously provided. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung on the church bells. Some courses of Triples and Caters on the handbells brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

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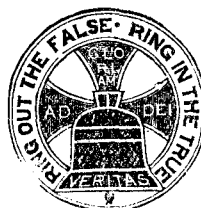
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1903.

NEXT week will be published with this journal two portraits, the one being that of Mr. W. GREENLEAF, of Hereford; the other of Mr. WILLIAM WILLSON, of Leicester. Both will be accompanied by interesting sketches of the ringing careers of these gentlemen. These portraits are from photographs taken specially for "THE BELL NEWS," and are regarded by both the above-named as excellent.

We hear that Mr. JAMES GEORGE is suffering from a painful illness. It is necessary to point this out to his friends, because until he is convalescent it is impossible to reply to his correspondents. We hope to be able soon to announce an improvement in his condition.



## CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, July 11th, the heavy peal of six at the above church were reopened after thorough re-hanging. A picked band from Newcastle and district were invited to ring them and report on the efficiency of the work. After a 720 of Bob Minor and some Stedman Doubles had been rung a careful and searching inspection was made by Messrs. R. S. Story and S. O. Ferry, as a result of which the defects were described and pointed out to the local committee. These will be attended to and then there is no doubt it will be possible to ring the tenor through something else than Bob Minor—even this was only done by great effort on the part of the local giant, J. W. Oswald Simm. The visitors were afterwards entertained to a substantial meat tea at the village inn. The Vicar (Rev. E. G. Hall) welcomed the visitors, and congratulated the re-hanging committee, especially Mr. Simon, on the completion of their work. Mr. Story, in reply, thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks. He hoped change-ringing would now flourish at Cramlington, and that Mr. Simon would get a band together equal in calibre to himself. He was glad to see the curate (Mr. White) had joined forces with the ringers and was making good progress.

## BEADNELL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A large clock has just been erected upon the church tower here in commemoration of the Coronation. Messrs. John Smith and Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work, and they are also just completing a similar clock for Colnbrook, near Windsor.

## The Metropolis.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 9.
GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH KENSINGTON,  
ON THE ALEXANDRA RING OF BELLS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 8.
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## RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT J. HOLMES .. Treble.	ERNEST MATTHEWS .. .. 4.
ALFRED E. BRAIN .. .. 2.	*JOHN WILDE .. .. 5.
FRANK MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM E. BISHOP .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal.

## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	GEORGE TOSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

CLIFTON NEWMAN* .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	FREDERICK PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GARRATT .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells.



## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ARTHUR CHAMBERS* .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. 6.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 3.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 7.
JAMES DOWLER .. .. 4.	†WILFRED MUMFORD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal.

## NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR FULLER .. .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 6.
ALBERT WARNES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD.. .. 7.
ROBERT HUTTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. .. Tenor.

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

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, July 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	*EDWARD EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. The band were afterwards kindly entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. William C. Pearson, to a nice tea.

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

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ROBERT RAWLINS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 6.
JOSEPH KETTLE .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD.. .. 4.	ALBERT CRAWLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Holding, jun. and J. Kettle on attaining their 21st birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Crawley, another of the Crewe ringers, the band wishing them many happy returns. It was also Mr. Spence's 50th peal.

## ASHTED, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
FREDERICK HOLDEN† .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE* .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. Rung as a birthday peal for A. Lawrence, who received the usual congratulations on its completion. It was also his fiftieth peal.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s.

FRANK G. WARREN .. Treble.	ALBERT A. BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD W. YOUNGS .. 2.	JOHN MAYS.. .. 5.
ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Alexander W. Symonds, who was buried the previous afternoon.

## WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY BROOKS .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
THOMAS BULL .. .. 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. 6.
WILLIAM P. ROUTH .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Annual Festival held at Witney.

## Date Touches.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, May 26th, on handbells, a date touch of Bob Major (adapted from a five-part peal by H. Hubbard), in 59 mins. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. S. Poole.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Morris, J. Grace, J. Aspinwall, E. Caunce, Rev. E. L. Edwards, J. W. Rawlinson, W. Hughes conductor, S. Millership. Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, June 14th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Stepney, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, E. Hall, A. Hughes, W. Truss, S. Parmenter, J. Scholes, A. W. Barkus, G. Barrell. On Sunday evening, May 10th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, Coleman Street, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, W. Truss, A. Hughes, J. Scholes, E. Wallage, S. Parmenter, A. W. Barkus, G. Dorrington, jun.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE.—On Monday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a



quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. Kessell, J. Hodder, J. Symons, J. Tregoning, P. Hitchens, T. Hicks conductor, H. Williams, T. Kessell.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. A. Ransom conductor, W. Foster, W. Etherington, E. Reeve, H. W. Wilkes, T. Beadle, L. Copsey, H. Saunders. It was intended to have rung the Editor's quarter-peal, but that came to grief after ringing about 500 changes. This was rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet recording the loss of three men belonging to the Imperial Yeomanry who died in South Africa.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Pethybridge, R. Moss, S. W. Smith, F. Holden, A. Garrott, S. Frost conductor. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pethybridge, R. Moss, J. C. Jackson, F. Holden, A. Garrott, S. Frost conductor.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich in 48 mins. J. H. B. Hesse, J. Howes, F. Holder, C. Dean, F. Holden, A. Clayton, L. C. Ferrige, W. S. Smith conductor. Composed by W. S. Smith.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### (SUDBURY BRANCH.)

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 1st, 701 Grandsire Caters. G. Debenham conductor, G. Lilley, H. F. Moore, A. E. Moore, W. Salisbury, H. Simpson, A. Bridges, H. Moore, H. Turner, R. Moore. On Saturday, March 8th, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. G. Debenham, H. F. Moore, G. Lilley, H. Simpson, A. E. Moore, H. Turner, H. Moore, R. Moore conductor. Also a course of Bob Royal. Rev. H. B. Woolley, G. Debenham, H. F. Moore, W. Smith, W. Salisbury, H. Simpson, A. E. Moore, H. Moore, G. Lilley, H. Turner. On Saturday, March 14th, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor. F. Rudd, H. F. Moore, W. Smith, A. E. Moore conductor, F. Eaton, H. Moore.

MORRINGER (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 29th, 720 College Single in 26 mins. H. F. Moore, H. Turner, G. Debenham, H. Moore, G. Lilley, A. E. Moore conductor. First 720 in the method by all except H. Moore.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, for Divine Service, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Surridge, C. Baker, J. Tann, R. Whiting, E. Borrett, J. Boughton, C. Brice conductor, F. Borrett.

#### THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SUNDERLAND.—On Tuesday, April 14th, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. B. Dalby, G. Park, W. H. Porter, T. Clark, G. J. Lungley, J. Baxter, E. C. Hunt, G. J. Park. 326 Bob Major. G. W. Park, J. Baxter, M. B. Dalby, F. E. Naisbitt, E. C. Hunt, W. H. Porter, T. Scollick, G. Park conductor. 504 Stedman Triples. G. W. Park, J. Naisby, G. Park, J. Baxter, G. J. Lungley, T. Lungley, W. H. Porter conductor, E. C. Hunt.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—On Tuesday, April 14th, at the parish church, 252 Stedman Triples. G. J. Lungley, G. Park, G. W. Park, T. Clark, W. H. Porter, T. Lungley conductor, E. C. Hunt, J. Baxter. 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. C. Naisbitt, T. Lungley, W. T. Robson, J. Baxter conductor, G. J. Lungley, J. Naisby, T. Scollick, W. H. Porter.

#### THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—On Friday, May 8th, at the church of St. Thomas, 720 Bob Minor. B. Chard, Hon. A. Erskine, E. C. O'Brien, F. H. Nash, W. D. Tyrwhitt-Drake, E. V. Cox conductor. On handbells 360 Bob Minor. Hon. A. Erskine, E. C. O'Brien, E. V. Cox conductor.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WALTHAM.—On Tuesday evening, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Edwards, E. Runter, B. Thompson, W. Lincoln conductor, H. Head, H. W. Kirton, A. Head, F. Edwards. Also 168, F. Edwards ringing the treble; a course of Treble Bob Major, W. J. Piper taking part; and a touch of Triples with two of the local company.

WRITTLE.—Recently for practice, 224, 336 and 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and on July 8th 504 Stedman Triples. T. Lincoln, H. W. Kirton, E. Runter, A. Head, A. Watson, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, R. Edwards. Also 560 Double Norwich. R. Wood, T. Lincoln, E. Runter, F. G. Radley, H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Head.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 46 mins. A. S. Ough, W. S. Smith, F. Holden, J. Herbert, J. A. Dart, H. Adams, R. Charge, J. Hesse, J. W. Kelley conductor, J. S. Dodington.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, April 29th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Triples came to grief after ringing about 2 hrs. E. Sellers, A. Sellers, A. O. Barber, H. Bishop, jun., W. Barker, T. Richardson, C. Flatters conductor, H. Bishop, sen. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late C. W. Holdich, formerly of Sleaford, who died recently at the age of eighty-four. This is the longest length of Bob Triples by all.

MERSTHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, April 27th, at the church of St. Katherine, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Morley, F. Linter conductor, G. Morley, W. A. Smith, E. Atkins, J. K. Elsey. First 720 by the local band.

PERSHORE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Andrew, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. Jno. Godfrey, H. Godfrey, Jno. Smith conductor, F. Godfrey, C. Annis, Geo. Dolphin.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 7th, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, W. Keeble, A. J. Perkins, Mrs. Keeble. Also 300 Bob Minor. W. Keeble, Victoria Keeble, Amy Keeble, Mrs. Keeble, B. Keeble. Rung on the thirty-fourth anniversary wedding-day of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble.

SOUTH WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, July 12th, the local band, with the assistance of their Instructor, Mr. G. Cleal, rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Clarke, J. Wilson, J. Penny, E. Merryweather, A. Dell, G. Cleal conductor, D. Taylor, J. Willars. This is the longest touch by all except the conductor.

The following is a list of touches rung by the St. John the Baptist Society of Leytonstone on the occasion of their visit to Bury St. Edmunds and District:—

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 720 Durham. G. Dawson, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, G. Hayden.

WEST STOW.—On same day, 720 London Surprise. F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Doran, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor.

FROSTON.—On same day, 720 Chichester. C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Miller conductor, G. Hayden.

IXWORTH.—On same day, 720 York. G. Dawson, J. Moule, W. Doran, J. Mardell, W. Miller conductor, W. Keeble. Also 720 Victoria. F. Withers, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor, S. Hayes, G. Hayden.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At St. Mary's, 448 Grandsire Triples. F. Bressy, C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, J. Moule, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor, F. Withers. Also 112 Double Norwich and 288 Kent Treble Bob. C. T. Hopkins, W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Moule, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor. Also 432 Bob Major. On Sunday, June 28th, at the Norman Tower, 336 Double Norwich. C. T. Hopkins, W. Doran, W. Miller, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, J. Moule, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor. Also 270 Grandsire Caters. F. Rudd, C. T. Hopkins, W. Doran conductor, W. Miller, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, J. Moule, H. Turner, G. Hayden. Also 224 Bob Major. G. Dawson, H. F. Moore, A. E. Moore, S. Hayes, J. Mardell, J. Moule, H. Moore, W. Keeble conductor.

ROUGHAM.—On same day, 720 Worcester. F. Withers, G. Hayden, W. Doran, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor.

MORRINGER.—On same day, 720 Wells. C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, G. Hayden. Also 720 Cambridge. F. Bressy, G. Dawson, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor, S. Hayes, J. Mardell.

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**The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at East Hoathly to-day, Saturday, 18th inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided by the Rector.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Brown Edge to-day, Saturday, July 18th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Horley to-day, Saturday, July 18th. Bells at St. Bartholomew's available to all ringers from 3 p.m. Tea at The Thornes, Horley, at 5.30 (1s. 6d. per head to non-members). The usual business meeting will follow.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor St., Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested for the transaction of important business. Chair will be taken at 3.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing me by July 22nd. Those who have not paid contributions for 1903 will oblige by doing so.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.**—The next district meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, July 25th. Any member wishing to come to certify by July 22nd.

GEORGE GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested. Business important.

JAS. JAGUES, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.**—A meeting of this Association will be held at Staines on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4 o'clock, and St. Peter's from 6 o'clock (both 8 bells). Members and friends of the Association will be welcome.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.—Has not come to hand.

W. G.—Chester Cathedral.

ANXIOUS.—There has been no indication as yet.

LEGITIMATE.—You will be able to see this when the book appears.

AGGRIEVED.—You had better write to the party mentioned; you will get a reply.

### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BROMHAM, BEDS.**—This is the first peal of Minor by the ringer of the treble. It was arranged for him. This peal of bells is the heaviest ring of six in the county, and it is the first peal and first attempt on them since the restoration by Messrs. Taylor. The work has been finished in a highly satisfactory manner, and the go of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. G. Lindoff has removed to 8, Adelaide Terrace, Watery Lane, Dublin.

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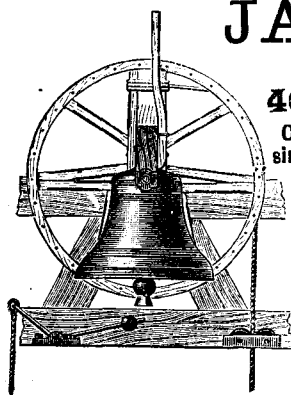
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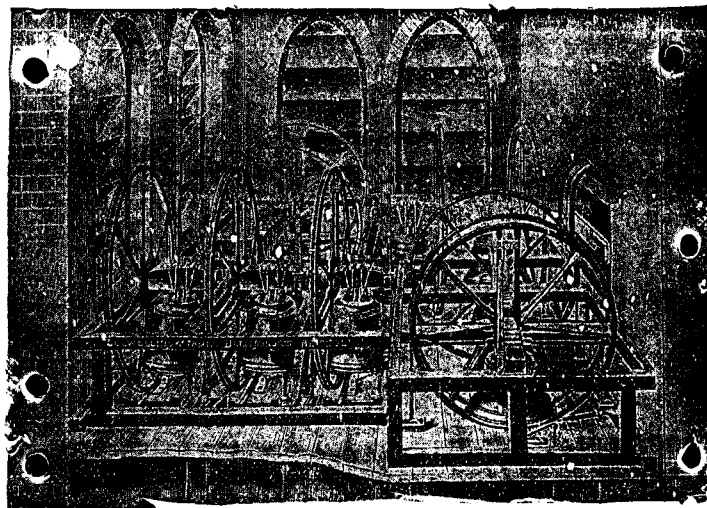
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LLANDAFF (Glamorganshire). The Cathedral. Llandaff Association. All by Mears, 1881. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired recently; not stated by whom. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 10 to 11. Practice: Monday, 7.

LODDON (Norfolk). Holy Trinity. Norwich Diocesan Association. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1853; 3rd and 4th by Warner, 1889; 5th, 1616; 6th, 1669; 7th, 1809. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 4 ft., 1613. The founders of the last four bells not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Day, 1889. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing or practice. There was formerly a good company of eight, but some of the older ones have passed away, and there are no young ones to replace them.

LONG ASHTON (Somerset). All Saints. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 7th by Mears, 1897; 4th by the same, 1868. Tenor 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. by Taylor, 1903. The rest by Bilbie, date not given. Iron frame. Bells go very well. The ring were entirely rehung by Taylor, 1897. Ropes new 1903, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30, except from May to August inclusive 1st in month only. Practice: Thursday, 7.15. Visitors always welcome for a peal.

LONG CRENDON (Bucks). Eight bells. No return.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire). St. Lawrence. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, treble and 2nd, 1811; the rest 1875. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go very well. They require rehanging, but although the Vicar is interested, there are at present no funds. Ropes new 1890 and 1893, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman,

Plain and Treble Bob, Duffield. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.15. No regular practice.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk). Holy Trinity. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. 2nd and 3rd by Mears, 1833; 5th by the same, 1845; tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. by Warner, 1865; the rest by Lester, 1744. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Slight repairs by local man since 1868. Treble and 4th badly worn at soundbow. The wheels in very bad condition. No intimation of intended rehanging. Ropes new 1887, bad. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing or practice since 1898.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting was held at Rothbury, and taking the distance into consideration was very well attended. The arrangements, which were kindly made by Dr. Barrow, were carried out without a hitch. The bells were kept going throughout the day, several touches of Triples and Major and 720s of Minor being brought round. The dinner at The Queen's Head was an excellent one, and the meeting which followed was short and sweet to allow of a visit to Cragside, the residence of Lord Armstrong. Mr. S. O. Ferry presided, and was supported by three of the churchwardens, Dr. Barrow, Messrs. Dixon and Shell. The Rector, Canon Blackett-Ord, was unable to be present. A vote of welcome to the new Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Lloyd) was carried unanimously, as also was a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens and ringers of Rothbury, especially to Dr. Barrow, for the excellent arrangements. The visit to Cragside was immensely enjoyed by all. On the homeward route several touches of Grandsire and Kent were rung on Morpeth watch-tower bells.

(The report of this meeting was sent for publication some six weeks ago, but was lost en route.—Ed.)

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Monday, June 1st, at St. Cadoc's church, Raglan, Mon., the marriage of Mr. D. H. Pasmore, of London, to Miss Mary R. Morgan, of Raglan. Mr. H. R. Pasmore, the brother of the bridegroom, very capably carried out the duties of best man. Amongst the bridesmaids was the bride's sister, Miss Sophia Morgan. On emerging from the church as man and wife they were the recipients of several telegrams of congratulation. The happy couple received a number of presents, including a cheffionier from their many ringing friends. Mr. Pasmore, in thanking the subscribers to the same, said that he and his wife would always look on it as one of their most treasured possessions, and that it should occupy a prominent place in their new home, and would always remind him of many happy hours spent with ringing friends. Let us hope that he will spend many more.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival of the above Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday, July 11th. There was a meeting of the Committee at Wolvesey Church House at 11, and at 12 o'clock the festival service, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, took place in the Cathedral. The special service was sung, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. W. Slater, Precentor, and the Lesson read by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. F. T. Madge, Minor Canon, and one of the founders of the Guild. It unfortunately happened that owing to the meeting of Convocation none of the Cathedral dignitaries were able to be present. There was a large congregation of members of the Guild. After the service an excellent luncheon was served in a large marquee in the grounds of Wolvesey Church House by Messrs. Dumper and Sons. The chair was occupied by J. P. Stilwell, Esq., the President of the Guild, and he was supported by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master, Mrs. Stilwell, Rev. F. T. Madge, Rev. A. B. Sole, R.D., Rev. W. Slater, Precentor, Rev. F. G. Hume, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec. At the conclusion the President proposed "The Health of the King and Queen and Royal Family," which was duly honoured, and then the Master invited the company to drink "The Health of Mrs. Stilwell," who they were delighted to welcome amongst them. Mrs. Stilwell having personally responded, the President gave "Success to the Guild." He stated the pleasure he felt at seeing so many members present at the service. It was right that they should attend the service in strength, for their object was to serve the Church in their office of calling people to church services. It was a very honourable office, and one of which they were proud.

The Master, in responding, remarked that the order of proceedings that day had been considerably altered; he hoped for the better, and whatever changes were made all must work together for the good of the Guild. "The Health of the Dean and Chapter, the Precentor, the preacher, the organist and choir" were heartily drunk, and the Rev. F. T. Madge and the Precentor suitably responded.

The Annual Meeting followed in the large hall of the Church House, and was attended by a large number of members, the President being in the chair. The annual report and balance-sheet were passed, and then the Hon. Secretary moved that the new rules recommended by the Committee be adopted. First of all however he wished to refer to the changes in the arrangements that day, and said that if anyone did not approve of them, he hoped they would say so before the day was over. He was anxious that they should never get the idea that the day was one for a good "beano." It was not; it was the annual festival and the annual meeting. It was a not a ringing outing either; the ringing was a very small part of it, and he hoped they would remember the fact. His experience of festival day ringing was that it was abominably bad, mainly he supposed because the ringers got in the belfries they were unused to, and ringing with other ringers they had not practised with. Dealing then with the rules, he said that the draft before them was the result of the very careful deliberations of the committee. There were some important changes. For instance, there was an alteration in the name of the Guild from merely "ringers" to "change-ringers." Another thing was that

the Bishop was to be ex-officio patron alone, and the Dean of Winchester and the Archdeacons ex-officio vice-patrons. Then there was a provision for the introduction of probationers, but the principal change was that which provided that every district should manage its own affairs, and elect their own district secretaries. This proposal, he thought, would commend itself to anyone, for obviously it might happen that under the old system a secretary for a district in Surrey might be elected at the annual meeting when there was no representative of that district present to say what was best for the district. Moreover, the expense of district meetings would be lessened, for a member in a district at one end of the diocese would not be called upon to go to a district meeting at the other end of the diocese. He hoped they would adopt these rules and give them a fair trial, for although they were not perfect they were as good as they could make them under all the circumstances. There was one thing which he had almost overlooked, and that was a new rule which proposed to set aside the two-guinea donations of life members, and so form what would be called a special purposes fund to be drawn upon only by vote of a general meeting of the Guild, upon the recommendation of the Central Committee. The Kent Association had formed a similar fund, which had proved most useful. Another thing was that the Hon. Secretary would not be responsible for the publication in the report of peals rung by members unless an account of the same were sent by the person responsible within a month. In the past he had had to cut a great many reports of peals from "THE BELL NEWS," and that was not at all the right way to do things. He proposed the adoption of the rules *en bloc*.

The motion having been seconded,

Mr. Willshire objected to the proposal in the new rules to the effect that probationers should pay one shilling per annum for the first two years of their membership, and after that two shillings per annum. He thought there should not be the increase, because he thought some very good tenor-men would leave them.

The Hon. Secretary and the bulk of the meeting thought otherwise, and Mr. Willshire dropped the point.

Mr. Willshire asked whether the Committee thought the Guild could afford to pay half the cost of the annual dinner and all teas, as proposed in the rules.

The Hon. Secretary said it would not matter much which way the members had it. If they had it in the dinner and teas there would be the less for the travelling expenses, which would only be paid as far as the funds permitted. He thought the proposal in the rules was well worth trying.

Mr. Pearce objected to the proposal in the rules, and thought they ought to knock out the clause providing for the payment of half the cost of the dinner. The travelling expenses were the most important item, he was sure, to members, for they could go and have a dinner anywhere if they could not afford to pay for a dinner with the rest, but the travelling expenses were a real difficulty. He proposed that the words providing for the payment of half the cost of the dinner be struck out.

Mr. Ingham seconded.

The Hon. Secretary said it did not matter much which way the members had it, but for his part he was in favour of the rule as it stood.

Mr. Pearce's amendment was, however, carried, and the rules as thus amended were adopted unanimously.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the



arrangement of districts was read and adopted, which involved a slight alteration in the composition of the Central Committee.

The President, Master, Secretary and Treasurer were unanimously re-elected, and it was resolved that this year the district meetings should be held as soon as possible, and the district secretaries should remain in office until such meetings could be held.

Seventeen full members and seventeen probationers (including two ladies) were elected, and several new honorary members were announced.

It was resolved that the next Annual Festival be held at Godalming on a Saturday.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and it was announced that the College bells would by a fortunate chance be available, as it was a "Hatch Thoke" or Founder's Commemoration Day at the College, and therefore a whole holiday; also that the Dean had kindly granted permission to the members to go over the Cathedral without payment.

The Festival was altogether a most enjoyable one, the weather magnificent, and everyone seemed bent on making the meeting a great success.

#### THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON AND THE WORK OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

An Oxfordshire paper has the following:—

The annual festival of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers calls to mind the good work which the Guild has accomplished throughout the diocese in the reform of the belfry and the advancement of the art of change-ringing. Before the establishment of the Guild change-ringing, which was once the occupation of gentlemen, had become very rare, and it was difficult, even in a place like Oxford, with its numerous rings of bells, to get together a band sufficiently competent to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, while the more complicated methods such as Double Norwich or Cambridge Surprise, were scarcely heard of. The belfries were neglected and received little or no attention from the clergy. All this is now changed. The belfries, for the most part, are in good order, the ringers take their proper position as officers of the church, and the art of change-ringing, which is both a mental and physical exercise, requiring considerable study and practice, is once more flourishing. Much of this is due to the unceasing energy and interest displayed by the veteran Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose name, notwithstanding his advancing years, figures in the records of peals more frequently than that of any other member. The Guild seems to have taken a firm hold throughout the diocese, but hardly receives the financial support it so thoroughly deserves.

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#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Fenton on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by about sixty members, the following towers being represented: Stoke, Longton, Hanley, Fenton, Kids Grove, Stone, Leek, Tunstall, Biddulph, Brownedge and Bucknall. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, several touches in various methods being rung by mixed bands. At 6 o'clock the members adjourned to the Church Room for tea, which was provided by the Fenton ringers. After tea the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. L. Tatham, curate of Fentham. The annual report and statement of accounts were read by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Twigg) and passed. The balance sheet, which shewed a balance in hand of £15 9s. 2½d., was considered to be very satisfactory. Four new honorary members have been added during the year, making a total of eighteen honorary and 125 ringing members. The officers were all re-elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Secretaries for their services. Mr. Johnson proposed that a committee be formed to arrange for quarterly peals to be rung. This was seconded by Mr. G. Woods, and carried. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and church room. The bells were afterwards kept going until nine o'clock.

#### 'PRESENTATION TO MR. J. H. HARDCASTLE, OF BRADFORD.

There was a most interesting gathering in the belfry of Bradford parish church on Saturday afternoon, July 11th, for the purpose of recognising the long and valuable services rendered to change-ringing by Mr. J. H. Hardcastle. The chair was occupied by Mr. B. T. Copley, and representatives were present from Bradford, Bolton, Bingley, Shipley, and other places. In opening the proceedings, the chairman briefly referred to the cause of their assembling together, forming an event which was, he considered, in several respects unique in the history of the belfry of that grand old tower. He had to apologise for the absence of their esteemed churchwarden—Mr. Collins—owing to an accident which occurred only the previous day; for other subscribers to the fund who were from various causes unable to be present; and concluded by reading a friendly and sympathetic letter from Mr. James Angus, who at the time was enjoying a well-earned holiday at the sea-side. He then called upon Mr. John Wotton, conductor of the parish church company, to hang upon the walls of the belfry a large portrait of Mr. Hardcastle (enlarged from a negative taken by his son, J. Hardcastle, jun.), encased in a massive oak frame. On complying with this request, Mr. Wotton expressed his pleasure in being chosen to perform the duty, spoke briefly but warmly on the services rendered to the Exercise by the original of the portrait, and concluded by expressing the hope that the portrait itself would have a honoured place on the walls of the belfry as an example and incentive both to present and future generations of ringers to persevere in attaining that proficiency in the art—both in methods and striking—that had been so great a characteristic of Mr. Hardcastle's ringing career.

The chairman then, on behalf of the subscribers, made the gift of the evening—a most handsome silver "loving cup," exquisitely chased, upon which was engraved the inscription: "Presented to Mr. J. H. Hardcastle by a number of his ringing friends as a mark of esteem, July 14th, 1903." In doing this he at the outset acknowledged the compliment paid to himself by the committee in requesting him to preside upon that most interesting occasion, notwithstanding his physical failings, which he feared would prevent him doing full justice to the occasion, but felt sure that the old adage as to "taking the will for the deed," would receive due recognition. Their guest of the day, he continued, had for a long number of years—practically a lifetime—taken a most active part in the art and work of change-ringing. His great characteristic was not that of a "peal-



snatcher," but as a assistant advocate of good striking and strict attention to duty. He would in attempting a peal rather lose it than score it if not satisfactorily rung, and, especially when conducting, would stop the attempt if a mistake occurred, even in the last few changes. This was a characteristic well worthy of imitation. Mr. Hardcastle, as they all knew, came of a good ringing stock, commencing at Halifax, his birthplace, where he continued and made his mark, till his removal to Bradford. His services at Halifax and Bradford parish churches (at the latter of which he was conductor for over twenty years) formed one continual story of energy and perseverance. He loved his Art, and demonstrated that love by his work on its behalf. This was another characteristic well worthy of imitation. As to his abilities, there was no need to refer, such being too well known not only among those with whom he rung, but throughout Yorkshire and other counties. As a ringer he enjoyed the reputation of a good striker; as a conductor he was proverbially safe; while he had not failed to make his mark among the standard composers of the Exercise. Other characteristics which were well worthy of imitation. He was especially pleased to see the unity of action amongst members of various companies in connection with this event, and hoped most earnestly that this same good feeling would ever prevail. He concluded by handing the cup to Mr. Hardcastle, assuring him that the present was a spontaneous one on the part of his many ringing friends, and in asking his acceptance of the same, expressed the sincere hope that he would be spared for many years to come to enjoy the sight of it, and remember the good feeling of those whom it represented.

Mr. William Gill, of Bingley, at the request of the chairman, then presented to Mr. Hardcastle a handsome gold-mounted walking stick, with suitable inscription engraved on it, and in a brief but hearty speech spoke of their pleasant associations for many years past, and his hopes for a continuance for many years to come.

Bringing up the last of the series, Mr. George Titterton, on behalf of the subscribers, presented a pipe and case, along with a well-filled tobacco pouch, accompanying the gift with a humorous little speech, expressing the hope that while Mr. Hardcastle was either "taking his walks abroad" with his walking stick, or sat in his home looking or using the loving cup, he might find comfort and enjoyment in his "pipe and bacca."

Mr. Hardcastle expressed his inability to do more at the present time than thank them for their presents, but which he did most heartily. After this a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the formal business, and short touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Triples were rung on the tower bells. In the evening a social gathering was held in the large billiard room of The Park hotel, where a large company was gathered. Here the proceedings commenced with the toasting of Mr. Hardcastle's health, and the evening was fully occupied with songs, recitations, courses on the handbells, and various other interesting items.

### Obituary.

#### ALEXANDER W. SYMONDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Chandos Farm, Thornham Parva, after three years' illness, on Thursday, July 9th, at the early age of twenty. Deceased was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1898, and since then he has rung six peals, five in Doubles, conducted three, and one in seven Minor methods. During his three years' illness, it gave him great pleasure to be able to ring handbells with his brother-ringers. He was a most enthusiastic and good man in the science, and it is only to be regretted that his life was cut so short. The interment took place at Thornham Parva on Monday, July 13th, the rector (the Rev. E. F. Bingley) officiating. He was followed to the grave by his brother-ringers, who sent a wreath as a last mark of respect. The ringers afterwards went to Thornham Magna and rang a peal of Minor with the bells half-muffled, in remembrance of their departed colleague.

### 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 SCHEDULE OF "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—There is not the slightest doubt that the information given week by week in your columns regarding our bells, are both interesting and useful. Unfortunately I am afraid some of the information so given is stunted by inaccuracies or deficient reports.

I am greatly interested in the reports given in your issue of the 18th inst. of the bells of my native city of Liverpool, and I ask you to be good enough to insert this letter as a supplement to those reports.

To begin with St. Luke's (eight bells). The only thing I see missing in the report is raised by the remark that it is not stated when they were hung in an iron frame. This information I myself gave in "THE BELL NEWS" about eighteen years ago, and is this: "The bells were purchased and put into the church by the Corporation of Liverpool, who entrusted the hanging to a local man, W. Gillibrand." He it was who conceived the idea of putting them in an iron frame, and a very good one it is. This was in 1828, and I think I am right in presuming that it stands as the first iron frame erected in the country. The bells were rung for the first time on April 23rd, 1829, since when very little has been needed to keep them in order, in fact I don't think there is a better going peal in England. They are on one level.

St. Peter's (ten bells). I am afraid these never will be rung again in the present tower, owing I believe to the foundations having been disturbed by the tunnel in connection with the Mersey Railway passing close by.

St. Nicholas (twelve bells). It is very much to be regretted that this peal has been allowed to drift into almost absolute decay. Situated as the church is by the riverside, it is mostly used by residents from the Cheshire side of the river: there being very few residents in the immediate vicinity. It is surrounded by offices and warehouses. This no doubt accounts for the indifference shewn in regard to the bells. If an appeal well backed up by the clergy and wardens were made to those who use the church, something might be done to rectify matters; it certainly is a pity to have them in the condition they are.

I may add there is another peal of eight at the Roman Catholic Collegiate Church of St. Francis Xavier, cast by Murphy, of Dublin, in 1873. I believe there has only been one peal of Grandsire Triples rang on them. As it is many years since I rang on them, I am unable to give any further particulars as to their condition.

Liverpool, the third city of the Empire, is absolutely last as regards bells and bell-ringing. This is no fault of the ringers, but if the powers that be would bestir themselves I have not the slightest doubt that the merchant princes of this great seaport would if asked, respond liberally, and put things on a better footing. Once get the bells in repair, the ringers will not be found wanting.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

#### STEDMAN'S SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—Referring to the letter of the Rev. H. Law James in your last issue, and particularly to the ground on which he considers Stedman's Slow Course Minor an illegitimate method, I venture to submit a few reasons why I think this conclusion is hardly justified. It arises, no doubt from looking upon the method as a "plain method," whereas I submit it is not a plain method at all, but belongs to the Stedman group.

It is true that, as usually pricked, the treble does a plain hunt, but this is a result of the mode of going off, and not a fundamental characteristic of the method. The plain course consists of ten sixes, quick and slow alternately, exactly the same as in Stedman Doubles and Triples, the only difference being that the presence of six bells does away with the dodging behind, and enables the sixes to be made behind as well as in front, and that one bell, not by any means necessarily the treble, does a plain hunt, or more correctly, is confined to the quick work, all the others doing slow work in front and then slow work behind. This work is thrown upon the treble by the



go off which Stedman uniformly used, viz., that of starting with the two last changes of a quick six, but it could equally well be given to any one of the bells, without in the least departing from the strict method, simply by having a different go off. For instance, supposing that instead of starting as usual, we commence with a parting of the sixes, and then prick a slow pair of sixes, the quick work will then fall to the 3rd bell, whereas if the first pair of sixes is pricked quick, the 4th will have the quick work.

It is clear therefore I submit, that the 4ths place which is made at the lead of the treble is not a bob in any sense of the term, but is absolutely necessary if the true course of the method is to be retained. If at that point 2nds place is made, as indicated in Mr. James' letter, the method simply ceases to be Stedman at all, and becomes strictly a plain method, in which the plain hunt of the treble is an essential characteristic of the method, instead of a mere incident of it.

In referring to the possibility of bringing other bells into the quick work, I do not of course suggest that such a course should be adopted in practice, I only wish to shew that in this respect the Slow course differs fundamentally from a plain method, in which no other bell than the treble could be given the plain hunt without departing from its principle.

I submit that I have shewn that the plain course as ordinarily pricked is strictly in accordance with the principle upon which the method is founded, and that the 4ths place made at the lead of the treble is not therefore a bob; that the method is not a plain method, but belongs to the Stedman group, and is not therefore to be judged by the same standard as a plain method; and that, inasmuch as it consistently follows a definite principle in its construction, it is a legitimate method.

I suggest that it would be a good thing, instead of making the bob in the ordinary way, which the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, in his "Standard Methods" describes as a "lop-sided" way, to let 2nds place be made instead of 4ths. This would effect the necessary change in the course of the bells, without departing from the Stedman principle, which would be the result of making 2nds place every twelve changes.

In conclusion, I have seen many suggestions to account for the peculiar go-off adopted by Stedman in his odd-bell method, but I have never seen it attributed to a desire on the part of the discoverer of the principle to make the start of all applications of it in the same way, though it appears to me that that is at least likely a reason as any of the others I have seen.

Devizes.

C. H. HAMPTON.

#### INFORMATION.

SIR,—The composition of Bob Triples published by me is a bad arrangement of Annable's peal. In answer to Mr. Gutteridge, re Newport Pagnell, Bucks., Mr. Clarke and others well acquainted with Newport Pagnell bells, desire me to state that owing to the bad "go" of the bells and the very long draught of rope, it is practically useless attempting any change-ringing, and a peal is out of the question.

JOHN W. BARKER.

#### THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MIDDLEWICH.

SIR,—With reference to the above I should like to say that the reason of no notice being taken of it in your columns by the Chester Diocesan Guild was owing to our committee-meeting being delayed a month. However that meeting was held at Stockport at the end of June, when a sub-committee of three was appointed to go thoroughly into the matter and decide. This Committee met at Grappenhall on Saturday, July 18th, to consider the case. The conductor of the peal, Mr. Holding, gave his version of the affair, but I am sorry to say Mr. Mann (of Middlewich) did not attend. We are arranging for a further meeting on Monday, August 3rd, when it is hoped Mr. Mann will attend to prove his argument. When this has taken place we will announce our decision.

F. T. SPENCE, Hon. Sec.

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#### Ringers' Outings.

THETFORD ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.—On Whit Monday, the members of the above company left Thetford by brake at 10 o'clock en route for West Tofts—ringing several good touches of Kent Treble Bob Major on the way. Arriving at the tower at Tofts, they were disappointed to find the second minus a rope, so they rang touches of Bob Minor, tenor covering. After ringing touches of Bob Major on the handbells on the Rectory lawn, which was very much appreciated by the ladies and gentlemen staying there, they proceeded to Northwold, where by the kind permission of the Rev. C. C. Thornton, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing about 700 changes owing to the sally hole of the tenor being much too small. After doing justice to an excellent spread provided by the host of the Crown Inn, and looking round the village they drove to Brandon via Methwold. At Brandon 720 of Bob Minor was rung, the party arriving home in the evening having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE KEIGHLEY SOCIETY.—The annual trip was on Sunday, to Gisburn by way of Skipton and Broughton, returning via Hellefield and Gargrave. The visitors rung touches of Treble Bob for morning service at Skipton, and a 700 of the same at Gisburn in the afternoon, arriving in time at Gargrave to ring for evening service, then returned home after having an enjoyable day. They wish to thank the Vicars of the churches visited for the use of the bells.

J.

THE BISHOPWEARMOUTH COMPANY.—By kind invitation of the churchwardens of St. Michael's, the choir and bellringers had their annual excursion on Wednesday, June 17th. The place selected was Darlington, where the company arrived [about 9 a.m., and after having partaken of an excellent breakfast drove to Raby Castle, a distance of about 12 miles. Unfortunately rain somewhat interfered with the enjoyment of this drive, the ringers filling in the time with touches on the handbells. On arrival at Raby, the party were conducted through the castle, by kind permission of Lord Barnard, the ringers then visiting Staindrop church, and ringing touches of Minor. Returning to Darlington they were met by Mr. Park, of St. Cuthbert's, who had kindly made arrangements for ringing at that tower. After ringing several touches in various methods, full justice was done to an excellent dinner. The party returned home after spending a most enjoyable day.

THE ST. PETER'S (SHEFFIELD) AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 20th, the annual outing took place—this year to Loughborough. Having previously obtained permission to view the bellfoundry, they were met by Mr. Taylor, sen., who conducted them all over the establishment, and they had a ring on the light eight in the foundry tower (tenor 6½ cwt.), where short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. Then to a cafe for tea, and afterwards a pull on the ten at All Saints' church, where short touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung. The visitors desire to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor for the interest they took in them during their visit, and also the Vicar of All Saints for the use of the bells.

L.

THE RINGERS AT COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—These ringers went for their outing on June 27th, journeying through the delightful scenery of the Peak district to Blackpool. Arriving there about 9, the sea-shore was made for, and some of the party essayed a short sea voyage. The big wheel was a great attraction, as it afforded a grand view of the sea and town. Then to the establishment of Mr. J. Smith, for dinner. Mr. Smith is an enthusiastic change-ringer, and as guide, philosopher and friend gained permission for a few touches at Holy Trinity church on a nice ring of six. Then a substantial tea, followed by a quiet rest, and the return journey brought to an end a pleasant and enjoyable day.

O.

[Correspondents must be brief in these reports. "H. C." must send his name and address.—Ed.]

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1903.

THE letter of Mr. PRITCHARD, to be found among this week's correspondence, will, it is fervently hoped, lead to some good results. That in the third city of the Empire, the seat of a bishop, wherein so many prominent and wealthy Churchmen dwell, such a condition of the principal instruments of the Mother Church exists is to be deeply regretted. We are told that the ring of twelve bells at St. Nicolas, Liverpool, "has been allowed to drift into almost absolute decay." If only the bare value of the metal comprised in these bells were taken into consideration, it ought to be sufficient to save them from such "absolute decay." Liverpool is a prosperous and wealthy city, the greatest emporium in the Empire for merchant



shipping, and therefore the leading mart for the world's commerce. Cannot the wealthy merchant princes of such a place as this be induced—at once—to use their wealth and influence in restoring this ring, the only one of twelve bells in the city? We think such large-hearted merchants would respond with alacrity if such a lamentable state of affairs were submitted to them. The cost of a complete restoration of these bells would be hardly worth considering by Liverpool men. Who will be the first to move in such a praiseworthy matter?

Our Liverpool friends have determined on building a Cathedral. Plans have been decided upon, we hear, and we shall soon find that the building is progressing. May we put in a few words of appeal to the building committee? The Cathedral will be reared under the direction of an architect bearing an honoured name. But the best of architects make the most serious mistakes sometimes where church bells are concerned. If the new Cathedral is to have a ring of bells (and it will be incomplete without) there are one or two simple arrangements required which the architect may not have thought of, but which can easily be made without the least trouble or any actual derangement of his plan. This may appear remarkable, but all practical ringers frequently become acquainted with immense drawbacks to their work in the tower, which could easily have been prevented if architects were more frequently informed of the necessary requirements of church bells and ringers.

Circumstances over which unfortunately we have not the slightest control prevent the appearance of the promised photographs this week, but they will be published with our next number. Our contributor "P. S." with his assistants, will also write a short illustrated sketch, entitled "The Method Builders," in which two prominent gentlemen will be shown.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, July 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR MILLER .. .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	MARK FENSOM .. .. 6.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	*ALFRED DODSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\*First peal of Grandsire. Rung on the eve of the forty-first anniversary of the consecration of the church.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARK WOODCOCK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

### The Provinces.

#### HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED H. EDWARDS .. Treble.	GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 5.
JOSEPH GRACE .. .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. 7.
EDWARD GRIFFITHS* .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

\*First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. F. B. Plummer.

#### BUSHEY, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1903, in Two Hours Fifty-four and ½ 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.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. E. Oakley, a member of the Bushey Society, and Miss Florence Hinton, of Northwood. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples.

#### WELLS, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES SKINNER .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SAVORY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WILLIAMSON* 2.	HAROLD ELLIS .. .. 6.
W. C. HENDRY* .. .. 3.	†WALTER BURROWS .. .. 7.
CHARLES T. AYERS† .. 4.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. J. HOWSON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major.

#### HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in a flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	*FRANK NORMAN .. .. 5.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	HARRY SEAR .. .. 6.
ARTHUR MOORE .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. ALLEN* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROBERTS .. .. 8.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE* .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 9.
WILLIAM ROGERS* .. .. 5.	*ELIJAH JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES W. CLARKE, and Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal in the method as conductor.



NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. Treble.	*MATTHEW E. BENNETT .. 5.
WILLIAM WILDE .. .. 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
EGBERT STAMPER* .. .. 3.	†ALBERT HOUGH .. .. 7.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. LOWERY.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 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 18 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON .. Treble.	*ERNEST BRETT .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
ROBERT BRETT* .. .. 4.	PERCIVAL R. SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	†WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 6.
JOSEPH CHURCH† .. .. 3.	ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 4.	‡JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal of Major as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

REUBEN COPELIN .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. WILSON .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

Recently, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight and a-Half Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

W. J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	F. CASTLE .. .. 6.
W. BENNETT .. .. 2.	C. HESTER .. .. 7.
C. HOUNSLOW .. .. 3.	T. PAYNE .. .. 8.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
A. FOX .. .. 5.	W. STONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. J. SMITH.

This peal was rung after the bells had been repaired by Webb and Bennett, the "go" giving general satisfaction.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. B. BRICE .. 2.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

The Colonies.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

(THE ST. MARK'S SOCIETY, DARLING POINT, SYDNEY.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DARLING POINT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, two of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR PEARCE .. Treble.	THOMAS BIDDLE .. .. 4.
JOHN C. WHITE .. 2.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. PORTER .. 3.	PERCY HOWARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY HOWARD.

Handbell Peals.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 3-4.	DOUGLAS HARRIS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRIS.

Referee—Charles Herbert.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 17, 1903, in One Hour and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles, who marked off the peal as it was rung. It is the first peal by L. Watson who is 14 years of age, and is also the first peal rung in St. Neots by an entirely local band for over 100 years.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KIRDFOURD (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 5th, seven members of this Association visited this place, and by permission of the Rector rung at intervals during the day: 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by G. Williams, first 720 on the bells since being rehung; 720 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Fuller; 720 Oxford Single Bob, conducted by W. Short; 240 Kent Treble Bob, rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a 720. The following took part: W. Wadley, M. Ireland, B. Fiest, G. Woodman, W. Short, J. Pullen, G. Williams. Kirdford, which is an out-of-the-way country place, does not possess a band of change-ringers, so that the ringing on this occasion was much appreciated by the inhabitants. The above ringers also rang for morning service at Billingshurst, with the assistance of two of the local band, 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Williams.



# DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—On April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Lawson, A. Tully, J. Hern, G. Dix, T. Hogg, T. Teasdale, E. Hern conductor, A. Dowell. A quarter-peal of Bob Triples. A. Lawson, T. Teasdale conductor, E. Hern, A. Tully, T. Hogg, J. Hern, G. Dix, A. Dowell.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Philip's church, 1476 Grandsire Caters. W. Webb, C. Mackenzie, J. Hyland, T. Collinson, J. Porter, W. G. Ellis, R. Wilkins, J. Neal, A. Hackley, A. Ford. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the wife of Mr. J. T. Perry, tower keeper of the above church.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING.**—On Sunday, April 26th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodenough, C. Moulden conductor, H. Pickering, N. Cox, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne, H. Davis. And 420 Stedman Triples. C. Moulden, N. Cox, J. Tucker, C. Cox, T. Gwynne, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Goodenough.

**MORTIMER.**—On Saturday, May 2nd, after ringing 2 hrs. for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Moulden, J. Tucker, W. P. Routh, A. Reeves, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, M. Waite.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**SMETHWICK.**—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, 336 Union Triples. J. Pigott conductor, G. Pigott, T. Pigott, J. Key, W. Murray, A. J. Hughes, E. Brown, W. Day. Also 126 Union and a course of Oxford Bob Triples, standing as before. For evening service 1008 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Day, G. Pigott, T. Pigott, J. Key, J. Pigott conductor, A. J. Hughes, E. Brown, W. Murray. On Sunday, May 3rd, at 41, Cemetery Road, on handbells, 196 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hughes, T. Pigott, J. Pigott conductor, G. Pigott. A course of Grandsire Major. G. Pigott, A. J. Hughes, J. Pigott, T. Pigott. On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major. W. Day, G. Pigott, T. Pigott, J. Key, W. Murray, J. Pigott conductor, E. Brown, A. J. Hughes.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

**WELLINGTON.**—On Sunday, April 16th, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Rowley, J. Evason, R. Nicholls, J. Peach, R. Rowley, E. Childs, T. Pritchard conductor, G. Moor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**FARNWORTH (near Bolton).**—On Tuesday, May 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor, with tenor covering, in 25 mins. Jas. Lever, Jno. Lever, B. Hodgkiss, E. Lever, W. Lever conductor, F. Brindle, W. Smethurst.

**WOOLTON.**—On Saturday, June 13th, at St. Peter's church, 1260 Bob Major, composed by James George. A. H. Edwards, E. Caunce, G. Hislip, F. Larky, A. E. Grace, H. Fyles, J. Aspinwall, W. Hughes conductor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for the Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. L. C. Copey, W. Foster, J. Howes conductor, A. Jones, H. Chandler, T. Beadle, H. Browning, A. Sheard.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**MILVERTON.**—On Sunday, April 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Winter, W. Chapman, R. Scott conductor, H. Norman, J. Richards, C. Greedy, W. White, R. Chapman. On Monday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. Norman, W. White, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, C. Greedy, F. King.

**WIVELISCOMBE.**—On Monday, April 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Winter, W. Andrews, R. Scott conductor, H. Norman, J. Richards, C. Greedy, W. White.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PAINSWICK.**—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 630 Grandire Triples. T. Wright, H. Grosvenor, S. Baker, W. Hale, A. Gwinnett, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. For evening service 648 Grandsire Caters. T. Wright, G. Miles, A. Gwinnett, C. West, H. Grosvenor, W. Hale, S. Baker, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A.

Hanks. On Easter Monday, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, G. Miles, S. Baker, W. Hale, A. Gwinnett, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. On Tuesday, April 21st, 1050 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, H. Grosvenor, S. Baker, W. Hale, A. Gwinnett, G. Miles, F. Cole, A. Hanks.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BLETCHLEY (Bucks).**—On Saturday, June 21st, 1008 Plain Bob Major. W. Sear, C. Herbert conductor, M. Lane, E. Herbert, R. Nicholls, W. Smith, F. Heges, H. Sear. On July 2nd, 350 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear, W. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, E. Marks, R. Leader, F. Goodman. 350 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, L. Meager, H. W. Sear, F. Hedges, H. Sear, E. Marks, W. Crane, sen., W. Crane, jun. 120 Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 behind. V. Sear, L. Meager, F. Hedges, W. Sear, H. Sear, J. Bagnell, F. Goodman, P. B. Giles. 120 Bob Doubles: V. Sear, L. Meager, F. Hedges, H. Sear conductor, F. Goodman.

**FENNY STRATFORD.**—On July 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Crane, W. Sear, G. Groves, H. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, W. Skilton.

**GREAT BRICKHILL (Bucks).**—On Saturday, July 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. M. B. Nepean, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Herbert, D. Harris, H. Sear, M. Matthews, E. Herbert, M. Lane conductor. 360 Kent Treble Bob. D. Harris conductor, C. Herbert, H. Sear, M. Matthews, M. Lane, E. Herbert.

**EAST TYTHERLEY.**—On July 9th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, Rev. C. Edwards, A. Butler, W. Butler, W. Read, G. Barnes, J. Arthur conductor, W. Downs. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Perrin, A. Garrett, W. Read conductor, Rev. Bashford, W. Butler, A. Butler, J. Arthur, H. Butler.

**EARLS COLNE.**—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. E. Brown, B. Brown, S. Fleuty, W. Rogers, J. Fleuty, W. Scillitoe conductor.

**GREAT HORKESELEY (Essex).**—On Tuesday, April 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Smith, F. Smith, G. Rashbrook, A. Smith, H. Mills, C. Green conductor. Another 720. C. Green, E. Smith, A. Smith, F. Smith, H. Mills, G. Rashbrook conductor.

**HARWICH.**—On Wednesday, April 1st, at the residence of Mr. W. Morris, 720 Plain Bob. Miss Lily Morris, Miss L. Morris, G. Thompson, A. T. Morris. On Saturday, April 4th, 720 Plain Bob. E. G. Fenn, G. Thompson, A. Ramsey, A. J. Morris. On Wednesday, April 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Miss Lily Morris, Miss L. Morris, G. Thompson, A. J. Morris. This is supposed to be the first change-ringing by ladies in Harwich.

**NORTH STONEHAM (Herts).**—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Munday, A. Marks, C. Fray conductor, W. Rowe, jun., W. Rowe, H. Carter. 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Munday, E. Dumper, C. Fray conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, Walter Rowe. Another 240. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe conductor, H. Carter. For service at 6.30 p.m. 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Munday, C. Fray, W. H. George conductor, W. Rowe, jun., W. Rowe, Walter Rowe.

**ROTHBURY (Northumberland).**—On Tuesday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. T. Ditchen, J. O. Marray, J. Ballantyne, J. Browell, J. J. Harrison, J. Hill, T. Murray conductor, T. Griscoes. Longest touch by all except the conductor, and the longest ever rung by local ringers.

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**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchling to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those who have not paid contributions for 1903 will oblige by doing so.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*  
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**The Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—The next district meeting will be held at Great Baddow to-day, Saturday, July 25th.

GEORGE GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the parish church, Todmorden, to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested. Business important.

JAS. JAGUES, *Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Staines to-day, Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4 o'clock, and St. Peter's from 6 o'clock (both 8 bells). Members and friends of the Association will be welcome.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Hillingdon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

W. ASHWORTH.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, the 8th. Belfry open from 2 p.m.: eight bells, tenor 17 cwt. Tea at Wandless' Refreshment Rooms, The Bank, 5 p.m., 9d. each to members, 1s. 3d. non-members. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary by Thursday, 4th August.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*  
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**SALTBURN-BY-SEA.**—On June 3rd, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. E. J. Watson, S. Smith, T. Barber, J. W. Ward, J. H. Blakiston, W. Loble, G. Hicks. On June 24th 672 Bob Triples. E. J. Watson, S. Smith, T. Barber, E. Bellwood, J. W. Ward, W. Loble, J. H. Blakiston, W. Barber.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On Friday, June 19th, 1472 Cambridge Surprise Major. W. Walland, J. Hall, J. H. Jones, J. Carter, C. Hall, W. Rudd, J. H. Blakiston conductor, T. Metcalfe.

**THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

**ALDINGTON (Kent).**—On Saturday, June 13th at the monthly meeting of the above, 720 of Bob Minor. F. Post, G. Billenness, S. Hopkins, N. J. Exeter, F. Wanstell, C. Tribe. On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, another 720. T. Post, G. Billenness, J. Sherwood, G. Hooker, C. Tribe, T. A. Vincett. Another after the same service. C. Slingsby, G. Billenness, J. Sherwood, F. Wanstell, C. Tribe, T. A. Vincett.

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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Henry S. Thomas has removed to Cumberland House, 119, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.—The Rev. H. Drake's address during August will be Solihull, Warwickshire.

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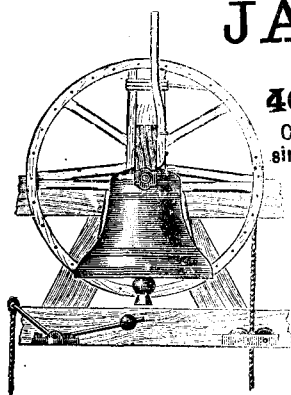
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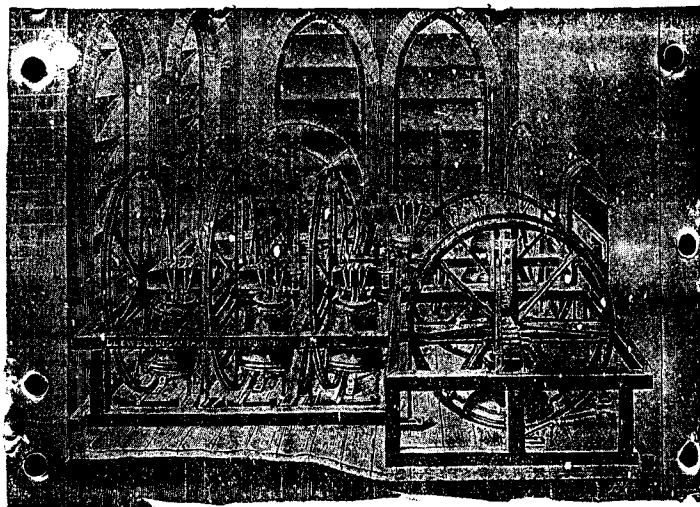
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONGTON (Staffordshire). St. John. Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1815. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1892. Ropes new, 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire). All Saints. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. All recently recast and rehung by Taylor. Tenor 30½ cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Frame part iron, part timber. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlative. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.40, and 5.50 to 6.25, except in Lent. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

LOUGHTON (Essex). St. John. Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Warner; the two trebles 1874, the rest 1866. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells are pealable. Rehung by Warner, 1888, and repaired in 1896. Ringers have recommended deadening of sound in ringing-chamber, which will be done when funds permit. Ropes about to be renewed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing by the "recognised parish ringers" is only call-changes. Hours not stated. The voluntary society of change-ringers practice Tuesday, 7.30, except in Lent.

LOUTH (Lincolnshire). St. James. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. The original peal probably all by Hedderly, as his name and the date 1726 appears on all but the three back bells, of which the 7th and tenor are dated 1746 and 1818 respectively, the 6th being undated. No founder's name to either of the three. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame.

Bells go fairly. Rehung by Hooper, 1872. Ropes are made locally as required, and not very well. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex). Holy Trinity. Eight bells. All by Van Aerschodt, 1886. Tenor 10 cwt. Timber frame. Back six only go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: first in month 10.15 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7. The two trebles have to be rung with clappers the wrong side in order to be heard.

LOW MOOR (Yorks). Holy Trinity. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1840. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the above Association was held at Ditchling on Saturday, July 25th, representatives being present to the number of about twenty from Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Balcombe, Buxted, Lindfield, Midhurst, Southover, Lewes, Three Bridges, and Ditchling. A few short touches of Minor were rung previous to the tea which was held in the schoolroom at 5.30, the Vicar of Ditchling (Rev. F. C. Norton) presiding; the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. B. Bennett) was also present. The minutes of the last meeting was read by the Hon. Divisional Secretary and passed. The Rev. H. L. Barrett Lennard, Rector of Crawley, was elected a Life Member of the Association.

It was proposed by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried, that the next quarterly peal in this division be attempted at St. Nicolas, Brighton, the method to be Grandsire Caters, the arrangements being left to the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Mr. A. B. Bennett then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for granting the use of the bells and presiding at the tea, remarking that he was in hopes of having had the pleasure of proposing the Vicar and members of the Ditchling band as members of the Association, but he had not yet been able to induce them to do so.

The Vicar in reply said he was glad to welcome the Association to Ditchling, and hoped when they come again to be able to entertain them to tea at the vicarage. They had not yet been able to make up their minds to join the Association, but they might do so later on.

The tower was then visited, and various touches in several Minor methods brought round, including Bob and Treble Bob Minor, Woodbine and College Exercise; the bells being lowered about 8.15 p.m.

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## MR. WILLIAM GREENLEAF.

(Now of Hereford.)

WILLIAM GREENLEAF was born on November 23rd, 1847, in the parish of Bethnal Green, and is consequently in his fifty-sixth year. A notable event is impressed upon his memory, viz.: the unfortunate fire which totally destroyed the then church of St. Matthew, with its ring of eight bells. Our readers will hardly need to be told that the present church of St. Matthew with its well-known ring of eight succeeded the church and bells which were thus destroyed. We think this notable conflagration occurred on a Saturday in the depth of winter, and on the following Sunday morning marriages were solemnised amid the ruins; the water left by the firemen's operations having frozen in the night, the weddings took place under canopies of immense icicles.

It may be stated as a fact that in consequence of Mr. Greenleaf getting employment at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (Mears and Stainbank) about the year 1868, he ultimately became a bell-ringer. His first introduction to a ringing company was at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, London. Here he received most willing and able assistance, and he ultimately became one of a band of voluntary ringers at that church, and at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, for more than twenty years; a period which he always remembers with pleasure. His first attempt to ring was at the old parish church of Walthamstow. Being one of a party who had walked out from Hackney for a pull, and such party being one short, he was asked to ring the tenor, an invitation he had some doubt in accepting, as he had not properly mastered a bell. His infantile essay, however, enabled the company to get a touch or two. His next attempt was at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where again a tenor-man was wanting; and this was his first introduction to such ringers as M. A. Wood, J. Pettit, H. W. Haley, W. Cooter, G. Muskett, H. Booth, and other lions of the Exercise. That modern product of the literary world known as an "interviewer" would no doubt be told by the subject of this memoir of the fear that he had not made the fullest use of those opportunities which the introduction to such men as the above-named afforded him. But he feels pleasure in the retrospect, a fond recollection it is to him that he has enjoyed their friendship for many years, and taken part in a great number of peals with them. Some have gone to their rest, but others are left at advanced ages, still taking an active part in the science, beloved and honoured.

The number of peals in which he has taken part cannot accurately be stated here; they number about 160 peals in all; on six, eight, ten and twelve bells: the longest being 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham; 8896 Treble Bob at St. Matthew, Bethnal Green; and the attempt at St. Michael's for the long peal of Stedman Cinques, when after ringing about 9000 changes, the affair collapsed. He took part in the first peal ever rung in Ireland, at Waterford Cathedral; also the first peal ever rung in Scotland at the old tower, Dundee, and was in the first double-handed peal on handbells ever rung in Wales. He has been a traveller in a small way, having been twice to New Zealand, Canada, Australia, etc.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF was employed at the Whitechapel Foundry for more than twenty years. During the greater part of this period he was the principal bell-tuner at that establishment, but desiring some change, and having a mind of almost infinite resource, he turned his

energies to church bellhanging also. The length to which he has achieved success in this department may be gauged by the numerous testimonials he has received from various quarters, a list of which lies before us as we write. These tributes of satisfaction with every bellhanging contract which he has undertaken, are of a nature of which any one may feel an honest pride. For some few years he was in partnership with Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury. This connection ended, he went abroad for a time, and on his return again commenced bellhanging and bell tuning operations, locating himself in the ancient city of Hereford. Now he has taken to himself—not a wife, for he remains in what is known as single blessedness—a partner, and the firm, according to the advertisement to be found only in this paper, is now "Greenleaf and Tristram."

In writing a sketch of the career of Mr. Greenleaf, there is one incident which ought not to be omitted, especially in the light of very recent events. Years ago, before the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were dreamt of, a strong meeting of ringers was frequently held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Sunday mornings. At one of these assemblies a conversation arose as to the want of an organ in the Press which ringers could regard as their very own, devoted to ringing interests only. Mr. Greenleaf's part in the conversation has not been forgotten. He energetically affirmed that if the talked-of organ comprised only one page, enough ringers would be found to adequately support it. The result of such an assertion, which was much considered by one or two individuals, eventually resulted in the foundation of this journal, though the "adequate support" prophesied may not have satisfied the hopes of those implicated in the effort.

In various sketches by several authors—notably our friend Mr. J. R. Jerram—the subject of this memoir has been alluded to more than once as "Mr. Redleaf."

## MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

(Vide Portrait.)

MR. WILLSON was born on August 12th, 1868, and is therefore in his thirty-fifth year. He learnt to ring a bell at a very early age at St. George's, Leicester, where two elder brothers (now deceased) rang, and bears scars on his head caused through falling from church gates while trying to reach the belfry when quite a boy. He commenced to ring under the tuition of the veteran John Buttery, and rang his first 6-score of Doubles on May 29th, 1882, when King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, opened the Abbey Park. Ringing was not very flourishing in Leicester about that time, and very little was done by the subject of our portraiture until 1889, when he joined the Midland Counties' Association. In that year he attempted a peal at Quorndon, which failed after ringing 3 hrs., but in 1891 he accomplished his first peal, viz.: 5093 Grandsire Caters, at St. Margaret's; and thenceforward went ahead like the proverbial steam-engine. His next venture was 6048 Treble Bob Major. Then came Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, the latter arranged for him and conducted by Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., at Loughborough. Then a 7008 of Kent; in short, he rang during his first year twenty peals, conducting two of them. Since that time opportunities have not been so great, but a glance at the annual reports of the Midland Counties' Association shew whose hand has organised the majority of the peal-ringing of Leicester and





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*(Of Hereford.)*





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Bob Triples ... ..	5	2
Bob Major ... ..	10	5
Stedman Triples ... ..	7	2
Stedman Caters ... ..	6	0
Stedman Cinques... ..	2	0
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	0
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	14	6
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	4	0
Grandsire Triples ... ..	22	12
Grandsire Major ... ..	3	2
Grandsire Caters... ..	13	7
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	1	0
Double Norwich Major ...	5	2
Superlative Surprise Major	2	0
London Surprise Major ...	1	0
	107	47

On handbells, MR. WILLSON has rung three peals of Grandsire Triples, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Stedman Triples (silent), two of Stedman Caters (one silent), and one peal of silent Stedman Cinques. Of the peals conducted by him he has called Holt's Original from every working bell; Thurstans's one-part, and Lates's one-part peals of Stedman Triples, the latter at the first attempt from a non-observation bell. He essayed and called at the first attempt, Harrison's 10,176 Treble Bob Major, in 6 hrs. 26 mins., and his 100th peal was 7001 of Caters, composed and conducted by himself. He was one of the band that opened the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1897, and was offered the position of steeplekeeper and Instructor at a salary of £52 per year, but MR. WILLSON was reluctantly compelled by circumstances to decline that offer. He is steeplekeeper of St. John the Divine, Leicester, where there is a grand ring of eight bells and a model belfry.

He has composed peals in every method he has rung, and is equally "at home" on any bell from treble to tenor, although he is usually found at the heavy end. His performances prove that he is a safe ringer and conductor, and youngsters turn to him for their "first peal." He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, North Lincolnshire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Durham and Newcastle, St. Michael's (Ashton-under-Lyne), Central Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, and the Midland Counties' Association. Not only as a ringer but as a writer is WILLIAM WILLSON known to the readers of this and other journals. Prose and verse, both grave and gay, have appeared from his pen. During the late Boer war he was one of the minority who were not carried away on the wave of excitement and militarism, and as a Christian Socialist he contributed freely to the advanced political press. He is no upholder of "my country—right or wrong." On the contrary, after one of General De Wet's gallant exploits, on the principle of "put yourself in his place," he wrote a poem which was speedily copied and freely published by the foreign press. The following is a stanza:

Hail to De Wet  
Prince of his fellows. Hail

Hemmed in a score of times—and yet  
Swept through his foemen like a gale.  
And red-eyed Britain stood with anger pale  
At her own helplessness; yet in her heart  
Full well she knew that had another Power  
Made war on thee, why then her part  
Had been to thee hero of the hour.  
Then shall our harps be dumb? Tho' e'en a foe  
Thou art the boldest we have ever met.  
Shall minstrelsy be sycophant? Ah, no!  
On History's page thy fame is set,  
And singers of a newer age  
Shall sing of thee,  
Bravo! De Wet.

His motto is "Thorough," as his ringing career and his writings bear witness, and although neither may bring him material gain, WILLIAM WILLSON, of Leicester, will leave a name behind him.

#### KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.

The "Lang Kirk of Craven," the venerable parish church of Kildwick—or as the Domesday Book quaintly spells it, "Childeuwick,"—on a recent Saturday entered on a new lease of religious service. The old fabric, battered by weather and the havoc of war, destroyed and rebuilt, enlarged and enlarged again, owes its present general shape to the builders and restorers of the time of Henry VIII., though the recumbent statue of Sir Robert de Styveton carries us back to 1307.

The extent of the present work has been much greater than was anticipated at the outset. The body of the church was found to have a distinct list to the southward, and the arcades were in a very dangerous condition. The chancel roof, in some parts eighteen inches out of normal position, has been ingeniously brought back covered with felt. New stone capitals have had to be freely inserted, and at numberless points, walls, flooring, and roof bear the marks of skilled restoration, the whole of the work having been carried out in fidelity to the general character of the structure.

Following the Rev. A. D. C. Thompson, who was Vicar in 1897 when the movement was started, the Rev. E. H. Morris and the present Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Brereton, have actively promoted the restoration scheme, and with such heartiness have their efforts been seconded, that of the £4000 which the entire scheme is expected to cost, nearly three-quarters have been raised. The patrons of the living increased their original offer of £300 to £750, and the Duke of Devonshire promised £100 when the amount raised should reach £3000.

The re-opening services was commenced on Saturday afternoon, July 18th, when the restored structure was crowded. The choir was reinforced by the choirs of Carleton, Cononley, Cowling, Skipton, Steeton and Sutton, and these, including a large and powerful contingent of female voices, sang under the direction of Mr. G. F. Sewell. Mr. Smith Wallbank (organist and choir-master of All Souls' church, Leeds), presided at the organ, whose improved tone and volume he brought out. The Vicar read the prayers, the Rector of Keighley (Rev. H. J. Palmer) read the first lesson, and the Rev. Canon Wilson (Bolton-by-Bowland) the second lesson. Smart's *Magnificat* was finely rendered, the sweetness of the sopranos being especially noticeable. The *Nunc Dimittis* was also Smart's setting; and Sir George Elvey's "I was glad" was rendered with deep feeling.



## 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."

## LIVERPOOL AND TRURO.

SIR,—Your excellent article on the bells at St. Nicolas, Liverpool, and your hope that proper provision will be made for a ring in the projected Cathedral, comes at an opportune time. The Cornwall people have nearly completed their new Cathedral—some 300 ft. in length—while Liverpool is still talking. The central tower at Truro—the gift of a Liverpool benefactor—is 154 ft. high without the spire, and some 27 ft. square inside. It was of course thought desirable that a fine ring of ten should be hung therein, and Mr. Taylor was got down. Alas! he found the tower useless for the purpose, as the architect has provided no turret staircase, nor indeed any access to tower above the roofs. The western towers are at present carried up to a height of nave walls only, 70 ft., and at that height are vaulted, and form a sort of western transept to the nave. But close over this vault comes the belfry stage, obstructed for some 20 ft. by nave roof, and so low that were a ring of bells hung, they could only be rung from the floor 70 ft. below, or a ringing loft must be inserted inside, as at Pershore. I may remind you that when bells are hung in one of two western towers (as at York, Lincoln, Beverley, Canterbury, St. Paul's, the Abbey, as also at Exeter and St. Patrick's, Dublin) the cills of belfry windows are kept well above the nave roof. Pity this simple matter was neglected at Truro, where otherwise the Cathedral is a glory to all concerned.

OLD RINGER.

P.S.—I refer to the western towers of Truro Cathedral as shown completed in the perspective view.

O. R.

## "STEEPLEAGE" IN SUSSEX.

SIR,—As a Sussex ringer I learn with very much regret that the system of "steepleage" has been introduced into our one and only ten-bell tower. Now, Sir, I am not opposed to this system where it is made a general practice, as I believe it is in London, but I must say, and in so doing I feel sure I am expressing the opinion of a large number of my fellow-ringers in Sussex, that to establish it in a district where all towers, as in the Sussex Association, are free and open to visitors, is a most uncalled for action. Against the members of the St. Nicolas Branch, Brighton, I have nothing to say individually. I number many of them among my best friends; but I cannot refrain from remarking that they have adopted a misguided line; those members, that is, who are responsible for it, for I understand that a few of them were not consulted in the matter. It is not the 3d. per man that is objected to, even though the steeple-keeper is a paid servant, and moreover rings in practically every peal attempted in the tower. It is the introduction of a principle, that with a view to extending the practice of our Art in Sussex, has hitherto been kept out of our local affairs, that is so objectionable. But even this is not all. What we ringers in Sussex cannot understand is that if a certain band, which at present shall be nameless, attempts a peal—I cannot say whether the same condition applies to all parties—they must pay, not only 2s. 6d. for steepleage, but 5s. extra for "past services." Was anything more stupid, more arbitrary or more in opposition to those principles of good fellowship upon which ringers pride themselves ever heard of? I apologise for trespassing to such an extent upon your valuable space with a matter that is more or less of purely local interest, but your columns are the only means of ventilating such points as this. If, however, the result is the removal of these ridiculous restrictions upon ten-bell peals in Sussex you will have served the cause of ringing in this county a good turn. Thanking you in anticipation, I hide my identity for the present under the *nom de plume* of

DISGUSTED.

## STEDMAN SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hampton's interesting letter it is quite certain that this method is an attempt to apply Stedman's Principle to six bells, but as all the bells do not do the same work it does not belong to the "Stedman Group." The method consists of a hunt and five working bells. It is therefore a

"plain method" and ought to conform to the laws of "plain methods." It is true that the treble need not be the hunt, but the same applies with equal force to all methods (vide Report on Methods.) The peculiar go-off usually adopted in Stedman is due to the fact that the method was developed direct from the old "plain change" in which it was usual to hunt the treble at once up behind.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## Obituary.

## CHARLES RUDD.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the above, who died from injuries received in the hay field a week previously. Deceased was one of the first to join the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1887. He was very keen on the Art of ringing, and although having only two peals to his credit since the formation of the Association, he had taken part in ringing in no fewer than 101 different steeples. Deceased was sixty years of age, and for upwards of forty years had been a member of the Dickleburgh company. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon in Thelveton churchyard, when the respect in which the deceased was held was testified by the large attendance at the interment. Four of the Dickleburgh ringers acted as bearers. At Dickleburgh the Rector made feeling allusion to the deceased, who had been most regular in his attendance at church, where he helped to ring prior to the services. On Monday evening several touches in various methods were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect by his brother-ringers.

## WILLIAM WALKER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence after a very short illness on July 7th, aged 64. He was a member of the parish church company, Leeds, for upwards of thirty years and was one of those who never forgot it was his duty to go to ring on Sunday, he always being at his post. He was a good striker and always took a pride in his ringing; he was also a good handbell ringer, but always said he would have to live to be a 100 if he got a handbell peal. He learnt his ringing at Burley church, at which place he rung his first peal on six on October 15th, 1859. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, having joined at its commencement; a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. He had quite a collection of six-bell methods, of which a number appeared in this paper on September 16th, 1882, September 23rd, and November 25th. The following are his list of peals: on six bells, 1; Grandsire Triples, 2; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 22, including a 10,176; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Caters, 1.

THE ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (SUFFOLK) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 6th, the members of this Society had their annual outing. Starting from their meeting house, The Six Bells inn at 8.20 a.m. in a well-appointed brake, the first halt was made at Felsham to pick up the remainder of the party. Then on to Rougham, where a capital 720 of Superlative Surprise was rung on the splendid ring of six, being the first on the bells; and 360 New London Pleasure. A move was then made for Woolpit, where a capital lunch had been provided by Host F. Stanley, of The Swan hotel. After lunch the chairman gave "The Health of the King," and a visit was then paid to the tower, where some touches in various methods were rung. Then on to Drinkstone, where an attempt for a 720 of Cambridge Surprise came to an untimely end. The party then wended their way to Felsham and rang a 720 of New London Pleasure. After two hours of pleasant entertainment the visitors had to take leave of their enthusiastic friends the brothers Kinsey, Gladwell and J. Horrex, all agreeing the outing to have been one of the most pleasantest the Society have had. They wish to thank the Clergy for the use of their bells, and the steeple-keepers for having everything in readiness.



## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. W. ASHWORTH.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wareham (8) on Monday, August 3rd. A peal will be attempted in the morning, followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m., and business meeting at 2 p.m. The bells will be available the remainder of the day for practice. Members and visitors cordially invited. Subscriptions due for 1903 will be thankfully received. MARTIN STEWART, Hon Sec.

Ferndown, Wimborne.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, August 8th next. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The August meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, the 8th. Belfry open from 2 p.m. : eight bells, tenor 17 cwt. Tea at Wandless' Refreshment Rooms, The Bank, 5 p.m., 9d. each to members, 1s. 3d. non-members. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary by Thursday, 4th August. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first annual meeting of the above will be held at Hastings on Saturday, August 15th, when it is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. A list of towers open and other particulars will appear next week or may be had by applying to C. TRIBE, British School Villas, Tenterden. Hon. Sec.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The practice and Sunday ringing will be suspended entirely during August. The first meetings will be on Friday, September 11th, and Sunday evening, September 13th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, Sec.

Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, of "Framewood," Stoke Poges, would be much obliged if Mr. J. W. Barker, of Bedford, would send his address to him.—We have a letter for Mr. F. Hopgood, of Reading. Would he send his address.

The New Palace Steamers announce that on account of the popularity of their present arrangements, they will not make any alteration in their sailings for the Bank Holiday period. The "Royal Sovereign" will sail as usual from Old Swan Pier at 9.20 a.m. for Margate and Ramsgate, and the "Koh-i-Noor" at 8.50 a.m. for Southend and Margate. "La Marguerite" on Saturday, 1st, and Sunday, 2nd August, to Southend and Margate from Tilbury, special train from Fenchurch Street, 9.45 a.m., St. Pancras at 9 a.m. (Sunday 9.40 a.m.), and on Monday, Bank Holiday, to Ostend and back, calling at Margate, special train from Fenchurch Street 6.15 a.m. Husbands' Boat to Margate, the "Koh-i-Noor," on Saturday afternoon, leaving Old Swan Pier at 1.50 p.m.

## Compositions.

### STEDMAN CATERS.

By HENRY DAINS, Cumberland Youths.

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512463	-	-	512463
513264	-	-	513264
315462	-	-	315462
312564	-	-	312564
314265	-	-	314265
514263‡			‡514263
415362	-	-	415362
412563	-	-	412563
413265	-	-	413265
314562	-	-	314562
312465	-	-	312465
315264	-	-	315264
513462	-	-	513462
512364	-	-	512364
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213564	-	-	213564
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\*This course obtained by bobs 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 55 and 9.

†These courses are obtained by bobs 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 810.

‡This course obtained by bobs 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Contains 6th 24 courses behind 9th in titmuss position, and 24 courses behind 8th in the home position. Round at hand next change.

### LATE NOTICE.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, the 22nd August. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's school at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. All members intending to be present must give me notice on or before Thursday, the 20th. Half railway fare will be paid up to 2s. A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

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[We have a letter; would you send your address.]

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1903.

THE few words of appeal we addressed last week to the building Committee of the proposed Liverpool Cathedral, has met with approval from a quarter very competent indeed to second our remarks. Our correspondent tells of a remarkable state of affairs in connection with the central tower of Truro Cathedral. Perhaps the present deficiency under which this tower suffers could be obviated somewhat if an architect who knew what was required was consulted. Such a man could be found, and we think we could put our hands upon him.

The building committee of the Liverpool Cathedral have now the instance of Truro before them. This fact ought to lead them to consider whether everything has



been arranged in the architect's plan for the proper reception of the bells. The architect may honestly be of opinion that all that is necessary to this end has been done. But with all due respect to the talents of such professional gentlemen the fact remains that they are generally ignorant of the needs of a tower for the reception of bells.

We know very well, and our numerous readers could point out defects in the details of many church towers which could in time have easily been prevented. A few moments' conversation between the architect and ringers previous to erection would doubtless keep matters straight, and the former would no doubt be agreeably surprised at the result of such an interview.

The thing now wanted is that the attention of the building committee of Liverpool Cathedral should be directed without delay to the facts above stated. Who will take on this duty? No doubt our correspondent will take care that these gentlemen have an opportunity of reading the numbers of this journal in which this question has been dealt with, but our Lancashire brethren should be on the alert notwithstanding.

#### EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

Some three years ago through the munificence of Sir Auckland Colvin, K.C.S.I., the church tower was thoroughly restored and the bells rehung in a bell frame. A place was prepared and left ready for a treble, which has now been presented by the same liberal donor. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Warner. The new bell has the following inscription in Latin, translated thus: "We who are now six bells, were for a long time only five; I came last, and celebrate again, with pleasant tongue, here whilst I hang, the happy day; DD Auckland Colvin, 1903." The parishioners were delighted with the improvement effected by the introduction of the new bell.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 2.	*HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. Treble.	†HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	*FRANK SMITH .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 8.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 5.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN

†First peal of Treble Bob Royal. \*First peal on ten bells.

#### LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

##### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, July 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM HANCOX .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5.
JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. JAGGAR.

Further reference will be found elsewhere.

#### HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by DANIEL PRENTICE.

#### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS* .. .. Treble.	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 7.
THOMAS BETTISON* .. .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 8.
JOHN FLINT* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 9.
BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY* .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

\*First peal in the method.

#### GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, July 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 7.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 9.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

#### WORCESTER.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

CHARLES JONES* .. .. Treble.	HARRY MIDDLETON .. .. 5.
HENRY WILKES .. .. 2.	*FRANK DUNAWAY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BRIGHT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON .. 7.
ALBERT HILL .. .. 4.	THOMAS MALIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WILKES.

\*First peal. This was H. Middleton's 10th peal a list of which appears elsewhere.



## WILLINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## 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 9½ cwt.

THOMAS M. WRIGHT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
JOHN W. BARKER .. 2.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 5.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

JAMES RUMBLE .. Treble.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. Tenor.

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

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD .. Treble.	FRANK FAY .. 5.
GEORGE SWANN .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 7.
EDWARD STRINGER .. 4.	*GEORGE PARSONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Pope Leo XIII.  
\*First peal.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, July 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HARFORD* .. Treble.	JOSEPH SMITH .. 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.
JOHN BASS* .. 3.	*FRED PLANT .. 7.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. 4.	*ALBERT J. SKELDING .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, July 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. CGLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

LKWIS WATSON .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—H. Fields. First peal of Major by L. Watson, aged 14, to whom great credit is due.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Tribe, E. Johnson, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, May 24th, before evening service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, 1248 changes, in 45 mins. H. Hatton, A. Frankum, B. Chorley, G. Gunner, A. H. Pulling, R. Wood, C. Willshire, F. Blondell conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Blondell.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday, July 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A LeClercq, A. Baigent, H. Garfath, jun., A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, E. Clapshaw, H. Garfath, sen. conductor, H. Jarratt. On Sunday, July 12th, for Divine Service, 350 in the same method. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, jun. conductor, T. Upsall, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, H. Garfath, sen., H. Kimber.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Saturday, June 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1280 Bob Major, composed by H. J. Tucker. G. Jordan, H. Little, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. W. T. Prior, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little. On Wednesday, July 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise, 1120 changes. I. Hammond, H. J. Tucker, G. Gordon, J. Luckey, G. Barker, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, J. Cavill. On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, 704 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Little, G. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, June 21st, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Rowland, sen., B. S. Thompson, H. Richell, W. Newman, A. Bradley, W. Rowland, jun. conductor, A. Whight, H. Rolfe.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, May 26th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Bentley, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On May 31st, 720 Plain Bob. I. Whalley, J. T. Yates, A. Houldsworth, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bentley, J. T. Yates, A. Houldsworth, J. J. Haworth, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, first in the method by J. T. Yates and A. Houldsworth. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Tuesday, June 16th, 720 Craven Delight. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, I. Whalley, J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band, and first on the bells. On Sunday, June 21st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. For evening song, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, June 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, July 12th, for Matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob For Evensong 720 Violet.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, May 23rd, 1080 Grandsire Doubles, being nine 6-scores, each called differently. B. Etheridge conductor, J. M. Turner, W. Etheridge, F. Belcher, A. Dance, T. Taylor. And 240 by the same, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to a deceased parishioner. On Whit Sunday, May 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Taylor, J. M. Turner, B. Etheridge conductor, F. Roberts, F. Belcher, O. Tuffley. A 360. T. Taylor, F. Belcher, J. M. Turner, F. Roberts, A. Dance, B. Etheridge conductor. And 360 by the same.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 22nd, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's variation, in 46 mins. S. Thomas conductor, F. Ward, A. Ward, W. Noble, C. Haynes, T. Sawyer, R. Harrison, H. Allen. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Alfred Ward, ringer of the 3rd, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STAUNTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently. T. Taylor, H. T. Mayes, B. Etheridge conductor, J. M. Turner, R. Brunson, W. Boucher.



## THE PEAL AT LLANBADARN FAWR.

The organisation of the trip to this interesting church was the inception of Mr. John Bradney, of Shifnal, and it was his original intention that the band should be a Salop Guild band. This not being found possible, a band of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham was got together, and curiously enough it was discovered that each of the eight was a native of a separate county, so that in this way the counties of Hampshire, Wiltshire, Middlesex, Oxford, Worcester, Warwick, Stafford and Shropshire were each represented.

Starting from Shifnal by an early train on the morning of the 18th of July, it was expected to reach the destination about noon, but something unfortunately went wrong with the Great Western Railway, with the result that after a long and tedious journey with many stoppages Aberystwith was not reached until nearly 3 p.m.

After a short interval and slight refreshments the band got away again to Llanbadarn Fawr, and were soon admiring the noble church and Bob Major tower—the latter measuring about 30ft. 6 ins. square inside by 41 feet square outside. No single detail which could add to the pleasure and comfort of the visitors had been overlooked by the local ringers, and their leader, Mr. Simon, so that the bells and ropes being found in excellent order, a start was quickly made for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The long and tedious journey had however told its tale, and after little more than an hour's excellent ringing, one of those little contretemps occurred which bring matters to a close.

Arrangements having previously been made to meet the local ringers and be their guests at a dinner at Garner's restaurant in Aberystwith, there was insufficient time to start again that evening, so that the renewed attempt was deferred until the next morning. A capital five-course dinner was provided and served in a manner which did the greatest credit to the staff of the establishment. Mr. Godden was unanimously elected chairman, and after dinner, when a few well-chosen words had been said by him, which seemed to place every one on fairly good terms with each other and themselves, the remainder of the evening was enjoyed in social harmony. The popularity seemed mainly centred on the instrumental music, the visitors having a splendid set of handbells with them, which they seemed able to manipulate equally well either in tunes or changes. The songs by the local ringers, including two or three duets, spoke well for the proverbial musical taste for which inhabitants of the principality are celebrated.

Too soon the close arrived, with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the National Anthem.

Returning again to Llanbadarn, where the necessary accommodation had been secured, the visitors were early astir on the Sunday morning for a 6.30 start, unfortunately delayed a quarter of an hour through a misunderstanding about a key. A tolerably quick beat set at the start was maintained throughout, and the peal brought round, allowing sufficient time for breakfast and attendance at the Welsh service afterwards.

A journey to the Devil's Bridge and back by rail in the afternoon brought up time for a meeting in the belfry with the local ringers. Touches of Grandsire were rung with Mr. Senior's assistance on the treble, and afterwards touches of Stedman and Plain Bob by the visitors.

In response to an invitation by Messrs. Bradney and Godden, several of the inhabitants of Llanbadarn, including the choir-master, Mr. Jones, Mr. Simon, and members of the choir were afforded an opportunity of listening to a choice selection of music on the handbells rendered by Messrs. Miller, Short, Hancox, and Watts, and capital touches of Caters by the aforesaid and Mr. Jaggard.

Early in the morning the visitors were again astir for fresh fields, enlivening their departure from Llanbadarn by tuning all the way into Aberystwith, and at many a station on their way home.

## BLACKPOOL.

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## THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.

A feature in connection with the ringers of St. Mary's, Woolwich is that they have for many years past made it a point to have an annual outing, and to enable them the more readily to do this it has been their practice during the year (from Whit-Sunday to the next Whit-Sunday) to subscribe a weekly contribution to the ringers' fund. The annual meeting was held on Whit-Tuesday, and after the balance-sheet had been submitted the officers for the ensuing year were elected, and the outing fixed for Saturday, June 27th, the place selected being Hythe. So on the day named the party left Woolwich at 6.45 a.m. in good spirits, the weather being delightfully fine, which added a charm to the journey. Arrangements had been made previously with Mr. T. Richards, Secretary of the Hythe band, for the use of the bells both at Hythe and at Folkestone, and as Mr. Richards had recently taken over the King's Head, he offered to cater for them as regards the dinner, which the Woolwich band unanimously accepted. Arriving at their destination at 10.10 they had a long day before them, but having breakfasted early their appetites were naturally sharpened, so the visitors made their way to their headquarters for some refreshment. Then a stroll to the shore through the ladies' walk (which is a beautiful avenue of trees). Mr. Gower met them at St. Leonard's church, and a touch of Grandsire and Stedman was brought round. The houses in the crypt were next inspected, and as one o'clock had arrived, the hour to dine, The King's Head was accordingly made for, and seventeen sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. W. J. Aldridge, of the Woolwich band presided, supported by Mr. Gower of the Hythe ringers. The courses were got through without any difficulty, and the repast was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Richards was called, and complimented for the excellent provision he had made to appease even the appetites of ringers. A vote of thanks to Mr. Masters was passed for his services in connection with the outing. It was also suggested and carried out that the waitress should receive a pair of gloves. The party then took tram for Folkestone, and ascending by the Sandgate lift brought them to the Leas, the fashionable promenade of Folkestone, at the end of which SS. Mary and Eanswith church is situated. Here Mr. Seeley was in readiness, and two touches of Grandsire were brought round. After tea a move was made to the station for the homeward journey, and Woolwich was reached at 11 p.m. after another enjoyable day's outing.

Thanks are due to the Rev. H. D. Dale, of Hythe, and the Rev. Erskine Knowles, of Folkestone, for the use of the bells, and to all others who helped to make the day a success.

The S. E. and C. Railway kindly provided reserved accommodation, and the journey both down and up was quickly performed. Mr. W. Woodford, churchwarden of Woolwich, kindly supplied cigars for the occasion.

## LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Kirkburton, on Saturday, August 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting house The George Hotel. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

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## THE METHOD-BUILDERS.



I read somewhere, a long time ago, a very pretty legend about one of the Ancient Fathers of the Church—I think it was St. AMBROSE—to the effect that while asleep in his cradle, to the intense horror of those about him, a swarm of bees settled upon his face, and though they remained some time apparently busy with their mandibles they at length flew away, and the little sleeper was discovered harmless and unhurt. I have named St. AMBROSE, though it might have been St. JEROME, but to make sure I would ask you to refer to that most excellent work—"Chambers's Encyclopædia," a work in my opinion second to none of its kind for clearness and perspicacity.

After reading this you will naturally say—"But what has this to do with the above illustration—'The Method-Builders?'" There is an old adage to the effect that everything comes to those who can wait. It may be so, but I have waited a long time for an avuncular relative somewhere in Alaska to leave me a fortune, and still am waiting, and I fear I am likely to keep on. This is parenthetical. But let me tell you that the result of the vagaries of this swarm of bees [you know the terrible insects belonged to an Eastern clime, and were more to be feared than our native product] was to create a belief in the minds of the relatives of the infant that he would be a prodigy, become a great man, and make a noise in the world. So he did.

My collaborateurs on this paper say I am getting too colloquial. "If you are going on like this," say they, "you will be pulled up directly. Better say something about the picture." Well, if anyone who reads this does not know the two gentlemen represented in the above illustration, he must be told. They are John Carter and Henry Dains. The latter with the aid of his index finger is no doubt trying to impress J.C. with the beauty (or otherwise) of some new method lately built,

or the topic may be "legitimacy," or Surprise *versus* Marvel, or fifty other things. Henry has a slightly dictatorial manner at times, so don't fail to notice the energy he is throwing into his argument with the aid of the index finger aforesaid. Our old friend John unfortunately suffers from deafness, and thus he is seen trying to catch every word. There are two method-builders in close consultation, you see. What they said of course I cannot actually relate. If our friend Mr. Trollope was in close proximity he might tell us, and he could not be very far off, for he took the photograph from which the above sketch was taken, and it was sent by him to the Editor, and that is how it came into my hands. Perhaps some one was behind the door. Was friend John Rogers located there? I expect not; else he would surely have been heard objecting. [Don't reply, John.]

Here is my application of the above legend. The celebrated Henry Dains first saw the light just as a peal of Treble Bob Major came round not far away. In his teething-days it was observed that the sound of bells attracted him; and on his fifth birthday he was heard to mutter something which sounded like "course-ends." Who can doubt then that the belief that he would become a prodigy was very strong in those days. We know he is a prodigy now. As method-builder, composer, and ringer he stands out in bold relief. The late John Cox was once heard to say that Harry Dains was the best Treble Bob composer in London. And so he was. Then I say that the legend connected with his infancy has been fulfilled.

Now for our friend John—the great "J.C." of Birmingham. There are no legends current about him whatever. He came into the Exercise late in life in connection with the ringers of his native town of Darlaston, where he used to be told by a venerable gentleman who is still alive that he was gettin' on too fast. He is a museum of cleverness and skill: ringer, caller, conductor, composer, and double-handed handbell ringer, doing all these things well. Then look at his mechanical abilities. It is matter for regret that I am unable to write about these, because I am not a mechanic, and could not tell the difference between a cam and an eccentric. But the great J.C. knows all these things. He can ring touches of Bob Major up in his bedroom, or rather I should say hear them ring, for he has only to set his wonderful machine going, and he can have touches in all, or any method—legitimate or illegitimate.

And these two brother-strings are method-builders. Alliance, Forward, Champion, Barnsbury Bob and others they have invented. They didn't come over with the Conqueror, though if the Conqueror had been present at the above interview they would have come over him very soon. Take another look at them. Henry laying down the law, and John laying hold of about one-eighth of what he is saying. You may depend upon it a great many of us are being brought out—method-builders and those who decry method-builders. They may have a word or two upon preferential tariffs, and the other great J.C., of Birmingham, for all we know. They won't be thinking of what ought to be considered a true peal; or whether a bob-caller should be allowed to "call" from manuscript, because they consider such questions absolutely puerile. Once more, John, we will ring the ting-tang.

PLAIN SPEAKER.





"THE METHOD-BUILDERS."

*See page 226 of "THE BELL NEWS."*



## EASTWOOD, DERBYSHIRE.

The question of improving the bells and belfry at St. Mary's church, which was first introduced at the annual Easter Vestry, took a practical turn recently, when at a public meeting held in the schoolroom it was unanimously resolved to erect an entirely new peal of eight bells as a memorial to the memory of the late Rector. And not only was this important step resolved upon, but considerable financial progress was made towards the purchase fund, something like £60 in money and a tenor bell being promised. That the step taken by the meeting will meet with liberal public support there is little doubt, for no more fitting memorial to the late Rev. H. W. Plumptre, who laboured for so many years in the town, and commanded the respect of all classes of the community, could have been formulated. The present peal of bells, on examination, proved to be of inferior metal and in too dilapidated a condition to warrant any addition or alteration, and any idea of improvement in that respect at a smaller outlay had to be abandoned, the only course open for a satisfactory and beneficial improvement being the one adopted by the meeting.

The Rev. Barker Lumb presided, and was supported by the Rev. A. H. Plumptre, the newly-appointed Rector, and Messrs. J. Sheldon and G. Jordan (churchwardens). There was a good attendance.

The chairman having read a letter from the Eastwood Urban Council to the effect that they had decided to take no action in the matter, submitted a number of tenders, and it was estimated that a peal of eight bells would cost from £750 to £800. On the proposition of Mr. Sheldon, seconded by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to establish a fund for the erection of a new peal of eight bells, as a memorial to the late Rector. A strong committee of ladies and gentlemen was elected to carry out the work, Mrs. E. Hopkin (Ellerslie House), accepting the presidency of the ladies' committee, and the Rev. A. H. Plumptre the gentlemen's committee, the latter of which includes in addition to others, sidesmen of the church, choir members, and bell-ringers. The Rev. A. H. Plumptre said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to accept that position. He felt exceedingly glad that the first occasion on which he appeared before them was a gathering met to consider some fitting memorial to the late Rector. He could assure them that when he came in the autumn to reside amongst them, he should do all in his power to further the object, and thought if they all worked together, although it would probably take some little time, they would have no difficulty in eventually obtaining the new bells.

Messrs. J. Sheldon, A. Bates, and F. Rowley were appointed joint secretaries, and Mr. C. K. Kirby, of the Midland Counties' Bank, treasurer. It was decided to issue circulars, setting forth the object of the memorial, and appealing for the support of the district, and the Secretaries were empowered to obtain collecting books, and also cards for children, to be distributed at a further meeting to be held in the schoolroom.

Dr. Tressider expressed a hope that the subscription list would be opened at that meeting. He hoped they would have many larger subscriptions than his, but he was prepared to give £5, providing one hundred other subscriptions of a similar amount were given. Other subscriptions were promised as follows: Mrs. E. Hopkin (Ellerslie House), £10 (first instalment), Rev. A. H. Plumptre, £10; Messrs. J. Sheldon, H. Chambers, C. E. Barker, J. Bricknell, F. D. Smith, and G. Jordan, £5

each; E. Manners and A. Bates, two guineas each. Mr. Wyld, on behalf of the ringers, promised a gift of the tenor bell. Since the meeting Mrs. T. H. Bostock (Darley Dale), and Mr. John Limb have promised £5 each.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

A special general meeting of the Bolney Society was held in the parish room on Wednesday week for the purpose of offering the congratulations of the society to the oldest member, Mr. G. Walder, sen., who reached his 80th birthday on June 7th last, and also to present him with a more tangible token of regard, in the shape of a beautifully-upholstered grandfather's chair, fitted with a book-rest, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Society. The Vicar, the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft presided, and called on the Captain, Mr. D. D. Denman, to introduce the business. Mr. Denman explained that on it becoming known that their veteran member had reached four-score years, it was suggested to him (Mr. Denman), that the Society should mark the event in some special manner, and on his consulting with the other members, they were unanimous in their approval of the suggestion, and a subscription list was opened, kindly headed by the Vicar, and supported by Mr. Hole (churchwarden) and all the members of the Society. With the money raised they had purchased the articles above described, which he now asked their president to hand to Mr. Walder. Complying with this request, the Vicar expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet them on such an occasion, and said he especially admired the motives which had prompted the members to take up this matter. In addressing Mr. Walder he said that (if Mr. Walder would pardon him saying it) he was getting to be an old man, and his brother ringers evidently wished that he might spend his remaining years in ease and comfort. He asked him to accept the present, with the hearty good wishes of the Society, and hoped he would live to enjoy its comfort for many years to come.

Mr. Walder, who was completely taken by surprise, said he could not find words to express his thanks to them, and on being assured that they did not expect a speech, he took his seat in the chair, amid loud applause. In reply to a question by the Vicar, Mr. Walder said he had been more or less connected with the bells of Bolney church for sixty years, although he had not had an opportunity of practising change-ringing till comparatively recent years. He rang the third bell in his first and only peal, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, on November 9th, 1894, being then in his 72nd year, and this was the first peal by a purely local band for close on fifty years. He was appointed parish clerk at the Ladytide Vestry meeting in 1862, and continued in office till Michaelmas, 1902 (40½ years), when he retired on a pension, being succeeded by his son, Mr. G. Walder, jun. He rang the second in a 504 of Grandsire Triples on his 80th birthday.

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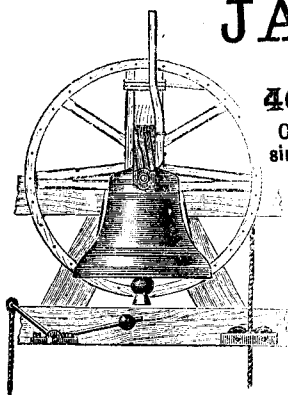
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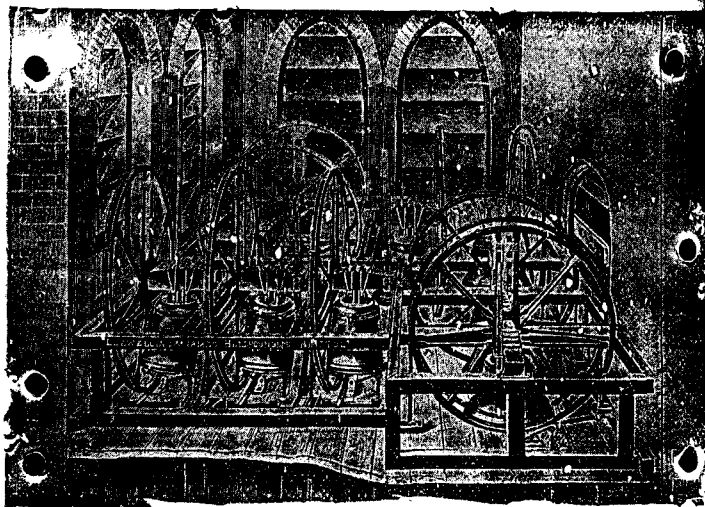
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON. Aldgate. St. Botolph. Eight bells. No return.

Barking. All Hallows. Eight bells. No return.

Battersea. St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Janaway, 1777. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Banks within the last few years. Bells require quartering. A chiming apparatus is fixed. The clock has a separate bell by Mears, 1824. Ropes new 1892, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays, 10. Practice: Tuesdays, 8.

Bermondsey. St. James. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1828. Tenor 27 cwt. diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. No practice.

Bethnal Green. St. Matthew. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1861. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Mears at different dates since first put up. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. No practice. Bells all destroyed by fire 1859. Mr. M. A. Wood has been steeplekeeper since 1843, and his father and grandfather held the post before him.

Bishopsgate. St. Botolph. Eight bells. No return.

Blackfriars Road. Christ Church. Eight bells. No return.

Bow. St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

Camberwell. St. George. Eight bells. All by Dobson, 1823. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1895. Ropes worn. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.30, irregular.

St. Giles. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1844. Tenor 25

cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner, 1898. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: "All methods." No Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Thursdays, 8.

Cheapside. St. Mary-le-Bow. Twelve bells. No return.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival in connection with the above Guild was held at Witney on Monday, July 13th. The arrangements for the festival was admirably carried out by the Festival Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. H. Cocks), who received valuable help from the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Witney and Woodstock branch. During the morning a peal of Stedman Triples, a variation of Thurstan's four-part, was rung. A special service was held at twelve o'clock in the parish church, at which there was a goodly number of members present. The prayers were intoned by the Rector of Witney (Rev. Canon Norris). The special Psalms were cxxii and cl. The Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton), read the first lesson, Ecclesiastes ix., from verse 10; and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden, Reading), read the second lesson, Ephesians iv. The hymn, "O praise ye the Lord," was sung before the sermon.

The Archdeacon of Oxford preached an excellent sermon from Acts xvii., part of verse 16: "While Paul waited for them at Athens his spirit was stirred within him."

The hymn, "O God our help in ages past," was sung at the close of the sermon, and the Blessing was given by the Ven. Archdeacon.

Immediately following the service, the annual business meeting was held in the upper room at the Corn Exchange.

The Hon. Secretary having read the minutes of the previous meeting, those were confirmed. He then announced that the new Archbishop of Canterbury had accepted the office of patron of the Guild, and the new Archdeacons of Berks and Oxon the offices of vice-presidents, with the Archdeacon of Bucks. The officers were all re-elected.—On the proposition of Canon Drummond, seconded by Mr. Pike, it was resolved to hold the 1904 festival at Windsor; and on the proposition of Mr. W. P. Routh, seconded by the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, Sonning was selected for this year's autumn meeting. Canon Drummond proposed that a grant of two guineas be made to Wokingham.—Mr. Cox moved as an amendment that the consideration of the grant be deferred until the end of the financial year.—On a division, Canon Drummond's motion was carried.—The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis proposed that a grant of one guinea be made to Burford conditionally on the sum required for the necessary work to the tower not having been subscribed. Mr. F. Bissley seconded, and this was agreed to.—The Rev. F. G. Coleridge gave a most interesting resume of the Central Council meeting, held at Westminster, which he attended in company with the Master, Mr. F.



Hopgood, and Mr. W. P. Routh, as delegates from the Oxford Guild. A statement was made by the Secretary as to the financial position of the Guild, showing that for several years past there had been a deficiency. A sub-committee, consisting of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, the Rev. G. H. Coleridge, Messrs. A. H. Cocks, J. Evans and G. Martin was appointed to consider the financial position of the Guild.—The confirmation of the election of new members concluded the business, and the members repaired to the large room for dinner. Dr. Batt (the Rector's churchwarden at Witney) presided, his co-churchwarden (Mr. J. Swingburn) being also amongst the company, which numbered in all about 90. On the conclusion of the dinner,

The Chairman proposed the toast of "Church and King," which was loyally received.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Diocesan Guild of Bellsingers," said he could remember the time when the belfry and bellringing was on a very different footing to what it was now. He thought if they might regard the clergy as the officers of the Church's army, they might look upon the bellsingers as the buglers of that army. He believed he might tell them that the Guild was in a very flourishing condition, and he hoped that this visit to Witney would not be the last. He was sure he might venture on behalf of his fellow-churchwarden, and if he might say so, on behalf of the Urban District Council also, to welcome the Guild to Witney that day, and hoped they would often come again.

The Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), on rising to reply to the toast, with which his name had been coupled, was received with applause. He said he thanked them very heartily for the way in which they had received his name. With regard to the present condition of the Guild, they had already heard that financially they were fast drifting into a state of bankruptcy, and he hoped that the committee which had been appointed that morning might be able to devise some way of solving that difficulty. With regard to their operations, it would be a good thing for them all if they could remember and carry into practice the most sensible remarks which they had heard from the pulpit that morning. It was said of the parsons that they said many things from the pulpit that the people could not understand, but he was certain that everyone present that morning could, without any great mental effort, understand every word which had been spoken to them. As for himself, he could only say that if God blessed him with health and strength he would continue to do his best for the Guild in every possible way, as he had hitherto done. As Witney was a remote part of the diocese, it might be well if he were to make known their line of work. Other members of the Guild with himself were at any time ready to visit any parish and give their opinion and advice on the state of the parish church bells, and the best thing to be done. They had, as a guild, done some very important work in that neighbourhood, and were at all times ready to give their advice and help. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present to Mr. Pike a smoker's oak cabinet in recognition of his efficient and courteous services as hon. secretary of the Reading branch, and he was sure they were all sorry that Mr. Pike had felt obliged to resign.

Mr. Reeves (assistant hon. secretary), then read the following inscription on the cabinet: "Presented to Arthur W. Pike, by the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellsingers, as a recognition of his valuable services as hon. secretary, July 13th, 1903."

Mr. Pike, in acknowledging the presentation, said he must say he was surprised at their kindness, and felt like a pike out of water. He could honestly say that words entirely failed him to express his deep feeling of the gratitude to those members who had made him such a handsome present. He looked back with pride and pleasure upon the eight years of his being secretary and treasurer of the Reading branch, for they had been eight years of prosperity and progress, and he could only hope that similar prosperity and progress would attend the branch in the future. During the time of his secretaryship he had received the greatest support from all the members and clergy in the branch, and he wished his successor, Mr. Reeves, the best of luck in connection with his office.

The Rev. Canon Drummond proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Oxford for having come over and preached so excellent and practical a sermon. He had also to propose a vote of thanks to Canon Norris for having so kindly received them that day, and for the service which he had so kindly arranged in that beautiful church. If that were a remote part of the diocese it was also a very beautiful part, and he was sure they would all carry away with them most pleasant recollections of that day. Then, besides Canon Norris, the Rector of the parish, they must also remember the services of the organist and choir, for which they were also very thankful.

The Archdeacon of Oxford said he would not detain them more than a moment, just to say how very glad he had been to come there that day, because one always wished to be associated with good honest Church work, and that he thought fully described the work of church bellringing.

Canon Norris said there were two faults to find with this toast; one was that there was no time to speak, and the other, and a very real one, was that he thought the thanks ought to be the other way. And he really did feel it was a great pleasure and privilege and honour that the guild of bellsingers in that diocese, to which he was glad to say he belonged, should choose Witney for its place of meeting. It had been a great delight to him to receive there that day, and also to welcome the members of that Guild.

Canon Blagden proposed the health of "The Chairman," and in doing so, said he was himself a oldish member of the Guild, and had a deep sense of the intense value the Guild was, and of the great benefit it had conferred on the diocese. Dr. Batt suitably replied.

The gathering then broke up, and parties visited different towers in the neighbourhood. One party drove to Burford, and rang several touches in different methods on the parish church bells. Another party drove to Ducklington and Stanton Harcourt, time however not allowing of a call at Northmoor or Eynsham. Several of the members visited the Witney tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung.

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

## STEDMAN SLOW COURSE.

SIR,—May I add a few words supplemental to Mr. Trollope's letter last week? There is no evidence whatever connecting this method with Stedman himself. It does not appear in Stedman's writings, nor does he give the faintest hint of applying his principle to even numbers. The Slow Course makes its first appearance in ringing literature in "The Clavis," more than half-a-century after Stedman's death, and what the authors of that work say about it makes it clear that they did not attribute it to Stedman, but regarded it merely as an adaptation by a subsequent hand of his 6-score to Minor. We know that this sort of thing was common enough in the period between Stedman's day and the publication of "The Clavis;" for it was within this period that Bob Triples and Grandsire Major blossomed into being. The Slow Course, therefore, can throw no light on the reason for the go off adopted by Stedman, the explanation of which by Mr. Trollope is undoubtedly the true one.

R. A. DANIELL.

## THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MIDDLEWICH.

SIR,—With further reference to the above, and also my last letter, the sub-committee appointed to consider the question met at Stockport on Monday, August 3rd, and after hearing all the evidence came to the conclusion that Mr. Mann had not proved his case, and the peal is to be entered in the Chester Diocesan peal-book.

F. T. SPENCE.

## AN OPINION WANTED.

SIR,—I should like to know your opinion and also that of your readers upon the following:—Just recently I had occasion to write to one of the officers of the Ely Association, using a post-card that I had had the words "Ely Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers" printed thereon, and in a reply to the same (after dealing with the matter upon which I wrote) the following sentence appeared: "I do not understand upon whose authority you use the printed title of the Association upon your post-cards, and must request you to kindly discontinue the same."

I consider that any member of any Association has the right when corresponding with brother-ringers to use the name of their Association, whether printed or otherwise.

Clare, Suffolk.

DANIEL GRIDLEY.

## Obituary.

## ROBERT JORDAN.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above well-known ringer at his native place, Capel, in Surrey, which event took place on July 14th, at the comparatively early age of 48 from that terrible disease—cancer. The deceased, who was of a very quiet and amiable disposition, first learnt to ring with his own brothers at Capel, and after a few years of excellent progress, the Capel company mastered all the then known methods on six bells. Moving to Crawley in Sussex the deceased made great headway, mastering all the standard methods on eight bells. Being an excellent striker and a most steady ringer, he could always be relied on, for he was safe for any peal. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Sussex Association, and the Winchester Guild. Over 100 peals he scored, comprising two or three long lengths, the most notable of which was the record peal of Superlative at Crawley, in which he rung the 6th. The interment took place on the 18th ult., and a half-hour before his brother-strings assembled and rang the wholepull and stand with the bells deeply muffled as the cortege drew near the church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Howel. Afterwards a 720 of Kent was rung in which a very old and dear friend—Mr. H. Burstow of Horsham—took part. The bells were also rung for both services muffled on the following Sunday. Thus we leave him, resting from his labours. The bells so near and dear to him still ring on, until the time shall come when all shall be changed. R. I. P.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A special meeting of the East Dorset Branch was held at Wimborne on July 4th to consider the resignation of the branch secretary, Rev. F. B. Phillips. The Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell, chairman, presided. The attendance was much the smallest since the branch was started, only very short notice having been possible. Members were present from Sturminster Newton, Wimborne, Bournemouth, Christ Church, Ringwood, Verwood, West Moors, and Hampreston. After a number of members had been nominated, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart was at length unanimously elected. The Rev. J. E. Phelps (of Hinton St. Mary) was elected assistant secretary in addition to the Rev. C. H. Phillips. The Diocesan Secretary, who was present, expressed his regret, that, owing to an error on his part, the branch had been deprived of its one representative among the ordinary members of committee at the annual meeting, but that he would take care that both assistant secretaries were summoned to all meetings in order to equalize matters. The meeting then proceeded to elect the representative for the branch on the committee, and the Rev. H. Drake was chosen. The chairman then brought up the question of the discrepancy between the list of members in the branch report and in the diocesan report. It was proposed by Mr. Newman, and carried unanimously, that the same two years grant for payment of subscriptions be allowed as in the other branches, and that the list of names be printed in the diocesan report exactly as in the branch report. The diocesan secretary said he would agree to this, though "it went against his conscience." With regard to the alteration of rules proposed by the branch at their last meeting, the diocesan secretary promised an early meeting in the autumn, and it was decided to leave the matter in the chairman's hands.

## INTERESTING CEREMONY AT EXETER.

A pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Sidwell's on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when the Rev. M. Kelly unveiled an alabaster tablet, presented by Messrs. Hems and Herbert (vice-presidents of St. Sidwell's society), to record the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung by an Exeter band alone, and who were members of the St. Sidwell's society. The society had secured two peals of Caters this year, and a peal board recording the second peal, was tastefully written for the society by Mr. Laver, the hon. sec. of the Heavitree branch of the Guild. The tablet and peal board were accepted, in the absence of the Rector (who was away from home) by the senior churchwarden, Mr. Norton. Mr. Lucas (the junior warden) thanked Messrs. Hems and Herbert for their gifts, and spoke of the artistic way in which the work had been carried out by Mr. Hems, who is ever ready to do his utmost for his parish church.

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## STEDMAN'S SLOW COURSE.

By J. J. PARKER.

Mr. C. H. Hampton's letter in the issue of July 25th, has reminded me of an investigation I made about eight years ago, and on looking up the matter again I find the result of the investigation, together with the notes I made at the time, rather interesting. If you will be so kind as to allow me a little space I feel I ought to give a few remarks. I had found some years before that by using the ordinary calling, eighteen changes with 5-6 came at handstroke while only six came at backstroke, and after composing 720s with all the 5-6s right, I was still dissatisfied with the method, seeing that the calls so interrupted the bells in doing their slow work. Some years later I received a note from Mr. C. Tyler, of Steyning, asking if I could compose him a 720 upon the Double Stedman plan. I was rather struck with the idea, but it was not until the year 1895 that I was able to solve this interesting little problem. I found, as Mr. Hampton suggests, that it was best for several reasons to start straight away with a slow six, and in order not to confuse the matter I decided to call it Double Stedman Minor.

I here give the plain course and examples of a bob.

123456	
214365	563412
124635	536421
142653	356241
412563	365214
421536	635124
241356	653142
423165	561324
432156	651234
342516	615243
324561	165423
234651	156432
243615	516342
426351	153624
246531	135642
264513	315462
624153	351426
642135	531246
462315	513264
643251	152346
634215	512436
364125	521463
346152	251643
436512	215634
463521	125364
645312	213546
465132	231564
456123	321654
546213	312645
564231	132465
654321	123456

Bob.

421536  
241356 Slow six end.

421365  
412356 Quick six head.

Bob.

234651  
243615 Quick six end.

423651  
243561 Slow six head.

On referring to the plain course it will be seen that the 3rd is the quick bell throughout, and that one of the other bells completes its slow work either in front or behind at the end of each six, therefore the quick bells and any bell that may have completed its slow work are the only two bells that can possibly be affected by the bob. Taking these points into consideration it can be seen that there is no choice as to the kind of bob.

I will now give a few 720s of the method Double Stedman Minor:—

No. 1		No. 2	
123456	1 8 9 10	123456	4 5 6 7
125463	- -	125436	-
123564	- -	451236	- - -
142563	- -	453216	-
146532	- -	435216	-
145632	-	154236	- - -
143562	- -	251436	- -
124563	- -	152436	-
126453	- -	321456	- - -
132456	- -	324156	-
143256	- -	341256	- -
134256	-	342156	-
123456	- -	223456	- - -
No. 3		No. 4	
123456	1 3 4 6 8 9 10	123456	2 4 5 6 7 9 10
124356	-	123456	-
165243	- - - -	352416	- - -
134625	- - - -	251436	- - -
152364	- - - -	253416	- - -
134562	- - - -	321456	- - -
146532	- - - -	124356	- - -
125436	- - - -	143256	- - -
143562	- - - -		
156324	- - - -		
132645	- - - -		
164253	- - - -		
123456	- - - -		
No. 5		No. 6	
123456	2 5 6 7 9 10	123456	1 3 4 5 8 9 10
521436	- - -	152436	- - -
124356	- - -	165423	- - -
452316	- - -	136542	- - -
254316	- - -	162543	- - -
431256	- - -	156243	- - -
132456	- - -	143256	- - -

Repeated.

Repeated.



The next 720 is given by the six-ends :—

No. 7	
123456	125436
241356	241536
- 241635	245613
462135	462513
461523	- 462351
654123	634251
- 654312	- 634125
536412	316425
- 536241	- 316542
- 365241	153642
362154	156234
613254	- 561234
612435	562413

Each part to be four times repeated, with a bob half-way and at end.

The first six 720s are given by the course-ends, in each case the observation bell is slow, and undisturbed throughout. In Nos. 1 and 2 the calls occur when the observation bell is in front doing her first whole turn; the first and second half turns; and the last whole turn. In Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6, calls occur when the observation bell is behind as well as in front. Nos. 4, 5 and 6 contain the 5-6 twenty-four changes the right way, while in the other 720s they come twice wrong. In No. 7 the 4th is the observation bell, and it will be found that she is made to do two sixes quick work in each part.

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#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at East Hoathly on Saturday, July 18th. Twenty-seven members attended from the following towers: St. Peter and St. Nicholas (Brighton), Christ Church and St. Clement's (Hastings), Christ Church (Eastbourne), Pevensey, Buxted, Southover, and East Hoathly. Tea was provided by the Rector (Rev. H. Harbord), and was served in a meadow adjoining the rectory. Unfortunately the Rector was called away unexpectedly, but was well represented by his curate who conducted a special service for ringers, arranged by the Rev. H. Drake, Mrs. Harbord kindly presiding at the organ. The bells are a light ring of six of very good tone and go well. A short business meeting was held in the schoolroom near the church, at which two new members were elected. A proposal that the next quarterly peal be Bob Major, to be attempted at Bexhill, and conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, was carried, as was also a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Harbord for the use of the bells and his generous hospitality.

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WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, July 31st, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Roberts, G. Hislop, P. Ball, A. Grace, T. Kay, F. Thomas, H. Fyles conductor, J. Bowstead. Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Spooner, of the rectory, Woolton.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 22nd, at St. Edmund's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford, which came to grief after ringing 4300 changes. F. Borrett, W. Taylor, W. Barrett, C. Baker, G. Howchin, E. Borrett, C. Brock, E. Poppy.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, an attempt for a peal of Kent came to grief after ringing 3600 changes. W. Duffield, W. Taylor, E. Borrett, G. Howchin, E. Poppy, E. Bailey, J. Button, F. Borrett.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, 863 Grandsire Caters. O. James, T. Albutt, W. Short, J. Bass, R. Matthews, G. Hayward conductor, G. Ward, J. Mason, J. Dowler, J. Parry.

##### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On March 13th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. Jones, A. W. Brighton, W. Biss, F. Attwell, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, B. Tilley. On Sunday, June 14th, 602 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, June 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Biss, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, J. Clutterbuck. G. Hardage conductor, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

REDDIS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 14th, at St. Elisabeth's church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Oldfield, the Rector's wife, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. T. Jackson, T. Marshall, J. Booth, H. Meakin, T. Smithson, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader conductor, H. Smithson.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOLTON.—On Saturday, June 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, composed by J. George. A. H. Edwards, G. Counce, T. Larkey, G. Hislop, A. E. Grace, H. Fyles, J. Aspinwall, W. Hughes conductor.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARTON SEAGER.—On June 20th, at the parish church, by the Kettering ringers, 1260 Doubles, being six 6-scores and 60 of Grandsire, and four 6-score of Plain Bob, in 45 mins. A. Payne, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor, A. Turner, F. Sawfoot. First quarter-peal on the bells.

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EAST HOATHLY (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 27th. 720 Bob Minor. R. C. Mayo, H. Kann, G. Penfold, A. Reed, B. Hobbs, A. Turner conductor.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Millen, W. Seeling, S. Barker, A. Kedwell, H. Croucher, F. Jordan, S. Binfield conductor, A. Coppins. Composed by Matthew A. Wood.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1903.

In our last number appeared an account of a visit paid to a place in Wales rejoicing in the characteristic name of Llanbadarn Fawr, by a company belonging to the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild. This evidently was one of those affairs which make ringing visitors rejoice in no small degree in the fact that they are scientific ringers. One of the party writes: "The feeling of brotherhood, superior in my opinion even to freemasonry, which prompted the Llanbadarn ringers and inhabitants to welcome us with such open arms was very gratifying." We are in full accord with this statement. A spontaneous and hearty welcome, like the one in question, brings to mind those old times when ringers took a holiday for a



day or two to enjoy the society of their ringing brethren in another place fifty or sixty miles away, perhaps. Then there was no rushing away after an hour or two's ringing to catch the train—probably there was no train to catch—they stayed for two or three days, and when they had to go, went away in no rush or hurry, and quite indifferent to the financial sacrifices they had perhaps made, if their visit was a success. We live in more rapid times, everything—even a ringers' meeting—is very often done at high pressure, and an undignified ending sometimes occurs before the last rush. Would it not be better if ringers' meetings were set on foot on the scale of the one at this Welsh town? The inhabitants would thus have time to become acquainted with the aims and objects of their visitors, and a hearty welcome would generally be forthcoming. At any rate such would tend to diffuse more knowledge of ringing among the public, and thus be a step in that direction which was discussed at the last Central Council meeting.

#### COBHAM, SURREY.

The bells of St. Andrew's church have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor. The peal only used to be five; a new tenor of 10 cwt. in G has been added, and the treble and 3rd recast, and now they are a very musical little peal of six. The new tenor and the two recast bells are all that can be desired from a musical point of view; and the old bells are much improved by being tuned and quarter-turned. On Saturday, June 20th, ringers from Hersham, Kingston-on-Thames, and Guildford, paid a visit to the little tower, and the bells were kept busy from 6 till 9 p.m., and several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, also some touches of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, including a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins., being the first on the bells. G. Woodiss conductor, J. Emery, H. Last, J. Hunt, W. W. Thorne, J. H. B. Hesse.

#### THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, July 20th, the above London society held another of its fortnightly practices and meetings at its headquarters, St. Clement Danes, Strand. These meetings are now proving most successful, and of a highly instructive nature. At this last practice several touches of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Major, and a course of Treble Bob Royal were rung, the members afterwards adjourning to The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, where they opened a new meeting-room, which is excellently furnished. The Master (Mr. Arthur Jacob), presided, supported by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Taffender), and Messrs. R. A. Daniell, Esq., G. R. Fardon, A. Hardy, T. Langdon (College Youth), T. Langdon (Cumberland Youth), W. Weatherstone, C. F. Winney, and several others. Several new members were initiated into the society, including Mr. S. F. C. Saker, of Hastings, and Mr. J. E. Barlow, jun., late of Chipping Norton, Oxon, now of Shepherd's Bush. The Master announced that the next practice would be held on Monday, August 17th, at St. Clement Danes at eight o'clock, and a business meeting to be held afterwards at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, at 9.45.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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#### The Provinces.

##### DISS, NORFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST POPPY .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WISKENS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 5.
CLEMENT MOORE* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

\*First peal in the method.

##### KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 5.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. 2.	*JOHN AVIS .. .. 6.
HARRY SMITH* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal.

##### UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WARD .. .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

##### KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 24, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

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



## MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt

WILLIAM TOMLIN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE TOMLIN .. .. 5.
HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 2.	WILLIAM EARLE .. .. 6.
FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 3.	GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF .. 7.
JAMES YORK* .. .. 4.	GEORGE YORK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by H. HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Lewis Hollingworth, a member of the above society, to Miss Bertha Gregson, of Derby. \*First peal in the method.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MANLEY .. Treble.	HARRY T. BURCH .. .. 5.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW .. 6.
JULIAS SNOW .. .. 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
JOHN R. HAYMAN .. .. 4.	EDWARD G. STOCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

Rung on the birthday of Miss E. Snow, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Treble.	GEORGE FOSTER .. .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	*JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Friday, July 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILFRED J. MOSS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 2.	W. HENRY SHUKER .. 6.
JAMES BARRATT .. .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTEE .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This peal was rung in honour of Mr. Harry Chapman's wedding, which took place at the Stowell Memorial Church, Salford, on this day, his brother-ringers wishing him much happiness.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	THOMAS PEERS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LEVER .. .. 2.	ALFRED POTTER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DENNER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BUTLER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING, SEN. 4.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN SUGDEN.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
EDMUND LINDUP .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 4.	FRANK SWAIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HIRAM MEAKIN .. Treble.	JOHN W. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON* .. 2.	TOM MARSHALL .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method.

## CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BOUGHTON .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 2.	CHARLES BOUGHTON .. 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

## CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD .. Treble.	*ALFRED RICHARDSON .. 5.
HARRY THOMPSON .. .. 2.	*GEORGE MOORE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 3.	ROBERT GOWERS .. .. 7.
THOMAS KING .. .. 4.	*CHARLES HOWE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by THOS. KING.

\*First peal.

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WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(WHITWICK BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
WILLSON'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.  
JOHN MOORE .. .. Treble. | JOHN RAWSON .. .. 5.  
WALTER FERN\* .. .. 2. | LEVI PARTRIDGE .. .. 6.  
FRANK MIDDLETON† .. .. 3. | JOHN ALBERT MOULT .. .. 7.  
THOMAS BELCHER\* .. .. 4. | FRED BOAM .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. MOULT.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. The ringing throughout was excellent, the performance being somewhat singular because the ringers all live in one street within a few minutes' walk of each other.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.  
GEORGE GUNNER .. .. Treble. | BEN. CHORLEY .. .. 5.  
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 2. | HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN. 6.  
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 3. | ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 7.  
THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. 4. | HARRY HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to G. Gunner, on the first anniversary of his wedding.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.  
Tenor 18 cwt.

JABEZ EADES .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.  
THOMAS ALBUTT .. .. 2. | GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 7.  
JOHN BASS\* .. .. 3. | ALFRED MOORE .. .. 8.  
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 4. | \*JAMES DOWLER .. .. 9.  
GEORGE FOSTER\* .. .. 5. | JAMES PARRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal on ten bells.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
GEORGE GILBERT .. .. Treble. | JOSEPH E. GRENTED .. .. 4.  
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. .. 2. | ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 5.  
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 3. | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

HORBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Treble. | \*JAMES SMITH .. .. 5.  
GEORGE HUNT .. .. 2. | JOHN T. EASON .. .. 6.  
ALBERT SCOTT .. .. 3. | DAVID WHITING .. .. 7.  
EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 4. | \*ROBERT THICKETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble. | THOMAS CARD .. .. 5.  
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2. | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.  
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 3. | KEITH HART .. .. 7.  
FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in D.

ARTHUR PAINTER .. Treble. | FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH 6.  
ARTHUR BOWLER .. .. 2. | FREDERICK J. COPE .. 7.  
JOHN ADAMS .. .. 3. | GEORGE ROBINSON .. 8.  
WILLIAM DEMPSTER .. 4. | LEONARD BULLOCK .. 9.  
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 5. | JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HALLSWORTH, and Conducted by F. J. COPE.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;  
TROLLOPE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH\* .. Treble. | JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.  
HERBERT LANGDON .. 2. | FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 6.  
HARRY LAST .. .. 3. | JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.  
FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 4. | JOHN HOWES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

\*First peal of Major. J. E. Davis was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE FOSTER .. Treble. | ALFRED MOORE .. .. 5.  
JAMES DOWLER .. .. 2. | \*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.  
JOHN BASS .. .. 3. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.  
GEORGE HAYWARD .. 4. | JAMES PARRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Grandsire.

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,  
AND THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, TRINITY COLLEGE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES.

E. H. LEWIS\* .. .. 1-2. | \*H. S. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.  
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4. | \*F. S. POOLE .. .. 7-8.  
Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.  
Umpire—S. G. GRANTHAM (Trinity). \*First peal on handbells, and as conductor, Longest peal by the Guild and by all the band.



**Notices.**

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**The Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Westbury-on-Trym to-day, Saturday, August 8th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service.  
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Barnard Castle to-day, Saturday, Aug. 8th. Belfry open from 2 p.m. : 8 bells, tenor 17 cwt. Tea at Wandless' Refreshment Rooms, The Bank, 5 p.m., 9d. each to members, 1s. 3d. non-members.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*  
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Kirkburton, to-day, Saturday, August 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting house The George hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Romney Marsh and District Guild.**—The first annual meeting of the above will be held at Hastings on Saturday, August 15th, when it is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. A list of towers open and other particulars will appear next week or may be had by applying to  
C. TRIBE,  
*British School Villas, Tenterden. Hon. Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The practice and Sunday ringing will be suspended entirely during August. The first meetings will be on Friday, September 11th, and Sunday evening, September 13th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*

**Stoko Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Audley, on Saturday, August 15th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. C. B. Wareham, Church Street, Audley.  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday, August 15th. Usual arrangements.

W. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec. pro. tem.*  
Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, the 22nd August. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's school at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. All members intending to be present must give me notice on or before Thursday, the 20th. Half railway fare will be paid up to 2s.  
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The North Wales Association.**—Bangor Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Beaumaris on Saturday, August 22nd Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.  
S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Victoria Street, Llandudno.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—On April 26th, 960 Double Oxford Major. A. Lawson, E. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor, W. Greenwood, T. Hogg, J. Hern, E. Hern, G. W. Dix. 840 Grandsire Triples, A. Tully ringing the 4th. On May 3rd, 1280 Kent. A. Lawson, T. Teasdale conductor, A. Tully, E. Hern, T. Hogg, W. Greenwood, J. Hern, G. W. Dix. 640 Oxford Treble Bob for evening service by the same band. On May 4th, 540 Grandsire Caters. A. Lawson, R. Hogg, A. Tully, T. Teasdale conductor, T. Hogg, G. W. Dix. W. Greenwood, J. Hern, E. Hern. For evening service 864 Kent. On June 8th 1080 Kent Treble Royal. A. Lawson, R. Hogg, A. Tully T. Teasdale conductor, T. Hogg, J. Hern, W. Greenwood, G. W. Dix, E. Hern, J. Sykes. On June 8th, 864 Kent Major. A. Lawson, A. Tully, E. Hern, J. Hern, T. Hogg, T. Teasdale conductor, G. W. Dix, J. Sykes. On June 21st, 1280 Double Oxford. A. Lawson, A. Tully, E. Hern, T. Teasdale, conductor, T. Hogg, E. Hern, G. W. Dix, J. Sykes. On June 7th, 1280 Kent. A. Lawson, T. Teasdale, R. Greenwood, E. Hern, T. Hogg, G. W. Dix, W. Pickering, J. Sykes conductor. In addition to the above touches the following quarter-peals have been rung for service by members of the Christ Church Guild: 1280 Double Oxford Major, 1280 Kent, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob. 1260 Grandsire, 1280 Double Oxford Bob. The following have been rung for practice: July 8th, 1080 Kent Royal. A. Lawson, R. Hogg, A. Tully, T. Teasdale conductor, T. Hogg, T. Goffton, J. Goffton, Jack Goffton, J. Hern, J. Sykes. 504 Stedman, conducted by T. Goffton. On July 22nd, 608 Double Norwich.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

**EXETER.**—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Madge, W. Drake, A. W. Searle, W. Richardson, F. Murphy, J. Moss, E. Shepherd conductor, J. Richards. On Saturday, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd conductor, W. Drake, A. Evans, C. Carter, A. W. Searle, W. Richardson, F. Murphy, T. Mudge, F. Shepherd, J. Moss.

The New Palace Steamers announce that on account of the popularity of their present arrangements, they will not make any alteration in their sailings for the Bank Holiday period. The "Royal Sovereign" will sail as usual from Old Swan Pier at 9.20 a.m. for Margate and Ramsgate, and the "Koh-i-Noor" at 8.50 a.m. for Southend and Margate. "La Marguerite" on Saturday, 1st, and Sunday, 2nd August, to Southend and Margate from Tilbury, special train from Fenchurch Street, 9.45 a.m., St. Pancras at 9 a.m. (Sunday 9.40 a.m.), and on Monday, Bank Holiday, to Ostend and back, calling at Margate, special train from Fenchurch Street 6.15 a.m. Husbands' Boat to Margate, the "Koh-i-noor," on Saturday afternoon, leaving Old Swan Pier at 1.50 p.m.

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As **CARETAKER** of Public Offices or otherwise. 4½ years' references. Change ringer on 6 to 12 bells.—Apply, Henry F. Cooper, assistant hallkeeper, Shirehall, Worcester.

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[We have a letter for Mr. Hopgood, of Reading. Will he send his address?]

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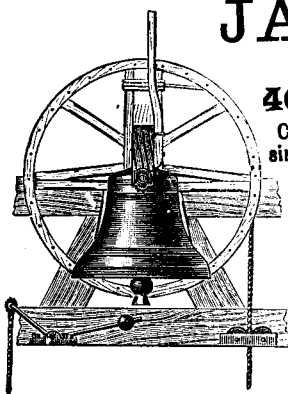
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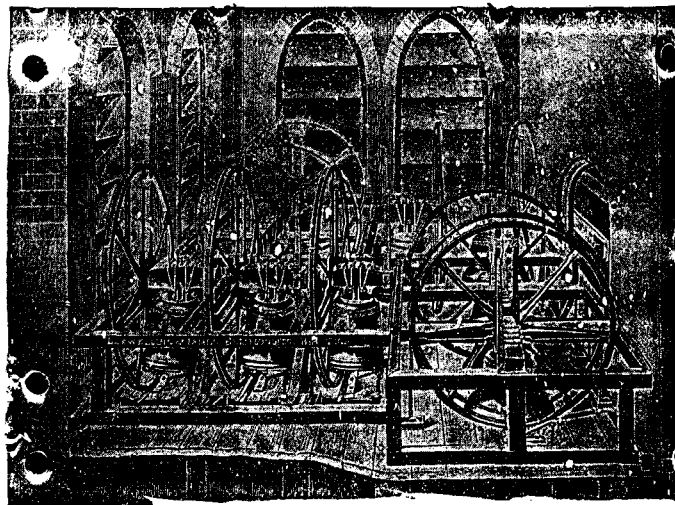
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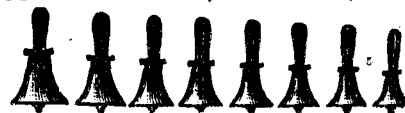
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*Bring 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).

LONDON (continued). Chelsea. St. Luke. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Mears, date not given. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor in new frame, 1893. Ropes new 1892. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

Chiswick. St. Nicholas. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1901. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. by the same, 1870; the rest 1656. Founder unknown. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears in new frame, 1901. Ropes new 1901. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

Clapton, Upper. St. Matthew. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1869. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. General repairs by Mears about 1901. Ropes new 1896, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 4th in month, 6.15 to 6.45. Practice: Thursday, 8.

Clerkenwell. St. James. Eight bells. All by Mears, date not given. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung 1889. Bad state of ringing-chamber has been reported to churchwardens. No funds to do the work. Ropes new 1899. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: "Every week at 8.30."

Coleman Street. St. Stephen. Eight bells. No return.

Cornhill. St. Michael. Twelve bells. No return.

Cripplegate. St. Giles. Ancient Society of College Youths. Twelve bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Briant, 1792. The rest by Pack, 1772, except tenor 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 10 by Patrick, 1787. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner 1896. Ropes go well. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Surprise methods. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday in every 4th week, 8.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The success of the meeting held in Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 8th, proves beyond a doubt that the President, Mr. Story, was right in suggesting an August gathering in addition to the three standard meetings of the year, purely as a ringing affair, with the business element reduced to the smallest possible fraction. Members turned up from Chester-le-Street, Darlington (St. John and Holy Trinity), Sunderland, Bishop Auckland, Staindrop, Shildon, Barnard Castle, Whitley and Newcastle, and the bells were kept going from two o'clock till 7.30 in various methods, details of which will appear shortly in these columns.

Tea was held in the Wycliffe Hall, and was a distinct success from a gastronomic point of view. The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells during the day, and this was carried by acclamation.

Mr. G. J. Lungley, of Darlington, made some very complimentary remarks about the President and Secretary coming so far to join the meeting and encourage change-ringing in Barnard Castle. Mr. Story in reply said these meetings reached the uttermost limits of the diocese, and he was therefore able to meet and ring with several old friends of very old standing who could not always attend the more northerly gatherings.

Mr. Routledge also thanked the members for their kindly greeting, and proposed the thanks of the Association to Mr. Dalkin and his brother-ringers of Barnard Castle for their excellent arrangements, and for having the bells in good order for the day's ringing. Among the new members proposed were five from Bishop Auckland, and the Rev. E. I. Frost, curate of Barnard Castle. The Vicar (Mr. Penrose), regretted his inability to be present, being on holiday bent.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, and a very pleasant day was closed by a few more touches on the tower bells. Some of the cycling members called at Staindrop on the road home, and rang a 720 there on the fine peal of six bells.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the north-eastern district was held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 25th, about thirty-six attending from twelve different parishes. A peal was attempted in the morning which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 55 mins. The Vicar entertained the members to tea, and was present at the meeting afterwards and was elected an hon. member. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major being rung.

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Not only may it be presumed, or supposed, or an opinion hazarded, but it may be safely admitted, that that there is a deal of historical record connected with or interesting to Church bellringers, which young generations of the Exercise may never have heard of. The word "young" in this case may actually include ringers of twenty years' standing, or those who are entirely in the dark as to the condition of things previous to the founding of this paper. And though the present writer is one of those to whom the condition of the Exercise three decades ago still appears a veritable *terra incognita*, he has probed here and there, in out-of-the-way-places sometimes, for information of any kind he could drop on which he thought had the least relevance to historical fact, however remote, connected with ringers and bellringing.

This shall, after the manner of a now well-known popular paragraphist, be the introduction to what follows. It may well be said, and truly, that Mr. R. A. Daniell is chief among the present pioneers who search after old ringing lore, and readers of this paper are greatly indebted to him for the published results of his most interesting researches. He has told us, by the aid of records which must have cost him infinite pains and trouble to cull from, various interesting features and characteristics of some of the old "Youths" of whom we had not hitherto heard—Laughton and the rest of them. He has told of "The Cumberlands and the 'forty-five," of the ancestral particulars of the Colls., and many other hitherto-hidden matters which have interested and charmed us. Future generations will regard him with something more than honour through his copious additions to the ringing literature of his day.

What is here stated has been known by a few ringers for a long while. There has been very little research employed to obtain the information, which has nothing cryptic or mysterious about it, but is actually true. To begin.

Early in the last century, it will not be far wrong to say in the early twenties, the church of St. James, Bermondsey, was built and consecrated, and the ring of ten (by Mears, 25 cwt. in D flat), was opened. The person appointed as *custos* of these bells was a Mr. Samuel Austin, a man apparently enjoying a fair social position—"quite a gentleman" the late Charles Bateman described him. He was a most ardent and persevering ringer in his young days, and as years rolled on he became a Treble Bob composer, but of the pre-Snowdon period, of course. He was for many years a very distinguished member of the College Youths, holding the office of Secretary, and being almost the sole mouthpiece of that body when festive and other occasions required some one fluent in speech. When the addition of two trebles was made to the ring at Hythe in Kent, the College Youths opened them under conditions which afterwards became notorious, and at the dinner which followed he responded in a speech of singular felicity to the toast of "The College Youths." This speech was afterwards printed by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe on his own private printing press, which the rev. gentleman had himself made. Many of the College Youths who were admitted members of that society up to the sixties can show Samuel Austin's name upon their certificates as Secretary. In the ringing-chamber at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, is a tablet recording a peal of 8448 Treble Bob Major, the extent with the tenors "in unison," i.e. "together," composed by Samuel Austin, and called by

H. W. Haley. Later investigations have led to the assertion, however, that this peal was merely a variation of Reeves's peal of the same number. The disclosure does not at all weaken the statement that Samuel Austin was a most excellent and prominent member of the Exercise, an ardent, fearless, and capable exponent of the ringing art, and several of his letters, still in existence, prove this to the very hilt.

The venue is now changed. That unfortunate piece of history known as the trial of Queen Caroline, wife of George IV., is known to most people in some measure or other. It cannot be detailed here, or the least resume of its proceedings. Among those innocently implicated in the painful affair was the mother of the gentleman above described—Mrs. Sophia Austin. Queen Caroline was fond of young people of both sexes, and several of these, orphans or partly orphans, were kept and provided for at her cost, in some instances *en famille*. Among these latter was William Austin, the son of Sophia and, brother of Samuel Austin, the ringer above-named. Mrs. Austin was a widow, and therefore no doubt was glad to have provision made for one of her sons, and this feeling was, it may be supposed, not lessened by the fact that the benevolent lady who adopted one of her children was the Queen of England. It may be mentioned that Mrs. Sophia Austin was examined at or about the time of the trial to prove that William Austin was her son, a matter of no great difficulty. In the hands of the leading Counsel for Her Majesty, the celebrated Brougham, all doubts unfavourable to the Queen on this head were soon dispelled.

Here then is an historical reminiscence. There are still many alive who knew Samuel Austin well. They are conversant with the whole of the particulars related above, and perhaps more.

There was another ringer in London in the early part of the last century named John Austin, but he had nothing to do with the above-mentioned family. He was a tenorman, and a very good one, and rang the tenor to a record peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Giles, Cripplegate.

As Mr. Plain Speaker has objected to a signature which only consists of one letter, and that the letter "P.," he shall now be gratified by having the full Christian name of  
PHILIP.

## BARNESLEY, YORKS.

On Friday, June 26th, the ringers of St. Mary's were entertained to supper by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Norris, Rural Dean and canon of Wakefield, who presided and gave practical proof of his kindly interest in his ringers. After full justice had been done to the good things provided for their physical comforts, and partaken with a true Yorkshire ringer's relish, the rev. gentleman invited them to stroll along with him round the spacious grounds of the newly acquired rectory. The Rector is a master of detail in all that belongs to church work, and is also possessed of great literary and artistic attainments. With such companionship the ringers found rare social enjoyment. After several courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells had been rung, and a brief round table conference in regard to proposed repairs to the church bells, the guests took leave, feeling very thankful to the Rector and his family.

BARTON SEAGER.—On June 20th, at the parish church, by the Kettering ringers, 1260 Doubles, being six 6-scores and 60 of Grandsire, and four 6-score of Plain Bob, in 45 mins. A. Payne, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor, A. Turner, F. Sawfoot, First quarter-peal on the bells,



## ICKLETON, CAMBS.

On Saturday, May 30th, some of the Fulbourne ringers visited Ickleton, where they were met by the local men, some Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung at the parish church. Afterwards a move was made to the club room at The Duke of Wellington, where the handbells were brought into use, some Minor and Bob Major being rung.

On Whit Monday five of the Ickleton company visited Burwell to try the fine ring of five at St. Mary's. This church is one of the largest in the county, with a grand western tower, where there is plenty of room for eight bells, but as there is little or no change-ringing done there there is little hopes of having any more bells. A good view was obtained on the leads of the church, as it is all flat country. Ely Cathedral could be seen quite plain, also Soham church, where hang a fine ring of ten. During the day touches in all well-known methods were brought round. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. N. Barton, for the use of the bells, and to H. Miller for making necessary preparations.

On Thursday, June 11th, in honour of the wedding of the Rev. W. W. Crump, general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, a long length should have been attempted at Ickleton in the afternoon, but owing to illness of one of the band it had to be postponed. It was however made up for in the evening, when ringers cycled over from Sawston and Royston. Most of the visitors have only recently started change-ringing, and the way some of them rang their first 6-scores gives them great credit, as Ickleton bells are not in very good ringing condition, the services of a bellhanger being very much needed.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
AN APPEAL.

We are asked to open our columns to an appeal on behalf of Mr. George Willies, who has fallen upon bad times. He is 83 years of age, past all work, and has now become chargeable to the parish. He is almost, if not quite, the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Guild. He has been a ringer from boyhood, and nothing has been too much trouble to him so long as it furthered the progress of the art in which he has always had so much at heart. Now that he is practically destitute in his old age it is thought that it would not be out of place to appeal to the numerous ringers in the country. A small subscription list has been started locally for the purpose of allowing him a few shillings a week. Should any individual ringer, or any band of ringers, think this case worthy of their support, any contribution, however small would be thankfully received by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. C. North-Cox, The Vicarage, or his assistant Curate, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Whitecross Street, both of Burton-on-Humber, Hull.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH.—On Wednesday, May 27th, for practice, 1120 London Surprise Major. G. H. Barker, H. Baker, G. Dent, W. Hobbs, E. Pye, W. Keeble, I. Cavill, W. Pye conductor.

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## BIRLINGHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Whit-Monday several of the Great Comberton ringers paid a visit to St. James's church, Birlingham, to try the ring of five bells which has lately been rehung by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham. They found the "go" of the bells excellent, and were quite satisfied with the substantial work done by Mr. Barwell. After ringing several 6-scores the band were entertained to tea by the Rev. Canon Dukes on the rectory lawn. After tea the Rev. Canon Dukes became an hon. member of the county Association, and then another visit to the tower and a few more 6-scores rang. The bells were lowered, and then the ringers journeyed to St. Andrew's, Pershore, and rang 360 Grandsire Minor and a touch of Plain Bob Minor, which brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting was held at the parish church, Rothwell, on Saturday, July 25th. Tower ringing commenced during the afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. T. W. Pearson), having consented to unveil a peal-board, this ceremony took place also, recording the longest length of Oxford Treble Bob (8448 changes), by this Association. The business meeting took place at The White Swan Inn, the President (Mr. G. Barraclough), in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, proposed by Mr. C. Pratt, and seconded by Mr. T. Nichols. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. William Walker, a member of this society. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. G. Backhouse, and replied to by Mr. Abbishaw.

The following towers were represented: Burley, Calverley, Holbeck, St. Chad's and St. Michael's (Headingley), Woodlesford, and the local company. Several touches on handbells brought the meeting to a close.

KERSLEY, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. A. W. Flowers, W. H. Rees, W. Maund, G. Hope, J. H. White conductor.

KNEBWORTH.—On May 27th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Gilbert, H. Day, T. Groom, W. Chalkley, G. Gates, T. Pateman conductor, J. Dennis, J. Spencer. On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. F. Gilbert, H. Day, T. Groom, W. Chalkley, G. Gates, T. Pateman, S. Wade conductor, J. Dennis.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. M. Simmonite, J. Smith, H. Kettell, A. Kettell, C. Glen, conductor.

THORNTON CURTIS (Lincolnshire).—On Whit-Sunday, 480 Bob Doubles, being four 6-scores, called differently. E. Farrow conductor, G. Parrinder, J. Pettitt, G. W. Blanchard, G. Atkinson. On Tuesday, June 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Farrow conductor, H. Cowton, J. Pettitt, G. Parrinder, G. Atkinson. Longest length by all except the conductor.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On March 15th, 1903, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Lawson, E. A. Hern, A. Tully, T. Teasdale, T. Hogg, G. Dix, R. Greenwood conductor, J. Hern. On April 5th, 1280 Double Oxford Major. A. Lawson, T. Teasdale conductor, J. Hern, G. Dix, T. Hogg, R. Greenwood, A. Tully, E. A. Hern.

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## Correspondence.

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

## THE CONDITION OF CHURCH BELLS AND YOUNG RINGERS.

SIR,—With regard to Mr. Pritchard's letter may I point out that the inaccuracies he complains of are easily to be remedied now while the schedule of "Our Church Bells" is being published week by week. In fact the introductory words each week ask us all to help in this matter, so that we have only ourselves to blame if we let any errors pass.

I should however like to ask him whether he does not think that Tue Brook ought to be scheduled under Liverpool; it is now hardly a part of West Derby, and it would be misleading to place it by itself. Even West Derby would most conveniently be found under Liverpool. I notice under Loddon (Norfolk): "There was formerly a good company of eight, but some of the older ones have passed away, and there are no young ones to replace them." Of how many places is this pathetic remark but too true! And how easily it might have been averted.

I think we as change-ringers should refuse to have anything to do with any band which does not keep up an adequate supply of probationers; such probationers (or juniors) should at least equal the number of bells, and usually be more than double. Else all our labour in helping to teach change-ringing in such places is but weaving ropes of sand. Besides the narrow mind which refuses to teach others, is more appropriate to Churchyard Bob, than to change-ringing. H. DRAKE.

## AN OPINION GIVEN.

SIR,—Mr. Daniel Gridley is welcome to my opinion for what it is worth. He or any member of any Association has a "right" to put anything he pleases on his postcards, provided it is not libellous, or obviously untrue, or indecent. But as a matter of ordinary usage, I should say that the heading "Ely Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers" was proper for official communications from officers of that Association. I should be a little surprised for instance, at receiving from an ordinary member of my own Association a letter or postcard with its official heading; and I should perhaps wonder how he had got hold of the Association stationery. Possibly if the practice became at all common, I might take the same opportunity of hinting that it was hardly correct: but I should not make much fuss about it. That it is not correct, I am clear; and so, I should think, will your correspondent be, if he reconsiders the matter.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Master of the Essex Association.

## THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MIDDLEWICH.

SIR,—As one who has been waiting for the result of the investigation, re the above, I would like to draw attention to one or two points in connection with the same. In the first place I do not know Mr. Mann, though had I been in his position I should very strongly have objected to the composition of the investigation committee. Further we were previously told that a committee did meet at Grappenhall, but not a single word was uttered about Mr. Mann, save that he did not appear, though I believe as a matter of fact he did write and explain the cause of his absence, surely this could have been mentioned. Conversing with several members at the annual meeting, there seemed to be a consensus of opinion that many peals rung in Cheshire are not what they ought to be; it is simply a question of getting through them. For the knowledge of the Exercise I might add the committee who really investigated the matter took part on August 4th, 1902 (with three who rang in the disputed peal), in a peal of Bob Royal at Stockport, and although the peal was allowed, the very mention of it causes a knowing smile amongst those who have heard about it, though in that case there was not a Mr. Mann who had the courage of his convictions.

The chief objection I have heard concerning the latter is that he is not a change-ringer, that surely does not prove he cannot judge between good and bad ringing; it certainly ought to remove what too often is the cause of disputes—jealousy; Mr. Mann, as far as I can see, having no axe to grind. I presume

the verdict is final. In that case it is to be hoped if the exposure has served no other purpose, it will create better ringing in the Guild, more in accord with the principles which we profess. Let it not be said the peals are rushed, and as to striking, the least said the better.

A. BARNES.

SIR,—The letter from Mr. Spence in your issue of the 8th inst., calls for little comment. With all due respect to the Chester Diocesan Guild, the so-called peal will not be recognised at Middlewich. Mr. Spence says in his letter that I have not proved my case. My assertion was that the bells clashed continually at the finish, coming into rounds from firing, and not from change-ringing. This I can verify. The meeting at Stockport to my mind was a farce, discussion, before the Committee decided, not occupying ten minutes. On the day the peal was rung, Mr. Holding admitted the peal a muddled finish, that he would not be beaten, and should try again. At the meeting at Stockport he denies all this, saying that the peal was called all right, but, that the indifferent striking was due to the bad go of the bells. This to me is all nonsense; the bells were lubricated the day previous, and have been only recently rehung in new frames by Taylor, the "go" of them leaving nothing to be desired, as many can testify, this being the first and only complaint we have had.

This makes the third attempt the Crewe band have made, and it was evident that they intended by fair means or foul to score a peal. In order to prove to the Committee that he was perfectly honest in his intentions, Mr. Holding quoted his second attempt, when he says the bells changed course, and he instantly stopped them. Did they change course? did he stop them? if so it was not a very dignified stop. It also seems peculiar that he should inform his band and others that the peal would have worked out right had they been able to keep the bells going. Still there is no accounting for some peals; perhaps he was ringing one from his favourite method (Churchyard Bob), a method in which he seems to be an old practitioner, and one so musical and intricate that you cannot tell change-ringing from firing. The decision of the Committee will give a grand stimulus to peal-ringing; the most incompetent need not fear being pulled through with one who is able to conduct; and whether the peals be shady or otherwise it is evident anything will do to make up a peal-book.

GEO. H. MANN.

## "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—I was sorry to see in "THE BELL NEWS" that clocked chiming was permitted on Bethnal Green bells. I can assure you that they have never been chimed clocked, and I will take care that they never shall be as long as I am steeple-keeper.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

SIR,—I noticed in your issue of "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, that in the schedule on the first page it is stated that all methods were rung at St. Giles, Camberwell, and I now wish to say that there are no methods whatever rung there now, and there is only a stoney band who ring every alternate Thursday. It is true there used to be a half-pull band there about eighteen months to two years ago, but that has all broken up now owing to the difficulties put in the way of half-pull ringers.

E. J. WEBB.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of 1903 Doubles, in 1 hr., in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury, C. Young, E. Gibbs, W. Hook, sen.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THRAPSTON.—On Monday, August 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of London Surprise Major, which was unfortunately lost after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Nickerson, G. R. Pye, J. Houghton, jun., I. G. Shade, H. P. Harman, E. Pye, W. Perkins, W. Pye. Longest touch of London on the bells.

## THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 17th, for Men's Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, C. Charge, A. Jones, J. Herbert, J. Crombie, J. Hollingsbee, Alf. Jones, F. Holden, W. Elson conductor, S. How. On May 21st, 1280 Double Norwich, in 49 mins. J. H. B. Hesse, S. J. Collings, M. Woodcock, A. Jones, R. Charge, A. F. Harris, W. Elson, C. Charge conductor. For Confirmation Service on June 14th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, W. T. Elson, A. Jones, J. W. Kelley, H. Adams, J. Hollingsbee, Alf. Jones, J. H. B. Hesse, C. Charge conductor, S. How. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. Miss Nevill, J. Driver conductor, D. W. Griggs, S. J. Collings, W. Hollier, J. W. Kelley, W. T. Elson, S. How. For Men's Service on June 21st, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. S. M. Dodington, W. T. Elson conductor, C. Charge, H. Adams, D. W. Griggs, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Jones, J. Herbert, J. W. Kelley, S. How.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON.—On Wednesday, June 17th, a half-peal of Doubles, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins., being twelve 6-scores of Grandsire and nine of Bob. A. Pratt, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, A. Daniels, J. Blott, A. Bryant. On June 19th, 180 Bob Minor. W. Sharp, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, A. Daniels, A. Pratt, J. Blott. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. J. Harlow, A. Daniels conductor, J. Blott, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow, W. Sharp.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Markwell, Joseph Markwell, A. Hazell, A. Markwell, jun., H. Markwell, A. Markwell, sen., conductor.

HADDENHAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Markwell, A. Markwell, H. Markwell, R. Dewey, A. Markwell, sen. conductor, H. Sharp.

LAVENHAM.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at the residence of A. Symonds, 720 Bob Minor. S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, Miss M. Symonds, J. S. Symonds, age 12, conductor. This is supposed to be the youngest member in the diocese who has called a 720.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. A. Blackwall, T. Horton, F. Blood, J. Hickman, J. Woolley conductor, G. Johnson, H. Wooding, W. Peabody. Rung in honour of the birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First quarter-peal by ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY.—On Saturday, June 13th, at the church of SS. Peter and Leonard, 704 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Mitchell, F. Chappell, E. Brooke, J. Woffenden, J. Smith, T. W. Clarke, G. Hunt conductor, G. F. Pickles. 720 Oxford Minor. G. Hunt conductor, F. Chappell, E. Brooke, T. W. Clarke, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles. 992 Kent Major. G. Hunt conductor, F. Chappell, E. Brooke, J. Woffenden, J. Smith, T. W. Clarke, J. Burstow, G. F. Pickles. And 768 Kent, standing as before, conducted by G. F. Pickles. On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 1152 Kent Major, standing as before. For evening service 1024 Kent Major, standing as before. These touches were rung with bells deeply muffled as a token of sincere regard to the late Canon John Sharp, who died on June 10th in his 93rd year. He was interred on Saturday, June 13th. He was Vicar of Horbury from 1834

to 1899, when he resigned the vicarate owing to his great age. He still lived in Horbury, where he died, honoured and loved by all who knew him.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE COMBERTON.—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. Rev. W. Lowndes, G. Bozzard, H. Salisbury, E. Gibbs, L. Annis, F. Godfrey. 360 Grandsire Minor, J. Godfrey, E. Gibbs, C. Gibbs, G. Bozzard, L. Annis, H. Salisbury.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Monday, May 25th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 40 mins. W. Hook, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury, W. Hook, sen.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, June 8th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. O'Connor, R. W. Burrows, I. Purser, G. Burrows, R. Pickering, H. Knight conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSFOLD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 20th, at St. Mary's church, 120 Bob Minor. P. Stenning, J. W. Harrison conductor, M. Pullen, W. T. Cox, T. Squelch, A. Smithers. First on the bells by an entirely local company. On Tuesday, May 26th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Smithers, J. W. Harrison, A. J. Bartlett, W. T. Cox, H. J. Ellis, A. Smithers conductor.

ALLESLEY NEAR COVENTRY.—On Sunday, June 21st, 240 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, W. H. Rees, T. Hope, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. 210 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. Two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. T. Hope, W. H. Horwood, W. H. Rees, W. Maundy, J. H. White conductor, A. W. Flowers. 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. White conductor, W. Maund, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, W. H. Horwood, T. Hope. These are the first touches of Minor on the bells.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, 720 Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, C. Neaverson, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes conductor, W. G. Jones. First 720 of Stedman on the bells.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Tuesday, June 9th, at the parish church, 224 Grandsire Triples. G. Privett, C. Privett, A. Clark, G. Passingham, H. Westbrook conductor, H. Ford, R. Fuge, J. Sweetman. 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Passingham, C. Privett, W. Tucker, H. Westbrook, A. Clark, H. Ford, W. H. George conductor, F. Cooper. And 280 Grandsire Triples. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. James E. Tarbat and Miss Ethel Mary Victoria Durnford, who were married at Weybridge that day.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 2080 London Surprise Major. Rev. W. S. Willett, H. Baker, G. Dent, W. Hobbs, W. Keeble, E. Pye, I. Cavill, W. Pye conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Alderman, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, J. Nixon, J. Durrant, J. Monk conductor, R. Bevan, F. Smith. For Divine Service in the morning at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Turl, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, R. Bevan conductor, J. Durrant, J. Monk. For evening service at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Chapman, H. Brooks, J. Durrant, F. Smith, M. Woodcock, J. Monk, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis conductor. And 336 Stedman Triples. M. Woodcock, F. Smith conductor, J. Durrant, R. Bevan, J. E. Davis, J. Monk, E. Chapman, H. Brooks. 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Monk, M. Woodcock conductor, E. Turl, J. Durrant, H. Brooks, F. Smith, J. E. Davis, R. Bevan. On Monday, August 3rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. G. Turl, T. Titchener, E. Turl, F. Smith, J. Durrant, T. H. Taffender, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock conductor, J. Monk, R. Bevan, On Monday, August 3rd, an attempt was made for a Oxford Guild peal of Stedman Triples, but it collapsed after an hour's ringing. And 420 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender conductor, M. Woodcock, H. Brooks, R. Bevan, F. Smith, T. Titchener, J. Monk, E. Turl. On Monday, August 3rd, at the residence of F. Smith, on handbells, 1260 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock conductor, F. Smith, J. Monk, H. Brooks. 363 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock conductor, T. H. Taffender, J. Monk, H. Brooks. A course of Stedman Triples. M. Woodcock, F. Smith, T. H. Taffender, J. Monk, A course of Bob Major. H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, F. Smith, J. Monk.

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 6th, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. Gladwell, W. Hollocks conductor. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1903.

WE have lately read somewhere of a movement to render an additional honour to the memory of the immortal Shakspeare in connection with his native town, in which many influential persons in literature and art have interested themselves, though they have not been quite unanimous as to details. And we read on another page of this number that the bells of Shakspeare's church, which have been increased in number within the past few years, cannot be rung owing to the insecure condition of the steeple.

The parish church of Stratford-on-Avon is a noble structure, and commanding a romantic (if we may use the word when such a sacred edifice is concerned) position on



the bank of the river. The steeple, consisting of a square tower, surmounted by a lofty spire, is a lovely and pleasing object in the landscape, and like the house in which Shakspeare was born, is the resort of numberless pilgrims daily from all parts of the earth. If such a noble and interesting fabric has become insecure, surely there ought to be no difficulty in getting sufficient money to effect its complete and permanent restoration. We are not able, perhaps, to reckon the great poet among church bell ringers, neither can it be said with accuracy that he knew nothing about bells; the probability is that he did; at any rate was well acquainted with the bells of his own church. It is a little remarkable that his monument, with the well-known inscription upon it:—

Dear friend, for Jesu's sake, forbear  
To dig the dust enclosed here.  
Blest be the man who spares these stones,  
And curst be he who moves my bones.

is situate close to the door which opens on to the steps leading to the ringing-chamber. That Shakspeare was a Churchman we know. Then, in considering measures to perpetuate his memory, the maintenance of the fabric in which he was wont to worship, and wherein he lies awaiting the last call, should be sacredly guarded from decay, and the probable ravages of time watched with the greatest solicitude.

We know that such cases as the one in question requires an immense amount of persuasion and urgent continuous advocacy, but it is the duty of churchmen to come to the fore now, and resolve that the great temple wherein the greatest poet worshipped shall not suffer for the want of money.

The publication of the illustration—"The Method Builders"—the other week, has led to a great many requests that we should issue it separately, printed on art paper. We shall try to defer to the wishes expressed at an early date.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WARD* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

N. J. PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 5.
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Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY STUBBS† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

#### KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
WILLIAM NEVARD† .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This was James Houghton's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. This is the first peal of London ever attempted in Northampton.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1903 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	†FRED WILFORD .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 8.
WALTER PERKINS† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 9.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

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On Tuesday, August 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 5.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON* .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIUHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

\*First peal in the method.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. .. 4.	JAMES TANN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM, AND THE  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,

HARRY WITHERS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 5.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Duffield Major by the Guild, as Royal and Maximus have been rung previously. First peal of Duffield by all the band except the conductor.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON .. 4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of Cambridge by all the above; first by the Association, and first time rung in the north.

## UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1903, in Two Hours Fifty-three and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY EVANS .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
GEORGE NORRIS .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	GEORGE GATLAND .. 7.
EDMUND LINDUP .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. A. B. Wiffen was elected a member previous to starting.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE DESMOND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

REUBEN COPPIN .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	*LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR E. PAYNE* .. Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER .. 4.
FREDERICK TINGLE* .. 2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 5.
ALFRED TURNER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

\*First peal. First peal in three methods by all but the conductor.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure,  
Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

ALPHAUS BERRY* .. Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 2.	JAMES ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

WALTER PARSONS .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. 5.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. 2.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
PETER TYLER .. .. 4.	EDWARD PEARCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Wiffen and Sentance, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Braintree, Essex, it being their first peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Sentance was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. This was Mr. Short's 150th peal.

## TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

A. COLEMAN* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. 5.
FREDK. KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GOWER .. .. 6.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 3.	GEORGE MAYERS .. .. 7.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and  
Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

\*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for A. Coleman, who hails from Rugby. The last two hours of this peal was rung without a slider to the treble, this having fallen off during the first hour.



## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## DORKING, SURREY.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, August 10, 1903, in Three Hours and two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD CASSELL* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD E. DODD .. .. 5.
HARRY SONGHURST .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
HENRY BOXALL .. .. 3.	JOHN H. WHITE .. .. 7.
DENISON HAYWARE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LYNCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the King's coronation.

The four following peals are the result of a tour by members of the Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

## CRANBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ELI WATERS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
ERNEST V. COX* .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	*CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major; also on the bells. Messrs. O'Brien, Cox and Hunt were elected members in the tower.

## WAREHAM, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1903, in Three Hours Two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the 100th tower the conductor has rang peals in. It is also the first peal on the bells.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ELI WATERS* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 5.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. OSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Cox, O'Brien and Osman were elected members previous to starting.

## FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
WALTER KERLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal on the bells. This is the conductor's 350th peal. S. Macey was elected a member in the tower.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Triples at Selly Oak, reported last week, was 2 hrs. 52 mins., not 2 hrs. 32 mins.—In reference to the peal rung at Kelsale rung on July 23rd, it was not H. Smith's first peal but his fourth, having rung two at St. John's, Saxmundham, and two at Kelsale, the last of which was 6336 rung a few months ago.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S STOCKPORT SOCIETY.—On Whit-Friday last, four members of this society, with one of the clergy (Rev. J. A. Davys) and several friends, had a most enjoyable trip to Shakspeare's country, where amid an enormous amount of sightseeing they rang with the co-operation of other friends, ringers, whom they met by appointment, many touches in the grand old tower of St. Mary's, Warwick. At 9.10 a.m. they were met and welcomed at Milverton by Mr. E. H. Adams, steeplekeeper; at 9.40 had breakfast at Leamington; and at 10.40 rung 336 of Grandsire Triples: J. Pinfold (age 13; Leamington), J. D. Matthews (the renowned Superlative ringers' cycle maker of Leamington), E. H. Adams (Warwick), A. Birch (Stockport), C. Darwin (Stockport), E. McDonald (Leamington), Wm. Gordon (Stockport), Jos. Tullett (Stockport). The same band, with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies in the place of McDonald, then rang 420 Stedman Triples, both touches being conducted by Wm. Gordon. Several courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were then rung on handbells by Wm. Gordon, J. D. Matthews, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, E. H. Adams. The journey was then made to Stratford-on-Avon, where arrangements had been made to ring, but the tower being found unsafe some few weeks ago, ringing was abandoned there in favour of Warwick. Some five hours were very profitably spent in viewing the various attractions of the town that Shakspeare has immortalised, and then a return was made to Warwick, which was reached at 7.0 p.m. A touch of 305 Grandsire Caters was soon accomplished, two ringers of Warwick completing the number required, conducted by Wm. Gordon. Several plain courses of Stedman Caters were then rung, and afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. The ringing gave great satisfaction to all concerned, and after thanks and leave taking had been given and accepted, the Stockport party returned to Leamington en route for home; and now through the medium of this paper they beg to thank Mr. Adams for his exertions on their behalf; Mr. Matthews (of Superlative fame) and his friends, not forgetting the boy-ringer, for their co-operation; and last though not least the Rev. C. D. Davies for his valuable services both forenoon and evening.

THE ST. JOHN'S CARDIFF SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 1st, this society went to Minehead, where they were met by Mr. G. Atkins, local hon. sec., who took them to the tower, where they rang some Grandsire Triples, the go of the bells being excellent. After dinner the visitors drove over to Dunster, accompanied by two of the Minehead company, and they were met by Mr. Grabham. They visited the ancient church, and after a good look around got into the belfry, where a few touches of Grandsire were rung. Returning to Minehead, tea was had, and a good look round before leaving again for the boat, having spent a most enjoyable day. The visitors wish to thank the Vicars of Minehead and Dunster for granting permission; also those friends who so kindly met them.

L. B.



**Notices.**

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The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The first annual meeting of the above will be held at Hastings to-day, Saturday, August 15th, when it is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. C. TRIBE, *British School Villas, Tenterden. Hon. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The practice and Sunday ringing will be suspended entirely during August. The first meetings will be on Friday, September 11th, and Sunday evening, September 13th. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Audley, to-day, Saturday, August 15th. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Mears Ashby, to-day, Saturday, August 15th. Usual arrangements. W. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst, to-day, Saturday, August 15th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec. pro. tem. Oakleigh, Chislehurst.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, the 22nd August. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's school at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. All members intending to be present must give me notice on or before Thursday, the 20th. Half railway fare will be paid up to 2s. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec. 65, Clive Road, Rochester.*

The North Wales Association.—Bangor Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Beaumaris on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec. 5, Victoria Street, Llandudno.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Business meeting commences at 7.30 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms. FRED BARRACLOUGH, *29, Elsworth Place, Armley. Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Frederick Watling has removed from Ufford to 8, Chantry Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

THE PEAL AT EAST GRINSTEAD (reported last week).—Mr. R. J. Dawe's 200 peals.—Grandsire Triples 30, conducted 2, Caters 6; Stedman Triples 35, Caters 5; Bob Major 22, Triples 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 20, Royal 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 13, Royal 1; London Surprise Major 18, Bristol 2, Cambridge 9, Superlative 21, New Cumberland 3, Westminster 3, Norfolk 2, Oxford 2, Gloucester 1. 200.

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**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA.—On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harris conductor, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, P. Hannam, J. Harding, H. Ingram. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Harris conductor, W. Lebbon, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Harper, F. Bayley, J. Gould, H. Ingram. On April 5th, 504 Grandsire. J. Harris conductor, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harding, H. Ingram. On April 14th, 535 Stedman. J. Harris, P. Hannam, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Harper, A. Collins, W. Lebbon conductor, J. Matthews. On April 19th, 504 Grandsire. R. H. Turner, F. Burnett, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, P. Hannam, J. Harper, H. Ingram. On May 3rd, 504 Stedman. J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Harper, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Collins, F. Bayley conductor, J. Harding. On June 14th, 504 Stedman. J. Harper, E. Reynolds, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris conductor, J. Harding. On July 5th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman in 45 mins. J. Harris, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, A. Collins, C. Tyler conductor, W. Lebbon, J. Harding.

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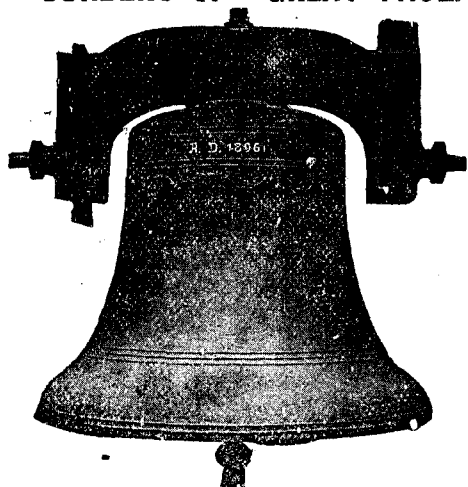
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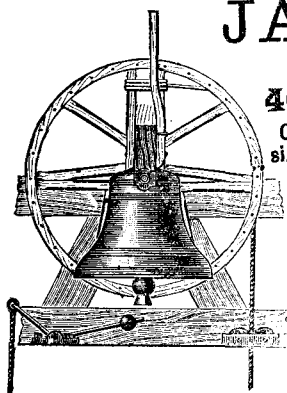
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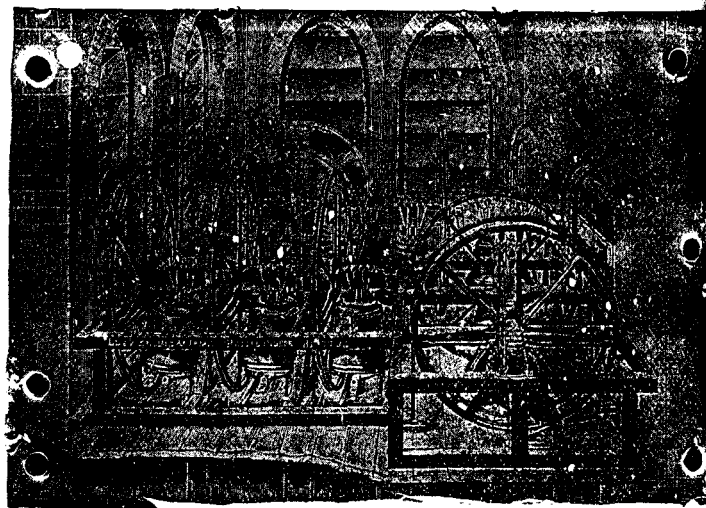
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Silver (one side)	...	...	...	...	0 3 6
do., both sides alike	...	...	...	...	0 5 0
Bronze	...	...	...	...	0 2 9
9-carat gold	...	...	...	...	1 20 0
Smaller size in gold from	...	...	...	...	0 15 0

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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).

LONDON (continued). Dalston. St. Mark. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1877. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. No further information except note that architect advises that bells should not be rung.

Euston Road. St. Pancras. Eight bells. All by Warner. Date not given. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Clocking permitted. No further information, and report not signed.

Fleet Street. St. Bride's. Twelve bells. No return.

Fleet Street. St. Dunstan. Eight bells. No return.

Fulham. All Saints. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Rudhall. Treble 1759; 2nd 1727; the rest 1729. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs recently. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 8.

Greenwich (Kent). St. Alphege. Kent County Association. Ten bells. All by Mears. Treble and 6th, 1792; 2nd, 1734; 3rd, 1715; 4th, 7th and 8th, 1731; 5th, 1889; 6th, 1792; 9th, 1814. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in., 1824. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears, 1889. Ropes new 1892, middling. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 6. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

## BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTER.

A large clock has just been erected on the Public Hall here by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It has been made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and has all the latest improvements.

**H**ANDKERCHIEFS FOR RINGERS.—Splendid Quality.—Purest Silk.—Very suitable for a present.—W. MATTHEWS, Change Ringer, Macclesfield.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

The parish church of Bosham, near Chichester, is one of the most interesting buildings in England, as well to the historian and antiquary as to the artist and architect. Built on the site of a Roman basilica, portions of which are still to be seen in the present structure, its story began over 1600 years ago. Tradition says that a Roman temple existed here in the fourth century, and in the reign of Constantine, A.D. 306-337, this temple was used as a Christian place of worship. The foundations of the basilica were discovered early last century when a vault was being excavated, and in 1865 the nave was lowered two feet in order to expose to view the bases of the chancel arch, which are undoubtedly Roman.

After the Romans left England the Saxons came, and Christianity nearly died out, except in the west, and Sussex was practically a heathen county till the arrival of Wilfrid from the north. He came to preach to the South Saxons in A.D. 681, and the Venerable Bede relates that Wilfrid found him at Bosham, a small monastery, presided over by one Dicul, an Irish monk. This monastery was probably founded soon after the arrival of Augustine in 597, so that the light of Christianity was burning at Bosham while the other parts of Sussex were in heathen darkness.

The Saxon church consisted of the present tower, the present nave, and a small chancel terminated by an apse; the walls of this chancel form part of the present one, and exhibit in the place herring-bone masonry. In the famous Bayeux tapestry, worked by Matilda, the wife of William the Conqueror, Harold, who possessed a palace at Bosham, is represented as entering the church before starting on his fateful journey to Normandy, and it is remarkable that the arch so rudely depicted in the tapestry is a true representation of the chancel arch now existing.

After the Saxons came the Danes, whose King, Canute, lived at Bosham; a daughter of his, aged about eight, was buried in the church. Her remains, in a stone coffin, were discovered in 1865 in the spot indicated by tradition, the site now being marked by a tile bearing a Danish raven. During the Norman period—1050 to 1175—the chancel was lengthened, more space being required for the members of the religious house, which had been considerably augmented.

At the end of the twelfth century Bishop Warlewast, of Exeter, changed the monastery at Bosham into a college, and he again lengthened the chancel, introduced the arcades into the walls of the Saxon nave, and added both north and south aisles. At the same time the Early English windows were placed in the chancel walls, including the fine five-light window at the east-end, with its pillars of Purbeck marble.

The bells are six in number, and the oldest is dated 1572, the tenor weighing 11 cwt. An old tradition states that in the ninth or tenth century a fleet of Danish pirates sailed up the creek to Bosham to ransack and pillage the district, but finding nothing in Bosham worth taking, they robbed the church of its famous and sweet-toned tenor bell, and made sail down the harbour with it on



deck. But the Christian bell refused to allow itself to be carried off by heathen vandals, and when about a mile from Bosham the bell broke through the deck of the vessel, and passing through her bottom sank in a deep hole in the harbour where it remains to the present day. When the bells of Bosham are rung, this old tenor bell can be heard striking in along with them by anyone standing near the bell hole as it is called, where it lies underneath the waves.

The situation of the church is most delightful, and its picturesque beauty has been admired by visitors from not only all parts of this country, but from all the world. With the waters of the creek on two sides, with quaint old buildings grouped close by, with an ancient ship-building yard in the foreground, standing out against a background of foliage, Bosham church and its surroundings form one of the most beautiful scenes in England. Bosham itself is visited by schools of artists from France and Italy under famous painters, while it is a well-known fact that almost annually either Bosham or its neighbourhood figures in the Royal Academy.

It is for the preservation of this church that an appeal is now made; and on account of its unique history—national in its interest—this appeal is made to lovers of antiquity and of the picturesque all over the country. The building stands in sad need of repair, and the estimated cost, £2,500 is a burden too heavy for the parishioners of Bosham alone. They truly are bearing their share, but the entire weight is beyond their means, and an earnest appeal is made to friends from far and near for help, in order that this wonderful building may not fall into decay, but may still stand to the glory of God for many centuries yet to come.

The work that is needed includes, amongst other items, the re-shingling of the tower and the re-hanging of the bells—necessary for the preservation of the ancient Saxon tower—the repair of roof and ceiling, cleansing of the walls, and restoration of the porch and doors. It is expected that the renovation may also have to include other items not yet disclosed, but which may be brought to light as the work progresses. The work will be carried out in a true conservative spirit by architects whose repair of the ancient roofs of Winchester Cathedral has recently received the high approval of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and the builders will be thoroughly competent for such work. Donations will be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar, the Rev. K. H. Macdermott, Bosham Vicarage, Chichester.

#### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, August 8th, to which about twenty-five attended. A short service was arranged by the Rev. A. J. Bartlett at 5 p.m. After service the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Wilkins), invited the ringers to a tea on the lawn near the church. Tea over, a business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Westerleigh. Several new members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. J. Wilkins for the tea, use of bells, etc., and also to the curate (Rev. A. J. Bartlett), for taking the service. A 720 of Bob Minor and several 6-scores of Doubles were rung on the bells during the evening.

#### A LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Since I last sent you any news we have had the usual thing among ringers. We have been handicapped by members leaving us for other fields, but we have struggled on, but we seldom meet more than six, so you see we have made the best of it. We have a very useful member in Mr. F. P. Powell, from Oxford, who has thrown in his lot with us since he has been in Cape Town, to the benefit of all concerned, and I have the pleasure to send you what is supposed to be the first scientific-ringing in South Africa. It was very pleasant even to ring Grandsire Doubles after fifteen years, and we are giving our young hands a taste of Minor, so you see we are pushing on slowly; should dearly like a peal of Major on this peal. Now Sir I must close, trusting success will continue with you and all brother-strings, is the wish from all here, including your humble servant,  
J. F. PRIEST.

ST. MARY'S GUILD, WOODSTOCK, SOUTH AFRICA.

On a recent Tuesday, for practice at St. Mary's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. A. Davis, F. P. Powell conductor, L. Green, F. E. Oakes, H. G. Cock, J. F. Priest. On handbells two courses of Bob Minor. S. A. Avis, J. F. Priest, L. Green, F. E. Oakes, H. G. Cock, F. P. Powell.

#### BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. AN APPEAL.

We are asked to open our columns to an appeal on behalf of Mr. George Willies, who has fallen upon bad times. He is 83 years of age, past all work, and has now become chargeable to the parish. He is almost, if not quite, the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Guild. He has been a ringer from boyhood, and nothing has been too much trouble to him so long as it furthered the progress of the art in which he has always had so much at heart. Now that he is practically destitute in his old age it is thought that it would not be out of place to appeal to the numerous ringers in the country. A small subscription-list has been started locally for the purpose of allowing him a few shillings a week. Should any individual ringer, or any band of ringers, think this case worthy of their support, any contribution, however small would be thankfully received by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. C. North-Cox, The Vicarage, or his assistant Curate, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Whitecross Street, both of Burton-on-Humber, Hull.

#### RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 1st, at All Saints church, Sproughton, Edgar Rivers, of Sproughton, was married to Miss Alice Upson, of Hoxton, London. The Rev. A. Foster Melliar performed the ceremony. The service was choral, a special psalm and hymn being sung. Mr. C. Freeman, choirmaster, presided at the organ, the bridegroom being a member of the choir. The newly-married couple left the church with the best wishes of the ringers and choir. Mr. A. G. Rivers, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. During the afternoon touches of London and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the church bells. The Sproughton ringers presented the bridegroom with a handsome over-mantel, and his brother-choirmen with a handsome clock.

#### BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—THE BELL News taken.—A good halfpenny neighbourhood.



## Compositions.

## DODGING HUNT METHOD.

By HENRY DAINS, *Cumberland Youths.*

12345678 Herewith another version  
21436587 of the method published by  
12346578 me 27th June, 1903, with the  
21435687 addition of 2nds and 7ths  
places. When treble is at  
24153867 lead and laying behind res-  
42518376 pectively, Bob Major compo-  
24158367 sition without singles runs  
42513876 true in this. The following is  
one, with single removed from  
the first half of the composi-  
tion.

5024.

	23456	W	B	M	H
53427618	52364	-	x	-	-
35246781	43526	-	-	-	-
32547618					
23456781	24365	-	x	-	-
	32465	-	-	-	-
32547681	43265	-	-	-	-
23456718	52436	-	-	-	-
24357681					
42536718	35264	-	x	-	-
	26354	-	-	-	-
24356178	32654	-	-	-	-
42531687	63254	-	-	-	-
45236178	56234	-	-	-	-
54321687	23564	-	-	-	-
53412867	45236	-	-	-	-
35148276	24536	-	-	-	-
53418267	53246	-	-	-	-
35142876	25346	-	-	-	-
	32546	-	-	-	-
31524786	54326	-	-	-	-
13257468	35426	-	-	-	-
31527486	42356	-	-	-	-
13254768	34256	-	-	-	-
	23456	-	-	-	-

13527486 P.L.

12357486 BOB Contains 6th extent right,  
all the 5-4s, 6-4s and 6-5s  
in course.

## STEDMAN CATERS.

By HENRY DAINS, *Cumberland Youths.*

In the 5077 under my name on August  
1st inst., the peal is constructed on the  
plan of duplicating course-ends, the go off  
being a full slow six.

The following are on the plan of dupli-  
cating course-ends, but go off with a full  
quick six. They are so constructed that  
the first course, also the last course, belong  
to each peal, being composed with a view to  
showing that the body of a peal can be  
anything one pleases.

No. 1.

123456789		351462879
*361254978	5 16	†351264
364152	-	354162
362451	-	352461
263154	-	253164
264351	-	254361
261453	-	251463
162354	-	152364

Continued—

164253	-	154263
461352	-	451362
462153	-	452163
463251978	-	453261879

†251394879 261354978

152463	-	162453
153264	-	163254
154362	-	164352

451263	-	461253
453162	-	463152
452361	-	462351

254163	-	264153
253461	-	263451

352164	-	362154
354261	-	364251

†351462879 361452979

\*Obtained by bobs 3, 5, 11, 14, 86.

†Call bob at 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16.

†This course-end obtained by s5, bob 16.  
Rounds by bobs at 3, 5 and 8.

No. 2.

123456789		361452879
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361254978	5 16	361254879
364152	-	364152
362451	-	362451

263154	-	263154
264351	-	264351
261453	-	261453

162354	-	162354
164253	-	164253

461352	-	461352
462153	-	462153
463251978	-	463251879

\*261354879 261354978

162453	-	162453
163254	-	163254
164352	-	164352

461253	-	461253
463152	-	463152
462351	-	462351

264153	-	264153
263451	-	263451

362154	-	362154
364251	-	364251
361452879	-	361452978

\*In these courses bobs are called at 1, 4,  
5, 9, 10, 16, 87.

The first course and the last course are  
exactly as given in peal No. 1 previously  
mentioned. The 24th course is also ob-  
tained by s5, b16. Each peal goes off plain  
full quick six.

No. 1 contains 5 and 6 fixed in 2nds and  
behind the 9th alternate half in the regular  
tittums, and half in the home position.

No. 2 has 6 fixed in 2nd and 5th at home  
throughout, half in regular tittums or as  
before explained.

## A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, *Derby.*

5760.

12345 I B O

53412	-	-
24153	-	-
31524	-	-
42135	-	-
51342	-	-
23451	-	-
14523	-	-
35214	-	-
41532	-	-
23145	-	-
51423	-	-
34251	-	-
12534	-	-
43215	-	-
52143	-	-
31452	-	-
24531	-	-
15324	-	-
42513	-	-
31245	-	-
52431	-	-
14352	-	-
23514	-	-
41325	-	-
53241	-	-
12453	-	-
34512	-	-
25134	-	-
43521	-	-
15243	-	-
32415	-	-
54132	-	-
21354	-	-
45123	-	-
32541	-	-
15432	-	-
24315	-	-
53124	-	-
41253	-	-
35142	-	-
21435	-	-
54321	-	-
13254	-	-
45312	-	-
21543	-	-
35421	-	-
14235	-	-
52314	-	-
43152	-	-
25341	-	-
13425	-	-
54213	-	-
32154	-	-
45231	-	-
13542	-	-
25413	-	-
34125	-	-
51234	-	-
42351	-	-
13245	-	-

Repeated.

This peal contains the one hundred-  
and-twenty course-ends.

Another peal in this method sent by the  
same author is true, but we do not insert  
it, as it has been found to be a variation  
of a peal by another composer.

THE SUPERLATIVE CYCLE.—Write  
to J. D. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Lilling-  
ton, Leamington.



## 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."

## METHOD AND CLASSIFICATION.

SIR,—During the last year or two some little discussion has taken place in your columns as to the difference between Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

The following is the first half of a double Surprise method, built upon the lengthening lead plan. Each of the four dodging blocks of the treble are marked A B C and D, and the passings of the treble from 2nd to 3rd, 4th to 5th, and 6th to 7th, are upon the reverse side marked X Y Z, and is a suggestive solution.

Block A	1234	5678	
	2143	6587	
	1234	6857	
	2143	8675	
Block B	2413	8765	X
	4231	7856	
	2413	7586	
	4231	5768	
Block C	2435	1786	Y
	4253	7168	
	4523	1786	
	5432	7168	
Block D	5342	7618	Z
	3524	6781	
	3254	7618	
	2345	6781	
2436		5871	

If reference is made to Oxford or Kent Treble Bob, well known and recognised Treble Bob methods, all internal places are made, while the treble is dodging in one or another of these four blocks, thus any method containing this quality will be Treble Bob. If reference is made to Superlative, Cambridge or London, places will be found made while the treble is passing from one dodging block to another, viz., at x y z, positions, thus any and every method containing this quality is a Surprise method.

These latter places may be termed ornamental places, useless places as far as method building is concerned, or anyteing else; beauty places if you please.

Now there are three such places in a half-lead, and it will readily be seen there are four or five or more distinct classes in which methods can be grouped. Suppose we say "beauty places," and according to the number employed we get the following classification.

Methods without beauty spots are Treble Bob group.

Methods with one beauty spot are Pleasures group.

Methods with two beauty spots are Delights group.

Methods with three beauty spots are Surprise group.

This, Mr. Editor, gives a clear way to classification, and if method proprietors, and those who are students are agreeable to these definitions, method builders will know what lines they are working on, and obtain if successful, and both conductors and ringers may know what they ring, or select for practice when starting a new method.

In the above mood of classification no mention is required as to musical qualification, as in Superlative and London examples we have the extremes good and bad. A Pleasure or Delight may easily be had more musical than London. Neither is any mention made of adjoining places, but any method obtained without these blots will undoubtedly stand first in a constructional point of view, be they made next or away from the treble. The ideas of this sketch are not all belonging to myself, but of various correspondents. I am putting it out as a feeler to the Exercise at large, and should like the opinion of those interested.

H. DAINS.

## "CHIEFLY HISTORICAL."

SIR,—The sketch by your correspondent "Philip" is very

interesting. There is one incident connected with the gentleman named, Mr. Samuel Austin, which will also interest your readers. It occurred in November, 1829. Of course there is no actual record of what I relate, except that of the performance I speak, unless some of the oldest school remember the occurrence.

The celebrated Thomas Hurry, of Norwich, when on a visit to London, tradition says, got together a band of ringers, waited upon the Vicar of St. James's, Bermondsey, obtained the key and permission to try the new ring of ten bells just put up. They gave the bells a good trial by scoring the first peal—a 5120 Treble Bob Royal—conducted by George Gross; his son T. Gross rang the 2nd, Thomas Hurry the 9th, in this peal. Date, November 28th, 1829.

The joke is the peal was rung whilst Mr. Samuel Austin was at business. He was a leading and confidential lawyer's clerk (I've understood), and had been carefully retaining this ring of bells to get the first peal for himself and friends. Oh! that disappointment upon his arrival at home that evening.

The late John Cox related several incidents of the brother and Samuel, similar to those given by "Philip." At the writer's first visit to St. James's belfry he rang the 6th to a plain course of Treble Bob Royal. Dear old Sam scrutinising the band just before starting, espied the stranger, put him through his facings, and instantly into a position, remarking "unless you stand so you'll never ring the 6th." Octogenarian Haworth was among that band, I think.

"F. H."

SIR,—The interesting article by "Philip" last week shows that there are other matters to be found beyond the bare details of ringing and composition which would be welcomed by your readers. I wish your contributor would have gone further and told us more of the trial of the Queen. I should like to say that in my opinion similar articles on almost any subject outside ringing would be greeted by your readers—ringers and non-ringers, if treated in what is called a popular manner. Perhaps "Philip" would try his hand again, and if we heard from him once a fortnight, "P.S." once a fortnight, and R. A. Daniell every week, many of us would like it all the better.

IGNORAMUS.

## "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—In your last issue Mr. M. A. Wood complains of an inaccuracy in regard to Bethnal Green bells. To the question "Are any of these bells ever 'clocked,' (i.e. chimed by a rope tied to the clapper)" the return, signed by Mr. Wood and Mr. Cooter, replies: "Yes, the 5th only, chimed by the clergyman." The Committee cannot be held responsible for inaccurate information when this is signed by two responsible ringers.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

## THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MIDDLEWICH.

SIR,—With reference to the above Mr. Mann is quite at liberty to form his own opinion, and I take it the committee were equally at liberty to form theirs. This they did, and gave their decision. That being so no good turn is being served by prolonging the correspondence, and so far as I am concerned this closes the matter, but for the benefit of the Exercise I would point out that Mr. Mann in his last letter contradicts the statement he made at Stockport in one important particular. With regard to Mr. Barnes's rambling statement, I notice he says at the commencement of his letter he would like to draw attention to one or two points in connection with the peal at Middlewich, but though I have read his letter through carefully I have so far not been able to discover them. Instead I notice he takes the opportunity of airing his private animosity with the conductor of the peal of Royal he refers to. Surely Mr. Barnes has sense enough to know that the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" is not the proper place for that.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE TUNSTALL COMPANY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 25th, the ringers of Christ Church, accompanied by Messrs. Woods and Bradshaw, of Hanley, journeyed to Alsager for the purpose of trying their hand on the beautiful ring of bells. Arriving at the church at 4.40 we found Messrs. Edwards and the local band awaiting us. The bells were raised in peal and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were the order of the day, several of the Alsager band taking part. The bells are a splendid little ring of eight, and all who took part in the proceedings expressed their pleasure at having had the opportunity of spending the afternoon under such favourable circumstances. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed both the ringing and the outing, the weather being all that could be desired. We now take the opportunity of thanking the Vicar, churchwarden, and the ringers generally for the manner in which they contributed in so small a way to our afternoon's enjoyment, and we shall only be too pleased to return the compliment if ever they decide to visit Tunstall. G. A. S.

THE ST. JAMES'S BOLTON, BRADFORD, COMPANY.—On August Bank Holiday Monday the members of this company had their annual outing. This year the services of the city electrical cars were requisitioned, by which the party journeyed to the well-known suburb of Idle. The parish church of this place up to the present not possessing a ring of bells, steps were at once wended down the lanes, through the fields, over the suspension bridge, and through the well-wooded estate of Esholt, to Guiseley. Here a brother-string, Thomas Thompson, was found in the not over congenial occupation of digging a grave, in his capacity of sexton, who cordially welcomed the party and speedily had the belfry door open. Soon the bells were raised, a touch of Grandsire Triples rung in smart fashion, followed by short touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. After adjournment for luncheon, the journey was resumed over the famous "Chevin," a panorama of Airedale stretching out all on the way, in the course of which Mr. Fred Dixon was unearthed from his managerial duties in a stone quarry by the way, and courses of Caters, Major and Triples rung on the road and in the centre of the steep hillside covered so profusely with grand old trees known throughout the North as Ottey Chevin. Another walk of a mile or so brought the visitors to the centre of this old Wharfedale town, famous for its live stock weekly markets, its quaint old-time buildings, and its grand old church. Calling in at The Red Lion, Fred Maston, the doyen of the local company, with some forty years of service to his credit, gave a hearty greeting to the party, and soon had all in readiness at the tower. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples occupied the next hour and a half, after which the bells were lowered, and appetites appeased at the nearest confectioner's. A short time was spent in pleasant converse, and with courses on the handbells, when good-byes were said, and steps wended back by the "high" way, known locally as the "low" road to Guiseley station. A break in the return journey was made at Shipley, in compliment to some of the local brother-strings, where a half-hour was pleasantly spent with the handbells, the party reaching home at the respectable hour of 10.30, after experiencing a most enjoyable day's outing.

THE ST. LAURENCE SOCIETY, READING.—On Monday, July 27th, this company had its annual outing, the places visited being Folkestone and Hythe in Kent. The party had a delightful journey, and after passing Redhill Mr. Newell's black bag (containing handbells and ham sandwiches) was opened, and a substantial breakfast made in the train. Folkestone was reached about 9.30. A little light refreshment, and way was made for St. Mary's, where the veteran ringer Mr. Barker was found. The bells were found up and ready for ringing, and a capital touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. All were pleased with the go of the bells, which are in excellent condition. After partaking of dinner the journey to Hythe was made by brake. Progress was much damped by rain, but on arrival shelter was

had in the tower of the parish church, where some very good ringing was done. The bells were lowered in peal, and afterwards at The King's Head a good tea was provided by Mr. Richards, secretary of the Hythe society. A ride by 'bus back to Folkestone in time to catch the train brought the day's enjoyment to a close. Reading was reached at 10.45, all having much enjoyed the day's outing. The company thank their instructor, Mr. Newell, for making such excellent arrangements.

## THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—AUGUST 14.

We take a train to Liverpool Street,  
A 'bus to London Bridge;  
Then off to Horsham for a treat,  
And pass the "Leith Hill" ridge.  
The scenery is of the best,  
And Horsham town is good;  
And gave our supper quite a zest,  
Which "coming round" we "stood."  
To hear a "hearty welcome all,"  
From the worthy Canon there;  
And thanks from our Walden Master fall,  
Those sentiments we share!  
The dainties' midst sweet flowers placed,  
With button-holes supplied;  
The Vicar, with his daughters graced  
The ringers side by side.  
The supper o'er, we seek the spire,  
And "Stedman" speaks once more;  
But through the practise of the choir,  
To ring again forebore.  
Now to the parish room we go,  
Our friends invite us there;  
They entertain us with a show,  
And quite a goodly fare.  
They "Cousins once removed" essay,  
In quite a pleasing style;  
And their dramatic powers display,  
To raise the frown or smile.  
Next "Do not let the lady go!"  
We quite accord with this;  
And by applause we fully show,  
We like the charming "Miss."  
On all our pleasures to dilate,  
Would take up too much space;  
And as the hour is getting late,  
We find our resting place.  
The Black Horse—only black in name!  
We treated were so well;  
That when we go again, the same  
We vote is our hotel.  
The morning, with its wind and showers,  
Breaks as we fill a brake;  
To just exemplify our powers,  
And a peal at Warnham make.  
Mr. Charman at the church we meet,  
Who wishes us success;  
And we ascend to meet defeat,  
For we break down I confess.  
For though each bell goes e'er so well  
All in such perfect state;  
Something is wrong, for sad to tell,  
There's no peal to relate.  
Then we rode back again dinner call!  
Some old friends there we see;  
The Canon, Burstow, Vaughan—we all  
Enjoyed their company.  
We thank our friends, who did their best,  
For all went happily;  
And trust they'll come and put to test,  
Our appreciation see.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1903.

WE utilise the meagre space at our disposal this week to inform those whom it concerns that a number of reports of touches have been discarded beyond recall on account of the omission of the name and address of those sending them. Nothing can be inserted unless it is accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

## THE MOSELY EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Last autumn, says *The Daily Chronicle*, Mr. Alfred Mosely took out a Commission, representing all the trade unions of the United Kingdom, to investigate the relations between employers and employed in America. Some very valuable information was obtained, and the success of the visit has induced Mr. Mosely to take out another



Commission this year, which will investigate the methods of education now in use in the United States and Canada. A complete list of the Commissioners follows, who will leave Southampton on October 3rd, on the American liner "Philadelphia." Among these we are pleased to find the names of two gentlemen well-known to the readers of this journal, viz.: the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, Essex; and the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, Rector of St. Peter, Walworth. Both are prominent members of the Exercise: the Rev. T. L. Papillon is most enthusiastic in every good measure relating to ringing concerns; and when it is remembered that the Rev. Arthur Jephson is a bob-caller, having called the "Original," nothing further need be added as to his ringing abilities.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK S. PERRIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. Tenor.

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

### The Provinces.

#### GOOLE, YORKS.

On Thursday, August 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. SWINGLER .. .. Treble.	H. FEATHERSTONE .. .. 5.
J. T. WALSH .. .. 2.	*J. HODDS .. .. 6.
A. W. JACKSON* .. .. 3.	C. R. LILLEY .. .. 7.
H. DUFFILL* .. .. 4.	*T. FAULKNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. It was intended to be a Yorkshire Association peal, but unfortunately one of the members was found to be out of order, therefore the above was rung as an independent peal; also as a compliment to H. Duffill, who joined the Benedicts that day.

#### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	E. SHERWOOD .. .. 5.
H. BIRCH .. .. 2.	J. LAST .. .. 6.
G. ABLITT .. .. 3.	C. CLARK .. .. 7.
F. CLARK .. .. 4.	W. TILLET .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

#### BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest E. Huntley. It is also the conductor's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

#### BRISTOL.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS .. .. 6.
W. JAMES HINTON .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 8.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 9.
ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 5.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

#### HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS .. Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 2.	J. R. SANDOVER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. BURROUGH .. 3.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 4.	W. CORNISH BATTISHILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER EVANS.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. Battishill, on his leaving for South Africa.

#### FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Three Hours Fourteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR FULLER .. .. 5.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. 2.	JOHN MOY .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. .. 7.
ROBERT HUTTON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

#### ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 5.
BENJAMIN COUSINS* .. 2.	JOHN TITE .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAY .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 4.	ROWLAND E. VYSE .. .. Tenor.

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On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWIN .. .. Treble.	FRANK PERVIN .. .. 5.
T. H. COLBURN .. .. 2.	J. L. WELLS .. .. 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	F. G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
L. F. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. COLBURN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Grundy, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

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

On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
LATES'S ONE-PART.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL..Treble.	GEORGE SWANN.. .. 5.
HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. 2.	ARTHUR PEGLER .. 6.
FRANK FAY.. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7.
HARRY WITHERS .. .. 4.	GEORGE PARSONS .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Withers.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

FRANK ROLFE .. .. Treble.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

FARNHAM, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED BAIGENT .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 2.	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM A. J. IVES .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN. 4.	†HENRY G. JARRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Messrs. Ives and Smith hail from York Town. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. J. Ives, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HERSHAM, SURREY.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1903, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ..Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN†.. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, August 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 5.
GEORGE FOSTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	*SAMUEL GROVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY C. HURCHILL .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING* .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 3.	*JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

\*First peal in seven Treble Bob methods with a bob bell.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, June 27th, the ringers of All Saints church, Newport, paid a visit to this place and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Charles, M. Lewis, C. Traviss, B. Millard, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, August, 2nd, for evening service, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Hoskins, T. Deal, J. J. Lamb W. Foreman, E. N. Price, W. Berry, W. Shimmans, F. Wilford conductor. On August 9th, 100 Stedman Triples. H. Hoskins, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, W. Shimmans, I. G. Shade conductor, W. Berry, H. Flanders, E. Corner.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE.—On Saturday, June 27th, a mixed band from Hull and Goole attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost after ringing an hour. C. Jackson conductor, J. T. Walsh, G. T. Marshall W. King, H. Duffield, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor, J. W. Hall. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. C. Jackson conductor, J. T. Walsh, F. Merrison, W. King, H. Duffield, T. Stockdale, A. Naylor, T. Faulkner. Ringers desiring to have the use of these bells will be given a hearty welcome. Practice night Mondays, 8 p.m. Other nights by special arrangement.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 378 Grandsire Triples. J. Garman, G. Sentance, H. Burstow, H. Brown, A. B. Wiffen, G. F. Williams conductor, W. Short, H. Mance.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. F. Williams conductor, H. Newnham, G. H. Sentance, P. Tyler, A. Mills, W. Short, A. B. Wiffen, T. Messen.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Bosley, H. J. Poole, J. Maddock, F. Millbank, W. Gillard, S. J. Every, E. E. Burgess conductor, E. Harris.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVERHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 21st, to celebrate the 15th birthday of the conductor, 720 Bob Minor was rung on handbells; S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, Miss M. Symonds, J. S. Symonds. On Tuesday, May 2nd, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by



J. S. Symonds. On Wednesday, July 15th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, J. S. Symonds. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. W. Bobby, A. Maxim, F. Parker, J. Hogger, H. Smith, T. King conductor, L. Leeks, A. Symonds.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAMLEY.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Radford, W. Jackson, M. Brown, J. Hunt, H. Burkitt conductor, A. Hook.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STONE IN OXNEY.—On July 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. F. Wenham, S. Hills, G. Johnson, C. W. Player conductor, W. Cook, W. G. Ford. First quarter-peal on the bells.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On January 1st, 720 Tulip. On January 4th, 720 Duke of York. On January 11th, 720 Plain Bob. On January 12th, 720 Plain Bob. On January 18th, 720 Primrose. On February 1st, 720 Merchant's Delight and Coronation Exercise. On February 8th, 720 Braintree and Symphony. On February 9th, 720 London Surprise. On February 15, 720 each of Morning Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. On February 22nd, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Surprise. On February 23rd, 720 City Delight. The following took part in the above: J. H. Barnes, J. S. Lomas, J. Brierley, D. Briggs, H. L. Cockcroft, L. Holt, D. Barnes, W. Smith.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Sunday, June 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. D. Simmons, A. C. Hardy composer, A. Graham, G. Cottis, A. Carter, R. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, D. Carrier.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Sunday evening, July 5th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Miles, W. J. Baldwin, H. Watson, J. Witley, W. Childs, F. A. Milne, Esq. conductor, J. Sumpter, A. T. New.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, June 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. E. Miffin, P. C. Long, E. Daddy, G. Weldon, A. W. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor. On Tuesday, July 7th, 720 Minor. W. E. Miffin, M. J. Richardson, G. Weldon, A. W. Long, P. C. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor.

WALTHAM.—On Wednesday, July 1st, 720 Minor. G. Weldon, E. Daddy, A. B. Shepherd, A. W. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor, P. C. Long. Another 720. W. E. Miffin, E. Daddy, J. W. Seamer, A. B. Shepherd, A. W. Long, G. Weldon conductor.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, June 28th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. M. B. Dalby, W. Patton, T. Clark, E. C. Hunt, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter conductor, D. Shipp, A. Hunter.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, O. Norman, T. Ricketts conductor, A. Harrington.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Godfrey, G. Dolphin, H. Godfrey, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury conductor. First 720 of Minor by C. Young. On Monday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being four 6-scores of Plain Bob, and six-and-a-half 6-scores of Grandsire in 45 mins. P. Gibbs, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury conductor, W. Hook, sen. First quarter-peal by P. Gibbs.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Trinity Sunday for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Hammans, A. W. Reeves, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. Brown. On Sunday morning, June 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Martin, A.

W. Reeves, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. Brown. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Franklin, H. Hammans, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. Brown.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford. H. Pawson, Jos. Thackray, C. Lockwood, John Thackray, M. Broadbent conductor, J. Heckingbottom.

ARLESEY (Beds).—On Sunday afternoon, July 19th, for the Volunteer church parade, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sharp, A. Daniels, F. Wells, C. Pratt, L. Harlow conductor, J. Blott. And 240 Bob Doubles. H. Harlow, L. Harlow, A. Daniels conductor, C. Pratt, F. Wells, J. Blott.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St James' church, half-muffled peals were rung in respect to the memory of the daughter of Mr. Joseph Grainger, churchwarden, whose remains had been interred on the previous Wednesday. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Ainge, B. E. Howe, J. Boddy, J. Broadley, H. Good conductor, A. Gill, F. Barker, S. Palfraiman.

BULWELL (Notts).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor T. Miller, T. H. Hind, Rev. R. P. Farrow, E. Foster, W. Wadly, W. Sevier conductor. Another 720. T. Miller, T. H. Hind, W. J. Sevier conductor, E. Foster, W. Wadly, W. Spencer.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service, 180 Bob Minor. W. Sharp, C. Pratt, A. Daniels, F. Wells, L. Harlow conductor, J. Blott. A 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Harlow, C. Pratt conductor, L. Harlow, F. Wells, J. Blott, E. Kitley. On Friday, July 32st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. H. Harlow, L. Harlow, A. Daniels, J. Blott, A. Pratt conductor, A. Bryant. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, July 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. G. Andrews conductor, W. J. Nevard, H. Bowers, P. Roper, G. Lancaster, W. Hazell, G. Miles, S. Roper, A 504 in the same method by the same band. On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hills, H. Bowers, S. Roper, W. J. Nevard, G. Miles, W. Hazell conductor. After service, another 720 by the same band.

ST. OSYTH (Essex).—On Sunday, July 5th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. S. Roper, W. J. Nevard, H. Bowers, G. Andrews, G. Miles, G. Simmet. After service another 360 by the same band conducted by W. J. Nevard.

STRETTFORD.—On Thursday, June 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Birchall, W. J. Moss conductor, F. Barrow, C. W. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, T. Birchall. First 720 on the bells by local ringers.

THORINGTON.—On Sunday, July 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Pryke, W. J. Nevard, G. Andrews, H. Bowers, G. Miles, S. Roper conductor.

WILLESDEN.—Recently, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Berry, A. Hill, J. Chandler conductor, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. 720 Double Stedman. A. Hill, J. Chandler, W. G. Matthews, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall conductor. On Tuesday, July 28th, 720 Oxford. W. Berry, A. Hill, W. G. Matthews, A. Pittam conductor, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent. W. G. Matthews, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler conductor, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. For evening service, 720 Oxford. J. W. Chandler, A. Hill, W. G. Matthews, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall conductor.

WALMER (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Henley, W. E. Pitman, G. Denne, E. Potter, C. Turner, H. Saywell, H. Castle, H. Wood conductor. Also a plain course. A. Newmon, W. Sheaf, the rest as before.

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St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The practice and Sunday ringing will be suspended entirely during August. The first meetings will be on Friday, September 11th, and Sunday evening, September 13th.

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The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—In future there will be ringing regularly for church service on Sunday mornings between 9.45 and 10.45, at St. Martin's, the parish church of Birmingham (12 bells). Ringing visitors will be heartily welcomed and can apply for any further information to Mr. A. WALKER, 102, Avondale Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, to-day, Saturday, the 22nd August. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's school at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Half railway fare will be paid up to 2s. A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

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The North Wales Association.—Bangor Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting will be held at Beaumaris to-day, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. All ringers will be welcome. S. A. CULLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

5, Victoria Street, Llandudno.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Business meeting commences at 7.30 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms. FRED BARRACLOUGH, 29, Elsworth Place, Armley. Hon. Sec.

Exeter, Devon.—Regular practice will commence at the following towers:—Cathedral, last Wednesday in every month at 7 p.m.; St. Sidwell's, Sunday, August 30th, 9 o'clock, Tuesdays, 8 o'clock. EDWIN SHEPHERD, 160, Sidwell St., Exeter.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions are due and should be paid at once. Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

MR. B. PREWETT'S 200 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 7, Stedman ditto 84, Stedman Caters 32, Stedman Cinques 7, Bob Major 2, Treble Bob Major 2, Treble Bob Royal 5, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 15, Superlative Surprise Major 43, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 2.

THE PEAL AT ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE.—This was rung, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. Greene, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of the late Thomas Bewick, the famous engraver on wood, who was baptised in this church and was a regular attendant at the services while he resided in

the town. The local "Pen and Palette" Club had a pilgrimage to his burial place this same day. This is Mr. C. L. Routledge's 150th peal, made up as follows:—Kent Maximus 2, Kent Royal 6, conducted 2, Kent Major 39, conducted 8, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, conducted 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, conducted 2, Bob Major 7, conducted 2, Bob Triples 7, conducted 2, Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 3, Stedman Caters 4, conducted 1, Stedman Triples 31, conducted 13, Double Norwich Major 16, conducted 3, Superlative Surprise 10, conducted 4, Woodbine Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1, Duffield Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Seven Methods of Minor 10, conducted 3. Total 150, conducted 46.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA.—On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harris conductor, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, P. Hannam, J. Harding, H. Ingram. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Harris conductor, W. Lebbon, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Harper, F. Bayley, J. Gould, H. Ingram. On April 5th, 504 Grandsire. J. Harris conductor, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harding, H. Ingram. On April 14th, 535 Stedman. J. Harris, P. Hannam, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Harper, A. Collins, W. Lebbon conductor, J. Matthews. On April 19th, 504 Grandsire. R. H. Turner, F. Burnett, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, P. Hannam, J. Harper, H. Ingram. On May 3rd, 504 Stedman. J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Harper, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Collins, F. Bayley conductor, J. Harding.

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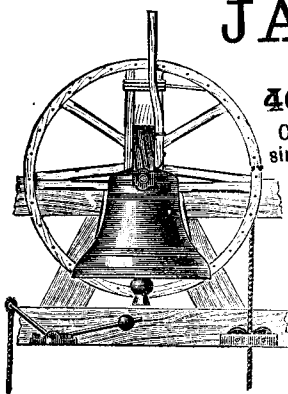
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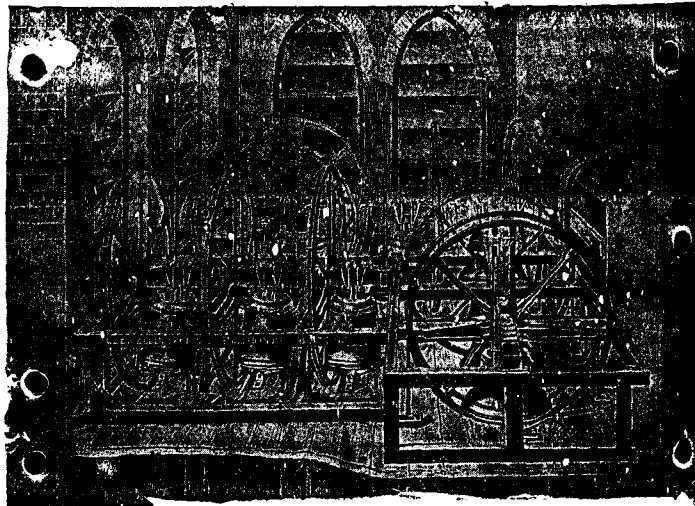
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Hackney. St. John. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Patrick, 1786. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears 1897. Bells require quarter-turning. A fund has been started for adding two trebles and rehanging the old bells. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 4th in month, 6 to 7. Practice: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in month, 8.30.

Hackney (South). St. John of Jerusalem. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1848. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs since hung. Bells neglected, and belfry in a dirty condition. Ringing impossible. It has been recommended to rehang the ring. Ropes bad. No further information.

Hammersmith. St. Paul. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1813; 3rd, 1657; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1639, founder unknown; tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., by Mears, 1870. Timber frame. Bells go fairly well. The ring were hung in a new tower, 1890, and rehung by Mears, 1895. Ropes new 1890, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.20 to 10.50, and 6.20 to 6.50. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

Holborn. St. Andrew. Eight bells. All by Phelps, 1731. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Warner during past ten years. Ropes good. Occasional half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before each service. No practice.

Holborn. St. Sepulchre. Ten bells. No return.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The official committee, at a meeting in Leeds on Saturday last, August 22nd, unanimously decided to visit Doncaster on Saturday, September 26th, at the invitation of the parish church company. Among other business transacted was an admission of new members, which brought up the total for the current year to 59. As the year however does not close until after the Doncaster meeting it is anticipated that last year's total of 69 will be exceeded, although that was much above the average.

## WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, August 15th, by the very kind invitation of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, a small party of ringers from Bristol paid a visit to this place to attempt some change-ringing on the ring of six, which is believed to be the heaviest ring of six in the country, the tenor weighing 38 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. On arrival at the station they were met and very warmly welcomed by Mr. Hesse, who conducted them to the tower, where they found much to their surprise the bells had been raised ready for use. A score of Grandsire Doubles was first attempted, then a plain course of Bob Minor, which was the preliminary to an attempt for a 720 by the following: F. May, R. Lane, W. Knight, J. Tyler, J. H. B. Hesse, G. Daltry, but it was found before half-way that the bells did not go well enough to enable the ringers to record the first 720 on the bells; but they succeeded in ringing the first 360 of Minor, which is the longest length of change-ringing so far as is known on the bells, which are a very mellow and musical ring by Bilbie, late of Chewstoke, Somerset. The ringers then adjourned to a place of refreshment, where Mr. Hesse had very thoughtfully arranged for tea, and with the Rector of Wrington and local ringers a party of fifteen or sixteen sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the splendid repast put on the table. Tea over, a brake and pair of horses were ready to convey the visitors with Mr. Hesse to

## CONGRESBURY,

where the six bells, tenor 36 cwt., have been recently rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The local ringers turned out in strong muster to welcome the visitors, who at once made tracks towards the tower to try the bells, which were soon set going in Bob Minor, a 720 being rung in 35 mins. J. Tyler, C. Gordon, W. Knight, F. May, J. H. B. Hesse, G. Daltry. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. This is supposed to be the first change-ringing on the bells, which are a grand ring, and as above stated have recently been rehung. The writer is glad to be able to here mention that the "go" is perfect, and gives great credit to the bellhanger employed, and ought to be a splendid recommendation for the firm who carried out the work so satisfactorily. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Hesse for his generosity and kindness, and also the local ringers both in Wrington and Congresbury for being so ready to lend a helping hand.



### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

The first meeting under the new rules was held at Godalming, on Saturday, August 22nd, and was well-attended, over forty members being present from Chiddingfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Guildford, Haslemere and Shalford, in addition to the local band. Tea was provided in the Masonic Hall, and the Rev. —. Evans said he was desired by the Vicar to express his regret at his inability to be present, and at the same time to offer them a hearty welcome to Godalming. At the Committee meeting the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, general Hon. Sec., presided. The first business was the election of a district secretary, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Heather, seconded by Mr. F. Blondell. Mr. J. J. Jones was unanimously elected. In returning thanks the district secretary hoped that he would get replies to his post cards, the present rate being one band replied out of every three written to. Mr. Whittington (Ewhurst), and Mr. Garfath (Farnham), were elected on the central committee. The Vicar of Cobham joined as a hon. member, and eight of the Cobham ringers were elected as probationers, and as they are receiving instruction in change-ringing, it is hoped they will become full members at no distant date. It was decided to hold six meetings in the year, the next one to take place at Bramley and Wonerish on Saturday, October 3rd, the date being chosen so as to take advantage of the full moon for the cycling members. The beautiful ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt., were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Minor to Double Norwich Court Bob Major at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAMBOURN (Berks). — This interesting place was visited on Wednesday, August 19th, by members of the above Guild, the object being not a peal but to ring good touches. The journey by the Pullman car from Newbury was much enjoyed, the handbells producing the usual item of enjoyment. The lovely valley scenery was delightful. Lambourn was *en fete* with the flower show, and many visitors besides the locals were enabled to enjoy the music produced on the grand ring of bells in the exceedingly well-struck changes of the following methods: 209 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Hopgood; 224 Bob Major, conducted by W. Horne; 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; 108 Treble Bob Major and 224 Double Norwich, conducted by F. Hopgood; 168 Stedman, conducted by A. Osborne; and lastly a 504, conducted by J. W. Wilkins. In all 1773 changes were rung in about 2 hrs., and not a bad change, simply the conductor's bob or single being heard. After being complimented and thanked for the excellent ringing tea kindly provided by Churchwarden Dr. Kenward was taken. The visitors returned to their respective homes well pleased with their visit, hoping they may receive an invitation to ring a peal on these beautiful-toned ring of bells at a future date.

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### ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society took place on Friday, July 3rd, the captain, J. C. Nolan, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. Representatives of the St. Paul's Society and the Victorian Association were invited. The Secretary's report, which was read and adopted, showed the Society to be in a good financial position, there being a balance of £15 8s. 3d. to start the new year with. The following officers were elected unopposed for the ensuing year: Captain and Treasurer, J. C. Nolan; Secretary and Librarian, S. J. Hallisey; Committee, E. Bryming, F. Short, W. O'Shea. There were many touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire and Bob Minor rung during the year, but regret was expressed that only one long length was accomplished, viz.: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., composed and conducted by E. Behan, of the Victorian Association, the men standing thus: J. C. Nolan, F. Short, J. P. Nolan, E. Bryming, E. Behan, J. W. Coppock, E. O'Shea, M. O'Shea. Change-ringing in these Colonies seems to possess but little attraction for our youths. A good many make a start, but after a few practices they drop out again, the counter attractions of cricket, football and other games being too great, consequently the ringing being confined to a few enthusiastic spirits, we cannot show as good a record as we would like. After the business portion of the meeting was concluded the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, which was supplied by the members and the visitors. After the toasts of the St. Paul's Society, the Victorian Association, The Visitors, and the St. Patrick's Society had been ably proposed and as ably replied to, the evening was brought to a conclusion by the singing of Auld Lang Syne, everyone leaving the meeting place satisfied that it was one of the most enjoyable gatherings the Society had ever held. In conclusion I beg to bring under your notice that Mr. E. Behan, late of the Victorian Association, will have landed in England before you receive this, and that if you kindly bring the fact under the notice of your readers at home, so that he may get a welcome and a ring at some of your towers, you will greatly please your ringing brethren in this part of the globe.

S. J. HALLISEY, *Hon. Sec.*

### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22nd, a monthly ringing meeting was held at Beaumaris. The bells were available at 4 p.m. and ringing commenced soon after. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rang, in which several of the local men took part.

The meeting was then honoured with the presence of the Rector, the Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, Rev. H. J. Morgan (curate), W. R. Jones and F. Geary (churchwardens), J. B. Von der Hyde, W. Griffith and W. E. Jones (organist.)

The Rector welcomed the Association to Beaumaris, and also produced the estimate for rehanging the bells which is sadly needed, and which it is hoped will be done at an early date, as Mr. Greenleaf reports that the bells are dangerous.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, said he hoped that the bells would be rehanged and the octave completed, as they then would be one of the best rings in North Wales, and they would soon be able



to raise the funds in a place like Beaumaris. It is the only ring of bells in the Island of Anglesey. The Rector and churchwardens said they would do their best to get the bells rehung.

Several courses were rung on the handbells by Rev. T. L. Jones, W. T. Pegler, J. H. Midwinter, A. J. Hughes. Tea was kindly provided for the visitors by J. B. Von der Hyde, Esq., to whom the ringers tender their best thanks. Returning to the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by W. Crane, W. T. Pegler, Rev. T. L. Jones, J. H. Midwinter, A. J. Hughes, G. F. Hoad. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles and several touches were rung on handbells on the rectory lawn, which delighted the Rector and his wife, who invited them to light refreshments. The local band are making great progress in the Art of change-ringing, but their only drawback is the bad go of the bells, which it is hoped will soon be remedied. The visitors wish to thank the local band for their kindness, all having spent a pleasant afternoon.

### BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. AN APPEAL.

We are asked to open our columns to an appeal on behalf of Mr. George Willies, who has fallen upon bad times. He is 83 years of age, past all work, and has now become chargeable to the parish. He is almost, if not quite, the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Guild. He has been a ringer from boyhood, and nothing has been too much trouble to him so long as it furthered the progress of the art in which he has always had so much at heart. Now that he is practically destitute in his old age it is thought that it would not be out of place to appeal to the numerous ringers in the country. A small subscription list has been started locally for the purpose of allowing him a few shillings a week. Should any individual ringer, or any band of ringers, think this case worthy of their support, any contribution, however small would be thankfully received by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. C. North-Cox, The Vicarage, or his assistant Curate, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Whitecross Street, both of Barton-on-Humber, Hull.

**THE SPROUGHTON SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 15th, the members of this society, with Mr. H. Bowell, the veteran ringer of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, and Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley, had a most enjoyable excursion. Leaving Sproughton at 6.30 a.m., they journeyed to Coddensham, when ringing was commenced by well-struck touches of London Surprise and Treble Bob Major. The party then visited Stonham Aspell where they rang a good course of Treble Bob Royal, 503 Grandsire Caters, and a touch of London Surprise Major, afterwards going into Debenham where dinner was provided at The Lion hotel. After dinner touches of London Surprise, etc. were rung, then on to Framdsen where they rung London Surprise, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob, etc., making the last call at Helmingham, where more London Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung. These touches of London Surprise were the first ever rung on the above-mentioned bells.

**GREAT GRIMSBY.**—On Tuesday, June 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. E. Miffin, P. C. Long, E. Daddy, G. Weldon, A. W. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor. On Tuesday, July 7th, 720 Minor. W. E. Miffin, M. J. Richardson, G. Weldon, A. W. Long, P. C. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor.

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### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The holiday season is not yet over (mine has not begun) and by reason of this everyone is saying that things are awfully slack. "The House" has risen, and thus the circulation of the daily papers has fallen for a time, for it is no use looking into them just at present for eulogiums (or otherwise) of preferential tariffs, a topic which has raged during the past few weeks. Our statesmen will soon be out on the moors shooting cabbages—I mean partridges. You will recollect the experiences of a writer who was once on the staff of this journal, when he went partridge-shooting on the first of September. If you don't remember, or if you have not read the adumbrations of this writer, who signed himself "Joshua," look up your back numbers. You will read some very remarkable statements I assure you: how he rung a touch of Caters upon the front eight, the treble at the same time being a bob bell and the tenor in the hunt; and a host of other vagaries somewhat amusing. But partridge-shooting is not in our line, at least it doesn't fall to many of us, neither the line or the partridges. But I'll try another paragraph as my latitude has become uncertain.

The gentleman who penned the letter last week signed "Ignoramus" feels, I hope, greatly satisfied with himself. His compliments are accepted with thanks; this will be another source of comfort for him. But he must not expect too much. Every one of the gentlemen he mentions is willing in the spirit to oblige to the uttermost, but at times the flesh is somewhat weak. This is a roundabout or figurative way of putting it, I know, but the correspondent, even if his signature is a truthful appellation, must try to understand it. Perhaps he would himself like to "take a wet" at providing some entertaining reading and some interesting historical information for the benefit of his fellow-ringers. He shall be welcome to my page whenever he likes, to try upon, and when he is ready I shall have no objection to give him five minutes' start.

I am the last individual to tread on a man when he is down, *i.e.* I would never crow over any one in difficulty, or one who was annoyed by misrepresentation. But the savage letter of an old friend the other week upon a doubted peal seems to have brought its Nemesis. (For this word consult Lempriere). There is one thing shown by this affair, however, and that is that no one should rush into print upon this—or in fact any other—question unless their intellectual powers are amply sufficient for the object in view. The letters about this peal were miserable attempts, all but the one from Mr. Spence.

We have read a deal lately about a method which is called in Hubbard's work—"Stedman's Slow Course." The celebrated "J.J.P." (double Justice-of-the-Peace) has been letting loose upon it in his usual characteristic manner; Mr. Daniell has shown very clearly indeed that it never was the production of Stedman's brain, for he died years before it was thought of. Therefore the use of his name in this instance must be a palpable forgery. The great Cambridge printer brought out and invented a method having most peculiar characteristics, one of which was that every bell did the same work; and that there was no hunt. This Slow Course has no right whatever to the term "Stedman," and the erratic individual who invented it was guilty of an unwarrantable piece of impertinence when he affixed that name. Well, all



impertinences are unwarrantable. Who was the culprit? Our friend J.R. (the senior member) would perhaps say it was Ananias, but he lived and died at a too early period of the world's history. We shall never arrive I am afraid at accurate information showing its author. Say it lay between Oliver Cromwell and Whitaker Wright; and have done with it.

Two capital portraits, those of William Greenleaf and William Willson. Mind in writing to the latter you put two ll's in his surname, though, as he says, one l is generally considered sufficient for most men. A very useful member of the Exercise is the two W.Ws. and the four L.Ls, energetic and pushing. His political creed would be spoken of as "advanced," I suppose, but he does not attempt to make you gulp all he says. What he sticks up for he honestly believes in, and gives the same credit to those who differ from him. A churchman to the backbone, a ringer from his crown to the soles of his feet, he has the respect of those people who are acquainted with him. It is pleasant to hear that Mr. Greenleaf is to the fore in his work, and has plenty of it. May all bell-hangers have plenty of work, say I.

That little effort of mine, "The Method-Builders," has given no small amount of pleasure and satisfaction. I am much pleased with several letters I have received about it. The illustration will be printed on a better sort of paper, and accompany our journal of next week, or the week after at latest. Perhaps our esteemed friend Mr. Trollope will soon send another photograph, which will become as popular as this one.

Now is the time to look into your cycle plant. Unlike other folk, who only use cycles in the summer, ringers find them very useful all the year round. The season is about to commence for ringers' meetings, and the notice-page will be fuller week by week. To save all the bother and the often unpleasant process of putting your hand into your pocket to fish up enough for a railway fare, get a cycle. It will pay you over and over again. You know where to apply for these kind of things: John D. Matthews, a brother-string of Lillington, near Leamington. His advertisement will be found in the centre of the paper. Write and ask him if he will take payment by instalments if you can't afford one all at once. I don't say he will, mind.

If I recollect aright, there has been more than once some little irritation, or dissatisfaction concerning the allowance of railway fares to members of Associations. If they all would use cycles this grievance would be removed. Perhaps the Associations concerned would consider this matter, and see whether they could not help their members to possess such desirable requisitions.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

WALMER (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Henley, W. E. Pitman, G. Denne, E. Potter, C. Turner, H. Saywell, H. Castle, H. Wood conductor. Also a plain course. A. Newmon, W. Sheaf, the rest as before.

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### Correspondence.

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

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

### METHOD AND CLASSIFICATION.

SIR,—The theory advanced by Mr. Dains in your last number would act very well, much better than the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer's definition of Surprise has done. I have had some correspondence with Mr. Dains on the subject, but it is to the Rev. E. B. James that this latest theory should be attributed. Mr. Dains in his article uses an illustration in what he terms a "Double Surprise" method. Your readers would naturally take it that this is one of Mr. Dains's own compositions. I myself have had this method and its sister for some considerable time. They have never been published, either of them. The first author of both is, I think, the Rev. E. B. James. Now as the illustration Mr. Dains makes use of is thoroughly illegitimate, I submit the following figures to correct his article, which is the sister method, and is the foundation of other methods which I have in my possession.

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(This method is at present being practised as "Peterborough Surprise.")

The sister method (Mr. Dains's illustration) is illegitimate, because places are made in 1st, 4th, 5th, and 8th, in the same change when the treble is passing through 2-3 and 6-7 up and down.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read Mr. Dains's letter in last week's issue on the above, especially his "Beauty Spots." I think something ought to be done for the classification of methods. Up to the present we have not got a satisfactory system to decide the difference between a Plain Treble Bob method and a Surprise Treble Bob method; in fact there is no method more deserving the Surprise name than Stedman, but as it belongs to another group so let it remain. I hope Mr. Dains will follow his idea up until something is settled.

JOHN CARTER.

### THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MIDDLEWICH.

SIR,—I am thankful Mr. Spence has seen fit to reply to Mr. Mann, and that even I am not beneath his notice. I feel sorry he cannot understand my letter, but his eyesight appears blurred by the apparition of the conductor of the peal of Bob Royal. How on earth he read it in my last is a puzzle. I was speaking of the "committee" who investigated (pardon the word) the disputed peal, and drew a comparison of its connection with the former. If the conductor in question needs his fostering care, well I won't attempt to hinder either the parent or the child in such a duty, but in all seriousness, the composition was most unfortunate. The decision being final I admit there is nothing gained in prolonging the correspondence, the



only gain will be the stimulus to which Mr. Mann refers, namely, the ringing of inferior peals, of the which it should be our bounden duty to discourage, even though it may cause one to become unpopular, or be told he is airing his private animosity, and that in a case which interests not only the Chester Guild, but the Exercise at large.

A. BARNES.

SIR,—I have no wish to continue a correspondence from which no good will come, but should like to call attention to a letter from Mr. Spence in which he says that I contradict an important statement which I made at Stockport. I do not know what the statement is to which he refers, but in common fairness to myself, and for the benefit of the Exercise, it would have been better taste had he given the statement. What I said at Stockport and in this paper I strictly adhere to; they do not deviate one iota. Mr. Spence makes a charge, but gives me no opportunity of replying, but contents himself by giving an unfair thrust before retiring from a controversy which reflects little credit on the Chester Guild.

G. H. MANN.

#### "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—Will you kindly correct an error in the current issue? All Saints, Fulham, has not been a College Youth tower since the formation of a local society more than thirty years ago. Courtesy extended to the College Youths in common with other visitors cannot justify a claim to a tower.

W. T. ELSON.

#### "CHIEFLY HISTORICAL."

SIR,—I was pleased to see, in your issue of the 15th August, under the above heading, the name of another worthy member in the past brought to light, namely, Mr. Samuel Austin. "Philip" states that he became a Treble Bob composer, and from what I have seen he was also the original author of the shortest way of getting the 6th behind the 9th in Stedman Caters, viz.: twelve sixes.

I believe the younger generations of ringers will feel thankful to "Philip," Mr. R. A. Daniell, and other writers who contribute such interesting articles to your valuable paper.

Liverpool.

WILLIAM DAVIES.

#### RINGING RHYMES.

There was a young man on the Dart  
Who attempted to call Holt's Ten-part;  
But soon he cried "stand,"  
For the rest of the band  
Hadh't any idea how to start.

An elderly person of Nob  
Was determined to ring Treble Bob  
Till he'd done the extent  
Of both Oxford and Kent:  
But he quickly got tired of the job.

An ambitious though not over-wise  
Young man vowed he'd learn *every* Surprise:  
But he found himself undone  
And beaten by London,  
And now—in an asylum he lies.

A surly old man of Greenore  
Complained, "This here ringing's a bore:  
To the belfry I'll steal  
And smash every wheel,  
And then they can't ring any more."

But the ringers in consequence swore  
That they'd go for that man of Greenore:  
With the spoke of a wheel  
They caused him to feel  
What it is to be aching and sore.  
(And serve him right!)

#### BLACKPOOL.

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#### Ringers' Outings.

THE NORTON-LE-MOORS SOCIETY (Staffordshire).—The members had their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st, the place selected being Buxton. We started at 2 o'clock, calling at Leek 'en route' to refresh ourselves. After satisfying the inner man we again resumed our journey and were very soon in the wilds of the moorland which lies between Leek and Buxton. We landed at our destination at 7 o'clock, after which we had a good look round the town before partaking of supper, which Miss Johnson, of Denton Villa, had ready for us about 8.15. Sunday morning saw us on our way to have a pull on the beautifully-going bells of Burbage Church, where we were successful in ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Bennett, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabernor, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor). Mr. Barton, of Fairfield, then took us to a lofty eminence called Solomon's Temple, from which a splendid view of Buxton and the surrounding district is to be seen. After dinner we rang for Children's Service at Fairfield, Mr. Barton taking a rope with us. We started for home at 6 o'clock, arriving there at 11.0. Our best thanks are due to Miss Johnson for her splendid catering and also to Mr. Barton for his enjoyable companionship.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, STOCKPORT.—On a recent Saturday this company, with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual trip, the place selected this year being the pretty village of Lymm. By the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Thurston, Rector of Lymm, the bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the ringers. Ringing was indulged in before and after tea, and a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Afterwards three of the Lymm ringers who are being initiated into the mysteries of change-ringing were put through a course of Grandsire Triples. The St. George's company take this opportunity of thanking the Rector of Lymm for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, which are a beautiful peal of eight. A capital knife and fork tea, to which 18 sat down, was provided by Mr. D. Daniels, confectioner, Booth's Hill, Lymm, course after course being freely discussed, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the good things provided by the host and hostess. Mr. F. Spence, of Grappenhall, who is tutoring the Lymm ringers, was also present, and was the honoured guest of the company. A very pleasant walk through Lymm and round by Oughtrington church brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close, and Stockport was reached at 11 o'clock, all being agreed that another outing had bound the St. George's ringers in closer friendship together.

THE CROYDON SOCIETY.—The members of the parish church had their annual outing on Saturday, July 11th, Lewes being the place selected. Leaving East Croydon at 6.45, Lewes was reached at 7.40, where Mrs. Goldsmith, of the King's Head, had breakfast waiting, to which full justice was done by all. A brake was in waiting to take the band to Ringmer, where a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following:—Mr. Turner of Lewes, A. Jones, E. Bray, A. Trappitt, W. States, C. Gordon, F. Pates, W. Hill. Some touches of Grandsire were also rung. After refreshing the inner man at The Anchor Inn, a return was made to Lewes, where ringing was enjoyed before and after dinner, which was most ably served up by Mrs. Goldsmith. The ringers had the company of Mr. Turner to dinner. After thanking Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Turner for taking so much interest in making the day enjoyable the party left for Brighton, which was reached at 4 o'clock, where the remainder of the day was spent.

#### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT PETERBOROUGH.—This peal was rung in honour of George W. Bembrose of Chesterfield, an old St. Mary's ringer, who was on a visit to the city. The ringers of the 2nd and 5th were proposed members of the Ely Association previous to starting. This is the first peal ever rung in Peterborough, and was listened to throughout by several local ringers, who at the finish came up the belfry and complimented the company on their good striking. Messrs. Johnson and Baker are of Peterborough; Hill and Goss of Ramsey; Bembrose of Chesterfield, and Geakes of Whittlesea.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1903.

A paragraph on the notice page informs us that in the future the ring of twelve at the parish church of St. Martin, Birmingham, will be rung for Divine Service on Sunday mornings. We hope such arrangement is a permanent one, and will survive any change of Rector or churchwardens that may at any time happen. St. Martin's is a very important centre of the Midland Counties so far as ringers are concerned, and this new departure will be welcomed by hundreds of them from all parts. It appears to show that the church authorities are taking a greater interest than ever in ringing concerns, and that they have become aware of the fact that in St. Martin's bells they possess an instrument of great value,



not surpassable for many miles around.

The Ringing Exercise generally is apt to look upon such churches as St. Martin's as places in which the Art has a firm hold, where not only every encouragement is given for its pursuit, but a permanent location for it is looked upon as assured by ringers at large. How far St. Martin's has in the past fulfilled such conditions, it is not necessary to enquire; the hope is expressed that this new feature may lead to the authorities looking upon the noble steeple as a true ringers' stronghold.

### THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

The August meeting of this Society was held at the church of St. Lawrence, North Wingfield (8 bells). The Rector, the Rev. C. J. Boden, gave a hearty welcome to all, and invited the visitors to tea. This was provided on the lawn, under the shade of a splendid willow tree, and being a grand day the surroundings were fully appreciated, as was also the tea, to which about thirty sat down. The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., when a vote of thanks to the Rector and the local company for their kind hospitality brought the proceedings to a close.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH W. CATTLE .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 2.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 8.
THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 9.
THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 5.	EDWARD J. WEBB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by H. LANGDON.

### The Provinces.

#### DISS, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ELLIS HAYWARD .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN... 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
CLEMENT MOORE* .. .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK DAY.. .. 4.	WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY HRAD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 6.
ERNEST J. RUNTER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR H. HEAD .. .. 7.
FREDE. G. RADLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by WM. H. JUDD.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of W. Lincoln, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### PETERBOROUGH.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR HILL* .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES GOAKES .. .. 4.
ERNEST BAKER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMBROSE .. 5.
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. 3.	†WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. GOSS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

#### THORNE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor about 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HOUGHTON* .. Treble.	HERBERT FEATHERSTONE .. 5.
CHARLES W. KING* .. .. 2.	JOHN HODDS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BELLAMY* .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 7.
HARRY DRIFFIELD .. .. 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. Littlewood for the use of the bells.

#### FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CALEB SOANR .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING .. 2.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
THOMAS STROUD .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

#### LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BAILEY .. .. 5.
ALBERT LINCOLN .. .. 2.	CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 6.
EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 3.	JOHN BUTTON .. .. 7.
S. BAILEY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
ALBERT HILL .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 3.	*WALTER PUGH .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 4.	ARTHUR HOLFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells. The above was arranged for A. Hill, of Worcester.

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## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WILLIAM HARFORD .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	H. BRACE .. .. 6.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE* .. 3.	ALBERT J. SKELDING .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.	R. MOORS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.  
Tenor 29 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	*JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 7.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. 8.
A. PADDON SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## HARRINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL BURDITT .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE .. 4.
DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN .. 5.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

First peal on the bells. The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. H. T. Atkins for giving them permission to ring.

## SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPOUGHTON.)

On Sunday, August 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	H. J. MEE .. .. 4.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 2.	J. W. AVIS .. .. 5.
H. SMITH .. .. 3.	F. ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

Messrs. Smith and Avis were elected members of the All Saints society.

## GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, two of London Single, two of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BALL .. .. 4.
WILLIAM LINNELL .. .. 2.	*SYDNEY LINNELL .. 5.
FRANCIS BALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GILBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY LINNELL.

\*First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd are only fifteen years of age.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 2.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 6.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

## NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALEXANDER LAWSON* .. Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. 5.
EDWARD A. HERN† .. 2.	†THOMAS A. TEESDALE .. 6.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 3.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.	†JOSEPH E. SYKES .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Fakenham, reported last week, was Frederick Knights.

## Date Touches.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, F. J. Shepherd conductor, J. R. Sandover, W. Burrough, F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, W. Lowton.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD.—On Sunday, June 14th, at 'St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, C. Greedy, H. Moore composer and conductor, C. Dawson.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Wilford, H. Rushby, E. E. Smith, F. W. Herbert, A. H. Bell, F. H. Dexter, G. Cleal, W. W. Thompson. Arranged and conducted from Parker's one-part by F. H. Dexter.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, for Divine Service, 742 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun. conductor, A. LeClercq, T. Upshall, C. Fry, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, H. Garfath, H. Kimber.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at Christ Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Pickworth, H. Miller, J. Miller, J. Armstrong, M. Fersom, J. E. Craft, S. Wade conductor, A. Dodson. Rung with the bells half-muffled out of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, H. Barrett, G. King, A. E. Sharpe, T. G. Deal, T. Taylor, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clews. On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, C. H. Walker, J. Laws, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, G. H. Dayes, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clews. On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. King.



T. G. Deal, F. Willford conductor, H. Warnett, H. Barrett, A. Bedwell, T. Taylor, T. Clews. On Sunday, June 28th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Keats, G. Daynes, G. King, A. E. Sharpe, T. Deal, J. Laws, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clews.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On July 13th, at St. Paul's church, 720 London Surprise. T. Teasdale, J. Gofton, T. Gofton conductor, James Gofton, A. Gofton, J. Sykes. 720 Cambridge Surprise John Gofton, T. Gofton conductor, T. Teasdale, J. Gofton, A. Gofton, J. Sykes. On July 20th, 720 London Surprise. E. Hern, T. Gofton, T. Teasdale, John Gofton, A. Gofton, J. Gofton.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, April 19th, for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Carter, A. Wright, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, May 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Overall, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor. On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Double Court. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, E. Overall, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor. On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. For evening service 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 120 Kent. On Tuesday, June 23rd, 720 College Single. G. Livings, A. Lawrence, C. Gale, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, conductor. On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Oxford Bob. On Tuesday, June 28th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Gale, G. B. Lucas, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. For evening service, 720 Double Court. W. H. Lawrence conductor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET.—On Monday, July 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to A. W. Symonds, who was interred that day at Thornham. W. Welham, F. Allard, W. Souther, W. G. Melbourne, W. E. Tydeman conductor, E. E. Diaper, W. P. Rouse, J. Banham. And 504 in the same method, with bells open, standing as before.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD.—On May 30th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, J. Bowden, H. Moore, F. Wood. On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, C. Greedy, H. Moore, F. Wood.

WOOTTON COURTENAY.—On July 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the dedication of a new bell, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. F. Mason, S. Mason, C. Summers, G. Atkins, C. Greedy, H. Moore conductor. And eight 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, for Divine Service, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd conductor, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, C. Carter, F. Davey, W. Richardson, F. Shepherd, T. Mudge, J. Moss, F. Murphy.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Monday, June 14th, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 720 each of Woodbine and Kent. W. West, jun., C. West, W. J. Davidson, H. King, J. Maxey, C. R. Lilley. On June 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. J. Hare, C. West, W. J. Davidson, T. Frossell, H. King, C. R. Lilley. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. O. West, T. Maxey, C. R. Lilley, W. J. Davidson, H. King, C. West conductor. On May 24th, 720 Plain Bob. W. West, J. Maxey, C. R. Lilley, C. West, S. Smith, H. King conductor.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BANGOR.—On Tuesday, August 18th, 924 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, also the whole pull and stand, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dean of Bangor. F. Hobbs, W. T. Pegler conductor, J. H. Midwinter, E. Taylor, J. Gayton, W. Crane, sen., A. J. Hughes, W. Crane, jun.

BEAUMARIS.—On Saturday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor, being the first ever rung on the bells. G. D. Hughes, R. A. Judd, A. J. Hughes, W. T. Pegler conductor, G. Foster, J. H. Midwinter. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles, W. Thomas ringing the tenor. On August 1st, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. O. Griffith, G. D. Hughes, W. T. Pegler

conductor, W. P. Jones, J. Hughes, W. J. Thomas. On a recent Sunday, three 6-scores, conducted by A. Hughes.

LLANDEGAI.—On Sunday, August 23rd, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman, with the bells muffled, in memory of the Dean of Bangor. W. T. Pegler conductor, A. J. Hughes, G. F. Hoad, J. H. Midwinter, J. H. Grundy, W. Crane, sen.

ALBURGH (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 15th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which collapsed five leads from home, owing to a rope breaking. F. Borrett, E. Poppy, E. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Mobbs, W. Barrett, C. Brock, F. Smith.

BARKING (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, after evensong, with the bells deeply-muffled in respect to Mr. Churchwarden J. A. Weller, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Graham, first quarter-peal, E. Fenn, G. Cottis, J. Cottis, A. Carter, C. Fenn conductor, R. Fenn, D. Carrier. On Sunday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Parker first quarter-peal, R. Fenn, J. Cottis, G. Cottis, A. Carter first quarter-peal as conductor, E. Fenn, C. Fenn, G. Faulkner.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service at St. Paul's church, 375 Stedman Caters. J. W. Barker, F. Webb, A. N. Wood conductor, C. W. Clarke, W. P. Routh, J. Church, I. Hills, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, J. Sear. A course of Superlative. C. Chasty, J. Church, W. Finedon, H. Tysoe, J. W. Barker, F. Webb, A. N. Wood, C. W. Clarke. And 192 Stedman Triples. C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke conductor, I. Hills, W. Finedon, W. P. Routh, A. N. Wood, H. Tysoe, J. Armstrong.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, T. Laver, F. Shepherd, W. Burrough, W. Miflin, C. E. Thomas, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Lowton.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Brown, G. Coward, J. L. Harris, S. Heath, A. A. Jarrett, G. Chantler conductor. First 720 of Canterbury Pleasure by the local band and on the bells.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, August 23rd, after evening service at All Saints church, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Salisbury, several lengthy touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Major. H. Warnett, T. Taylor, C. H. Walker, T. Clews, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, E. E. Richards, E. J. Webb, J. E. Davis, A. B. Peck, T. Cranfield, H. Langdon, F. H. Gooch, F. W. Thornton.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Monday, August 3rd, 240, 360 and 480 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, W. H. Rees, S. Hope, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Horwood, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, A. W. Flowers, J. H. White conductor, W. Maund.

SHEFFIELD.—On Tuesday, July 28th, at St. Marie's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. G. Atkins, T. G. Sarel, G. Bradshaw, J. Evinson, H. Ward, J. A. Dixon, R. Harrison, W. Midgley. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled on the occasion of the celebration of Solemn Requiem Mass for the late Pope.

WITNEY.—On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, 508 Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, T. Bull, J. Monk, M. Woodcock conductor, J. Brooks, J. Richards. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, J. Monk, F. Pounds, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, J. Richards. On Monday, June 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Brown, M. Woodcock conductor, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, J. Bull, J. Monk, J. Brooks, J. Richards. And 336 Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, M. Woodcock, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, T. Bull, J. Monk, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, J. Brooks.

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**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The practice and Sunday ringing will be suspended entirely during August. The first meetings will be on Friday, September 11th, and Sunday evening, September 13th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—In future there will be ringing regularly for church service on Sunday mornings between 9.45 and 10.45, at St. Martin's, the parish church of Birmingham (12 bells). Ringing visitors will be heartily welcomed and can apply for any further information to Mr. A. WALKER, 102, Avondale Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley Parish Church to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Business meeting commences at 7.30 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms. FRED BARRACLOUGH, 29, Elsworth Place, Armley. *Hon. Sec.*

**Exeter, Devon.**—Regular practice will commence at the following towers:—Cathedral, last Wednesday in every month at 7 p.m.; St. Sidwell's, Sunday, August 30th, 9 o'clock, Tuesdays, 8 o'clock. EDWIN SHEPHERD, 160, Sidwell St., Exeter.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions are due and should be paid at once.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of officers, Branch Sec., and Committee man for the next term. W. ASHWORTH.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lawton on Saturday next, September 5th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. J. Wildblood, Old Butt Lane, Talke-Oth Hill, Staff. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.**—The September 5th meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, in place of Doncaster.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Christ Church, Southgate, at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. The Hon. Sec. again refers to the current subscriptions outstanding, and hopes that he may be spared unnecessary correspondence in collecting them. ARTHUR T. KING, 18, Ravenscroft Park Rd., Barnet. *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Moorside on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting

at 6.30. All ringers welcome. Business important. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

**The Salop Guild.**—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 12th, 1903. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. J. Norris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be at Richmond on Saturday, September 12th. Tea in the Parish Church Room at 5 p.m. (members 9d. each, non-members 1s.). The towers of Richmond (6) and Catterick (8) will be open to members all day. Those intending to be present at Tea kindly send word by September 5th to Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, Stokesley R.S.O. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 9 a.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at Rendall's Blenheim House Restaurant at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately following the tea. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at St. George's, Bolton. Nominations for the following official positions must be sent in to the gen. sec. as early as possible: viz., vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors. Messrs. Eachus, Shepherd, Haydock and Leach are the retiring officers, but are eligible for re-election. All reports of peals and other ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 35, Co-operation St., Bacup. Any proposed alteration of rules or matter for the annual meeting to be forwarded to the general secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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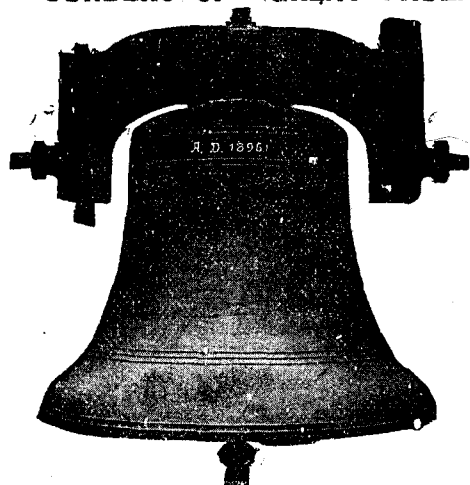
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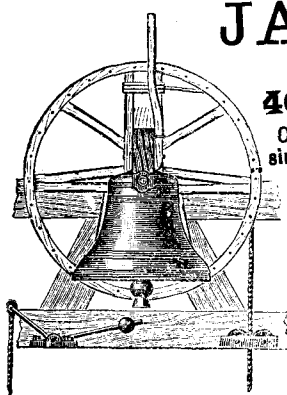
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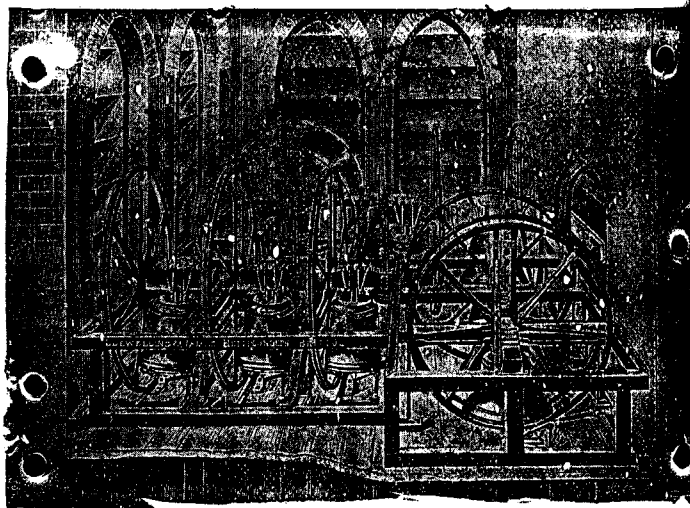
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Horsleydown. St. John. Ten bells. By Chapman and Mears, 1783. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs have been estimated for, but there are no funds. Ropes bad. No half-pull or Sunday ringing or practice.

Islington. St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Pack, 1774; except 7th, 1799, and tenor, 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in., 1808, both by Mears. No statement as to frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1900. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: last Tuesday in month; hour not stated.

Jewry. St. Lawrence. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Mears (?) about the end of the 17th century, except the 5th, which is older. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Banks, 1897. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing or regular practice.

Kensington. St. Mary Abbots. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 7th and tenor by Warner, 1879; the rest by Janaway, 1772. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung in the new tower by Warner, 1879. Repairs have been executed as required. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.45 and 6.15 for half-an-hour. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

Kilburn. St. Augustine. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Van Aerschodt, 1900. Tenor 9 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Hung by a local builder under skilled supervision. Ropes new. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 8. A chiming apparatus is fixed.

Lambeth. St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 4th, when all the six districts were represented. Amongst the officials present were the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Wakley, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. White. There was a large representation from the Leicester and Hinckley districts. The National Schools were placed at the disposal of the Association, and the eight bells of St. Michael's church were open for ringing, and were freely taken advantage of.

During the afternoon, through the kindness of Mr. W. Bowers, Manager of the Mountsorrell Granite Company, arrangements had been made for an excursion round the extensive quarry works of that company, a locomotive and wagons being provided for that purpose, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by the large number that availed themselves of the opportunity. Afterwards a capital meat tea was ably served in the schools by the Stanton members and their wives, when over seventy persons sat down. Amongst those present were the Rev. A. E. Disney (rector), Messrs. T. B. Church and T. Pridmore (churchwardens), Messrs. M. Stevens, J. Hollis, J. T. Webb, W. Bowers, C. Howe, F. Brown, W. Russell, J. Smith, and a large number of ladies.

On the motion of Mr. Wakley the Rev. A. E. Disney was voted to the chair at the subsequent meeting. After thanking the members for the honour of being asked to preside over that gathering, the chairman said he would read letters of apology for non-attendance. The first was from the esteemed President of the Association, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who regretted his inability to attend, but wished them a most successful gathering. Other letters were received from the Rev. R. Titley (Barwell), and A. G. Lound (Sapcote), both being unable to attend.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly passed and signed.

Mr. W. E. White then proposed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Duffield. An amendment was proposed that the meeting be held at Loughborough. There was no other nomination, and the voting shewed a large majority in favour of Loughborough. A number of new members were elected. The Secretary read particulars of the fifteen peals rung during the first quarter.

The Chairman remarked that the last item given by the Secretary, that of the number of the peals, showed at any rate that the Association was alive and working, and that they were very keen on bellringing. He was very pleased to meet the members that afternoon. They at Stanton liked to hear the bells, which were open for their use that day. They were not at all jealous, if anyone else came and manipulated them better than their own ringers.

Mr. W. Wakley then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and churchwardens for the use of the schools and bells. He remarked that it was quite a feature of the gathering to see so many ladies present taking part in



providing for their comforts at the tea. He was sure their best thanks were due to them. The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman, in response, said that a gathering of that sort would be incomplete without the co-operation of the ladies, who were always so ready at Stanton to help in any good work; in fact he did not know how they would get along without them. He was pleased to know that they had all enjoyed themselves, and he was equally pleased to have been able to participate in their gathering.

Mr. J. W. Swinfield proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bowers for so readily arranging and providing the trip round the quarries.

This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited and short touches rung on the bells. The thanks of the meeting are also due to the local ringers, who had done so much to make the meeting a success.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the above was held at the residence of Mr. J. W. Whiting, Fareham, Hants., on Monday, August 24th, the object being to start the working of the new rules now in force. A capital tea was provided by Mr. Whiting, and the following members were present: Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild, presiding); J. Harper (Portsea); F. Burnett (Gosport); W. Cooper (Swanmore); G. E. Chappell (Wickham); H. Burling (Bursledon); and Messrs. Whiting, Privett, and Passingham (Fareham).

The work of the new rules was discussed; and on the motion of Mr. Whiting, seconded by Mr. Harper, it was proposed that October 31st be the date for holding the Annual Meeting of the district, the same being carried.

It was also proposed by Mr. W. Cooper, seconded by Mr. F. Burnett, that Fareham be the place for holding the same. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock; tea and meeting at The Temperance hotel at 6 o'clock.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Whiting for his kindness in providing tea and room for holding the meeting.

Mr. Whiting in reply said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the ringers, and to do anything to further the interests of the Guild.

A move was then made to the belfry, where half-muffled touches were rung as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

#### NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

On Thursday evening, August 27th, several ringers met in the tower of the above church to have a farewell pull with Mr. A. R. Gosbee, one of the local band, who is leaving New Romney for Sidcup. He has been a ringer and also a chorister for several years, and will be very much missed in both positions. The choir and ringers amalgamated and presented him with an electro-plated cruet and sugar bowl and sifter, and while expressing their regret in losing his services, wished him every prosperity in his future home. The following touches were rung during the evening:—168 Grandsire Triples. W. Wood, C. Tribe, A. R. Gosbee, C. W. Flayer, G. Johnson, E. E. Hutchinson, E. Hutchinson, F. Hixson. A 336 in the same method. E. Gosbee, G. Johnson, A. R. Gosbee, C. W. Flayer, C. Tribe, E. E. Hutchinson, E. Hutchinson, S. Southerden. Also 120 Doubles, in which Mr. E. C. Mitchell, the organist, took part.

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The first annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Hastings on Saturday, August 15th, and from a ringers' point of view was a decided success. The first contingent of members (twelve in number), arrived by the 9.30 train, and was met at the station by the Master, Mr. W. Billenness, who had made all the arrangements for ringing at the various towers during the day, and proceeded at once by way of the sea front to St. Clement's church, Old Town, in which tower hangs a peal of eight steel bells, tenor about 16 cwt., and on being informed by Mr. Stapley, the steeplekeeper, there had never been a peal rung on them, decided to make an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and which was brought to a successful issue in 49 mins., the striking being very good, considering the long draught and new ropes. A visit was then paid to All Saints, Old Town. This tower contains only five bells, but of very good quality, but there is plenty of room for twelve, and they were pleased to learn that they are to be rehung and a treble added next month. Some rounds and 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung here, and then a walk back to the Memorial and then lunch as you pleased, and two o'clock found them assembled at Christ Church Blacklands (several additions now being made by members from Rye, New Romney, and other places, who had arrived by later trains). Here they found Mr. S. Saker, District Secretary for the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association, who gave them all a hearty welcome. This grand peal of eight was then raised, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung, in one or the other of which every member present took part.

A visit was then paid to Christ Church, St. Leonards, which was reached by a pleasant walk across the fields. Here they found an energetic member had preceded them and had raised the bells in readiness, and after being heartily welcomed to the tower by Mr. Kennett, one of the local band, touches of Grandsire Triples and 336 Bob Major were brought round.

An advance was then made on the restaurant opposite, and although a strong force of Ham Artillery and Bread and butter Cavalry, and cups of tea Infantry were placed in front of them, so terrific was the onslaught that not one of them was left to tell the tale. (The medals will be issued later on.) After tea the business meeting was held, the Master presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Rye was proposed as the place for the next monthly meeting on Saturday, September 19th, and carried, and votes of thanks heartily accorded to the clergy of the various towers for permission to ring, and also to the several steeplekeepers and local ringers, all of whom accorded them such an hearty welcome.

A second visit was then paid to Christ Church Blacklands, and the bells were kept swinging till 8.30 and then lowered in peal. A move was then made to the station, when the iron horse conveyed them safely to their several homes, one and all voting that the first annual to have been a complete success. The following towers were represented during the day: Appledore, Aldington, Blacklands, St. Clements, Elmstead, Headcorn, Lyminge, St. Clements, New Romney, Rye, Stone, All Saints, and Tenterden.

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# THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The quarterly meeting of this District, which should have been held on the last Saturday in July, but, owing to absence from home of the authorities permission could not be obtained for that date, was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, August 15th, but owing undoubtedly to the unsettled state of the elements, was very poorly attended. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., touches of Stedman and Plain Bob Major being rung till the 6 p.m. evensong. The business meeting was held in the National School-room at 6.45, when the Rector, the Rev. J. E. Dawson, kindly took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. At this point the Rector extended a very hearty welcome to those present, saying how pleased he was to meet them. He hoped they had enjoyed the ringing. Chislehurst was selected for the annual district meeting on October 24th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, to which he responded. The members again visited the tower, when touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round, and the bells lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

## PRESENTATION TO A COVENTRY RINGER.

On Saturday, August 29th, at the parish church, Stoke, near Coventry, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, W. Rees, S. Hope, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. First 720 on the bells by a local band, first in the method by A. W. Flowers. Two 120s of Grandsire Minor were also rung by the same company, J. H. White conducting. During the afternoon a presentation was made to Mr. W. H. Horwood, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held, and in celebration of his recent marriage. The wedding gift, which consisted of a handsome copper flower vase and wrought iron stand, was specially designed and made by Mr. A. W. Flowers, of Stoke, a member of the band. It was a splendid example of ornamental ironwork, and reflected infinite credit on the designer.

Mr. W. Rees, in asking Mr. Horwood's acceptance of the vase and stand, expressed the hearty good wishes of the company for the future happiness and prosperity of the newly-wedded pair.

Mr. Horwood, who was much touched by the kindly motives which prompted the gift, briefly returned thanks. The members of the band, which is, with one exception, composed of Coventry ringers, desire to thank the Vicar of Stoke (Rev. Canon Blyth, D.D.) for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and also for his unfailing courtesy to all devotees of the Exercise.

POPULAR.—On Sunday, August 23rd, after evening service at All Saints church, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Salisbury, several lengthy touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Major. H. Warnett, T. Taylor, C. H. Walker, T. Clews, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, E. E. Richards, E. J. Webb, J. E. Davis, A. B. Peck, T. Cranfield, H. Langdon, F. H. Gooch, F. W. Thornton.

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# THE "CANTANKEROUS PARISHIONER."

The *Kentish Mercury* has published the following letter:

"THOSE BELLS—THOSE NOISY BELLS.—SIR,—In common no doubt with many others in the neighbourhood I was awakened this morning before 6 o'clock by the ringing of the bells of St. Mary's church, Lewisham. From what I can learn of the cause of the outbreak it appears to have been on account of the anniversary of the Coronation: and, not content with the morning dose, they must needs repeat it in the evening. If it is an absolute necessity that the bells be rung on the anniversary of Royal birthdays, etc., I would suggest to the Rev. S. Bickersteth and his ringers that they might restrain their exuberant loyalty until a more reasonable hour of the day. Those of us whose business takes us to London every day (and the number round here is very large) get quite enough din and noise in town without being subjected to the annoyance of all that clashing and clanging at an unearthly hour of the morning. We have to put up with it for about 1½ hours each Sunday, and that is quite sufficient for the week. I read in your paper a week or so ago that the ringers had been to some seaside resort for their annual outing. I think most of us would be better pleased if their outing were a permanent one.—BETA."

It would hardly interest our readers, but it would be curious to know if bell-ringing was the only noise in Lewisham which offended the delicate (or otherwise) ears of this writer. Does Sunday bands of all sorts grate upon his nerves? Is the spouting of wordy froth at street corners upon subjects which these ranters have but a mere smattering an abomination to him also? Then let him go for these. No; he is a street ranter, or tub-thumper himself, and the sound of the bells is apt to drown his eloquence. The church and the bells had a location previous to his own. That he should have considered previous to residing in the neighbourhood. We often wish on passing a crowd on a Sunday evening listening to the windy harangue of some mob-orator that a good heavy peal near would suddenly burst forth and drown the voice of these noisy disturbers of the Sunday peace and quietness.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

MR. W. SHORT'S 300 PEALS.—Stedman Triples 47, conducted 9; Double Norwich 39, conducted 7 (including 6160, 6944, and 7392); Stedman Caters 29, conducted 10 (including 8888 record on handbells); Grandsire Triples 29, conducted 16; Seven methods 22, conducted 12; Bob Major 22, conducted 10; Stedman Cinques 21, conducted 9 (including 11,111); Kent Treble Bob Major 21, conducted 8; Superlative 14, conducted 2; Cambridge 8, conducted 2; Kent Royal 7, conducted 2; Double Oxford 4, conducted 4; Canterbury Major 4, conducted 3; Grandsire Caters 4, conducted 2; Bob Triples 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, conducted 3; Five methods 3, conducted 3; Bob Royal 2, conducted 2; Four methods 2, conducted 2; Duffield Major 2, conducted 1; Kent Maximus 2, conducted 1; London Surprise Major 2 (including 14,112); New Cambridge 2; Forward Major 1; Three methods, 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Royal 1; Bob Caters, 1; Canterbury Triples 1; Union Triples 1; Grandsire Major 1; conducted 1. Total 300; conducted 110.

THE PEAL AT CHISLEHURST.—This peal was arranged and rung in honour of Mr. Thomas Durng's jubilee, he having completed fifty years as a ringer at the above church on August 23rd. All were sorry he was not able to take part in the above peal, as owing to an accident some time ago he is unable to stand but for a short time; in fact the last peal he took part in, he had to sit in a chair the whole time.



## PROPERTIES.

The above headline is a word not altogether unknown to the Exercise, technically. Generally, it denotes something of value, either small or great. We sometimes see the word, in its singular or plural number, shown in Brobdignagian type among the announcements of auctioneers, estate agents, and others, indicating that some one or other desires to part with the properties belonging to them, for a due and equitable consideration of course. A great many legal ceremonies are connected with property, especially when that kind of article known as "real estate" is being dealt with. There is such a word as "mortgage," in connection therewith, a legal instrument more gratifying to its holder than its giver. Sometimes property is ridiculed and condemned by those who have not the fortune to possess any, an exemplification of the fable of the fox and the grapes. Radical politicians have a weakness this way. They would object to have property of this kind as a free gift even. So they say; but the temptation of a free gift of property in land would be great indeed, even to an extreme Radical.

There are many "properties," good and bad, more in fact than can be written about in this paper. There are individual properties—some would call them peculiarities, or characteristics, or idiosyncracies. The man for instance who possesses in a large degree and practises that charity which thinketh no evil has a valuable property, and one to be striven for. There are the properties of evil doing and evil thinking: hatred, envy, malice, with their undesirable but inevitable concomitants. The constant ingress of foul language into conversation is another property, of which no condemnation can be too heavy or drastic. And many more there are, unfortunately, deserving of such treatment.

But we have to speak of properties which are pleasant and agreeable. For instance there is the property of a good and strong brain; a strong intellect. If some of us have good mental powers which have received no training, or very little, our efficiency in change-ringing shows that we have the property of grasping knowledge in its highest sense, but that for want of the necessary training it is dormant or latent. There is the property of good and accurate striking, which unfortunately all do not possess; and the one of good, true, and honest calling; the latter without any of those artificial aids which have found apologists or sympathisers in these days. The property of being able to compose peals in intricate methods, or to invent new ones, is another great, if not the greatest, property we have in the Exercise. There is the property of Variation, which has been greatly abused many times. It is not considered honest to copy another's figures, and then send them to this journal as your own composition. Yet unfortunately that has been done. Variation of another's peal should be above suspicion, and possess some property not found in the original. A shake-up of the singles in a bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples, for instance, is reprehensible. Yet it is done with impunity. Many spurious variations have been exposed, which is only their due.

Lastly—as I must bring this simple paper to a close—there are the musical properties—in composition. This part of my subject is perhaps the most legitimate of all the properties to be considered. The musical properties of composition are many and varied. It will be admitted that they have increased in late years. In Major methods we used to be content with the movements of the 5th and 6th bells, *i.e.* their extent wrong and right; now the

absence of the 2nd and 3rd in certain places is held to be almost a *sine qua non*. The descriptions of some properties appear puerile, and lead one to think they should not be expressed. We find people saying that their touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s and the twenty-four 7-6s, the latter part of the statement being ridiculous. Another one writes that his composition contains all the 4-5s and 5-4s, which is just as absurd. In this case the musical property is nowhere to be found. The well-known and well-recognised properties of musical composition can hardly be improved upon, we think. It is very hazardous to say exactly what should and what should not be included in a composition, but nothing feeble should be magnified into something important, as is becoming the custom. Young composers, especially, should not strain after making a mountain out of a molehill. Their infantile essays must contain some recognised musical properties, or if not, they should never see the light of publicity.

PHILIP.

## Obituary.

## HARRY SAUNDERS.

At the early age of 36 the above ringer was called to rest, a victim to that terrible disease, consumption, leaving a widow and three young children to mourn his loss. He was not widely known, scarcely if ever ringing on any other bells except those of his own parish church, Stisted. Although he had rung 720s on a bob bell in several Minor methods he usually preferred the treble, sharing the reputation of the local band for quick ringing and excellent striking. Previous to the service on Sunday, August 30th, 720 Oxford and 240 Kent Treble Bob were rung half muffled. C. Mills, A. Chaplin, E. Chaplin, Edgar Chaplin, E. F. Slade, E. Radley conductor.

## SAMUEL HAMMOND.

On Saturday, August 22nd, Samuel Hammond, of Braintree, was called to rest in his 58th year. Deceased was at one time a very prominent six-bell ringer, but for several years had suffered from acute rheumatism, preventing him from following his employment or taking any active part in ringing. He joined the Essex Association at its formation, and remained a member as long as he was able to do any ringing. As an instructor he had few rivals, and not a few ringers in the neighbourhood owe their proficiency in the art to his able tuition. He was also a good musician and singer; the choir of the parish church had the assistance of his fine tenor voice for a great number of years. The funeral took place at Braintree cemetery on Thursday, August 27th. He was drawn to his last resting-place in a hand bier by four Foresters of Court Campbell, of which he was a member. In the evening G. F. Williams's quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes in ten courses, was rung upon the bells of the parish church with the clappers half muffled. A. W. Barton, C. H. Howard conductor, A. Shufflebotham, H. G. Collins, F. Rudkin, G. Sentance, H. Coote, E. F. Slade.

STREET (Somerset).—On Sunday, August 9th, 600 Grandsire Doubles, treble leading, 7-8 covering. T. Hawkins, H. Griffin, S. Hswkins, G. Richards, F. Marsh, A. W. Webb conductor, C. Taylor, H. Marsh. After Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Doubles, A. Mundy ringing the 7th, the rest as before.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. HILDA'S, MIDDLESBROUGH, SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 1st, Masham being the place visited, where permission had been granted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Gorham, for use of the bells, which we found to be a nice musical peal with a 14 cwt. tenor and in good going order. During our stay touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, in which Messrs. Burton, Hall and Pickersgill, of the local band, assisted. On looking round the walls of the tower we were reminded that peal ringing at one time was indulged in here, there being a Seven Minor peal recorded as having been rung in 1827, and again in 1853, whilst in 1889 a 5040 of Bob Major was accomplished. During our visit several of the Masham band did everything possible to make our outing a success, for which we are greatly indebted and tender our heartiest thanks—to Mr. Hall for his part in the arrangements, to Mr. (Joe) Pickersgill for acting the part of guide in our visit to Grewelthorpe, and to the rest of the band for allowing us to take their places on the Sunday.

**THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.**—The annual outing took place on Monday, August 3rd, to Bath. The party were joined at Mangotsfield by Fred G. May and R. J. Wilkins of Bristol. On arriving at Bath Mr. J. Holman, with Mr. G. Condict, who had gone down the Saturday previous, were waiting at the station to conduct the visitors round. After partaking of breakfast a move was made to the Abbey, where, through the kindness of Preb. S. A. Boyd, permission was granted to use the Abbey bells. A good touch of Stedman Caters was brought round by F. G. May conductor, R. A. Judd, Jesse Gillett, F. E. Hart, R. J. Wilkins, T. Newman, G. Condict, A. T. Brunson, J. Austin, E. E. Davis; also two courses of Bob Royal, and 467 of Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. Austin, in which T. Baldwin, A. Ward, and some of the local men took part. A move was next made to St. James's, where touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major were rung, after which the party adjourned to West's Restaurant, where a capital dinner was served. After satisfying the inner man the party made their way to Twerton-on-Avon, and some good touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were rung, several of the local men taking part. Wishing our Twerton friends good-bye, the party left for home, arriving safely at Gloucester, after having had one of the most enjoyable outings ever held. The Juniors wish to thank all those who so kindly helped to make the outing a success.

**THE REIGATE SOCIETY.**—The annual outing took place on Tuesday, 14th July, about 30 ringers and friends leaving Reigate in two brakes about 8 a.m. We proceeded through the charming scenery of South Surrey by way of Leigh and Dorking-Holmwood to Capel, a distance of about 10 miles, where the first halt was made, permission having been obtained to ring. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was brought round, also a course each of Kent and Stedman Doubles. Our time here being limited, a start was made and a drive of five miles brought us to Warnham, where we found a nice ring of eight in readiness for us. These were at once set going, and a well struck 336 Stedman Triples and 224 Double Norwich brought round. Then another 2½ miles brought us to Horsham, which was reached about 1.0, and after attending to the inner man, the tower of the parish church was visited, where we were met by Mr. Mance of the local band, and a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major and 336 Stedman Triples rung. Another drive of five miles brought us to Rusper, where tea had been provided, to which full justice was done. At the tower the ringing consisted of 209 Grandsire Triples, 360 Stedman Triples, and a course each of Superlative and Double Norwich Major. Then another seven miles brought us to Leigh, where 360 Kent and 240 Bob Minor finished the ringing for the day. After a three miles' drive Reigate was reached at about 10 p.m., one and all having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day. In conclusion, the ringers wish to thank the various Vicars for their kindness in granting us permission to ring, and the steeple-keepers for having everything in readiness.

**THE ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, SOCIETY.**—The annual outing took place on Saturday, 25th July. Leaving London Bridge by

the 6.35 train, Amberley was reached at 8.45, where a splendid breakfast was waiting at the Houghton Bridge inn, the famous hostelry of Mr. Walter Duke. Full justice was done to the good fare provided after the early morning ride, and a start was made by brake for Lyminster, by way of Houghton to Arundel Park, which is owned by the Duke of Norfolk, a part of the programme immensely enjoyed by all, the country through which they passed looking most beautiful. Leaving the Park behind they soon arrived at The Black Rabbit inn, where they adjourned for refreshment and spent a short time going over the pretty pleasure gardens on the banks of the River Arun. Thence they left for the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Lyminster, passing the famous Arundel Castle on the way. Arriving at the church at 11.30, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the six bells, which went very well. The ringers are much indebted to Mr. Cheal, of Wick, for obtaining the necessary permission for them to ring and having everything in readiness. After looking over the delightful old church a move was made to Littlehampton, where a quiet hour was spent by the sea, some taking the opportunity of having a bathe. Joining the brake once more they arrived at The True Blue inn at Wick, owned by Matthews Brothers, at 1.30, where an excellent dinner was served and much appreciated. Thanks are due to the proprietors for the excellent way things were managed, and for the great kindness and attention shewn them. Leaving Wick at about 3.15, they next made for the church of St. Nicholas, Arundel, where they were very kindly met by Mr. Blackman, who had previously obtained permission for them to ring, and Mr. Netley, who both welcomed them very heartily. They were soon in the tower and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round successfully, the eight bells going splendidly. After enjoying the fine view of Arundel and the surrounding country from the top of the tower, they once more rejoined the brake to return to Amberley, where they arrived at 6.30, having driven through Arundel Park by another road. After tea, which was all ready at the Houghton Bridge inn, various sports and games were indulged in, until the train came along to take them back to London, where all arrived safely, having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly helped in making the outing such a success, especially Mr. W. G. Bull, who made all arrangements.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.**—On Monday, Aug. 3rd, the members to the number of 14 had their annual outing, Margate being chosen this year for a change. A very dull morning gave promise of a poor day, but the weather turned out delightful. Through the foresight of some of our older members, we found two compartments reserved for us at Reading station; and a quick run down got us to Ramsgate in good time, and it was decided to get out there and spend a few hours. A walk down on the sands soon set our men on their respective hobbies, and bathing, donkey-riding, etc., passed the time away very quickly. Having gathered the various members of the party together a move was made for dinner, which was needed and enjoyed; and then a tram ride for Margate and a search for the parish church, where permission had been obtained for a ring. The church found, we were soon on the job and a few good touches rung. Then a walk round to enjoy the sea air, a London friend who knew the way taking us in tow and keeping us awake. Now came the mistake of the day: seven of us got in the train, ten minutes early as we thought, but were whisked away at once, arriving at Reading at 10.55; the other seven started ten minutes later and arrived home about 2 o'clock in the morning. However, everyone enjoyed the day out, and we wish to thank all the friends who helped us to enjoy another day together as the band of St. Peter's, Caversham.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1903.

### BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. AN APPEAL.

We are asked to open our columns to an appeal on behalf of Mr. George Willies, who has fallen upon bad times. He is 83 years of age, past all work, and has now become chargeable to the parish. He is almost, if not quite, the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Guild. He has been a ringer from boyhood, and nothing has been too much trouble to him so long as it furthered the progress of the art in which he has always had so much at heart. Now that he is practically destitute in his old age it is thought that it would not be out of place to appeal to the numerous ringers in the country. A small



subscription list has been started locally for the purpose of allowing him a few shillings a week. Should any individual ringer, or any band of ringers, think this case worthy of their support, any contribution, however small, would be thankfully received by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. C. North-Cox, The Vicarage, or his assistant Curate, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Whitecross Street, both of Barton-on-Humber, Hull.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 5.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 4.	EDWARD C. EWER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART.

CHARLES WALKER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 5.
HARRY BARRETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 4.	THOMAS CLEWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. DAYNES.

Rang as a birthday compliment to W. J. Jeffries, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also T. Taylor's ninetieth peal, and his first peal in the method.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
MARK WOODCOCK† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 25 cwt.

SPENCER M. DODINGTON* .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 6.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 2.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
ALBERT H. WINCH .. .. 3.	HARRY T. LAST .. .. 8.
ALFRED R. JONES† .. .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 9.
ALFRED B. PECK† .. .. 5.	†FREDK. H. GOOCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FREDK. HOLDEN.

†First peal. \*First peal of Caters away from the tenor. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells by the conductor. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

### BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—THE BELL News "taken.—A good halfpull neighbourhood.

### The Provinces.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HORNE .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 3.	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal in the method.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN HIMS .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MAYO .. .. 6.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 4.	*PERCY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

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

On Wednesday, August 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN GOODENOUGH* .. Treble.	†AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 5.
CHARLES MOULDEN* .. 2.	CHARLES COX .. .. 6.
JOHN SWAIN .. .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
JOHN MASKELL† .. .. 4.	REUBEN SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE OSBORNE.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1903, in Three Hours Nineteen and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 3.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 8.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 4.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 9.
BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY .. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. HOLLIS.

First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the 7th, 8th and tenor. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Marquis of Salisbury, K.G.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
ALBERT HUMPHREY* .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.



## SHIPLAKE, OXON.

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

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 3.	HARRY W. SMITH .. .. 7.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-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 A. JEAUVONS .. Treble.	ALFRED H. FLETCHER .. 5.
ARTHUR BAKER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL BAKER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HINTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS† .. .. Treble.	††EDWARD EVANS .. .. 5.
HAWKINS ENGLISH* .. 2.	†ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON† 3.	†GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD† .. 4.	†LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. ††Members of the St. Mary-le-Towd Society, Ipswich.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Four Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7616 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM MARSHALL .. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON .. 2.	HIRAM MEAKIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ASTHUR CRAVEN, and  
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

This is the longest peal on the bells, by all except the conductor, and by the Guild.

## PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
W. MATTHEWS'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILFRED MATTHEWS .. Treble.	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. 5.
FREDERICK STONELEY .. 2.	GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 6.
FRED SMITH .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR LATHAM* .. .. 4.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 30, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE ROWE .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS .. .. 5.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 3.	ALFRED WIGHTMAN .. 7.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

## WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham,  
Worcester, and Chichester.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 4.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band, and first in the county. Rung on the occasion of the interment of the late Lord Salisbury.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 13 lbs. in F sharp.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. 5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 6.
REV. H. DRAKE* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
JOHN NIX .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. WITHERS.

\*First peal. This is W. Short's 300th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM BILLINGHURST .. Treble.	*FRANK PERVIN .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 8.
LEONARD F. TAYLOR* .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 9.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. G. BURLEIGH.

\*First peal of Caters. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK BROADRIEB .. 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY† .. .. 2.	†JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HINTON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE .. 4.	JOHN W. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by A. ROWLEY.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Bob Major. ††First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.



**BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	FRANK EDWARDS .. .. 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN MALPASS .. .. 6.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 3.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 4.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

**Handbell Peals.**

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, August 30, 1903, in One Hour and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

LEWIS L. WATSON .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLMAN .. 3-4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, August 31st, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Lord Salisbury, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, W. Grimwade, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, E. F. Slade, W. Steel, H. J. Collins.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 31st, at St. Michael's church, a half peal of Doubles, being twenty-one 6-scores in Plain Bob, St. Dunstons and Grandsire, in 1 hr. 25 mins. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor, C. Young, E. Gibbs, W. Hook, sen. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HILLINGDON EAST.—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. E. T. Churcher, E. Hancox, W. Odell, H. Waite, H. Gosden, E. T. Griffin, J. J. Pratt conductor, H. Chandler.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Friday, August 21st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Peddle, E. Hancox, H. Waite, H. Gosden, A. Groves, W. Joiner, H. Chandler conductor, W. Foster. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. E. Sutton, who for a great number of years was a member of the choir at this church.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, April 5th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 447 Grandsire Triples. L. Brooks, A. E. Slater, H. Day, W. Millar, W. Heath, A. Rowley conductor, W. Biss, C. Oram. On March 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, A. E. Slater, W. Millar, W. Biss, G. Hardage conductor, A. Rowley, C. Oram. On March 22nd, 532 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, A. E. Slater, W. Millar, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, the ringers of Cardiff and Llandaff Cathedral paid a visit to this place and rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the musical ring of six. C. Price, W. B. Biss, J. Pitcher, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor. The ringers were kindly entertained at tea by the Rev. Canon Roberts, who gave them a most hearty welcome. Afterwards seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evening service. C. Price, W. B. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, A. Rowley, B. Tilley. The ringers wish to thank Canon Roberts for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Monday, August 31st, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Lord Salisbury, the usual whole-pull and stand

and 672 Crandsire Triples. W. Jones, M. Lewis, B. Millard, J. Ford, A. Thomas, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday, August 16th, at All Saints Boyne Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Richardson, A. Walker, F. Bissley, G. Martin, M. Smither, W. Walker, A. Martin conductor, S. Jordan.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

WARRINGTON.—On Saturday, August 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Davies, W. Hughes, L. Edwardson, G. Lunt conductor, E. Edwardson, E. Counce.

**ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.**

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 1248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. G. Miles, J. T. Kentish, A. V. Selby, A. E. Bradley, E. G. Stibbon, T. G. Miller, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard conductor. On June 26th, in honour of the King's birthday, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. F. Edwards, H. G. Miles, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, T. G. Miller, A. E. Bradley, G. T. Kentish, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard conductor, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Brush, A. Cutmore, W. E. Moss, H. G. Miles conductor, W. E. Garrard, T. G. Miller, A. F. Harris, J. T. Kentish.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, August 10th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Privett, H. Westbrook, H. Reynolds, Rev. W. H. Gordon, H. Ford, W. Tucker, W. H. George conductor, R. Fuge.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 23rd, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob. R. A. Daniell, Esq., J. Godfrey, H. Wright, R. Christian, E. R. Todd, A. Jacob conductor. On Wednesday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob. A. Jacob conductor, H. Wright, R. Christian, J. Godfrey, W. Gibbs, A. Fuller. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Wright, R. Christian, J. Godfrey, E. R. Todd, A. Jacob, G. Orford conductor.

HYTHE.—On August 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. A. Pells, A. R. Manning, P. W. Wilkins, C. Green, S. Binfield, S. A. Gower, F. Boreham conductor, B. B. Baker. And 168 in the same method, W. Seeley ringing the 2nd, the rest as before. On August 8th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Finn, R. Paine, A. R. Manning, A. Gower, E. S. Ruck, S. Gower conductor. And 224 Bob Major. S. Finn, T. Richards, R. Paine, P. Crunden, A. Gower, G. Paine, E. Ruck, S. Gower conductor. On August 9th, 180 Bob Minor. W. Fight, sen., P. W. Crunden, S. Hopkins, T. Richards, A. R. Manning, S. Gower.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, August 29th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury. J. Prestidge, A. Rowley conductor, A. Round, A. Prestidge, F. Broadribb, J. Screen, R. Round, J. Smith. Composed by J. George, Rugby.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On Monday, August 17th, 360 Bob Minor, on handbells. J. Smith, A. J. Chamberlain, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, J. P. Beeson, C. H. Chamberlain. On August 21st, 216 and 360 Bob Minor. J. Smith, A. J. Chamberlain, J. P. Beeson, C. H. Chamberlain, H. S. T. Richardson conductor. On August 24th, 720 Bob Minor, standing as on August 17th. This is the first by all except the conductor. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. On August 25th, 360 Bob Minor, G. Moore ringing the 5th.

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**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Ruislip to-day, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions are due and should be paid at once.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lawton to-day, Saturday, September 5th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society.**—The September 5th meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, in place of Doncaster.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Christ Church, Southgate, at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends of the Association will be welcome. The Hon. Sec. again refers to the current subscriptions outstanding, and hopes that he may be spared unnecessary correspondence in collecting them.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice of this Guild will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, September 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Moorside on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. Business important.

Jas. JACQUES, Sec.

**The Salop Guild.**—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 12th, 1903. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. J. Norris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be at Richmond on Saturday, September 12th. Tea in the Parish Church Room at 5 p.m. (members 9d. each, non-members 1s.). The towers of Richmond (6) and Catterick (8) will be open to members all day. Those intending to be present at Tea kindly send word by September 5th to

Rev. W. P. WRIGHT,

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**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 9 a.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at Rendall's Blenheim House Restaurant at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately following the tea.

A. E. COLES,

Bridgwater.

Hon. Sec.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Earlsheaf on Saturday, September 12th. Meeting House, The Park Hotel. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Rd., Dewsbury.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will take

place at Badsey, near Evesham, on Saturday, September 12th. The Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those members only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, September 9th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staff.

**The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, September 12th. 60, Church St., Blackrod. J. HIGSON, Sec.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at Yorktown. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will take place at 5 o'clock. Members intending to attend tea are requested to let me know before 10th inst.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, Dist. Sec.

Vale Rd., Yorktown.

**St. James's Society, London.**—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Society will be held on Monday, September 14th, at the Meeting House, The Cheshire Cheese, Millford Lane, Strand, at 9.45, to receive the report of the Committee on the Revision of Rules. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8 p.m., when it is hoped all those members interested in the welfare of this Society will endeavour to attend. A grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 18th. T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

**The Essex Association.**—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 19th, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided (6d. per head) for those members who signify their intention of being present on or before Thursday, September 17th, to me.

THOS. FAULKNER, Dist. Sec.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at St. George's, Bolton. Nominations for the following official positions must be sent in to the gen. sec. as early as possible: viz., vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors. Messrs. Eachus, Shepherd, Haydock and Leach are the retiring officers, but are eligible for re-election. All reports of peals and other ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 35, Co-operation St., Bacup. Any proposed alteration of rules or matter for the annual meeting to be forwarded to the general secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.

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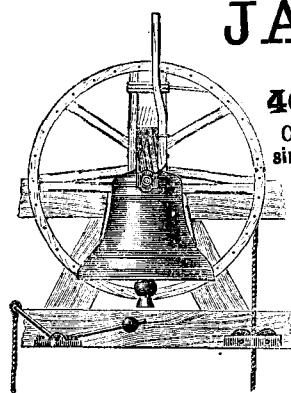
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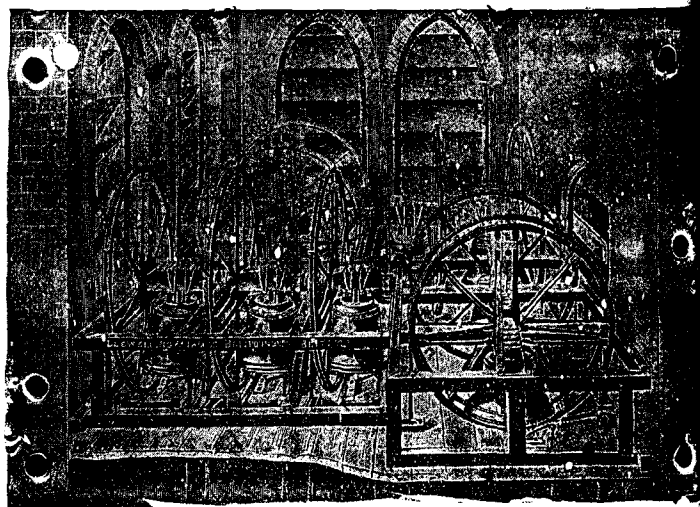
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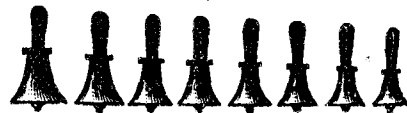
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Lombard Street. All Hallows. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears, 1890. No regular ringing. No further information.

Lower Thames Street. St. Magnus. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs recently by Mears. Estimate obtained for further repairs, but no funds available. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative and London. No Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Thursdays.

Newington. Holy Trinity. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1824. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears, 1891. Ropes new 1877, very bad. No half-pull nor Sunday ringing, nor practice.

Paddington, Star Street. St. Michael. Eight bells. All by Warner. Date not given. Tenor 20 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1895. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9 to 9.30. No practice.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held in the new schools, Spring Gardens, Stockport, on Monday, August 3rd. Service was held in the parish church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. There were also present the Ven. the Archdeacon (Master of the Guild), in the chair; the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Canon Holme, Canon Symonds, Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. R. Greenall (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. F. T. Spence (Assistant-Secretary),

and about 140 members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and the Treasurer's statement of accounts as submitted to the General Committee was allowed. The report of peals for the past year was read by the chairman as follows:

"It is satisfactory to note that our Guild keeps creeping nearer the top of the analysis each year. In 1897 we were 24th on the list with a total of 156 points, and for the year ending December 1902 we were 19th on the list with a total of 328 points. Since our last annual meeting at Macclesfield, our Guild have rung thirty-one peals, with a total of 346 points. The following have conducted the peals: R. T. Holding, 5; W. Lowery, 4; E. Reader, 4; J. Dillon, 3; S. Fernley, 3; F. T. Spence, 2; W. Gordon, 2; J. Fernley, 1; R. Sperring, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; H. Dew, 1; C. Bennett, 1; J. Pownall, 1; E. Hampson, 1; J. Morgan, 1. The Hazel Grove ringers are to be congratulated on being the first company in the Guild to ring a 5040 in fourteen different methods. The Chester Guild have recorded their first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major."

The Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester was re-elected Master; Rev. R. Greenall, Secretary and Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. F. Spence, Assistant-Secretary. The following seven honorary members were elected: Rev. Canon Blencowe (West Kirby); Rev. Canon Holme (Great Budworth); Rev. H. Leigh Mallory (Mobberley); Rev. J. H. Thorpe (St. George, Stockport); Rev. L. Smith (Macclesfield); Hatt Cook, Esq. (Northwich); John Stringer, Esq. (Sandbach).

The following seven ringers were elected: W. Matthews (Macclesfield), in the room of Mr. Walmsley, who was compelled to resign on account of his business; H. Dew (Chester); F. T. Spence (Grappenhall); R. T. Holding (Crewe); W. Gordon (Stockport); J. Dillon (West Kirby); —. Ashmole (Northwich). The report of the Central Council representatives was read, and in dealing with the Central Council's decision, *re* "Legitimate Methods," they gave it as their opinion that they do not agree with the decisions of the Central Council that Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, or any other method where a bell lies four blows at a plain lead should not rank as a legitimate peal, as they consider it is asking far too much from young bands of ringers, and will tend to discourage them. They do not consider the Council should condemn any composition which is proved to run out true.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston then proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Central Council representatives for their report, and that it be a standing instruction to the representatives to prepare and submit a report of each Central Council meeting to the general meeting of the Guild. This was seconded by Mr. C. Fernley, and carried.

Mr. E. Breeze proposed that the next annual meeting shall be held in Chester in 1904. This was seconded by Mr. J. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

The Venerable the chairman next proposed that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. Canon



Symonds, for so kindly granting the use of his church, and helping in the various arrangements; to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for his kindness in coming from Bolton to preach so very excellent a sermon for the Guild. This was duly acknowledged by Mr. Elsee.

Mr. Gordon proposed that Mr. Joseph Blackshaw, of Stockport, should be elected an honorary member of the Guild. This was seconded by Mr. F. T. Spence, and carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned to The Britannia hotel, where a dinner was prepared. At the conclusion of the dinner the chairman again referred to the kindness of the Rev. H. J. Elsee in coming over to preach so excellent a sermon, and for the interest which he had manifested in all the arrangements. He then proposed that the Rev. H. J. Elsee should be elected an honorary member of the Guild. This was unanimously accepted by all present, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Elsee, in acknowledgement, returned thanks in an able and feeling manner.

The company then separated, and were dispersed amongst the various towers of the town and neighbourhood.

#### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, August 29th, at Calverley. Tower ringing commenced during the afternoon, comprising the following methods: Stedman, Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, etc. The business meeting took place at The Thornhill Arms, a fairly good attendance of members being present, Mr. G. Barraclough in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Owing to the Yorkshire Association meeting being held on the same day as the next monthly meeting, a proposition was made by Mr. J. W. Holgate, seconded by Mr. P. Johnstone, that the September meeting be held on October 3rd. An invitation was also received from the Shipley company and accepted that the October meeting be held there.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. Holgate, seconded by Mr. Cordingley. The following towers were represented: Bramley, Bolton, Holbeck, Headingley, Pudsey, and the local company.

#### THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Cleator Moor on Saturday, September 5th, the members present representing the Cleator Moor, Keswick and Workington belfries, sitting down to a capital repast provided by Mr. A. Farquharson. After the cloth had been removed, the Rev. Dawson Parsons, curate of the parish church, was unanimously voted to the chair. He addressed the members and read a letter from the Rev. W. R. Burnett expressive of the regret of that gentleman and the Rev. Canon Rawnsley at their inability to attend.

The Secretary then read his report and the statement of accounts, the former of which spoke of the satisfactory financial position of the Association, and the general progress in the Art of change-ringing which had taken place in the county, and the same were adopted.

Canon Rawnsley was unanimously re-elected President, as also was Mr. J. D. Baxter, Secretary, the latter receiving a hearty vote of thanks for his report and for the services he had rendered to the Association. The

Vice-Presidents were also re-elected with the addition of the Revs. Haythornthwaite and H. R. Longmore (Cleator Moor), the Rev. W. Taylor (Arlecdon), and the Rev. W. Thwaites (Egremont).

It was decided to hold the next shield meeting at Egremont on Easter Monday, when each of the competing bands would be required to try what they could do in the way of ringing a touch of 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. Mr. Harry Chapman, of Salford, who it will be remembered took part in the recent record peal of 14,112 London Surprise Major, a performance which occupied over 8½ hours, was again unanimously chosen to act as adjudicator.

On the proposition of the Secretary it was unanimously decided that instead of providing medals, a group photograph of the winning band be taken at the expense of the Association, and that each member be presented with a copy, in addition to one for the belfry upon which the date and place of the competition, and the names of the ringers should be printed.

The usual resolution as to payment of a portion of the railway fares of competing companies was passed, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Aspatia. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

#### ST. JAMES'S (BURY ST. EDMUNDS) SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 3rd, the members of this society, who are all members of the Ely Diocesan Association, paid a visit to some of the Cambridge district towers and ringers. The party, fifteen in number, started by brake from The Rose and Crown inn, Bury, about 8 a.m., and reached Newmarket by 10 a.m., where they were met by Mr. Taylor, of the Newmarket company, who had previously secured the tower for them. A course of Stedman Triples and touches of Oxford and Kent were rung, finishing up with a plain course of Grandsire. After thanking Mr. Taylor for his trouble the party left Newmarket at 11.30 for Soham, which place was reached at 12.40. They were met by Mr. Fordham, and ascended the fine old embattled tower of the church of St. John the Baptist, with its fine peal of ten bells. Grandsire Caters was rung, also a short touch of Bob Minor on the front six. Returning from refreshment, some touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells, and also a course of Grandsire Triples. The thanks of the company are due to Mr. Granger for his kind hospitality. At Fordham the party were escorted by the sexton to St. Peter's church, where there is a fine ring of six bells, but far from ringing order, so the attempt was abandoned. After partaking of the kind hospitality of the Rev. A. W. Ivatt, and thanking that gentleman, a few courses were rung on the handbells. The ringers then started for Chippenham, where they arrived about six o'clock, and visited the church of St. Margaret, with its grand ring of six bells. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and a few touches of Bob Minor finished up the day's ringing, and they arrived back at Bury about 10 p.m., after having a long and fine day's enjoyment.

STREET (Somerset).—On Sunday, August 9th, 600 Grandsire Doubles, treble leading, 7-8 covering. T. Hawkins, H. Griffin, S. Hawkins, G. Richards, F. Marsh, A. W. Webb conductor, C. Taylor, H. Marsh. After Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Doubles, A. Mundy ringing the 7th, the rest as before.

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# Correspondence.

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

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

## THE BELLS OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—Referring to the notice of the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry in the list of "Our Church Bells and their condition," which appeared in your issue of September 5th, of course the statement "all by Mears (?) about the end of the 17th century, except the 5th, which is older," is absurd. The bells may have come from the Whitechapel foundry, which I believe was in the hands of the Bartletts at that date; but I think the Hodsons were the principal London bellfounders about that time.

I have tried to get some information about these bells, but have, up till now, been unsuccessful.

It would be interesting to know who the founder really was, and also the inscription on the 5th, which is said to be older than the others. Perhaps Mr. Haworth could give some information.

J. R. JERRAM.

"PHILIP."

SIR,—The absence of "correspondence" in your last issue shall be an excuse for inflicting a short letter on your readers on your new contributor, who signs himself as above. His last article on "Properties" cannot fail to awaken the same admiration in the minds of his friends as called forth their former eulogia after the appearance of his first contribution. For where quality is constant appreciation of it cannot be expected to vary. As however you have already given "Philip" so prominent a place in your columns, it is unnecessary for me to exert myself to say much in his favour. Behind the interest of his subject-matter is hidden a subtle humour of composition and expression of which you, as an Editor, and I, as a Scotchman, can claim to be competent judges. Far be it from me to seek to interpret "Philip's" meaning aright. As he says, the word "Property" is not altogether unknown to the Exercise; in fact he has been to the root of the matter, and grasped the fact that everything is either the property of somebody, or a property of something. With this foundation he will no doubt fill future columns of your journal with further interesting deductions from it. I feel that such criticism of "Philip" may be thought to resemble excessive flattery, and I therefore sign myself with a double variation of his own *nom de plume*

PHILOPHIL.

## BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. AN APPEAL.

We are asked to open our columns to an appeal on behalf of Mr. George Willies, who has fallen upon bad times. He is 83 years of age, past all work, and has now become chargeable to the parish. He is almost, if not quite, the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Guild. He has been a ringer from boyhood, and nothing has been too much trouble to him so long as it furthered the progress of the art in which he has always had so much at heart. Now that he is practically destitute in his old age it is thought that it would not be out of place to appeal to the numerous ringers in the country. A small subscription list has been started locally for the purpose of allowing him a few shillings a week. Should any individual ringer, or any band of ringers, think this case worthy of their support, any contribution, however small, would be thankfully received by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. C. North-Cox, The Vicarage, or his assistant Curate, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Whitecross Street, both of Barton-on-Humber, Hull.

## BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—THE BELL NEWS taken.—A good halfpull neighbourhood.

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# Ringers' Outings.

THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY (Devon).—The fifth annual outing was on Saturday, July 18th, by break to Bovey Tracey over Haldon, where a stop was made for lunch; a feature of the programme which was fully appreciated. Here the weatherwise gave different opinions; and before reaching Bovey, while crossing Heathfield Down, a smart shower confirmed the opinions of the rain prophets. This however only caused a temporary halt under the first tree, a regular downpour coming about noon while the party were under the shelter of Bovey church, where some touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, and the richly-carved decorated screen came in for general admiration. As soon as it cleared a move was made to a neighbouring hotel, where a substantial dinner was partaken of, undeterred by a further downpour outside. Subsequently a little music and a song or two helped to enliven the digestion and good humour of the party, and when the order came to go it was with some reluctance the dining hall was left for seats on the break in a decidedly damp atmosphere. Those who had left both overcoats and umbrellas at home came in for a little good-humoured chaff, for the damp accompanied the party all the way to Moretonhampstead, where a short stay was made for a few touches. Resuming the journey, still in the rain, to Steps Bridge, tea was had. Nearly an hour was spent waiting in the blacksmith's shop, outhouses, and woods, for a clearing-up, which in spite of the rainbow did not come off. After passing Lea Cross, however, it really did stop, and a halt for supper by the wayside brought up all the spirits of the party to pitch again. Home was reached about 9.30, all being of opinion that an enjoyable day had been spent.

THE STOWMARKET (Suffolk) COMPANY had their annual outing on Tuesday, July 7th. They took train to Needham Market, where they met with a two-horse break. Through Coddensham to Helmingham where Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. Then on to Woodbridge, our headquarters for the day, where before dinner we rung a 700 of Oxford Treble Bob. After dinner a funeral prevented any more ringing, and a move for Ipswich was made, where at St. Margaret's church we were met by Mr. Motts, and everything being in readiness, touches in various methods were rung. On leaving St. Margaret's several members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society were met with, and they very kindly invited us to the tower, and assisted in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was the best treat of the day. And now time having arrived to think about departure, home was reached about 10.30, all having much enjoyed the outing. The company wish to thank the respective Vicars for granting permission to ring, and the steeplekeepers for having all in readiness; to the Ipswich company for their kindness; and to our secretary, who so successfully carried out the arrangements.

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DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Saturday, August 22nd, seven of the Doncaster company, with Mr. C. R. Lilley, made an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major Major, but unfortunately came to grief owing to a trip in the last course of the second part after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. R. Bayles, W. Bellamy, C. Scott, G. Halksworth, J. F. Mallaby, C. Armitage, G. Clow, C. R. Lilley conductor.

GLASTONBURY (Somerset).—On Tuesday, August 18th, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 6-7-8 behind. E. Edwards, H. Edwards, F. Masters, H. J. Trim, A. Webb, H. Lee, W. Lee, S. Hawkins. Two more 6-scores. E. Edwards, H. J. Trim, F. Masters, S. Hawkins, A. Webb, H. Lee, C. Masters, H. Webb. And 360. H. J. Trim, H. Edwards, F. Masters, S. Hawkins, A. Webb, H. Lee, W. Lee, H. Webb.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Of all the correspondence ever published in this paper commend me to the letters of Messrs. Mann and Barnes (*re* the Middlewich peal) for unmitigated rubbish. Whoever could make out what they both were driving at? Their letters appeared to deal with matters foreign to the subject under discussion. Mr. Barnes had a grievance against some one quite outside the question, and I suppose he thought it a good opportunity to go for such a person. And who was it, do you think? Why that estimable and much-respected ringer William Gordon, of Stockport, one of the best fellows in the Exercise. Of course he did not take any notice of it. I may repeat my caution—let no one rush into print upon any question unless their intellectual qualifications are amply sufficient for the purpose. And another word to bob-callers of peals: Don't give outsiders the least shadow of an opportunity to grumble at your peal. Call "stand" at once, even if you are in the last course, if there is a shred of feeling within you that everything—mind *everything*—is not correct and proper. If you follow this counsel, we shall no more be troubled with letters of the Barnes sort.

I gather that in the neighbourhood round about where the peal was rung, in places under the auspices of the Chester Guild, there are one or two obstreperous (or obstropolous as some pronounce the word) people who are always on the stew, or in a ferment. They can never rest unless they are grumbling about some one. They go to the length sometimes of publicly insulting other ringers as good or better than themselves. By "publicly" I mean in the ringing chamber, in the presence of the ringing company. Men of well-known integrity have been thus assailed. There is an old saying that if you throw plenty of mud some of it is sure to stick. These troublesome individuals I warn. If their conduct doesn't improve they may find it the subject of investigation, and their names, as well as the nature of their offences, known wherever this paper is circulated, and that is all over the world. And thus some of the mud they like to throw so much will be returned to them with interest. It is right to add that our friends Messrs. Barnes and Mann are not alluded to in this paragraph.

Mr. W. T. Elson tells us that the church of All Saints, Fulham, is not a College Youths tower. Our provincial friends will be wondering what constitutes a College Youth (or Cumberland Youths for that matter) tower. I never heard of any law or regulation settling such a question. It used to be something like this, I think: Formerly there was very little connection in London between the ringers, whoever they were, and the clergy, and I am afraid there is not a very great deal now. If the steeplekeeper, or perhaps the sexton, belonged to one of the ringing societies, ten to one if the members of his Society did not regard the tower as theirs. For this official ruled everything. Take our friend M. A. Wood, of Bethnal Green. Suppose a wedding at St. Matthew's he has to apprise, or "warn," eight ringers. These may be College Youths, or they may not. Our friend Matt. could select perfect strangers of no society if he pleased, and though a grumble or two would be heard, perhaps, the College Youths as a body would not move in the matter. But of course all know that the B. G. veteran would not do anything irregular or improper.

My young friend "Philip" in his article "Chiefly

Historical," appears to have pleased the pigs, as the saying is. Some time ago he gave us a chapter on "Houses and Fiddles," and signed it with a single letter—"P." It pleased me to write some good-humoured banter on this single letter as a signature, and now he gives us his name—Philip. Taking notice of my hints has yielded me some gratification, for I am much in favor with the name as a Christian name. There has been more than one celebrated individual in history with such a name. There was that lovable King of Spain whose beard was singed and whose nose was pulled (figuratively of course) by Frank Drake, and others of his sort. There was Philip of Macedon, the father of Alick the Great, rather a rum customer. Some of you recollect the story of a woman who asked his judgment, and got it—but against herself. "I shall appeal," she said. Appeal against such a monarch as Philip! The woman was mad. There could be no one left to appeal to after the despot. But it seems that the novelty of the appellant's words surprised the King. "I appeal," said she. "To whom?" demanded with a loud voice this powerful King. "To Philip sober!" was the reply. That reply set him thinking; and at the present day answers having the same tendency are often made. It must not be supposed that the great Philip of Macedon was intoxicated on this occasion. He had decided the question in his rough-and-ready way without thinking. He was too absolute to think. His word and his wishes were law. Ah! we now and then come across people who would be as absolute and tyrannical as this Philip of Macedon. Only now there is the remedy of appeal before their eyes.

There were other Philips. There was Philip Sidney, a celebrated knight of another age, a brave, but humane man; a man of a poetical turn himself, and one whose deeds have been recorded in song and story. There was another Philip also, the greatest of all—Philip the Apostle. Have you ever read the entrancing account in The Acts, how upon an eastern plain a great chieftain was proceeding alone in his chariot perusing the scriptures, and being asked by Philip if he understood what he was reading about? To me this account is one of the most striking instances—dramatic or romantic if you will—of apostolic intervention to be read of. The circumstance, briefly though it is given by the sacred writer, we can fill in ourselves, and it becomes most enchanting, if I may use such a word. Pity it is that more churches should not have been dedicated to St. Philip. We have too many churches dedicated to *saints* whose existence at any time is problematical.

I had better commence another paragraph now. The last was getting "chiefly historical," and no one knows better than myself how in dealing with history you may get out of your depth. The bells of St. Martin, Birmingham, I see, are now being rung every Sunday morning for Divine Service. Well, be it so. If this arrangement has been brought about by a feeling among the church authorities—*i.e.* the clergy and warden—that the splendid peal are not taken sufficient advantage of, well and good. Church Bells are erected so that they shall be rung, of course. But has it ever occurred to my readers that bells have not always been looked upon as requiring to be rung everlastingly? I lead to the idea that many rings of bells have been placed in a tower without much consideration (if any) for their being called into use for summoning worshippers to church. If only this purpose and object



had been in the minds of those who erected them, assuredly we should not have such grand peals as we now have all over the country. Something less would have suited if the only or chief uses of them were for calling people to worship. I cannot help thinking that church bells had become so engrafted upon the minds of Churchfolk that they were determined whenever they could to have more bells, and weightier, than were actually necessary for the Church services. I should say that bells had become such an institution among the people that they were part and parcel of the national feeling. In joy and in sorrow they were connected perhaps more closely than anything else. Though they were happily connected with the Church, they were not exclusively so; they entered into the lives and feelings of the people to a very great extent. And these ideas, I am glad to say, are not yet dead.

Therefore I think that while we keep up the connection with the Church and promote it as far as we can, I think we ought to be honest enough to have the courage of our opinions, and say that the church bells were not erected solely for the Church's services. To me it seems that ringing for every service, even on a Sunday, is stretching the point a bit. If it is asserted, and strongly, that ringers are bound to attend the services for which they have rung, I am very much afraid that under such circumstances as the new arrangement at St. Martin's, it cannot be effectively complied with. Let us have a Sunday morning peal if we can, at any cost; but let it be early, say from 8.30 till 10.0, which will enable the ringers to get away in time to prepare for the service at 11.0. And for the latter chime some of the bells, not by any mechanical arrangement, but on the swing. I know of one church near Birmingham with a sweet ring of six where they do this for service on the Sunday. And the effect upon the ear in the adjoining and far-off meadows is charming in the extreme. Such an arrangement brings the youth into the belfry, who will become ringers in the future. It also will do away with many grunblings from neighbours who do not look upon church bells from a poetical point of view.

Now I will give a turn to that writer who has been denominated the "cantankerous parishioner." The wish that a heavy peal of bells should break out close to where a street ranter was airing his eloquence on a Sabbath evening will find an echo in the minds of many. Here is what a good old Englishman says in a book he has written:—

"Apropos of Ranters, I cannot say, after an experience of more than half a century, that they were much believed in outside their own community. The Wesleyans were always, and highly esteemed, but 'the Primitives' were bumptious, self-righteous, and bitter enemies of the Church. Not satisfied with their own meeting-house and open-air assemblies hard by, they selected a vacant space within a few yards of our church for their resonant repetitions, until one of our churchwardens was suddenly seized by an inexpressible desire that three of his farming men should learn the art of bell-ringing, and sent them off at once for their first lesson—and their last; for the Ranters ranted there no more!"

This is a good recipe. And in charity I recommend its general adoption whenever and wherever possible.

Another extract from the same book will charm those brethren whose duty it is sometimes to collect subscriptions for praiseworthy objects, such as a fund to obtain a pair of trebles, or for any other good thing. Here it is:—

"A turner in Lambeth parish was at work when a servant came from the Palace with a note, inviting him to see the archbishop, who was anxious to obtain some information from him. 'I was engaged in some important work,' he continued, 'which had just come in, and I sent my respects to his Grace, informing him that I could not spare the time to come. The same day he came down to my workshop, and stood for a couple of hours beside my lathe, until he had heard all I could tell him concerning the good work in which he was engaged. Then he thanked me, and asked, 'Is there anything I can do for you?' 'Well, your Grace,' I replied, 'we are giving a tea to our Ragged School next week, and our funds are very low.' 'What shall I give?' he said. I asked for a sovereign, and he said, 'Take two,' putting them on the bench close by. Then I remarked, 'Mrs. Tait, perhaps, would like to subscribe;' and he answered, 'I am sure she would,' and he laid down another sovereign. Then I thought, 'I may not have another visit from an archbishop; I must make most of the occasion,' and I said, 'There's dear Miss Tait; we must not leave her out in the cold!' and he took out his purse and added half a sovereign more."

How the Archbishop must have been amused when he thought of the interview as he drove home. You who are soliciting subscriptions try and get the Primate to interview you.

By the time this number is in the reader's hands, our friend John Carter will be somewhere among the mountains of Switzerland. He always writes to this office to tell us of his outgoings, and this is very kind of him, of course. I don't think he will try to ascend Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn; he'd be a Simpl'un if he did! (You'll not fail to observe the joke.) John does not enjoy the best of health, and therefore he takes advantage of fresh air. One of our staff says that he might find it rather too fresh this time of year; he himself found it very cold, a great deal colder than charity knows how to be.

My notes have run to an inordinate length this week I fear. Well you can't have too much of a good thing, can you? Accompanying this number is a small picture, which has pleased a great many, and you will not forget that those portrayed are Henry Dains and John Carter. I do not know that Mr. Trollope has sent on another picture. If not, perhaps he will do so in the course of shortly, and that it will meet with as much approbation as this one. If these lines are read by any gentleman who can sketch, I should like him to know that a picture in black ink on white paper would be received with many thanks by

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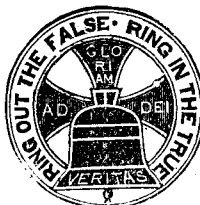
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1903.

At the annual meeting of the Chester Guild, the proceedings of which are reported elsewhere, we find that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council submitted a report in which they say "they do not agree with the decisions of the Central Council that Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, or any other method where a bell lies four blows at a plain lead should not rank as a legitimate peal, as they consider it asking far too much from young bands of ringers, and will tend to discourage them. They do not consider the Council should condemn any composition which is proved to run out true."

All should know that there there is perfect liberty to



ring a peal in any method preferred, whether such method is legitimate or not. The Council were quite right in issuing their excellent report on methods, and publish such a valuable treatise. Though methods were scientifically defined as legitimate or otherwise, the Council passed no law indicating that peals in illegitimate methods could not be rung, or if they were rung, would "not count." Nor we should say, no such law will ever be promulgated by the Council.

If the practice of these illegitimate methods is at any time considered what is known as bad form, or the reverse of aesthetic, it will be purely a question for those who practise them. A company may have a fancy to ring a peal of "Place," or some other ancient and scarcely commendable method; that is their own concern. But such would not be regarded as a development of progress, but the very reverse.

We have in preparation another set of photographs, comprising views of Wrington and Congresbury churches, Somerset. These churches contain what are supposed to be the heaviest rings of six in the kingdom. Those at the last-named church have just been rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and the work has been well done by the bellhanger attached to that firm—Mr. W. A. TYLER, whose portrait we shall publish. The bells at Wrington require rehanging, and it is hoped that the authorities there will very shortly have them attended to by the above firm. Another portrait is that of a reverend gentleman who has done good service to the Art in the Eastern Counties. The four illustrations will be printed on art paper, and be accompanied by descriptive letterpress.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	JAMES WILSHIRE .. .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNGLEY .. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the first five-part peal rung in the least number of changes.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	ERNEST BEHAN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 7.
JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 8.
ALFRED JONES .. .. 4.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 9.
JOHN C. JACKSON* .. .. 5.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged for Mr. Behan, the late Hon. Secretary of the Melbourne Association, Australia, and is his first peal. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Driver on the anniversary of his wedding.

### The Provinces.

#### BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	JAMES FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. Woodiss and Knight were elected members previous to starting.

#### OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY G. WELHAM .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 5.
ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH CHURCH .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HOPPER .. .. 4.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. H. Bowell and Son.

#### POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor about 19½ cwt.

F. PHILLIPS .. .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 5.
C. W. GOODENOUGH .. 2.	J. J. BRISTOW .. .. 6.
E. T. GREEN .. .. 3.	W. W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
F. M. STEWART .. .. 4.	A. J. OSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

#### CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

THOMAS COX* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HARDAGE .. .. 5.
LLEWELLYN BROOKS .. 2.	†JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS .. .. 7.
ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES ORAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CLUTTERBUCK.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 4.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.



## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 5.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 2.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 6.
REV. H. DRAKE .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
JOHN SEABROOKE* .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR SEABROOKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE SALTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 6.
EDWIN J. STRINGER .. .. 3.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	GEORGE PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

J. RICHARDSON .. .. Treble.	M. SMITHER .. .. 5.
A. WALKER* .. .. 2.	G. MARTIN .. .. 6.
A. MARTIN* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
J. ELDRIDGE .. .. 4.	*H. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

## DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES TURNER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. .. 6.
ERNEST J. W. VERRIER .. .. 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. 7.
EDMUND POTTER .. .. 4.	HENRY WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by HENRY WOOD.

First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 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.

FRANK H. SINKINS .. Treble.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 2.	PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 4.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, September 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FRANK HOBBS .. .. Treble.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 6.
EBENEZER TAYLOR .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. T. LEWIS JONES.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Midwinter.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY G. ROWE .. Treble.	†GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Rowe.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM, AND THE  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES KEY .. Treble.	HORACE F. STREET .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 3.	*ERNEST BROWN .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN SOWTER .. Treble.	ARNOLD GELL .. .. 5.
JOHN MILLETT .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. .. 6.
JOHN WARDMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 4.	*ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

\*First peal



## Date Touches.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-LE-MOORS.—On Tuesday, August 25th, for practice, a date touch of 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following Treble Bob Minor methods: 720 Oxford, 360 each of Violet, Woodbine and Kent, and 103 of London Surprise. J. Baddaley, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabernor, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson conductor, A. E. Pyles.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON.—Recently, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Pethybridge, R. Moss, J. C. Jackson, F. Holden, F. Dench, S. Frost conductor. 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Pethybridge, R. Moss, F. Holden, S. Frost, A. Garrott, F. Dench conductor. 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. E. Smith, R. Moss, R. Pethybridge, F. Holden conductor, A. Garrott, S. Frost. 720 Bob Minor. S. Frost, R. Moss, H. Last, F. Holden conductor, A. Garrott, J. H. B. Hesse. 360 Kent, standing as before. 720 Kent. S. Frost, R. Moss, R. Pethybridge, F. Dench conductor, A. Garrott, F. Holden.

### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BANGOR.—On Monday, August 31st, an attempt for a peal of Stedman came to grief after ringing 960 changes, owing to one of the band being taken ill. J. H. Grundy, Rev. T. L. Jones, J. H. Midwinter, P. W. Davies, A. J. Hughes, W. T. Pegler conductor, G. F. Hoad, W. Crane. 720 Treble Bob Minor. W. T. Pegler conductor, J. Gayton, J. H. Midwinter, P. W. Davies, J. H. Grundy, A. Hughes.

### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Thursday, August 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Metcalfe, J. Cottrell, Hon. A. Erskine, H. Ord, R. Haswell conductor, W. G. Haswell. Also 120 Victoria and 120 Canterbury. In the evening 120 Kent. J. Metcalfe, Rev. J. F. Williams, H. A. Erskine, H. Ord, R. Haswell, W. G. Haswell. On Sunday, August 30th, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Salisbury, 360 Kent. J. Metcalfe, H. Cottrell, J. Cottrell, H. Ord, R. Haswell, W. G. Haswell.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—Recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Salisbury. F. Speed, J. R. Adams, G. Davis, C. H. Shearn, J. Hambleton, F. Chivers, H. Kenten conductor, J. Sperry.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 16th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. H. Woodley, A. Yates, G. Wise, E. Butler, J. Napper, J. Butler, T. East conductor. First quarter-peal by all except E. Butler and the conductor.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 252 Stedman Triples. C. Moulden, A. E. Reeves, W. C. Lampard, C. Cox, J. Tucker, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, N. Cox. In the evening 504 in the same method. J. Tucker, N. Cox, W. C. Lampard, C. Cox, W. P. Routh, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Maskell.

### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters in 49 mins. R. Charge, A. Jones, J. Herbert, J. W. Kelley, W. Hollier, A. Jones, F. Smith. C. Charge composer and conductor, W. Elson, S. How. On handbells a course of Grandsire Cinques. F. Smith, M. Woodcock, J. W. Driver, C. Charge, R. Charge, J. Merbert.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. E. W. Nixon, G. Wild, J. E. Davis, F. Holden, F. G. Perrin, E. J. Webb, H. Langdon, F. Davis. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th each called a portion of this quarter-peal. It was intended to be a silent quarter-peal, but meeting short was rung as above.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Monday, July 20th, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Hammond, A. Brown, D. Snelling, F. W. Challen conductor, A.

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BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Ainge, A. Benson, J. Boddy, L. Snowden, H. Good, A. Gill, F. Barker conductor, S. Palfreman.

BUXTON.—On Sunday, August 16th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Stamper, W. Twigg conductor, E. Stamper, J. Blackhouse, M. Bennett, W. Longdon.

COLNE (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 3rd, 1024 Bob Major. R. Foulds, sen., R. Binns, R. Foulds, jun., W. Mallinson conductor, J. Goth, J. P. Foulds, A. Lane, W. Heaton. Longest touch of Major by a local band.

HUNTINGDON.—On Monday, August 31st, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was lost half-way owing to the 4th rope slipping wheel. S. Irons, S. W. Hawksford, H. Fields, J. Jones, S. J. Coleman, E. C. Chasty, G. D. Coleman conductor, J. Irons. A 504 was brought round by the same band. And 168 in the same method, S. Peck ringing the 2nd. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Lord Salisbury.

IXWORTH (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 14th, 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins. H. Hammond, G. Bullock, W. H. Doran, S. Ladymore, W. Miller conductor, W. Burrows. Messrs. G. Lambert and H. Gascoigne also rung in some good touches. Owing to some misunderstanding existing between laity and ringers this splendid ring of six has been silent (excepting when strangers have rung them) for a considerable time. Ixworth was the birthplace of the late Jeremiah Miller and other noted ringers. Such men would have scorned such a thing in their day. Surely something ought to be done to remove this difficulty, that these beautiful bells may be heard rung by local ringers once more.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 45 mins. H. Tucker, W. Bull, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, H. Clark.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Gear, G. Thompson, H. Ewins, E. Dewey, E. Kenward, T. Sparks, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Thursday, August 6th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering. A. Dodd, W. Harford, W. Fryer, W. A. Pugh, H. Harris conductor, G. H. Paggett, W. Bevan. On Sunday, August 16th, 464 Bob Major. W. Bevan, W. Harford, J. Paggett conductor, J. Bass, C. F. White, R. Mathews, G. H. Pagett, R. James.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, August 2nd, 120 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, R. Valentine, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. On Monday, August 3rd, 180 Bob Minor. H. Tucker, R. Valentine, S. Lawrence, W. Rogers, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Rogers, C. Valentine, S. Lawrence conductor, W. Roberts, W. Tucker, F. Hopper.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Radley, G. H. Perrin, H. F. Hull, G. Thurgood, D. Tarling, W. A. Alps conductor, T. Colverd, G. Cole.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Monday, August 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor came to grief after ringing 2580 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Read, jun., J. Read, sen., C. Valentine, R. Nicholls, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor.

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**The Salop Guild.**—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, September 12th, 1903. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. J. J. Norris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be at Richmond to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea in the Parish Church Room at 5 p.m. (members 9d. each, non-members 1s.). The towers of Richmond (6), Catterick (8) and Bolton le Swale (6) will be open to members all day.

Rev. W. P. WRIGHT,

*Stokesley R.S.O. Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead to-day, Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 9 a.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at Rendall's Blenheim House Restaurant at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately following the tea.

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

*Bridgwater.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Meeting House, The Park Hotel. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Rd., Dewsbury.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Badsey, near Evesham, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 12th. The Rev. W. C. Allsebrook, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held to-day Saturday, September 12th, at Yorktown. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will take place at 5 o'clock.

CHAS. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*

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**St. James's Society, London.**—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Society will be held on Monday, September 14th, at the Meeting House, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, at 9.45, to receive the report of the Committee on the Revision of Rules. Practice at St. Clement Danes at 8 p.m., when it is hoped all those members interested in the welfare of this Society will endeavour to attend. A grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 18th. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Members are requested to attend a meeting at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, the 15th inst., after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Waterloo Society, London.**—Meetings

for practice will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 16th, also at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, on September 21st, and fortnightly from these dates. Members please attend.

F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldwinford on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 4 o. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 19th, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided (6d. per head) for those members who signify their intention of being present on or before Thursday, September 17th, to me.

THOS. FAULKNER, *Dist. Sec.*

84, Fisher St., Barking.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. Members intending to be present kindly notify the secretary by Thursday, September 17th. The Slinfold meeting is postponed owing to illness near the church.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 26th, at the parish church, Penkridge. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before the 21st inst. to

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**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday afternoon, the 26th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

*Hythe.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at St. George's, Bolton. Nominations for the following official positions must be sent in to the gen. sec. as early as possible: viz., vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors. Messrs. Eachus, Shepherd, Haydock and Leach are the retiring officers, but are eligible for re-election. All reports of peals and other ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 35, Co-operation St., Bacup. Any proposed alteration of rules or matter for the annual meeting to be forwarded to the general secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday,

September 26th. Great Northern excursions will be run from Halifax at 12.55 p.m., Bradford 1.35, Leeds 2.10, Batley 2.5, Dewsbury 2.10, and Wakefield at 2.40. For other stations, etc., see small bills. The local hon. sec. is Mr. A. E. Ashe, 34, Catherine Street, Doncaster. For day's programme, etc., etc., see Association circular.

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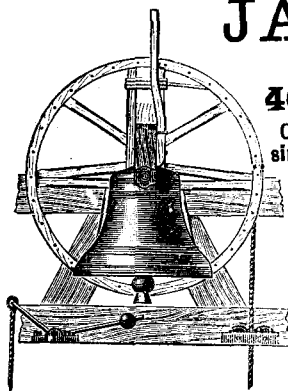
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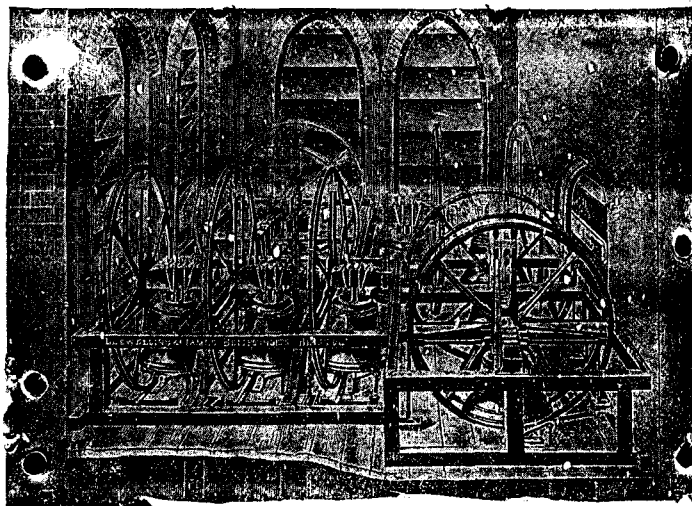
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Pimlico. St. Barnabas. Ten bells. No return.

Pimlico. St. John the Evangelist. Eight bells. No return.

Poplar. All Saints. Ten bells. No return.

Putney. St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

Rotherhithe. St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

St. Dunstan-in-the-East. Eight bells. No return.

St. George-in-the-East. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Mears. Date not stated. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well except the 6th. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears, 1893. Ropes new 1893, fair. Method: Grand-sire. Occasional Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Tuesdays.

St. Paul's Cathedral. Ancient Society of College Youths. Twelve bells. All by Taylor, 1878. Tenor 62 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1887, fair. Methods: Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 2.45 to 3.10. Practice: monthly, Tuesday, 8.

Seven Dials. St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Eight bells. No return.

Shadwell. St. Paul. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells, cast 1820; founder not known. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Starnes a few years ago. Ropes fair. Methods: "The usual Standard methods." No Sunday ringing. Practice: fortnightly, Thursday, 8.30.

Shoreditch. St. Leonard. Twelve bells. No return.

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## DEATH OF CANON WRIGHT, OF STOKESLEY.

The members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association will learn with regret the death of Canon Wright, of Stokesley, the father of their esteemed Hon. Secretary, which occurred on Monday morning, September 14th, after a prolonged illness. The rev. gentleman was a Canon of York and Rector of Stokesley since 1886. He presided at the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association (of which he was an hon. member), held at Stokesley on April 8th, 1901, on which occasion the remarks he addressed to the assembled company clearly revealed an enthusiastic and genuine appreciation of the music of bells, and the art and skill involved in ringing them properly. The great bell of York Minster was tolled on the morning of his death between the hours of eleven and twelve.

## OLNEY, BUCKS.

On Sunday, August 30th, the Vicar of Olney dedicated two new trebles to complete the octave, bequeathed to the parish church by Thomas Eyles, who was for many years churchwarden of the parish. The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Howell and Son, Bell Founders, of Ipswich, and are considered by many competent judges to be in true harmony with the old bells. The six old bells have been thoroughly overhauled, and the framework reconstructed so as to make the necessary room for the new bells on one level. On Saturday, August 29th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins., and the ringers all expressed their satisfaction with the "go" of the bells. The tenor weighs about 25 cwt., is 4 ft. 5 in. in diameter, and was cast by Henry Bayley in 1699.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Westerleigh on Saturday, August 29th, when about twenty-five members attended. The Rev. R. Stevens conducted a short service at the church, after which he invited the ringers to tea close to the church. Tea over, a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. R. Stevens. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wootton-under-Edge on September 26th. Three performing members were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded thk Rev. R. Stevens for the tea, use of the bells, etc. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung; also Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

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## SHORT MEMOIRS

THOMAS BARTON and CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY, of the Society of Norwich Scholars and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, London.

By SAMUEL SLATER, of Glemsford, Suffolk.

In "THE BELL NEWS," vol. 16, page 267, mention is made that something should be given concerning the two above named ringers, noted men in their day. But to give a complete record of their doings, I believe, would be impossible, but here is a short sketch of their ringing lives so far as I have been able to obtain the information. They were both connected with each other and energetic leaders of the Society of St. Peter Mancroft.

I will treat first of Thomas Barton, who was born probably about the year 1729. It is not known at what time Barton began to ring, but the first mention of his name I have is when he took part in a peal of Bob Major, 5040, on June 5th, 1754, at East Dereham, when he was about 25 years old. The record states that this peal was rung by "Eight men from Norwich, being inferior to a company left in that city; being the first that ever was rung at that new peal, which is allowed to be by men of judgement the best peal of eight bells in Norfolk. As many in the County have said that Norwich cannot afford eight men only to ring a 5040 at that Grand Peal, to convince those dwelling people it was compleatly performed in 3 hours and 18 minutes," &c.

Barton's next peal is a 5040 of Court Bob Major at North Elmham on Jan. 16th, 1758, and the account states that it was rung by a young company from Norwich, being the first time that ever this peal was rung in England (Norwich excepted). But in what variation this peal of Court Bob was I have never been able to know, although I gather that the Norwich Scholars had rung several peals of Court Bob prior to this one. Barton's next performance that I have obtained any account of was on Nov. 17th, 1760, at St. Giles's, Norwich. The method was Imperial the Third, and one of the company was the unfortunate John Webster, who, after finishing the peal, fell down dead. Barton had been ringing either 5th or 7th, when Webster fell towards him and expired. The record states that many peals been rung in the same method by the Norwich company, of which no record can now be had in consequence of the loss of the ancient peal book. Barton's next peal was on Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 1766, on the newly augmented ring of eight bells at St. Nicholas Chapel in King's Lynn, being the first on the new bells. This he followed up with two peals in the county of Suffolk—the first at Halesworth, 5040 Bob Major, and the second at Bungay, the same length as the former one. These peals were rung by the Redenhall company, and are in fact the first peals in which Barton figures as conductor. These he followed up with two peals of Bob Major, each containing 6240 changes, the longest on both rings of bells, the first at Kenninghall, and the other at Diss; he also conducted these peals. St. Peter Mancroft new ring of twelve was put up in 1775, and opened on June 21st of that year, and no doubt Barton was one of the band that first rung them, although I cannot exactly say so; but the next account of his

ringing is when he rang the 5th to the first peal (5170 Grandsire Cinques) on the new bells, which was on November 22nd of the same year; this was called by James Watling. In the year 1777 Barton was elected into the society of Royal Cumberland Youths, but if he ever rang any peals with that society otherwise than the 6240 of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in 1778, which was rung in 5 hrs. 22 mins., and was composed and conducted by himself, I am unable to say. There are several records on ringing by the St. Peter's company between this time and his death, but as no names are recorded I am unable to say if he took a very lively part in ringing matters after this or not, but we gather from a note that he was helping to prepare a book on ringing for publication of which I shall again refer to later on. After this we lose sight of Barton's name until we come to his obituary notice, from which we gather that he died at the good old age of ninety-two, and is interred in the churchyard of St. Giles, Norwich. The following is his obituary notice from the local papers of that date.

"On Tuesday, April 3rd, 1821, died Mr. Thomas Barton, aged 92, the oldest ringer of St. Peter Mancroft."

From St. Peter Mancroft Benefit Society Books:—

			£	s.	d.
Given to T. Barton	...	...	1	0	0
Barton's Funeral	...	...	2	0	0
Beaver	...	...	0	12	0
Beer	...	...	0	10	0
Bumblng the bells	...	...	0	2	0
Do. St. Giles	...	...	0	1	0
Clerks	...	...	0	2	0

Of CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY very little is now known, although no doubt he was a good ringer, and was born most probably in the city of Norwich in or about the year 1733, and was by trade a worsted weaver. This we gather from a old poll-book for the year 1802, where it is recorded that Christopher Lindsey, worsted weaver, of St. Stephen's, voted for one Jerry Hudson. Like Barton I cannot give a complete sketch of his ringing life. He was one of the band who was ringing Imperial (the 3rd) with John Webster, when he fell down dead in St. Giles' belfry, November 17th, 1760. Lindsey no doubt was a composer of no mean ability, as a 6048 of Imperial is given of his in most of Hubbard's editions. This most probably is the first peal that the Norwich Scholars rang in the year 1772 at St. Michael's Coslany, although Lindsey did not figure in the band. But in the year 1776 it is recorded that Messrs. Dye, Lindsey and Viner had composed a new peal and called it "Norwich Harmonies." But what this new peal was I have never been able to know. Lindsey was elected into the society of Royal Cumberland Youths in the year 1776, and like Barton he rang in the first peal on St. Peter's twelve in 1775, and in the Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in 1778, and this is all the peal-ringing that I have been able to know him to do. It is said that in the year 1785 the College Youths from London visited the city of Norwich and heard the Norwich Scholars ring Stedman Cinques, and they left Thomas Blakemore behind to stay in Norwich to learn from the Norwich Scholars how to ring the method. Now it happened that Blakemore lodged at Christopher Lindsey's house, and he found out that Lindsey, in connection with Thomas Barton, were busy in writing a work on ringing, and after his host had gone to bed at night, Blakemore copied his papers, brought them to London, and in connection with Jones and Reeves brought them out in the form of the *Clavis Campanologia*. This



dishonourable and clandestine conduct of Blakemore gave great offence to the Norwich Scholars and to all Norfolk, so that it will be seen there was only one subscriber from the whole county for the publication of that work, and that was James Marlton, of Redenhall. From this time we lose sight of the name of Christopher Lindsey until we come to his obituary notice from the local newspapers of that date, which is as follows: "On Friday, July 21st, 1820, died Mr. Christopher Lindsey, aged 87 years, one of St. Peter Mancroft ringers."

I gather that he was buried in the churchyard of St. Stephen's parish, Norwich. I have no particulars of Lindsey's funeral. From the society's books, etc., I do not know if he was buried by the society; perhaps some one will furnish us with particulars if any exist.

I must in conclusion return my sincere thanks to Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich, for his kindness in imparting some of the above information to me.

### OLD RINGING CUSTOMS AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The following extract is taken from an old number of *The Manchester Guardian*. The Rev. H. Drake, who sends it, thinks it may be interesting to our readers:—

The ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new is a familiar and long-established custom which, happily, still survives. Old customs die hard, and yet the century upon the last year of which we have now entered, has dealt unkindly with many a time-honoured custom. The exigencies of modern life, especially in our industrial communities, leave but little room for sentiment. We are nothing, nowadays if we are not practical, and the touchstone of utility has rejected much that our forefathers counted dear in the common life. There was a time when nothing of note occurred in a town without an accompaniment in the belfry. The bells in those days had a voice in national affairs as well as in matters ecclesiastical. They rejoiced in men's joy, and mourned with them in their sorrows. They called to work as well as to prayer. They proclaimed dinner-time and bed-time, and the time to rise from sleep. It will surprise many to learn that as recently as the early years of the present century, in addition to the forenoon and afternoon daily prayer, bells which are still to be heard above the din and traffic of our busy streets, a bell sounded daily in the old church tower at six and eight o'clock in the evening. This list, which takes no account of the frequent ringings for other purposes, some of which will be presently alluded to, is sufficient to show what a complete change has come over our town life in a comparatively short period. A blessed change, some will say. And yet it may be doubted, even by those of less romantic mind than the immortal author of "Those evening bells," whether the change is one of unmixed blessings. Clocks, public and private, may have superseded bells as time indicators, but if signals be needed to call men to begin or cease from work, he is a hardened soul who prefers the modern steam whistle to the old-fashioned bell. So degenerate have we become that we mingle these horrors with the music of the bells ushering in the new year. The custom is as barbarous as that which used to obtain at Oxford on May morning, when the vulgar herd blew their cow-horns whilst one of the finest choirs in England was singing the famous hymn on Magdalen tower. It is pleasing to observe that notwithstanding their noisy competitors, the Cathedral ringers still cling to the old custom

of ringing out the old and ringing in the new year. Long may the time be distant when this, almost the last link of a long chain connecting the present with the past, ceases to be.

It is impossible to trace accurately the history of local ringing customs, on accounts of gaps which occur in the churchwardens' account-books. Similar gaps, it is well known, exist in two other important sources of local history, viz., the Constable's accounts and the Court Leet Records. As a sample of the information to be derived from the churchwardens' accounts, the following items are quoted from the year 1766-7:—

		£	s.	d.
1766.				
April 1.	Paid the ringers ... ..	0	5	0
June 4.	Paid ringers at Btshop's visitation, three times ... ..	2	10	0
Sep. 22.	Paid ringers for Coronation Day ...	1	0	0
Oct. 25.	Paid ringers ... ..	1	0	0
Nov. 5.	Paid ringers ... ..	1	0	0
Dec. 25.	Paid the ringers ... ..	1	0	0
1767.				
Jan. 1.	Paid the ringers ... ..	1	1	0
Jan. 30.	Paid ringers ... ..	0	5	0
*April 16.	Paid for ringing 5 o'clock... ..	1	10	0

\*This was a yearly payment to the clerks for ringing the daily early morning bell.

The ringers' regular wages, omitted in the above list, are given in the next year's account, under date June 24th:—"Paid one year's wages to the ringers, omitted by last churchwarden, £4." An examination of these items throws light on the Church and State sentiments of the time. The Bishop whose visitation was thus honoured was Dr. Keene, Bishop of Chester, who succeeded Dr. Samuel Peploe, the elder, a former Warden of Manchester College. The Warden at the time of the visitation was Dr. Samuel Peploe the younger, who presided over the College for the long period of forty-three years. September 22nd was the anniversary of King George the Third's Coronation. The reigning Sovereign's Coronation Day is still celebrated at royal Windsor by peals and other special observances. Such peals are twice mentioned by Shakspeare. In King Henry IV., part 2, Bullcalf declared to Falstaff that he had a cold—

"A cough sir,—which I caught with ringing in the King's affairs upon his coronation-day, sir (Act iii. scene 2)."

And later on, in Act iv. scene 4, the King addresses Prince Henry as follows:—

"Then get thee gone, and dig my grave thyself;  
And bid the merry bells ring to thine ear,  
That thou art crowned, not that I am dead."

October 25th, 1760, was the date of George the Second's death and King George the Third's accession. November 5th commemorated the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, 1605. No national event was more widely celebrated in the belfries than this. At St. Margaret's, Westminster, a peal of thanksgiving was immediately rung, as the following extract relating to the same year testified:—

"Paid the ringers at the time when the Parliament House should have been blown up.....x shillings."

Several bells bear inscriptions relating to this event; for example, the second bell at Owmbay, Lincolnshire: "Let us remember the 5 of November." The discontinuance of this widespread custom is doubtless due in a great measure to the feeling which eventually led to the petition of Convocation and of Parliament for the abolition of the special service for the Gunpowder Plot in 1859.

(To be continued.)



## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE CHESTER GUILD AND METHODS.

SIR,—I repeat what I said before that the question as to whether Bob Triples and Grandsire Major are to "count" (i.e. to be booked) rests not with the Central Council but with the different Associations, that is with the whole Exercise. But I do think that the influence of the Council should be brought to bear on the Associations to induce them to refuse to recognise these methods. And for these reasons.

First on scientific grounds because the methods are not legitimate, and consequently not worthy to rank with good methods. Up till now no one has attempted to dispute the scientific side of the methods report, which may therefore be taken to be unanswerable.

And on the broadest practical grounds I would have them condemned because they block the way of better methods. While men are practising Bob Triples they are neglecting Double Norwich and Duffield. And if the Chester Guild will forgive my rudeness, it's all rot saying these methods are needed for beginners. If you want a good simple method are there not Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Forward? When you've mastered them you ought to be able to go on to the Court methods and the Surprises. So far as my experience goes (which does not include Cheshire), the young band does not learn on Bob Triples and Grandsire Major. But when a band has rung a peal of Bob Major they very frequently ring one of Bob Triples, because it is so easy to go from one to the other, and thus they cheaply add "another method" to their peal list. If your young band is discouraged because they mustn't ring Bob Triples they must be poor things indeed. If they are worth their salt they'll soon find something to ring. Surely there is no lack of good simple methods. But suppose we got our way and the Associations decided not to book these methods, that wouldn't mean that ringers would be prevented from ringing them if they choosed. I suppose it's quite safe to say that Stoney is not a legitimate method, and that no Association would book a 5000 of it, yet if anyone likes to ring an elegant touch of Churchyard Bob, who's to stop him? In fact, I occasionally ring it myself, when there is just and sufficient cause. But what we say is that neither Stoney nor Bob Triples is a legitimate method, and therefore they ought not to be booked as peals side by side with proper methods. As for the Cheshire Guild's definition of a legitimate method there is a broad-minded catholicity about it of which I am quite incapable. For not only does it cover Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, but it includes the old Plain Changes which were abandoned two hundred years ago. Nay more, if you only ring in half-pulls Stoney itself is not barred.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Now I am writing may I point out that the 5760 Duffield Major published two or three weeks ago is identical with John Reeves's 13,440 of Bob Major, and similar to Henry Johnson's and Harrison's peals of Double Norwich, Hubbard's Double Bob and Bob Major, and several other well-known compositions.

## "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—Illness has prevented me replying to the Rev. H. Drake, whose letter appeared a few weeks ago. The church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, is now included in the city of Liverpool, and as such should appear under the heading of Liverpool. It remains however in the parish of West Derby. With regard to the bells of St. Nicholas I am informed there are no funds available for repairs, and as the Cathedral scheme is at present absorbing all the attention, I am afraid nothing will be done for some time, if ever. This is a great pity.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

## BLACKPOOL.

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## CORNHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church tower which shews time on one large dial, and strikes the hours. It has been made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the design of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm have just received the order to make a large chiming clock with four dials from the Nelson Corporation in the same neighbourhood.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY (Reading, Berks.)—On Saturday, September 5th, this Society held their annual outing. Taking train from Reading to Radley, we were met by a brake which took us from Cumnor, a very historical old village and church, with a peal of six bells hung in the tower. Here we rung touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Bob Minor. After letting the bells down in peal our next place was Appleton, arriving there we rang a touch Grandsire Triples on the back eight. Then to The Plough to dinner, and this over we again ascended the tower, and with the helping of our old friend Mr. White and his sons we rang a touch of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. Time was again going too quickly. We again had to take to the brake for Drayton, where after a few touches of Grandsire Triples and Minor we were very kindly entertained to refreshments at the Rev. F. E. Robinson's vicarage. Then on once more to our last place for the day, Abingdon, where we were met and conducted to the belfry of St. Helen's by Mr. Humfrey and Mr. Holifield. After a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung here, we let the bells down in peal. By this train time again arrived, and we had to take our departure for Reading once more. We wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Mr. Holifield, at Cumnor, Mr. White, Appleton, Messrs. Humfrey and Holifield, at Abingdon, and last, but not least, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Drayton, for the kindness shown to us on this occasion, one and all appreciating the ringing and the day's outing, it being one of the most successful it has been our lot to enjoy. A.O.

THE ALL SAINTS (Fulham) SOCIETY visited Reading on Saturday, August 22nd, and were met on arrival by Mr. Newell, who had kindly undertaken all the arrangements. The day's programme was soon well in hand, St. Mary's Church being reached by 10.30, and the bells set going to Double Norwich and Stedman. St. Giles's church was next on the list, but a touch of Stedman Triples was brought to an untimely end owing to illness near the church, the gap thus formed being filled by hand-bell-ringing. Dinner was the next touch, and it was most successfully brought round. A trip on the electric trams and a pleasant walk through lanes brought us to Sonning, a very pretty village. The tower contains a fine mellow ring, tenor 22 cwt., Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob being the order here. Caversham was next visited, and after a delay for the completion of the service, then in progress, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. After a hasty cup of tea, St. Leonard's, our fifth and last towers was reached, the ringing here comprising: Stedman Caters three leads, Treble ten, a course of Bob Royal and 180 Grandsire Caters, a fitting ending to a most successful ringing outing, in the course of which over 3,000 changes in five methods were brought round. This account would not be complete without a tribute to Mr. Newell for his untiring efforts on our behalf, and an expression of thanks to the clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells. E.

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# THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS AT LEICESTER.

On Sunday, September 6th, the delegates to this congress attended Divine Service at St. Mark's church, when the sermon, based on the brotherhood of man, was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A., socialist. Previous to the service was rung about 1000 Union Triples by ringers each being a bona-fide member of a trade union. T. Curtis, C. H. Fowler, J. Morris, E. E. Smith, W. Willson conductor, H. Mountford, W. Miller, G. Locke. On Friday, September 11th, at St. Mark's, Leicester, 644 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Farrow longest touch, W. Willson, jun., A. Moss, T. Rishby, L. Allen, W. Willson conductor, W. Miller, F. W. Herbert.

## Date Touches.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—On Monday, July 20th, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Manley, J. Hayman, R. Manley, J. Snow, G. Pike, R. Snow, H. Burch, E. G. Stocker. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Snow, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, June 21st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. R. Boswell, S. G. Steeles, W. E. Meffin, A. W. Long, P. C. Long conductor, G. Weldon, J. W. Seamer, M. J. Richardson.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FULBOURN.—On June 11th, on the occasion of the marriage of the General Secretary, the Rev. W. W. Crump, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Scotcher, E. Webb, J. Page, G. Claydon, J. Stalley, G. Bridge conductor.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Stocker, W. Manley, J. Hayman, H. Burch, J. Snow, R. Manley, R. Snow, A. H. Snow. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Burch, J. Manley, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. Manley, R. Snow, A. H. Snow, E. G. Stocker. On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Stocker, W. Manley, J. Hayman, J. Snow, R. Manley, H. Burch, A. H. Snow, A. Cross. On Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, 500 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Stocker, W. Manley, J. Hayman, H. Burch, J. Snow, R. Snow, A. H. Snow, A. Cross.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Bovington, G. H. Gutteridge, G. Badden, J. J. Parker, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke conductor, A. Crook, H. Batten. Also two plain courses, in which several probationary members took part.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Thursday, August 13th, for practice, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Elderfield, G. Coleman, F. Clarke, J. Walden, A. Jordan conductor, D. Webb. On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Walden, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, F. Clarke, E. Harding, A. Jordan, J. Clarke.

### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THA-SEA.—On Wednesday, August 5th, for practice, 840 Bob Triples. F. Nestor, S. Smith, T. Barber, E. Bellwood, J. W. Ward, W. Lobleby, J. H. Blakiston, W. Barber.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, July 12th, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. H. Jones, J. Hall, W. J. Titchener, W. Rudd, A. McFarlane, T. Metcalfe, J. Carter conductor, W. R. Newton. Also 252 Stedman, W. R. Newton ringing the 6th. And 360 Grandsire Triples. J. Hall, J. Carter, W. J. Titchener, J. H. Jones, W. R. Newton, T. Metcalfe, W. Walland conductor, F. Greenwell.

MASHAM.—On Saturday, August 1st, 504 Stedman Triples. A. McFarlane, J. Hall, T. Metcalfe, W. J. Titchener, J. Carter, W. Walland, J. H. Blakiston, J. Pickersgill. Also 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Carter, J. Hall, T. Metcalfe, W. Walland, L. Burton, W. Hall, J. Pickersgill, A. McFarlane.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, August 31st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sadler, A. B. Wiffen conductor, G. Sentance, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard, H. J. Collins. On Monday, September 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Sadler, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard, W. Steel conductor. On Wednesday, September 9th, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, B. Wiffen, W. Grimwade, E. Newman, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, W. Steel, C. H. Howard conductor. On Monday, September 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Sadler, F. Webb, P. Holmes, W. Steel, C. H. Howard conductor, A. B. Wiffen.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 560 Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, W. Farrow, A. Shufflebotham, R. Gowers, G. H. Sentance, E. Slater, W. Steel, G. Moore.

STOKE-BY-CLARE.—On Sunday afternoon, September 13th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Shufflebotham, G. H. Sentance, F. Rudkin, E. Newman, W. Steel conductor, G. Moore.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service, 240 Bob Doubles. E. Newman, W. Farrow, F. Rudkin, A. Shufflebotham conductor, G. H. Sentance. Also 360 Bob Doubles. E. Newman, F. Rudkin, G. H. Sentance, A. Shufflebotham conductor, W. Steel.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On March 1st, 720 each of College Pleasure and Killammarsh. March 8th, 720 each of Kent and Booking. March 9th, 720 Winchester Surprise. March 15th, 720 Woodbine. March 22nd, 720 Westminster and Burton. March 27th, 720 Canterbury Surprise. March 29th, 720 London Treble. April 5th, 720 Imperial and Ebor. April 11th, 720 Plain Bob. April 12th, two 720s of Plain Bob. April 20th, 720 Wells Surprise. April 26th, 720 Cumberland Exercise and 720 Kent. May 1st, 720 Carlisle Surprise. May 3rd, 720 Violet and Cambridge Surprise. May 10th, 720 Oxford and Duke of York. May 15th, 720 College Single. May 17th, 720 Morning Pleasure and Rotherham Snowdrop. May 18th, 720 Bristol Surprise. May 24th, 720 Woodbine. May 31st, 720 Oxford Single and Plain Bob. The following took part: J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes, J. Brierley, D. Briggs, H. L. Cockcroft, L. Holt, D. Barnes, Z. Lord, A. White, A. Chew, A. A. Downing, G. Shottin, J. H. Smith, W. Smith, E. J. Cockcroft.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Monday evening, September 14th, at St. Paul's church, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung by members from Bradford, Bolton and Shipley, in honour of the birthday of Mr. T. B. Kendall, conductor of the Shipley company. The ringers all wish him many happy returns of his natal day.

BERSTON (Notts).—On a recent Thursday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. M. Boot, L. Price, W. Clifford, sen., E. Boot, P. Price, F. S. Price, R. Clifford conductor, J. Paling. And 504 in the same method, standing as before.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, June 21st, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 covering. W. Grigg, F. Goddard conductor, W. Angell, F. G. Alford, W. Warne, F. Shephard, H. E. Dare, E. Abbott.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Saturday, September 5th, eight members of the local company met to attempt Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to one of the ringers being taken poorly the bells were brought round at half-way in 1 hr. and 35 mins. R. Hutton, F. Larkey, E. Caunce, W. Hargraves, G. Dickinson, J. Aspinwall, A. Lovall conductor, G. Page. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Caunce and Page.

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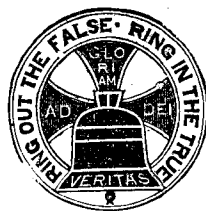
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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1903.

MATTERS around which the question of legitimate or illegitimate methods revolve would appear to be susceptible of some out-of-the-way developments. If we understand Mr. TROLLOPE correctly, he dubs "Stoney" a method. Readers of his letter will however be mollified by the statement that it is an illegitimate one. We take the liberty of asserting that what is called "Stoney" is no



"method" at all. Whether the majority of ringers have till now been under an illusion, we know not, but no ringing whatever has ever been deemed method-ringing unless changes were made every succeeding half-pull, *i.e.* "half-pull ringing." The proper and more euphonious term for what our friend Mr. TROLLOPE calls "Stoney" is "call-changes;" the former is only slang, at one time peculiar to the metropolis, the place of its origin. Let us abolish the ridiculous "stoney" and adopt in future the really true word which gives us the correct meaning.

It seems to be imagined that the various Associations ought in the future to refuse to book peals which are rung in the illegitimate methods. The day is far off when they will do this. The Committee who formulated such an excellent and exhaustive report, should rest content with the work they have done, and not desire or preach coercion upon those who, while greatly admiring their ability and research, refuse to go the whole hog, and be dictated to as to what methods they shall or shall not ring. There are very few arts and sciences which do not in their practice embrace illegitimate conditions of some sort or other. Architecture, for instance, combines what has been called "truth and falsehood," and we have heard in connection therewith such terms as "bastard Tuscan" and "debased Gothic." Yet these illegitimates are not hindered at all, they proceed as fast as ever.

Ringers will assuredly ring any method they like best, or from curiosity to obtain a peal in some particular method. And a peal in any of the known methods is a peal after all, and deserves to "count," whether it comes under the ban or not. A peal of Grandsire Royal would be more difficult to ring than Plain Bob, and it should certainly be, and inevitably would be, recorded. We must rest satisfied with the report, and the precept and example which may follow in its wake, without any attempt at coercion, because it will assuredly fail.

### A GRAND PERFORMANCE.

We have received the following letter just before going to press:—

SIR,—I had the pleasure of listening to a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral on Monday last, when William Pye accomplished the great and unprecedented feat of ringing the large tenor bell, 73 cwt., single-handed throughout. I think it would interest your readers to know that the performance was remarkable for its evenness and excellent striking. The time hardly varied from 21 changes per minute from start to finish, the home-coming courses being especially good. It is also worthy of note that the ringer of the treble cycled from Bristol, a distance of 75 miles, on the morning of the same day. The way in which the smaller bells held up over the big ones was really grand; and produced such music that made it a pleasure to listen to, and would have been well worth one's while to take a journey to hear. I may say I give my testimony quite unbiassed and unsolicited, and I beg to make the suggestion, provided the band are agreeable and do not take it as an affront, that you open a subscription list for providing a durable tablet recording the performance, to be placed in the tower, with the permission of the Dean and Chapter. Such a peal as this I venture to think is not an ordinary performance, and being in a certain sense historical, ought not to go without a permanent local record.

T. LAVER.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 6.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 3.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. 7.
RICHARD BEVAN* .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. Treble.	ALBERT COLES .. .. 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

### The Provinces.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS MAYNARD† .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2.	ERNEST F. BEHAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE GUNNER .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal away from the tenor. This peal was arranged for E. F. Behan, who is on a visit to England from Australia, and who was elected a member before starting.

#### MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

#### ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 5.
EDWARD J. GRIFFIN .. 2.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 7.
EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.



## LONG ASHTON, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

HENRY BRIDLE .. .. Treble.	JOHN BISHOP .. .. 5.
FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 2.	JOHN WINSOR .. .. 6.
GEORGE YEO .. .. 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. 7.
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## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, September 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY WITHERS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

## PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR JOHN SEABROOK .. 5.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	*WALTER CHARLES EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

\*First peal.

## ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. in G.

A. CHAPMAN* .. .. Treble.	*W. B. MEADOWS .. .. 4.
L. CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	J. M. NICKERSON .. .. 5.
D. REDHEAD .. .. 3.	R. LOVEDAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. LOVEDAY.

\*First peal on six bells.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ROBERT J. DAW .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith with Miss Emma Louise Baker, which was solemnised at the above church on that date.

## WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt in E flat.

SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
ERNEST G. BAKER* .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM J. GOSS .. 3.	WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. 7.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES* .. 4.	*ROBERT ROWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD* .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 8.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 4.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 9.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. This was arranged and rang to oblige Mr. J. Flint, who hails from Bolsover, near Chesterfield.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

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

HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. Treble.	HENRY CORBETT .. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 2.	†ERNEST F. BEHAN .. .. 6.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

†First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged for E. F. Behan, late of Melbourne, Australia, who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

## WOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

LOUIS A. WILSON .. .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 2.	*OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SYDNEY PALMER .. .. 4.	ALFRED HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## ECCLESFIELD, NR. SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, THE MINSTER OF THE MOORS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

SAM HEMMINGFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS KITSON .. .. 5.
WALTER KITSON .. .. 2.	*OLIVER CANWOOD .. .. 6.
WILLIS WHITHAM .. .. 3.	GEO. W. DRONFIELD .. 7.
THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and

Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by F. Mallaby of Doncaster.



SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

HARRY MASON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
MAURICE BIGNOLD* .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 4.	*JAMES T. TANNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jones; also to celebrate the wedding of J. Goldsmith, the ceremony taking place at Lewes on that day.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	FRANK WAGSTAFF .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the visit to Bolsover of His Majesty the King, which took place on Thursday, September 10th.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BRUNNING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RUFFLES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 6.
JAMES RUMSEY* .. .. 3.	†GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. .. 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES .. .. Treble.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. 2.	MATTHEW BERRY .. .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 7.
JOHN DENNER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL OAKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung for evening service with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. John Ridyard, who was interred at the above church on Thursday last. She was a prominent member of the church, and much respected by all.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

THOS. PAYNE .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 6.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	*JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the Feast of the Dedication of the church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HUNT .. .. Treble.	JOHN PERRY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DOWSETT .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bedwell, who came of age on that day, the ringers wishing her many happy returns.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

TIMOTHY BRADDOCK† .. Treble.	*HARRY PYE .. .. 5.
JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED CROFT* .. .. 4.	FRANCIS HYDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

†First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor, 22½ cwt.

REUBEN SMITH .. .. Treble.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. .. 5.
FREDERICK COOPER .. .. 2.	FRANK DUNAWAY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROUSE .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. WINTERTON.

First peal as conductor.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal has been sent from Darley Dale, Derbyshire, without the name of any method.

Obituary.

SERGEANT-MAJOR TUCKER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of ex-Sergt.-Major Alfred Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, the oldest and much respected member of the Bishops Stortford (St. Michael's) Society, which took place on Thursday, September 3rd., after a lingering illness of nine months; deceased was born in 1835, and he was therefore 68 years. He learnt to ring a bell when about ten years old, his father being sexton at St. Michael's, and he was frequently up in the belfry. He joined the Army Service Corps in 1859, and served till 1881, when he was discharged with the rank of Sergt.-Major. Returning home to enjoy his pension, he became an active member in the tower again, and was made a member of The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association, and had taken part in fourteen peals from 5,000 to 6,384. The funeral took place on September 8th, in the Bishops Stortford cemetery, close by his relatives, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. E. Boulter (late curate of St. Michael's). The coffin was borne to the grave by four members of the Essex Association, the mourners being the widow, Mr. J. A. Tucker (son), Miss Rose Tucker (daughter), Mrs. Wright (sister), H. J. Tucker and W. W. Tucker (nephews), Mrs. H. J. Tucker and W. Rickett. In the evening at St. Michael's church the bells were rung half-muffled to a touch of 308 of Grandsire Triples. W. Rickett, G. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, J. Luckey, W. P. Prior, J. Jordan and T. Newman. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts, P. Springham, T. Newman, being all members of the Essex Association. Conducted by W. Watts.



**Notices.**

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The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldswinford to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 4 o. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Barking today, Saturday, September 19th, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is hoped there will be a good attendance. The tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. THOS. FAULKNER, *Dist. Sec.*

84, Fisher St., Barking.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Angmering today, Saturday, September 19th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. The Slinfold meeting is postponed owing to illness near the church. H. EVANS, *Hon. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Great Crosby on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 26th, at the parish church, Penkridge. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before the 21st inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull St., West Bromwich.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday afternoon, the 26th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
Hythe.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at St. George's, Bolton. Nominations for the following official positions must be sent in to the gen. sec. as early as possible: viz., vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors. Messrs. Eachus, Shepherd, Haydock and Leach are the retiring officers, but are eligible for re-election. All reports of peals and other ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 35, Co-operation St., Bacup. Any proposed alteration of rules or matter for the annual meeting to be forwarded to the general secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, September 26th. Great Northern excursions will be run from Halifax at 12.55 p.m., Bradford 1.35, Leeds 2.10, Batley 2.5, Dewsbury

2.10, and Wakefield at 2.40. For other stations, etc., see small bills. The local hon. sec. is Mr. A. E. Ashe, 34, Catherine Street, Doncaster. For day's programme, etc., see Association circular.

JNO. T. W. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 26th. The 10 bells at All Saints' Church and the 8 bells at the Foundry will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the Fearon Hall. It is particularly requested that all those intending to be present at Tea will send in their names to Mr. F. G. Burleigh, 26, Rendell Street, Loughborough, not later than first post on Thursday, 24th inst. Those members who are in arrears are respectfully reminded that subscriptions were due on January 1st and the Secretary will be obliged if they will pay them in at once. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells). Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Mr. Ashton's. FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

[There is no date to this.—Ed.]

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Melksham on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m.

REV. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Ferndale, Estcourt St., Devizes.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Caerleon on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, Manchester, on October 3rd, when the re-opening of the bells will take place. A short service at 3.30. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee. All ringers invited to attend. J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. at St. David's church. Business meeting in the schoolroom adjoining church at 4 p.m. Members of committee are kindly asked to communicate with me as early as possible as to number likely to attend.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Victoria St., Llandudno.

The Middlesex County Association.—Members are requested to note that the annual meeting of this Association will be held on the 10th October next. Arrangements are being made for the following programme:—

2 p.m.—Members assemble at All Saints' church, Fulham, for ringing.

5 p.m.—Short service and sermon by the Bishop of London.

6 p.m.—Tea at Fulham Palace, followed by the meeting.

Tickets for the tea will be distributed on the day of the meeting at 4.30 p.m., and will be issued in order of application. Those wishing to attend must send their names to the Hon. Sec. on or before the 30th inst.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
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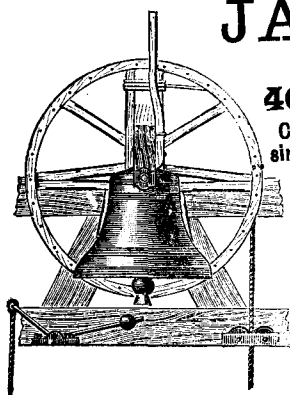
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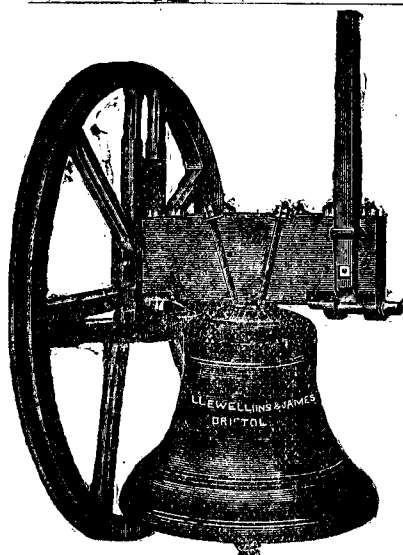
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Southwark. St. George the Martyr. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1718. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehangings is contemplated, and funds are nearly obtained. Ropes new 1895. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 25 minutes before morning and evening service. Practice: alternate Thursdays, 8.30.

Southwark. St. Saviour. Ancient Society of College Youths. Twelve bells. 10th by Mears, 1844; 11th by the same, 1820; the rest by Knight, 1734. Tenor 51 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Slight repairs by Warner in 1896. The ring badly need rehangings, but there are no funds available, nor do the authorities seem to realise their obligation in regard to this; historically the most noted ring of twelve in existence. Ropes new 1887. Methods: "Various." Sunday ringing: 6.30. No regular practice for the last seven years.

Spitalfields. Christ Church. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Mears; date not given. Tenor 33 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears; date not stated. It has been recommended that new wheels and other repairs are required, but funds are not available. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: Wednesday, 8.30.

Stepney. St. Dunstan. Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1807. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. No reply as to go of bells. The ring have recently been rehung. No reply as to ropes. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and occasionally evening. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8.30.

Strand. St. Clement Danes. St. James Society. Ten

bells. The two trebles and 5th by Mears, 1845; the rest by Wightman, 1693. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Banks, 1886. The sound shutters have been removed, leading to complaints of noise. Funds are required. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: occasionally 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8.

Stratford. St. Mary. Ancient Society of College Youths. The two trebles by Mears, 1858. No information as to the rest. Tenor 14 cwt.; diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs to church in progress; not known if these will extend to bells. Ropes fair. Methods: "all Standard methods." No Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Monday, 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Badsey, near Evesham, and was well attended by members from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Bengeworth, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Great Comberton, Kidderminster, Martley, Malvern, Pershore, Tipton, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester, etc. Service was held in the beautiful village church at 5 p.m., and a very impressive address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Allesbrook, on encouragement. He gave the members a very hearty welcome, and was extremely pleased to see so many present. This alone should give them courage, and stimulate them in the work that they as ringers were from time to time engaged in. After service was over the members were invited by the Vicar to the vicarage, where he had provided a bountiful repast, and to which the members did full justice. The business meeting followed, presided over by the rev. gentleman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected, and Kidderminster was selected as the place of the next meeting, January 1904. Messrs. W. Micklewright (Dudley), and W. R. Small (Tipton), were elected auditors for the year. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address in the church, and for having his full choir in attendance, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the room, tower and bells; and to the ladies at the tables, who entranced the company by their presence. The bells are a nice peal of eight, and the "go" of them is perfect. Some few years ago Messrs. Taylor rehung the then existing peal of six bells, putting in an iron frame, leaving space for two trebles, which have been placed there quite recently through the energy of the parishioners, who were anxious to have the full octave, and of which they are very proud. The two trebles, which are very good and harmonise very well, have been supplied by Mears and Stainbank. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going, some very good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, etc. being accomplished.



## CLEVELAND AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting was held on Saturday, September 12th, amidst the beautiful surroundings of Swaledale in the finest of weather in strange contrast to the wet afternoon of the same day at Stockton and Middlesbrough, only a few miles off. The towers available were those of Bolton-on-Swale, Catterick and Richmond, the latter place being the headquarters.

The inducement to revisit Richmond after the short interval of two years was the invitation of the local band with a view of stimulating further interest in the efforts now being brought to a successful issue for adding two trebles to their melodious six. The meeting was a great success, the attendance being forty-five, and representing the following places: East Fitton (the whole band, who joined on this occasion); Darlington, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Saltburn, Stockton (eight members), and Thirsk. In the absence of the Rector of Richmond in Germany the meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. E. Ayre, of Richmond. The toast of "The King" having been duly honoured, that of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by the President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), who in the course of his remarks read a telegram from the Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary, regretting his enforced absence through the prolonged illness of his father, and wishing success to the meeting.

Mr. Clarkson then informed the meeting that at the request of the Secretary he had sent copies of the fifth annual report to all the clergy in the North Riding whose churches possessed a peal of bells, and who had not already joined the Association, accompanied by a letter in each case, which he read, and announced that a reply had been received from the Bishop of Ripon expressing his interest in the work of the Association, which would have his cordial support. A reply also expressing appreciation of the work of the Association has since been received from the Archbishop of York.

In the course of the meeting allusion was made to the proposed increase of the peal of bells at Richmond from six to eight as an event of the near future. In order to include Bolton and Catterick in the day's programme, a party of ringers from Stockton, Darlington and Middlesbrough proceeded to Scorton by an early train, and thence by brake to Bolton-on-Swale, where a 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, and thence to Catterick, where 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round. At Richmond several touches and three 720s of Minor were brought round by various bands of ringers.

Bolton-le-Swale is famous as the burial-place of Harry Jenkins, who lived all his life in the parish, and died in 1670 at the age of 169 years, the greatest recorded in annals of longevity in the country. He could recollect seeing cart-loads of arrows going north from Northallerton for the battle of Flodden Field, and remembered the widespread lamentations at the dissolution of Fountains Abbey. In 1743 a monument was erected in Bolton churchyard to his memory, and a marble tablet placed in the church recording the incidents of his life.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A very pleasant and successful gathering of ringers of this Division was held at Cuckfield on Saturday evening, September 19th, the object being to inspect and test the new work lately executed by the well-known Whitechapel

firm. The visitors included the Hon. Div. Secretary, Mr. G. Williams, Messrs. F. W. Rice, F. Bennett, A. J. Turner, P. Allfrey, J. Farmer and the brothers Tomsett, who, with the local band, mustered twenty in all. These bells have been rehung in an entirely new oak frame with new fittings, quarter-turned, etc., etc. The work and go of the bells give general satisfaction. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, and a very pleasant evening spent with the local ringers. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon Cooper, paid a visit to the tower during the practice, and to whom thanks are due for his energy in raising the necessary funds for carrying out the work. It is hoped to attempt a peal on this ring shortly.

## THE BRADFORD PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

(From *The Yorkshire Daily Observer*.)

A correspondent who states that he is interested in bell-ringing, or campanology, as it is sometimes called, and has often had cause to wonder at the scant attention which that ancient and most fascinating art (or should it be pastime?) receives in Bradford, writes: "Of all the places which might be expected to have a good peal, the first is the parish church of a locality. Now, I write it with sorrow, but the bells of the Bradford parish church are absolutely the most unmusical in Yorkshire, perhaps in all England. Their tone is discordant and harsh, and for all the sonority they possess they might as well be made of rusty iron or superannuated tinplate. But there is no need to carry the indictment further. Their condemnation is pronounced out of their own mouths several times a week for all who have ears to hear. I have heard that the peal is composed of odd bells, and that one of them was discarded from Ilkley church. Perhaps some of your readers better informed with regard to the history of the peal may be able to confirm this. For my own part, I shall not consider the restoration of the church complete until the present ring of bells is replaced by one worthy of the edifice. It is, of course, a question of money, but the generous response which was made to the appeals on behalf of the Restoration Fund encourages the belief that very little difficulty would be encountered in raising the few hundred pounds necessary to put the finishing touch to the many admirable improvements which have been effected during the last few years. What ought to be done is to have the present bells recast, with the addition of some better metal to improve the tone. A movement was set on foot with this very object in view some years ago—I believe in Canon Bardsley's time—but for some reason or other it fell through. Perhaps if another attempt was made the times would be found more propitious." There is certainly a great deal of truth in what our correspondent says about the quality of the parish church bells, but, as he himself remarks, the question of improving them is one of expense. It may be mentioned that the present peal was hung in 1846, and the bells composing it were supposed to be cast—though doubts have been raised as to whether the intention was really carried out—from the metal of a previously existing peal, which, until the bells became cracked, had a high reputation for its musical quality.

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# DRAYTON, BERKS.

Guildford ringers who ring Oxford Guild peals, having received a kind invitation from the Rev. F. E. Robinson to meet him at his church for a peal of Stedman Triples, five members of the St. Nicolas Society of Guildford were met at the station by Mr. Attwell of Chiddingfold on Sept. 19th, 1903. Train being taken for Reading, picking Mr. Steer up at Blackwater, a change at Reading from a S.E.R. to G.W.R. train took the party to Steventon. On their way from there to Drayton they were met by some locals in a harvesting waggon, "and it is to be supposed," says our correspondent, "they jumped to the conclusion we were ringers, for one of them shouted, 'Hulloa! what, be ye gwine a-bellbanging, than?' This was met by roars of laughter, which were kept up at intervals during the day. Having arrived at the pretty rustic village we found the vicarage, being met there by Mrs. and Miss Robinson, who gave us a hearty welcome. On enquiring for the Vicar, we were informed he was at the church seeing to the bells, so we strolled there and found the renowned Rev. F. E. busy with the oil bottle. Inspecting the interior of the church, the Vicar's work came in for special attention—15 years' work in the form of choir stalls, which would not disgrace any of our oak joiners or carvers. On the exterior a new window, all done by local men, was much admired. We now adjourned to the Vicarage for lunch, Mrs. Robinson having prepared a good substantial meal. The good things partaken of, a move was again made for the church to attempt our peal, which was successfully brought round in 2 hours and 37 minutes. Back again to the Vicarage for tea, where one of the party took a liking to the splendid cake provided by Mrs. Robinson. Having again supplied the inner man, a stroll was taken round the Vicarage grounds to inspect the flowers and the carpentry and carving shops, where the Vicar has some more nice oak work in preparation for his church. We then wished Mrs. Robinson goodbye and made a start for Abingdon under the guidance of our genial host, who volunteered to show us a short cut across the fields; he put us in the right path, wished us goodbye, and Abingdon in due course, with a little time available for looking round some of the interesting parts of that ancient borough. Train time arrived, we ran into Oxford, changing there for an express to Reading. An hour was whiled away in the streets here before our S.E.R. train was ready for us. We reached Guildford at 10.30, having spent one of the best days in connection with 'bell-banging' in our experience. We wish before closing to tender our best thanks to the Rev. F. E. and Mrs. Robinson for their hospitality."

BLITCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 16th, for Divine Service, an attempt for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was made, but owing to time only 600 was rung with 6-4-8 covering. W. Sear, H. Sear, L. Meager, E. Marks, J. Bagnell, V. Sears, E. Reader conductor, F. Morley. On Saturday, August 15th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 3 hrs. it came to grief.

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

### METHODS.

SIR,—I have no wish to attempt the impossible, and try and coerce ringers into ringing what they don't want to, or not ringing what they do. My sole object in moving in this matter at all is to improve the standard of ringing. I don't want the methods report to drop into the position of being a dignified classic which every one praises and no one reads. I know these mongrel methods are doomed because they are mongrel, and in all directions ringers are rapidly dropping all but really good methods. It is a very instructive fact that of the hundreds of methods which have been at different times put forth, the only ones that have survived are those whose structure is perfect, and one or two, like Bob Triples, because of their likeness to other and perfect methods. The Council's action has killed irregular starts, and irregular calls, and will kill irregular methods, and whatever will be the immediate result of the discussion at York, the ultimate result can only be one.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

### THANKS.

SIR,—Through the medium of our paper I desire to thank the ringers with whom I have had the pleasure of ringing whilst in England. Circumstances prevented me taking advantage of all the opportunities afforded me of peal-ringing, but my thanks are specially due to Messrs. W. T. Elson, J. J. Jones, W. Pye, B. Chorley, F. G. Perrin, J. Hunt, J. Beams, and A. Dean for arranging peals, and I am glad to think that a few of them were successful. Should any ringers in this country find themselves Australia in the future, I can assure them that they will receive a hearty welcome wherever change-ringing is practised.

ERNEST F. BEHAN,

Late Hon. Sec. of the Victorian Association, Melbourne.

### "OUR CHURCH BELLS."

SIR,—Allow me to correct the statement in this week's paper that the St. George's-in-the-East tower is a ringing tower of the College Youths. That society ceased to practice in the tower when the borough councils of London came into existence. The ropes were last new in 1900. All the bells were cast by Mears in 1820 except the 6th, which was cast in 1761.

H. J. WILSON, Steeplekeeper.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, September 19th, was rung at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, "A Merrie Peal," consisting of rounds and call-changes. George Walder, jun., 1; Thomas A. Walder, 2; Edward W. Walder, 3; George Walder, sen., 4; Thomas H. Walder, 5; George W. Walder, 6; Warden Walder, 7; Thomas Walder, 8. The following paragraph, explanatory of this, will interest our readers:—

"On Saturday evening, September 19th, 1903, what may be termed 'A Family Ring' took place on the bells of the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, Bolney, Sussex, arranged to meet the expressed wishes of Mr. G. Walder, sen., who recently passed the eightieth course-end. As half-pull ringing was impossible the occasion was (to quote Mr. Trollope) considered a 'just and sufficient cause' for a 'touch of Churchyard Bob,' consisting of rounds and call-changes, the ringers being the above-named: G. Walder, sen., with G. Walder, jun., T. Walder, and W. Walder, sons; and E. W. Walder, G. W. Walder, T. A. Walder, and T. H. Walder, grandsons; the ages ranging from eighty to fourteen years, the average age being thirty-six years. In order to take part in this ring, two of the company travelled from Burgess Hill; one from Banstead; and one from Southgate."

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## Date Touches.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY (Hunts).—On Thursday, April 23rd, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. Hill, R. A. Newton, H. Stevens, O. G. Howe, A. J. Evenett, W. J. Goss conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON WEST (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. J. Peddle, W. Joiner, H. Waite, A. Finch, H. Chandler, W. Honor, E. Hancox conductor, W. Foster.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, E. T. Griffin, J. Basden, A. Cutmore, W. H. Hollier. On Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. H. Hollier, A. H. Taber, A. Jones, J. Basden conductor, Alf. Jones, E. Harris, H. Browning, A. Harding.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of the daughter of the Vicar (Canon Pereira) to the Rev. A. Reeve, late senior of the parish church, now Vicar of St. Mary's, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. States, A. Jones, A. Clark, J. Talbot, W. Groves, F. Pates, W. Hill, T. Pope. In the evening a peal of Stedman was attempted, but lost after ringing 1000 changes. W. States, A. Jones, A. Clark, F. Pates, J. Talbot, W. Groves, W. Hill, T. Pope. Not being time to start again for a peal again, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. T. Pope, A. Jones, A. Clark, F. Pates, W. States, W. Groves conductor, W. Hill, J. Talbot.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 20th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Summers, F. Bryan, F. Hall, E. Barber, R. McCamm, J. Brown, H. T. Knowles conductor, H. Rickings.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Ainge, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good conductor, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISBOROUGH.—On Thursday, August 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Metcalfe, J. Cottrell, Hon. A. F. P. Erskine, H. Ord, H. Haswell conductor, W. G. Haswell. 120 Victoria, 120 Canterbury, and 120 Kent Treble Bob. J. Metcalfe, Rev. J. F. Williams, Hon. A. P. Erskine, H. Ord, R. Haswell, W. G. Haswell. On Thursday, September 3rd, 720 Victoria. J. Metcalfe, J. Cottrell, Hon. A. F. P. Erskine, H. Ord, W. G. Haswell, R. Haswell conductor. Also 360 Canterbury.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Monday, August 31st, half-muffled touches were rung for the funeral of Lord Salisbury, when a 504 of Grandsire Triples and 648 of Grandsire Caters were brought round. After the muffles were removed 576 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson conductor, W. H. Stephenson, A. W. Barrett, A. M. C. Field, F. P. Howcroft, J. Waller, R. G. Greenwood, W. Newton, T. Stephenson, W. E. Walland. On Tuesday, September 1st, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. J. Clarkson conductor, W. H. Stephenson, F. P. Howcroft, A. C. M. Field, Hon. A. F. P. Erskine, W. Newton, R. G. Greenwood, A. W. Barrett, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson.

BOLTON-ON-SWALE.—On Saturday, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Newton, F. P. Howcroft, J. Waller, J. Baxter, G. Park, T. Stephenson conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. M. B. Dalby, G. J. Clarkson conductor, F. P. Howcroft, J. Baxter, W. Newton, J. H. Blakiston.

CATTERICK.—On Saturday, September 19th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson conductor, F. P. Howcroft, G. Park, J. Waller, J. Baxter, J. H. Blakiston, W. Newton, T. Stephenson.

RICHMOND.—On Saturday, September 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. G. Greenwood, R. Briscoe, G. Park, J. Baxter, A. M. C. Field, E. C. Hunt conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Thirkell, W. J. Kitchener, A. W. Barrett, J. H. Blakiston, E. C. Hunt, G. J.

Clarkson conductor. 720 Treble Bob Minor. F. P. Howcroft, D. Burton, A. W. Barrett, J. Waller, G. J. Lungley, T. Stephenson conductor.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HERMINGFORD ABBOTS.—On Sunday, July 18th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Saunders, J. Briars, W. J. Goss, C. R. Lilley conductor, J. Tollis, J. Perkins.

HERMINGFORD GRAY.—On Sunday, July 5th, at the parish church, 1800 Bob Minor in 59 mins. J. Briars, J. W. Briars, J. Smart, O. G. Howes, W. J. Goss conductor, J. Perkins.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSALE.—On Tuesday, July 7th, at St. Peter's church, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins. W. Fleming, C. Thompson, H. Smith, W. Drew conductor, G. Berry, H. Thompson, F. Watling W. Fisher.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Monday, May 11th, at St. Alkmund's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Byolin, H. G. Lunn, G. T. Taylor, H. Jones, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, A. Fullick, T. J. Bratton conductor, H. Jones. On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, two touches of Stedman Triples. G. J. Taylor, H. G. Lunn, W. J. Taylor, H. Jones, W. R. Stockdale, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin conductor, E. Jones.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—Recently an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2280 changes it came to grief. J. Goodwin, G. Wilson, F. Pervin, C. Harriman, A. Trigg, J. Wilson, H. Whittle conductor, J. Powell. On Sunday evening, July 12th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Colburn, F. Pervin, F. L. Wells, L. Taylor, H. Whittle, J. Ricketts, R. Lane conductor, C. Harriman.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Friday, July 10th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. owing to a change-course. F. Pervin, F. G. Burleigh, H. Colburn, J. W. Taylor, jun., S. Smith, J. Ricketts, H. Whittle, J. L. Wells, R. Lane conductor, L. Taylor.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Saturday, September 19th, 1008 Bob Major. A. Bacon, W. Quinton, H. Bacon, H. Welham, A. Bowell, J. Harrington, G. Polley, E. Marchant conductor. These bells have been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and the above touch was rung with Mr. Bowell before leaving.

GORLESTON.—On Monday, July 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Woodward, F. Pestell, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Wright, J. Godfrey, D. Hayward.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, July 21st, at the parish church, 648 Grandsire Caters. F. Pestell, H. Wright, D. Hayward conductor, R. Christmas, E. H. Todd, J. Godfrey, A. Mellis, C. H. Howard, J. Matthews, C. Harding.

SOUTH SHORE, BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).—On a recent Monday evening at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Maries conductor, J. Fenton, Miss Gilbanks, A. Atkinson, J. Smith, R. Rawcliffe.

WHITTLESEA (Cams).—On Saturday, July 18th, at St. Mary's church, 1680 Grandsire Triples. C. Harper, J. Coleman, A. Holmes, G. D. Coleman, E. Baker, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. T. Johnson, W. J. Goss.

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**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Great Crosby to-day, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, September 26th, at the parish church, Penkridge. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 p.m.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull St., West Bromwich.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe this Saturday afternoon, 26th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
Hythe.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster to-day, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Great Northern excursions will be run from Halifax at 12.55 p.m., Bradford 1.35, Leeds 2.10, Batley 2.5, Dewsbury 2.10, and Wakefield at 2.40. For other stations, etc., see small bills. The local hon. sec. is Mr. A. E. Ashe, 34, Catherine Street, Doncaster. For day's programme, etc., etc., see Association circular.

JNO. T. W. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough to-day, Saturday, Sept. 26th. The 10 bells at All Saints' Church and the 8 bells at the Foundry will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the Fearon Hall. Those members who are in arrears are respectfully reminded that subscriptions were due on January 1st and the Secretary will be obliged if they will pay them in at once.

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

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn, at 7.30 p.m.

FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Melksham to-day, Saturday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m.

Rev. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Ferndale, Estcourt St., Devizes.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The annual meeting will take place to-day Saturday, September 26th, at St. George's, Bolton.

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

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Caerleon on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock.

Rev. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, Manchester, on

October 3rd, when the re-opening of the bells will take place. A short service at 3.30. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee. All ringers invited to attend.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*  
**The North Wales Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. at St. David's church. Business meeting in the schoolroom adjoining church at 4 p.m. Members of committee are kindly asked to communicate with me as early as possible as to number likely to attend.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Victoria St., Llandudno.

**The Stoke Arehidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall on Saturday next, October 3rd. Members are requested to give notice of their intending to be present to Mr. G. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Waltham Abbey Society.**—A meeting of ringers will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. Meet at the Abbey at 6 p.m., after which a musical evening will be spent in the Lodge Room at The Green Dragon hotel. Chair taken at 8. Ringers cordially invited.

FRANK CARTER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ware on October 3rd. Bells available from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dist. Sec.*

Little Munden.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—Members are requested to note that the annual meeting of this Association will be held on the 10th October next. Arrangements are being made for the following programme:—

2 p.m.—Members assemble at All Saints' church, Fulham, for ringing.

5 p.m.—Short service and sermon by the Bishop of London.

6 p.m.—Tea at Fulham Palace, followed by the meeting.

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ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Queensbury Church on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th at Holy Trinity church, Burnley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting and unveiling peal board at 6.30 p.m.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry on Saturday, October 10th. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. Wilson, Church St., Bawtry, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 4. Meeting at 7.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. E. Groves has removed to 93, Lower Villiers St., Blakenhall, Wolverhampton.

## THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

The following members of the above Society scored their first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the Hon. A. P. F. Erskine, on the Cathedral bells, on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., conducted by W. H. Barber, the Guild's instructor. W. B. Sampson, J. R. Robertson, W. H. Barber, Hon. A. P. F. Erskine, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, W. C. S. Heathcote, A. Thomson, of St. Cuthbert's.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1903.

A SERIES of peals, according to our published records, has been rung during the past few days, having characteristics of a very high order. To begin with, a peal of Stedman Caters has been rung single-handed on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, with a tenor of nearly 73 cwt. Among heavy bell performances such a feat as this stands out in bold relief, and reflects great credit on the company,



from the tenor-man downwards. A peal of Treble Ten on these bells, under the same conditions, would be the greatest feat ever recorded in heavy-bell ringing.

The particulars of the peals in question will be found in their usual place. The tour made by the members of this company, for the purpose of peal-ringing, must strike an ordinary observer as something remarkable. For a body of men to leave their respective callings for several days, and travel many miles to various towns for a purpose which brings nothing in its results but honour, is creditable indeed to the Art which they follow so enthusiastically.

This tour appears to have been a most successful one, if we take into consideration the work done. The methods were high-class, and we gather that the ringing was the same. We compliment all concerned upon their immense success.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 2.	*ALFRED JONES .. .. 7.
MARK WOODCOCK† .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. \*First peal in the method.

### The Provinces.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	FRED HICKLING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOHN THOMPSON .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

#### HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

PERCY JOHNSON .. .. Treble.	WALTER WOOD .. .. 5.
JOHN WHITAKER .. .. 2.	*BENJAMIN SHAW .. .. 6.
THOMAS FLINT .. .. 3.	*HENRY LINDSAY .. .. 7.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	ALBERT HASTE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

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#### DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
GEORGE WARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 4.	*HUGH GREGORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal.

#### DISS, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

C. MORE .. .. Treble.	G. ARCHER .. .. 5.
H. C. GILLINGHAM .. .. 2.	W. CHENERY .. .. 6.
W. WISKENS .. .. 3.	F. DAY .. .. 7.
J. SMITH .. .. 4.	J. SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

#### BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 4.	FRANK EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. C. ADAMS.

This is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIS .. .. 2.	*THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 8.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 3.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 9.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 11.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Cinques.

#### LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY MARKS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY .. .. 2.	EDWARD HULL .. .. 6.
ALFRED WINCH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

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



## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 7.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 8.
ARTHUR HOWES .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. 9.
JOB HOWES .. .. 4.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 10.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 11.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 6.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by W. J. SMITH.

This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor was rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH 5.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 2.	*FREDK. J. COPE .. .. 6.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 4.	FRED HICKLING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PONTEFRAC BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BARKER .. .. 5.
WM. P. BROOK .. .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK MOODY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BUCKLEY, and Conducted by FREDERICK MOODY.

†First attempt to conduct a peal in the method.

## STEWKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

LEWIS RICKETTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SEABROOK .. .. 2.	GEORGE BONFIELD .. .. 5.
JOSIAH NICHOLLS .. .. 3.	*JAMES NASH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. BONFIELD.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

## LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE WICLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT H. BELL* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH S. NEEDMAN .. .. 5.
HAROLD RUSHBY* .. .. 2.	FREDK. H. DEXTER .. .. 6.
LEONARD T. ALLEN .. .. 3.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

\*First peal, also first as conductor. The above was arranged for H. Rushby, who left the same day for his native place (Grimsby) to spoil an easy going bachelor's life; his brother ringers wished him success in his venture.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lbs.

JAMES E. GROVES .. .. Treble.	JOHN PERRY .. .. 5.
RICHARD W. BURROWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 4.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for kindly giving permission, and the local ringers for getting things ready. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. C. Adams, the remainder of the band giving him the usual wishes. This peal commences with a full slow six.

## HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

HERBERT MOUNTER .. .. Treble.	F. ALFORD .. .. 4.
H. KENDAL .. .. 2.	A. E. COLES .. .. 5.
ALBERT BURN .. .. 3.	ARTHUR WHEADON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. COLES.

First peal by all except conductor.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one 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.	*ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. .. 4.	*THOMAS PATEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN. 5.
WILLIAM A. J. IVES .. .. 2.	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 6.
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 4.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Smith and Pulling, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 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.

SEPTIMUS RADFOED .. .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 5.
ROBERT ROFFEY .. .. 2.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 4.	MAURICE STEER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.



ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3.	*EDWARD WHITEBREAD .. 7.
HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal of Stedman.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt

DAVID BREARLEY* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 3.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON* .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of London Surprise.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 5.
ERNEST F. BEHAN .. .. 2.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 6.
ALFRED WINCH .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LYNCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. E. Behan, who is leaving for South Africa on Saturday, the 26th.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE BADGER* .. .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. .. 5.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
FRED W. SUMNER .. .. 3.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

Rung in commemoration of the consecration of the church of St. Agnes, The Cotteridge. \*First peal.

The following peals are the result of a tour in the West of England by a mixed band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EXETER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Treble.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	*GEORGE DENT .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 9.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

EXETER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above is the heaviest peal ever rung single-handed. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble.	EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 8.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 27½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5.
CHARLES MEE* .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	*CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

MARTOCK, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Major on the bells.



## GLASTONBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 31 cwt.

FREDERICK G. MAY .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 9.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK G. MAY.

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## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK G. MAY .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 8.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 11.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

## CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	JESSE GILLET .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 8.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4.	JOHN T. BALLINGER .. 9.
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	*ERNEST E. DAVIES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 8.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 9.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 11.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Further reference to the above peals will be given next week.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, September 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	*BENJAMIN GREATORX .. .. 5.
FRANK PERVIN .. .. 2.	EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	*WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
JOHN R. BREARLEY* .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, September 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES ALLSOP .. .. 2.	†BENJAMIN GREATORX .. 6.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	HORACE A. ABBOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATORX .. 6.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EGBERT STAMPER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. ..
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN GREATORX .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
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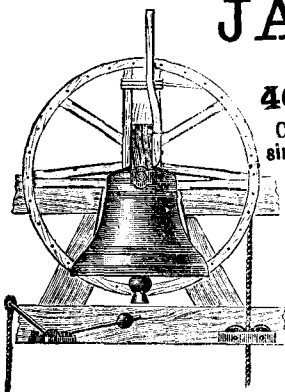
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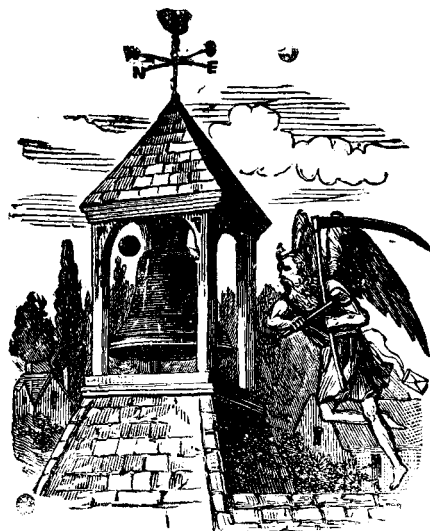
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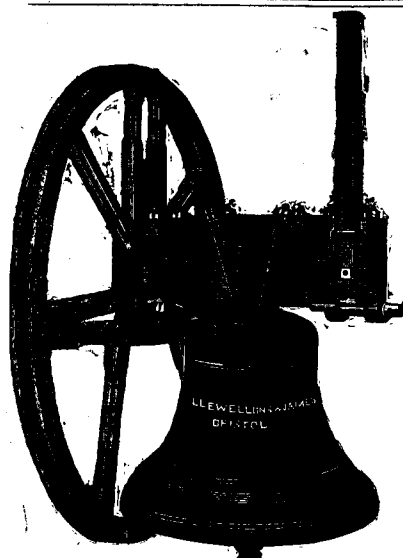
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LONDON (continued). Vassall Road, S.W. St. John. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1899. Tenor 12 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Methods: "Standard Methods." Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8.

Wandsworth. All Saints. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1842. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung 1893. Ropes new 1893, good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 8.

Waterloo Road, S.E. Waterloo Society. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1825. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Some time since any repairs. Ropes poor. Methods: "All Standard methods." Sunday ringing occasionally, but there is no local band. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

Westminster. St. Margaret. Ten bells. The two trebles and tenor by Lester, 1761; 8th by Pack, 1773; 9th by Mears, 1834; the rest by Knight, 1739. Tenor 28 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs are attended to as necessary. Ropes good. Methods: "Standard Methods." Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays, 6 to 7. Practice: alternate Fridays, 8.

Westminster. St. Stephen. Ancient Society of College Youths. All by Mears, 1850. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. A silent practice apparatus is fitted. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: "All Standard Methods." Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

Whitechapel. St. Mary Magdalene. Ancient Society of College Youths. Eight bells. All by Lester, 1754, except 5th by Patrick, 1783. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame, date 1865. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung in a new tower by Mears, 1878, in the above-mentioned iron frame. Ropes

good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: occasionally 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Wednesdays, 8.30, except during June, July and August.

## THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on a recent Saturday. The bells of the parish church were raised in peal at half-past three, and several short touches of Grandsire, Stedman, &c., were rung. At half-past four the annual business meeting was held in the parish room. The chair was occupied by the Ven. Archdeacon Maude (Vicar of St. Chad's) and the attendance, which was much larger than usual, was distinctly encouraging. The hon. sec. (the Rev. J. Mackay) read his annual report, which was on the whole satisfactory. He dwelt upon the fact that many ringers did not attend the service which they with their bells had announced, and reminded them of the rule of the Guild to the effect that every ringer should attend service at least once every Sunday. They could not expect the clergy to take much interest in the Guild if the members themselves did not obey its rules. With regard to change-ringing itself, they had not done much to speak of during the past year, and only one peal of 5040 changes had been rung on behalf of the Guild at Shifnal. Steady practice, however, had been going on in the various towers of the archdeaconry, and at St. Alkmund's particular attention was being given to the difficult Stedman method, in which the ringers were making very satisfactory progress. With regard to finances, the Guild had a balance in hand of about £15.

The chairman remarked upon the various points which had been referred to in the report, and touched upon the vast improvement which had taken place of late years in the belfries of the country.

On the motion of Mr. G. Byolin, the report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Wem.

Mr. G. Byolin then moved a resolution to the effect that the Guild vote the sum of £5 towards the rehanging of the bells at St. Alkmund's. He stated that extensive alterations were proposed to be carried out at that church, including the rehanging of the bells, &c. Considering the good work the bells had done in the service of the Guild, he did not think they could refuse their help now that it was so badly needed. The free use of the bells always had been allowed to members of the Guild by the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish, and it was a belfry in which change-ringing was regularly practised.

The motion having been seconded, Mr. Bradley rose in opposition. He did not think that giving grants to churches for such a purpose came under any objects for which the Guild was formed. If they passed that resolution they would have similar resolutions before them for consideration at almost every meeting, and they would soon be without any funds. He was of the opinion that if



they passed the resolution they would be establishing a very bad precedent, and he believed they could devote their money to a far better purpose than that for which their assistance was asked that day. He suggested as an alternative that the members themselves subscribe towards the restoration of the bells.

The Chairman thought it might be a little unwise to spend their money in the way suggested, as they had such a small balance in hand. He thought it would be advisable if they could raise the money amongst themselves without touching the funds of the Guild. He certainly thought they could guarantee the sum of £5 from the members. He would himself give them what assistance he was able.

The Secretary remarked that the granting of money towards the re-hanging of the bells of a church was no new departure. A short time back they granted £2 to a church in Shrewsbury for that very purpose.

The Rev. J. J. Norris said the architect had informed him that much ringing while the bells were in their present state would injure the spire, and the consequence was that if they were not repaired soon the belfry would have to be closed against practice and outsiders, and they would have to be content with very little ringing. He considered also that it was only right that those who had used the bells should help to restore them.

Mr. Byolin again spoke in support of his resolution, and said it was his intention to have started a subscription list amongst the members of the Guild in addition to the £5 he hoped they would grant. The resolution on being put to the meeting was lost.

A service was afterwards held in the church. The Rev. J. Mackay officiated, and an admirable sermon was preached by the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Norris). Mr. Edgar Byolin accompanied on the organ, and a collection made on behalf of the restoration of the bells amounted to £1 12s. 6d. The visitors were, at the conclusion of the service, entertained to tea by the Shrewsbury members. Ringing was resumed at St. Alkmund's and St. Mary's churches, and continued until late in the evening.

#### ROYSTON, HERTS.

Twelve months ago Messrs. Taylor completed the re-hanging and recasting of the 4th and tenor of this ring of six in a new iron frame, with spaces to carry a ring of eight for a new treble and tenor. At the re-opening a peal was rung by the Little Munden (Herts.) society in five methods. Thursday last being the anniversary of the re-opening, the local band (whose society was re-constructed on that occasion), made a special event of the day. A peal had been arranged to enable the captain of the local band to score his first peal, and with that object in view four members of the Little Munden society, with P. Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs., started for a peal in seven methods.

Unfortunately the intricacies of the Single Court method could not be mastered, and after several attempts had to be abandoned.

Ringling was continued until 7.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered, during which time a 720 each of Oxford and Plain Bob were rung, several of the local band scoring their first 720 of Minor. Touches of Single and Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Doubles were also brought round, after which an adjournment was made to The Chequers inn, where host Greenhill had prepared an excellent supper.

Supper over, the usual loyal toasts were given by the Vicar from the chair, and duly honoured; after which the Vicar proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Royston Society."

Mr. A. Wilkinson (captain), on rising to respond, expressed his disappointment at the failure of the peal, but hoped to secure his first at no very distant date. He was glad to have such a loyal band of men who had now completed the full extent in Bob Doubles, four of whom twelve months ago had not handled a rope. He was also proud that the ringers were voluntary, for he knew that most of the best ringers in the country were voluntary ringers, and with the best interests of ringing at heart they were bound to succeed. In conclusion he proposed "The health of the visiting ringers," who hold the record for six bells in the county, having scored 6480 changes in nine methods.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who responded, thanked the company for the way the toast had been received, and considered it a great honour to be present with them that day. He always felt at home amongst ringers, and considered the Vicar and churchwardens ought to be proud of the Royston company, who had made such rapid strides during the past twelve months. He ventured to hope that in the near future Royston would be an eight-bell tower, for he felt convinced the church, town, and the Royston ringers were worthy of eight bells. At the conclusion of his remarks the Munden men gave a splendid exhibition of handbell ringing, illustrating the music of bells in a touch of Grandsire Triples.

Replying to the toast of "The Local Visitors," Mr. S. Camp thought that if the Little Munden men could be induced to make a tour of Royston with the handbells, it might not be long before the two vacant frames in the tower were filled in.

The toast of "The Chairman" having been drunk with musical honours, and songs, etc., by the company, the National Anthem brought a very pleasing to a close.

#### AN OLD ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Richard Judd, of Gloucester, writes:—

"Thinking it may be of interest to readers of 'THE BELL NEWS,' I enclose herewith a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the *Gloucester Journal* of Monday, November 3rd, 1783, nearly 120 years ago. Observe the way they used to spell Gloucester, also the part dealing with favours conferred for a hundred years past. It would be interesting to know if there was a branch foundry at Brightelmstone, and if so, whether there are any relics of it left. The old crane is still to be seen where the foundry used to be in Gloucester." Here follows the advertisement:—

#### GLOUCESTER.

Charles and John Rudhall, Successors to their brother, T. Rudhall, deceased, beg leave to return their most grateful acknowledgements to the Public for the Favours so constantly conferred upon their Family for a hundred years past, of which they humbly hope for a continuance: They likewise desire to inform them, that the Business will be carried on in the most extensive Manner: and all Orders for Bells will be executed with the utmost Dispatch, and upon Terms as reasonable as at any Foundry in the Kingdom.

Orders addressed either to Mr. John Rudhall, at Gloucester; or to Mr. Charles Rudhall, at Brightelmstone, Sussex, will meet with due attention.

Those persons, who are indebted to the late Thomas Rudhall, are requested to pay the same to Mr. Abraham Rudhall, Mercer, Gloucester.



## JOHN NEW.

On the 14th day of June in the year of grace 1790 the population of the universe was increased by the birth of John New, and on the 24th June four years later, Elizabeth Shore joined the inhabitants of this sublunary sphere; and on the 4th September, 1814, these two persons committed matrimony at Twickenham church under the supervision of the Rev. Henry Fletcher, then curate of that parish, and in due course they were fruitful and multiplied.

In 1812 New was elected into the College Youths, and seems to have been a keen ringer. He kept a sort of commonplace book, mainly devoted to ringing memoranda, which book was handed me some two years ago by Mr. Thomas Beadle, of Isleworth, for perusal; and I should think that by now he must be desirous to know what the dickens I mean by having kept it all this while. The explanation is that I asked Mr. Henry Dains to look over it in order to see whether there was anything interesting or novel in the peals and touches pricked therein, as I thought that in any case the manuscript was worth a note in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Dains kindly read through the book and made some notes about the contents, which he gave me, and, being anxious not to mislay these notes, I put them away so carefully that I have never been able to find them since until a few days ago. The appearance of this article will be notice to Mr. Beadle that the book is in the ringing chamber at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where he is a welcome visitor, ready for him to remove when next he comes over there for a pull.

The manuscript does not add to our scientific knowledge, but it is of interest in several respects. First of all it takes us back, practically a century, into a condition of things which it is hard for us to realize. Of course, there were no trams, busses or trains, but it is not so easy for us to-day to conceive that there ever was a time when there were no policemen. Fancy a generation of Londoners which could not "ask a policeman"! But for long years after New joined the College Youths these admirable functionaries came not yet into being. There were watchmen, beades, parish constables—all thoroughly inefficient—and Bow Street runners, a detective force whose methods of detection were somewhat primitive.

One result of a non-existent police force was the frequent rows and street fights which no one interrupted. The traffic of London was quite unregulated, and the consequence was frequent blocks and collisions, which led to strong language and personal violence on the part of those in charge of vehicles. So again with foot passengers. As an illustration of this last the description in "Pickwick" of Sam Weller's progress from Serjeants' Inn to the Fleet prison will do very well. In that case the assembled stage coachmen went along the street four abreast, and one of them was left behind to fight a ticket porter. We are sometimes told that the popularity of Dickens is waning. I doubt if the statistics of the republication of his works would confirm such an opinion; but at least it is true that the London described in his earlier works, which is the London of New's time, was but little less different from what it is now than was the London of Laughton or Stedman.

So, again, about travelling. New lived at Twickenham, and would seem to have been connected with the building trade. If he was a master tradesman he probably kept a trap, in which he could go backwards and forwards to College Youths' meetings. Otherwise, unless a friend

gave him a lift, he had to choose between walking and the short stage coach. This latter institution was of most unsatisfactory behaviour. The short stage started whenever the guard chose, and it was a matter of complete indifference to him how long the unfortunate passengers might be in reaching their destination. Short stages also collected and delivered luggage and parcels, which was a serious cause of delay, so that one of these vehicles might take two or three hours to go five or six miles. The guards of them are said to have often been men of a very low class, and to have done their best to entertain their passengers by endeavouring to swear as terribly as the army swore in Flanders.

Again, the book itself is an instance of a state of things which has passed away. A century ago, although there plenty of printed books for people of means, they were luxuries for others. Hence many people kept commonplace books into which they copied extracts from books which they had borrowed to read. I do not say that the practice is altogether extinct to-day, but it is in general hardly worth while to spend time in such copying when literature of all kinds can be obtained so cheaply as is now the case. Applying this consideration to ringing literature, we see where the difference comes in. Anyone can nowadays obtain ringing text-books at so moderate a price, that it can hardly be worth while to transcribe their contents. But when New started his book—October 27th, 1811—Shipway's work had not yet appeared, and copies of the *Clavis* were comparatively scarce. The fact that New has extracted so much as he has from the *Clavis* is probably owing to his not having at that time a copy of his own, and having been therefore obliged to borrow one from some ringing friend. At any rate these extracts do not call for notice here.

On page 7 is some pricking headed "Scolding Wife," a method which Mr. Dains says he rang when quite a youth. I do not remember to have noticed in "THE BELL NEWS" accounts of its performance. Perhaps it is illegitimate and blighted by the curse of Mr. James and Mr. Trollope. On page 17 appears Shipway's five-part peal of Grandsire and Union Triples. This New describes as Shipway's new peal of Grandsire and Union Triples, and says of it, "This peal is a composition of Mr. Shipway's, with 5ths place at each course. Five-part peal without a single." From this and some other indications, Mr. Dains thinks that New must have been well acquainted with Shipway, as several things of this sort appear in this book at what looks like an earlier date than the publication of Shipway's work. There are some attempts at composition, and the book contains records of some forty peals in which New took part up to about 1823, a few of which he called. He seems to have rung Plain and Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. He was thus a useful all-round man in his day, in what was then a first-rate ringing neighbourhood; the rings at Twickenham, Richmond, Isleworth, Hammer-smith, Mortlake and Kensington being visited by him in company with Barber, Parris and those other keen peal-ringers, whose names remain on many peal-boards in these and other towers. I hope to send a few concluding observations on the contents of this old volume next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

## BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Rawenstall)—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—"THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good halfpull neighbourhood.



# THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Monday, September 14th, appears to be quite a record in attendance and enthusiasm for the St. James's Society. Practice was held in the tower of St. Clement Danes, which was crowded, and excellently-struck touches were rung in various methods during the evening. At 9.30 the members adjourned to the meeting house, where some of the more enthusiastic handbell members rang a short touch of Stedman Triples previous to the opening of the "special" business meeting. The Master, Mr. Arthur Jacobs, having taken the chair, supported by many prominent men of the Exercise, chief among whom was the ringers' historian, R. A. Daniell, Esq., the minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, several small items were disposed of, and six new members initiated into the Society, this making the total number of seventeen persons elected during the past few months, which is thought to be a record for such a short period.

The next business on the agenda being that of the report of the Committee on the revision of rules, it may be noted that this Committee was elected at a special meeting on June 22nd, and consisted chiefly of the older members of the Society, i.e., Messrs. Dains, Daniell, Jacob, Langdon, T. Taffender, Weatherstone and Winney, who since that date have worked very hard. A development was suggested, and strongly taken up, and when the scheme had been discussed, draft rules, twenty in number, were drawn up, and on one evening the Committee sat for two hours and a half. The draft rules having been submitted, the meeting proceeded to discuss them. Everyone appeared to be greatly favourable to the change of name to the "London County Association," but did not wish to entirely drop the name of the old St. James's Society. Several amendments were proposed and it was eventually carried that Rule 1 be: "That this Society shall be called 'The London County Association of Change-ringers, late the St. James's Society'; (2) That its area of operation and influence shall coincide with the area of the administrative county of London; (3) That its headquarters shall be the church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand; (4) That the object of the Association shall be to encourage the practice of scientific change-ringing, to promote bellfry reform where it is needed, and to promote the social intercourse of ringers within its area, by holding periodical meetings for change-ringing, scientific discussion and social purposes."

Rule 7 reads as follows:—"That all members of the St. James's Society at the date of the first meeting of this Association be original members of this Association."

The development and rules emanated from the following causes, which will be added to and printed in the new rule books. In the autumn of the year 1903 the St. James's Society was still doing a good work for London change-ringers, but the altered circumstances which a period of close upon eighty years had brought to pass called for serious consideration by the Society. Four points may be specially noted: (1) When the St. James's Society started on its career and for many years afterwards, London ringers lived within a comparatively narrow circle, and the ordinary meetings were sufficient to enable members of both the old companies to meet together, but by

1903 the expansion of London and the suburbs had resulted in these ordinary meetings being quite insufficient for social intercourse among the members of the London Exercise at large. (2) It has been recognised that County and Diocesan Associations formed for promoting bellfry reform and the higher interests of the Exercise have been highly beneficial, but there was no body of this kind of any use to the metropolitan area; Diocesan Associations would be useless, because London is for ecclesiastical purposes divided by the arbitrary line of the river Thames, and the same remark applies to County Associations, for it has long been demonstrated that for municipal purposes the only satisfactory way to work the Metropolis is to disregard the ancient distinction between Middlesex and Surrey. (3) The permanent establishment of a journal for the Exercise had brought so many interesting subjects forward for the consideration of ringers that it was felt that opportunities should be given for scientific and other discussions at meetings of the London Exercise at large. (4) It was made a fundamental principle that nothing should be done to impair the dignity and privileges of the two veteran London companies—The College Youths and the Cumberland Youths. The expansion of the Old St. James's Society into the London County Association of Change-ringers, late the St. James's Society, was accordingly effected in the autumn of the year 1903, with the view of supplying the wants indicated.

All members and friends should kindly note that the Bohemian Concert to be held at Carr's Hotel, Strand, near St. Clement Danes, on Saturday, October 17th, will no doubt prove a grand affair, some dozen or more professional singers having kindly volunteered their services. There will also be change-ringing on handbells and tune playing by the Marlow Handbell Company. Admission will be by programme, 2d. each, to be obtained from the officers, Messrs. A. Jacob, W. Weatherstone, T. Langdon (P.), G. Turl, or from the secretary, T. H. Taffender, 91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOCIETY, SKIPTON.—On Saturday, September 19th, the members of this company had their annual outing, the places selected being Morecambe and Silverdale. On arrival at Morecambe shortly before ten o'clock a vehicle was in readiness, and going by way of Bolton-le-Sands and Carnforth, the drive to Silverdale was completed by 12.30. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Sleigh, was then interviewed, and he readily consented for the use of the tower. The bells were raised, and an adjournment was made for dinner, which was partaken of at Mr. Dowthwaite's, himself a member of the local company. After dinner they repaired again to the steeple, where touches of Duke of York, Violet. New London, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Minor were rung on the nice-toned six bells. The return drive to Morecambe was started about 3.30 and reached at 6 o'clock. After tea the various forms of amusement were visited. Most of the party stayed at the seaside resort until Sunday night, a ring at Lancaster being in the programme, and, taken altogether, the trip was much enjoyed. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. E. Sleigh, Vicar of Silverdale, for the courteous manner in which he received them.

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

A meeting of the above Branch was held at Astbury, on Saturday, September 12th, when there were present eighteen members from the various towers in the branch. The visitors were met at Congleton by W. Slater, one of the local ringers, who conducted them to the tower, where 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung. The party then set out on their walk to Astbury, where they were met by E. Cartledge, sexton and captain of the ringers, who took them over the beautiful and interesting old church, part of which dates back to the 12th century. On ascending the tower the four bells were found to be raised, and after ringing the extent several times tracks were made for the School, where a good tea was provided. The business meeting was afterwards held, and in the absence of the Rector, J. Norbury (Macclesfield) was voted to the chair. In his remarks he said he regretted the absence of the Rector, as they had voted the meeting to Astbury to see if they could not prevail upon the authorities to provide so beautiful a church with a better ring of bells. They had beautiful stained windows, carving, etc., and they only wanted a good ring of six, or better still, eight, to make it perfect. The visitors then returned to Congleton and rang some Grandsire Triples and Doubles. Mr. Henry Morris, of Charters Towers, North Queensland, who was on a visit to his native town, rang the treble in two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, being the first time he had done any ringing for twenty years.

## Obituary.

W. STEEL.

We regret to announce the death of W. W. Steel, which took place on Sunday, September 13th, after about three years illness. Deceased had been a ringer at the parish church, Macclesfield, for thirteen years, and had taken part in twelve peals. He was always most attentive to his duties, and was a good safe ringer and genial companion. The bells of the parish church were muffled on Wednesday, September 16th, and 350 Grandsire Triples and 320 Treble Bob Major was rung, and during his sermon the same evening the Vicar, the Rev. L. Smith, made touching allusion to the sad event, and the patience and resignation with which he had borne his long illness, and the loss the church had sustained in losing so good a ringer. The funeral took place at St. James's, Higher Sutton, on Thursday, September 17th, the officiating ministers being the Rev. A. G. Child, Vicar of St. James's, and the Rev. Lucius Smith, Vicar of Macclesfield. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, crosses, etc. There were about thirteen ringers present from the various churches. After the funeral service four of his brother-ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells over the grave. As the mourners were leaving the churchyard, three of St. Michael's and three of St. James's ringers rang two 120s of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells, which were half-muffled. In the evening the ringers of the parish church, Macclesfield, rang 504 Stedman Triples. Deceased leaves a widow and four young children to mourn his loss.

**LATE NOTICE.**—THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, October 10th. Meeting-house—The Ratcliffe Arms. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

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## Date Touches.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Monday, August 31st, at All Saints church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hrs. 16 mins. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Sampson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

RUARDEAN (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, August 15th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, being fifteen 6-score and 103, each called differently. E. T. Allaway conductor, H. P. Street, J. Wilce, E. Matthews, W. Bishop, J. Bishop.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

OADBY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 16th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Rushby, G. Cleal, E. E. Smith, F. W. Herbert, J. S. Needham, F. M. Dexter conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Kent. N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Saturday, May 9th, 720 Kent. T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 10th, 720 Oxford. W. Walton, T. Burrows, K. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, K. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 12th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, H. Heyworth, T. Redman conductor.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. G. Hollis, A. Knights, W. Nuttall, D. Farthing, B. C. Handby, S. Price, B. A. Knights, J. Hunt, W. J. Thyng, G. Mee. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. P. Brailsford, who was buried with military honours on that day. On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal. W. Thyng, B. Knights, W. Nuttall, G. Hollis, D. Farthing, S. Price, A. Craven, J. Hunt, A. Knights, G. W. Bemrose conductor.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, July 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Purser, H. Knight, W. Fisher, R. W. Burrows, G. Burrows, R. Pickering conductor.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On Tuesday, August 11th, for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Snowdon, J. W. Forster, \*Rev. E. W. Dunn, T. H. Surtees, N. Richey, P. Barron conductor. \*First 720.

BAGLAN (South Wales).—On Tuesday, July 28th, for practice at St. Catherine's church, 120 Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, D. Lewis, W. Williams conductor, W. Greenslade, H. Church, T. Jones. This is supposed to be the first change-ringing done by a young lady in South Wales. On Tuesday, August 11th, 120 Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, D. Lewis, Miss Lily Williams, W. Williams conductor, H. Church, T. Jones. First 120 by Miss Lily Williams.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Leigh, E. Leigh, jun., J. Leigh, J. Preston, J. Heasman composer and conductor, G. Malyan, A. Belton, H. Knight.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On July 29th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Munday, A. Marks, C. Fray, W. Rowe, E. Dumper conductor, H. Carter. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before, conducted by C. Fray.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, O. Layng, F. Lawrence, J. Thomas conductor, L. Wilson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, A. Harrington.



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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1903.

THE number of peals recorded this week is beyond that which we have had lately to report. We think some alteration will soon become necessary in these reports, but that may be the subject of a future comment. One crying evil must certainly be protested against, and for the very last time. The evil is the lateness of the reports coming to our hands. Some correspondents send their



peal-accounts at the last moment though their peals have been rung a week previous. They beg the favour of insertion in the current number, and we have always striven to comply, though at inconvenience, and cost, and delay. This week is an instance of the latter. Our journal is delayed in publication by the neglect of those whose duty it is to report peals. In the future we shall never hazard late publishing, but shall strictly carry out the regulation announced on the preceding page.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN* .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

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

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS C. LANGDON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 8.
MARK WOODCOCK† .. .. 4.	†EDGAR COLLINS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal.

### The Provinces.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED BARDEN* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
JOHN RUSSELL* .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 6.
JAMES MUGGRIDGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNAED .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEMBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

\*First peal.

#### OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Duke of York, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY PECK .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 4.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

#### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

Composed by A. W. PIKE, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	†JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES† .. 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 6.
R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.)

#### BRISTOL.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY PORCH .. .. Treble.	†FREDERICK J. PORCH .. .. 6.
ROBERT LEAKER† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PADDOCK .. .. 7.
JOHN J. P. DAVIS* .. .. 3.	†FRANCIS T. JEWELL .. .. 8.
HERBERT J. CAVELL* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK C. PEACE .. .. 9.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 5.	FREDERICK LEAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 2.	WALTER LAST .. .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 8.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. Tenor.

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

#### WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, Woodbine, and two 720s of Oxford.

HENRY COLLINS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. .. 4.
HARRY DAVY .. .. 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. —. Jones, late Vicar of this parish.



## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
GEORGE SEARLE .. .. 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	*DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 4.	THOMAS SEARLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

O. BROCK .. .. Treble.	E. POPPY .. .. 5.
W. BETTS .. .. 2.	F. R. BORRETT .. .. 6.
W. BRICE .. .. 3.	J. MOTTS .. .. 7.
E. BORRETT .. .. 4.	J. SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

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

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. .. 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 4.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

## READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

W. P. ROUTH, ESQ. .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. .. 6.
JOHNSON HERN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## STAMFORD BARON, NORTHANTS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR W. KING* .. Treble.	ROBERT S. COX .. .. 4.
ERNEST MARRIOTT .. .. 2.	GEORGE SLAUGHTER .. .. 5.
THOMAS SMITH .. .. 3.	†THOMAS MURRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. King and Murray were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting. This is the first peal of Bob Minor rung in Stamford, and was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Marriott.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	PHILIP J. ALLFREY .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM FOX .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 4.	HARRY KINGSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Treble.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 8.
A. C. HAWES .. .. 3.	*CHARLES HESTER .. .. 9.
F. A. CASTLE .. .. 4.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 10.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 11.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 6.	*W. STONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques conducted by a clergyman.

## NORWICH.

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

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 7.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	*EDWARD FRANCIS .. .. 8.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 3.	*FREDERICK DAY .. .. 9.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. 10.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.	*GEORGE SMITH .. .. 11.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 6.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 6.
JOHN BURFORD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE OAKES .. .. Treble.	JOE SMITH .. .. 4.
ARTHUR HAGUE .. .. 2.	HERBERT KETTEL .. .. 5.
ALBERT KETTEL .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung on the front six. First peal by all except the ringers of the treble and tenor.  
First peal as conductor.



## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Evans, Smart, and Bassett, and is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST BARBER* .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT MCCANN .. .. 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 2.	*JOSEPH BROWN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BRYAN* .. 3.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 7.
FREDERICK HALL* .. 4.	ALBERT RICHINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Knowles.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. SMITH .. .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENTED .. 2.	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Barrell, a much respected friend.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD W. YOUNGS .. 2.	E. HARRY SYMONDS .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung on the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells, and also as a birthday compliment to John Taylor, Esq., through whose kindness the bells were rehanged.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 7.
ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK BOULTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 9.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung in honour of the marriage of W. G. Livermore, a member of the local company, who was married at St. Peter's church on the 24th ult.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 2.	JAMES HALL .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES HARES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung to commemorate the laying of the corner-stones of the new mission room of St. Mark's, which were laid on that day by Mrs. T. Newman and Mrs. H. Parish, of West Bromwich.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours Four and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT STONE .. .. Treble.	JOHN HEATH .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 4.	DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 5.
HENRY T. KIRTON .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 6.
SIDNEY BINGHAM .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 7.
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

## GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH T. HAWKINS .. Treble.	J. RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 6.
FRANK SINKINS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.



### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
FREDERICK HALL* .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

\*First peal of Minor away from the treble. It is also W. H. Turton's fiftieth peal.

### HERSHAM, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HBYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

### WILLINGTON, BEDS. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 4.
SIDNEY PECK* .. .. 2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5.
HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal in seven methods with a bob bell.

### DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	W. PEARSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES ARMITAGE .. .. 2.	J. T. HOLLIS .. .. 6.
G. HAWKSWORTH .. .. 3.	J. W. MOORHOUSE .. 7.
F. MOODY .. .. 4.	C. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

### SPALDING.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR FARR .. .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	*JOHN T. HOLMES .. 6.
BERNARD JEALOUS* .. 3.	JOHN W. WOOD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 4.	GEORGE LADD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*First peal in the method.

### HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

C. JACKSON .. .. Treble.	J. W. GIBSON .. .. 5.
A. NAYLOR .. .. 2.	G. T. MILLER .. .. 6.
C. P. BRADLEY .. .. 3.	D. W. BROWN .. .. 7.
G. T. MARSHALL .. .. 4.	W. MIDDLETON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

### BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	*BENJAMIN REED, JUN. .. 5.
BENJAMIN REED, SEN. .. 2.	ERNEST VERRIER .. .. 6.
JONATHAN DOORME .. 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. 7.
LIONEL SHOORIDGE .. 4.	*JAMES HENLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal.

### Handbell Peals.

#### ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

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#### ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. FIELDS, WINDMILL TERRACE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.
*HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—E. C. Chasty. \*First peal on handbells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal at Long Ashton in our last issue should read Stedman Triples instead of Grandsire.—The time of the peal at Taunton should read 3 hrs. 35 mins. instead of 3 hrs. 25 mins.—The time of the peal at Cirencester should read 3 hrs. 45 mins. instead of 2 hrs. 46 mins.

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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn, at 7.30 p.m.

FRED BARRACLOUGH, Sec.

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Caerleon to-day, Saturday, October 3rd, at 4 o'clock.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.

J. H. ALDRIDGE, Asst. Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, Manchester, to-day, October 3rd, when the re-opening of the bells will take place. A short service at 3.30. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee. All ringers invited to attend.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

**The North Wales Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bangor to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. at St. David's church. Business meeting in the schoolroom adjoining church at 4 p.m.

S. A. CULLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

5, Victoria St., Llandudno.

**The Stoke Newington Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall to-day, Saturday, October 3rd.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

**The Waltham Abbey Society.**—A meeting of ringers will be held to-day Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Meet at the Abbey at 6 p.m., after which a musical evening will be spent in the Lodge Room at The Green Dragon hotel. Chair taken at 8. Ringers cordially invited.

FRANK CARTER, Hon. Sec.

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ware to-day, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be welcome.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—Members are requested to note that the annual meeting of this Association will be held on the 10th October next. Arrangements are being made for the following programme:—

2 p.m.—Members assemble at All Saints' church, Fulham, for ringing.

5 p.m.—Short service and sermon by the Bishop of London.

6 p.m.—Tea at Fulham Palace, followed by the meeting.

Tickets for the tea will be distributed on the day of the meeting at 4.30 p.m., and will be issued in order of application to such as have already notified to the Hon. Sec. their intention to be present.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Queensbury Church on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th at Holy Trinity

church, Burnley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting and unveiling peal board at 6.30 p.m.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry on Saturday, October 10th. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. Wilson, Church St., Bawtry, by October 6th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 4. Meeting at 7.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly meeting of the Frome Deanery will be held at Buckland Dinham on Saturday, October 10th. Mr. Dwight (the Vicar) has kindly promised to provide tea.

A. M. G. DANIEL, Hon. Sec.

Frome Deanery.

**The Essex Association.**—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, October 10th. The bells of All Saints and St. Mary's will be open for ringing. Tea at 5.0, 1s. each, in St. Peter's parish room, to be followed by meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice three days before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Coggeshall.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The meeting at Great Crosby has been postponed to Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea, 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULFIT, Hon. Secs.

W. BENTHAM,

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Thursday, October 15th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway. Dinner at 1.30 in the Co-operative Hall, Carr St., to be followed by business meeting. For further particulars see notices sent to all heads of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, Sec.

10, Chester St., Norwich.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—A grand Bohemian Concert will take place on Saturday, October 17th, at Carr's Hotel, Strand, near St. Clement Danes, to commence at 8 p.m. Admission by programme, 3d., to be obtained from the officers, Messrs. A. Jacob, W. Weatherstone, T. Langdon, G. Turk, or of

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Darwin St., Southwark.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 266th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. J. Hughes has removed to 8, Clarence St., Enston Road, Bangor, North Wales.—Mr. J. H. Midwinter has removed to 6, Tan-y-Graig, Glanadda, Bangor, North Wales.

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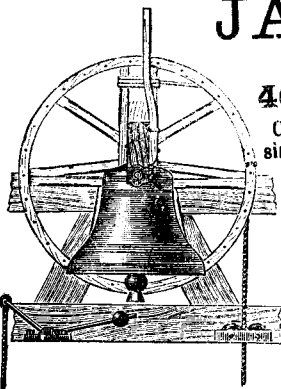
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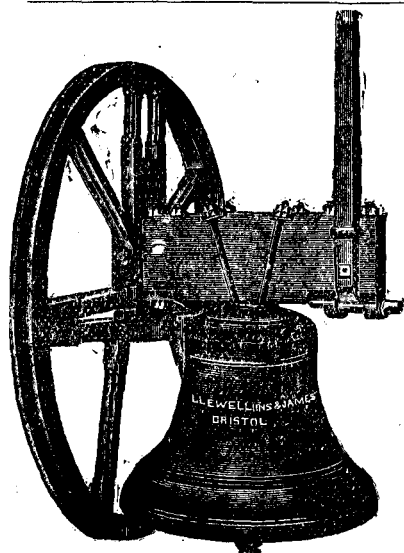
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## JOHN NEW.

The first peal recorded in this book is one of 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, rung at Richmond on February 11th, 1809. This no doubt was New's first peal. He was then eighteen years of age, and rang the treble. The other members of the band were Edward Nelhams, James Cole, Scholes Bamford, John Bates, William Platt, John Platt, and George Cole. To commemorate this performance some one composed a ringers' song, which New copied into the book on January 4th, 1812, in which the ringers as well as the performers are alluded to.

"A tite young lad the treble rang, his name it was John New." Nelhams, who rang the second, is described as a veteran. One wonders whether there was any relationship between him and the late respected member of the Cumberland Youths, Mr. John Nelms. The difference in spelling is of no importance, as a century since spelling in Sam Weller's phrase, "depended on the taste and fancy of the speller." Does any reader of these lines know anything on this point? Bamford appears to have rung very pluckily in spite of being unwell. John Platt was the nephew of William Platt. One of the stanzas I set out in full:

"The tenor by George Cole was rung, he called the peal likewise,  
And had the Londoners been there it had struck them with surprise:

The first peal e'er he rung at all  
He did both manfully ring and call  
To my fall, etc."

George Cole went on and prospered after this early success and became an active ringer and conductor in his neighbourhood, and seems to have been a composer also. He was of the College Youths. Can Mr. Haworth or Mr. Cockerill give us any information about him? The above cannot be a College Youths' peal, as it was rung before New was admitted to that society. It may very likely be to the credit of the St. Mary's Youths, Twickenham.

This ringers' song was evidently set to some popular air of the time with a "Fal-al-al" chorus. Can any one tell us what this tune was? Mr. William Gordon, of Stockport, will please oblige. New has pricked a few tunes, but I cannot fit them in. What were "The Rakes of Marlow" and "Buttered Peas"? I commend these airs to the attention of Mr. Arthur Jacob and his Penton-villain colleague, who do me the honour of sticking to a set of handbells belonging to me.

New has some extracts from the poetic pieces printed at the end of the *Clavis*. It is hardly worth while to transcribe these scraps, but I venture to suggest that Mr. Editor should reprint in these columns these poetic compositions in full; as comparatively few of the younger members of the Exercise possess a *Clavis*, and I think the

lines deserve to be more widely known among us than they now are. The following lines, however, which New has copied into his book, I reproduce, as they do not appear in any copy of the *Clavis* which I have seen, and will no doubt be unfamiliar to others than myself.

## A RIDDLE.

Bred in the Womb of Mother Earth,

Unseen by Mortal eyes—

All nature ripens to the birth

And then I upwards rise.

I take a run on earth below,

Can stand, yet have no feet,

I take a round you cannot go

And then I mount my height.

When tow'ring aloft, I fly

And beat the gentle air,

Protected from th' inclement sky,

Yet all its storms can bear.

When Mortals are involved in ills

I sing with mournful voice;

If mirth their hearts with gladness fills

I celebrate their joys.

I, like the glorious sun above

Who rounds the globe with light,

In motion circular do move,

Have beams, though not so bright.

I headstrong and unruly grow

If left unto my Will,

Which often proves my overthrow

And sometimes others' skill.

I, like the moon in clouded air,

Around i' th' dark do range,

Like her, my movement's regular,

Like her, am given to change.

And as the lark with warbling throat

Ascends upon the wing,

So I lift up my cheerful note

And as I mount I sing.

(A BELL.)

Can any reader of the above lines afford any information about their origin or history?

New made memoranda in this book on various matters. We find directions for mending broken crockery, remedies for small ailments, prices and other such matters, and some brief notes about ringing occurrences. Thus on October 10th, 1819, it seems he was at Gloucester, on the following day at the opening at Painswick, and on the 12th at Stroud, and adds "the grand treat of Esquire Powell and his gift of £40." This, surely, must be the author of the campanile in Quex Park. Probably some one at Painswick has an account of this opening, and if so some particulars in these columns would doubtless be of interest. At Twickenham, February 16th, 1820, Dumb Peal for George the 3rd, King of Great Britain, the best King ever reigned in England, is a remark illustrating the curious popularity of that monarch with his subjects, which he had really done so little to deserve. This was not a change-ringing performance. We also have some figures which appear to be estimates for extensive



alterations and repairs to the Crown Inn at Twickenham Green, and Mr. Dains tells me that the prices of materials as shown are at least double the prices of to-day.

One closes this curious survival of bygone days with a strange feeling of living in the past. Different as things and habits were in New's day from what they are now, all of us have known older men to whom they were quite familiar. One seems to have gone back again to become a small boy chattering to one's grandfather, and grasping with a child's eagerness the old man's tales of the world of his youth; to picture in the mind the continuity of London stopping at Hyde Park Corner; Kensington and Hammersmith mere isolated villages, and a journey to Twickenham by open road, with a strong probability of highway robbery at night. Who can say what changes the twentieth century will in its turn bring about? Meanwhile pursue the Hooping Cough strenuously, and when you catch it, dissolve two scruples of salts of tartar in two gills of water, add twenty grains of cochineal finely powdered, sweeten this to your taste with sugar, and take a tablespoonful of this mixture four times a day, unless you happen to be an infant, in which case you must content yourself with quarter doses; for thus prescribeth John New, late of Twickenham in the county of Middlesex, College Youth, Deceased.

R. A. DANIELL.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The last Saturday in September of each year is looked upon as the red-letter day in the annals of the Association, this particular day being set apart for its annual meeting. Saturday, September 26th, 1903, will be remembered as the most successful meeting of the Association, both in point of members in attendance, and in the heartiness and unanimity of its proceedings.

Beginning with perfect weather, number of towers open and bells at the disposal of the visitors, and the hearty reception always accorded to them at the Association's headquarters in Bolton, it is no small wonder there was such a successful meeting.

Bolton perhaps is unique as a town having in a small radius no fewer than seven rings of eight, and one (lately acquired) ring of six bells, viz., the parish church, St. George's, Holy Trinity, All Souls, The Saviour, Parish Church, Deahe, St. Peter's, Smithills, all of which have rings of eight, and St. Bartholomew's, a ring of six. All of these towers were kept going pretty well during the afternoon and evening, diffusing their sounds from the humble Grandsire to the more complex methods of Stedman, Superlative and London Surprise, not forgetting our old friends Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, etc.

The hour of 4 p.m. found a good and record attendance of ringers for Divine Service at St. George's church, the Vicar of which (the Rev. H. J. Elsee), is the esteemed President of the Association. The Vicar of Bolton (Rev. Canon Henn, M.A.), preached an excellent sermon based on the opening words of St. John's Gospel, and welcomed all present as fellow-workers with him in the Master's vineyard, urging upon them the importance of their office as churchworkers.

5 p.m. found the members numbering upwards of 150 seated at tables presided over by members of the fair sex,

discussing various viands which are not included in the glossary of technical terms, but which were nevertheless perfectly legitimate, and which full justice was done to.

After tea the meeting was held in an adjoining room, the President in the chair, supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. Eachus), the Secretaries, and Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., who kindly dropped in to give his sympathy and address.

The President in opening the meeting, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the gathering to his own church of St. George, and expressed his delight at the number attending the service.

The committee's report was then taken, and it showed a marked improvement in the increased number of members all along the line, the increase being maintained in all the eight divisions of the county. The Association has now for the first time upwards of 1000 members (exact figures 1016), which was further augmented during the evening. The number of peals recorded during the year shew a falling off in point of number, but a slight improvement in quality; total number of peals rung being forty-five. Financially the Association is sound, shewing a balance in hand of £94 16s. 3d.

Following the Committee's report the members were treated to an address by Sir A. P. Heywood, in the course of which he explained several points in connection with the Central Council, its aims and its power for doing good in the cause of ringing. His humorous and telling remarks were received with bursts of applause, and the vote of thanks proposed by the President, seconded by the vice-president, was heartily accorded him.

The retiring officers were the vice-president and the ringing secretary, who were re-elected. The retiring auditors, Messrs. Haydock and Leach, did not seek re-election, their offices being filled by the election of Mr. James Barratt (Eccles), and Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh (Pendleton).

On the motion of the President, Sir A. P. Heywood was unanimously and enthusiastically elected an honorary Life Member of the Association, which gives the members the more satisfaction, as he is to all intents and purposes a Lancashire lad. The whole band of ringers from Miles Platting, two from Eccles, and two from St. George's, Bolton, were elected performing members, while a lady from the Stourbridge district was elected a non-resident member.

Rochdale was selected as the place of meeting for September 1904, by an overwhelming majority over Southport and Lancaster.

With this selection the meeting was brought to an end by the passing of the usual votes of thanks to the clergy and ringers of each of the towers mentioned; to the President for the use of his schools, for the tea and meeting, and also to all the ladies who presided at the tables, and last but not least to Canon Henn for his excellent sermon.

After the meeting the bells of the various churches were kept merrily going until a late hour, and as the various trains came in to take the visitors to their respective destinations, it was universally admitted by all that they had enjoyed the best and most successful meeting in the annals of the Association.

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## MEMORIAL TO PAST AND PRESENT RINGERS IN CALVERLEY CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 3rd, a special ringers' service was held at Calverley church, Yorkshire, 51 ringers being present, in addition to their friends. The following ten towers were represented: Leeds parish, Bradford parish, St. Chad's Headingley, St. Michael's Headingley, Bramley, Tong, Pudsey, Guiseley, Armley, and Calverley. The choir was in attendance, and the service was of a simple and hearty character. The "Bell" anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord," was effectively rendered, and the Lesson was appropriately taken from the description of the Dedication of Solomon's Temple (2 Chron. vii. 1-12). At this point of the service, and while the congregation was singing a hymn, a procession consisting of the present bell-ringers of Calverley, the church officers and the clergy, went up into the belfry, where the memorial was hung. It consisted of thirty individual photographs of past and present ringers, and of the church itself, enclosed in an oak frame, together with their names and a suitable inscription. The Vicar of Calverley (Rev. H. Stapleton) unveiled the Memorial, and said that it would henceforth be considered as one of the monuments of the church, and would be held in sacred trust in memory of those who had passed away. It should be also an encouragement and help to those ringers who were still in their midst. He then offered a dedicatory prayer. The bells were rung for a short time until those taking part in the procession had returned to their places in the church, after which the Rev. H. Stapleton preached the sermon, which, owing to considerations of space, we are unfortunately precluded from inserting. His text was taken from Judges iii. 20—"I have a message from God unto thee"—and his sermon was impressive and eloquent.

At the close of the service there was a tea in the adjoining schoolroom, at which the ringers were the special guests. A few speeches were made, in which the photographer, Mr. S. Stansfield, 41, Salterne Road, Shipley, was complimented upon the result of his efforts. Mr. S. Margenson was thanked for providing the frame of the Memorial, as was also the Vicar of the parish for his cordial co-operation in all the proceedings. It might be added that the necessary funds were raised by the Calverley ringers, and that a list of subscribers and other particulars had been written out and placed underneath the back of the frame for the information of those living in a future generation.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

### DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

There were great rejoicings at Wymondham, a small market town nine miles from Norwich, on Wednesday, September 30th, when the augmented ring of bells in the western tower of the noble church of SS. Mary and Thomas were dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon Pelham. The church was formerly a part of the conventual buildings of the Benedictine order, who were established in the town in 1107, and now consists of a Norman nave, eastern (once the central) octagonal tower, and square western tower, 142-ft. in height. The latter was erected by the parishioners 1410-70, and the five bells were removed from the eastern tower and placed in it. The whole church is now undergoing complete restoration at an estimated cost of £25,000, half of which amount

has been subscribed by Mrs. Willett, of Brighton, daughter of a former Vicar of Wymondham.

The bells were a heavy ring of five, the second being cracked, hanging in an octagonal frame, most probably also taken from the eastern tower, and had not been rung for over 100 years. The tenor clapper swung from a wooden tripod erected under the bell, and there were practically no ringing fittings. The cracked bell has been recast, and three trebles (by Warner) added, the whole now forming a noble ring, with a tenor of 24½ cwt. The tenor was reputed 28 cwt., but by the enterprise of Mr. Sam Smith, of the Norwich company, who took over a tested machine and weighed the bell in the tower, this controversial matter is set at rest. The bell chamber new oak frame has been put in. The greater part of the measures about twenty-six feet square, and a complete cost of restoration has been defrayed by four brothers—the Messrs. Bailey. The bells were dedicated at a special service at 11.30 a.m., the service was concluded with a solemn Te Deum, and the congregation then left the church and assembled in the churchyard. The signal was given to the ringers, and for the first time within living memory the music of properly rung bells was heard from the glorious old tower. By the desire of the Vicar (the Hon. A. Parker) a general invitation to all Association members was not extended for the dedication day, and the opening touches were rung by a band chiefly consisting of members of the St. Peter Mancroft Society. There is still some work to do to the bells, and in all probability the Association will meet there for the February meeting of 1904, and then test the restoration work, towards which £10 has been granted from their funds.

The bells are a splendid ring in the key of D, and are perhaps the most melodious, as also they are the heaviest, eight in Norfolk.

## SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

On the 3rd inst. the Stockton ringers paid a visit to Skelton-in-Cleveland to try their skill on the ring of eight bells, which occupy the grandly conspicuous tower of the parish church, which seen from a distance bears a striking resemblance to the central tower of Durham Cathedral, and inclusive of a ring of bells, tenor 23 cwt., and clock with the Westminster chimes constitutes the munificent contribution of the late Squire Wharton, of Skelton Castle, to the scheme costing upwards of £13,000, of replacing the inconveniently situated and mean structure formerly serving as the parish church, by the present noble and centrally situated edifice. A peal of eight bells was no sooner presented to Saltburn Church on the other side of the valley than the present Squire of Skelton promptly followed suit by adding two trebles at Skelton, each peal being a splendid rival to the other. After a spell at the bells, and tea at The Wharton Arms close by, an adjournment was made to the tower and 1,086 of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round in excellent style. It was refreshing to notice the greatly increased interest in the art by the local band, who have discarded call change-ringing and are endeavouring to progress in the proper style of change-ringing, the strongest hints for further assistance in this direction being received by the president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, to which several of them belong.

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## NINE DAYS IN THE WEST.

SUCCESSFUL TOUR BY MEMBERS OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Having been North, South and East, it was decided at the last annual tour to have a trip Westward this year, Mr. Lindoff having undertaken to make arrangements, which he did to perfection, Mr. F. G. May rendering him valuable assistance in the Bristol district. Saturday, September 12th, being the day appointed for the start, and Bristol the starting point, it was not much past 4 p.m. when the company began to turn up from all directions. Mr. May meeting us at the station, tea was partaken of, and then strides were made for Christ Church to attempt the first peal of the tour. Stedman Caters was the order, and an excellent peal was the result. An adjournment was then made to the meeting-house, where a pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers. Sunday morning we met at St. Nicholas' Church, where a course of Treble Ten and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung for morning service. After service we were informed we could ring out at All Saints, so a course of Superlative was rung for the sake of having a pull on a fresh tower. After dinner, Mr. Hinton very kindly met us and piloted us to St. James', where a course of Treble Ten was rung for afternoon service. Having decided to reach Exeter over-night, we bid our Bristol friends farewell for the time being, reaching Exeter at 5.20. Here, we were met by Messrs. E. Shepherd and T. Mudge, who took us to St. David's Church, where touches of Superlative and Treble Bob Major were rung for evening service. Monday morning we met at St. Sidwell's at 10 o'clock, and there we were met by Mr. W. Wakley, of Burton, who was on a visit to his native county. Another very good peal of Stedman Caters was tapped off. Dinner of course was the next item, and then for the Cathedral, where the chief item of the tour was to be attempted. After an inspection of the bells and their hangings, a start was made for Stedman Caters, which was successfully accomplished in four hours and one minute. The bells are, without doubt, the grandest ringing peal in the world, and the beautiful tale they told in Stedman Caters was a treat to listen to. The tenor, with its stock and fittings, amounts to within a few pounds of five tons, and thus this peal creates a new record in heavy bell-ringing. On descending the tower the band were congratulated by the Dean and Chapter, and a large number of ringers and friends, on the grand achievement. An adjournment was then made to the meeting-house, where a pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers. Tuesday morning we were astir early to catch the 8 o'clock train to Taunton, which was reached about 9 o'clock. We repaired at once to St. Mary's Church, where a very good peal of Stedman Caters was rung—the first on the bells, which are a nice ring of ten, and are hung in one of the finest looking towers in the country which, however, vibrates a good deal and rather spoils the go of the bells. Having only a few minutes to catch the train we had to bid our Taunton friends a hasty farewell, our next place being Bridgewater, which was reached about 4 p.m. Here we were met by Mr. A. E. Coles, secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, who had very kindly made arrangements for us to ring at Bridgewater and Martock. To the Station Hotel first, where arrangements had been made to stop for the night. After disposing of our luggage and giving the inner man some attention we made our way to the church, where all was in readiness for a start, Superlative being the method, and a very good peal was rung, being the first in the method in the county. Wednesday morning we were astir early to catch the first train to Martock, which was reached about 9 a.m., and where a New Cambridge Surprise Major peal was accomplished in three hours and nineteen minutes, being the first peal of Major on the bells. Dinner having been ordered in advance all in readiness for us, needless to say full justice was done to the good things provided. Glastonbury was the next place on the programme, where a Surprise peal was to have been attempted, but on arrival there it was found that four hours was all the time at our disposal to get to and from the station and ring the peal, so it was decided to ring Stedman, and an excellent peal was the result. Then for the station, en route for Bristol, which was reached about 12.15, Mr. Hinton meeting us and conducting us to our lodgings. Thursday morning Mr. May joined us, two of the party having to return

we were reduced to (eight). Long Ashton was the next place to attempt a peal, a two miles' walk from Bristol, where an excellent peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the fine ring of eight, tenor 31 cwt. Returning to Bristol some of the party perambulated through the park to Clifton in company with Mr. J. Hinton, while others visited the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, one of the most beautiful churches in England, and where was found Messrs. Taylor's men busily making preparations to re-hang the heavy ring of twelve. About 5 o'clock, tea being over, tracks were at once made for St. Nicholas' Church, where all was in readiness, and a start was made for Treble Ten on the fine ring of ten tenor, 36 cwt., which was rung in three hours and twenty-five minutes. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent with the Bristol men. Friday morning we were astir early to catch the train for Cirencester, which was reached about 11.15; our party have been reinforced by Messrs. G. T. Daltry and W. Short, and a local man at the tenor, Stedman Cinques was the order, and at the end of three hours and forty-five minutes the welcome words "that's all" was heard, being the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, which are the oldest peal of twelve in existence. Then en route for Cheltenham, which was reached about 5.45. Here we were met by Mr. Phillott and Mr. W. T. Pates, who conducted us to the tower of Mary's Church, where a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted, and an excellent peal was the result. Then for Gloucester, which was reached about 11 o'clock; and where arrangements had been made for the night. Saturday morning we had to face a six mile journey by road to Painswick, the last three miles being over steep hills. A conveyance was hired, but it was a case of walking up hill to ride down. Anyhow, we reached Painswick about 11 o'clock, and raised the bells, but our tenor man had not put in his appearance; however, about 11.50 he appeared on the scene, having walked from Cheltenham, a distance of ten miles. A start was then made for Stedman Cinques, but in the eighth course, a slow six being turned into a quick one soon upset the arrangements. However, a fresh start was made and an excellent peal was rung, being the first on the bells since 1858—the old belfry floor having been taken away and the new one not yet put up, the peal was rung on a scaffold, which is believed to be the first peal ever rung on a scaffold—the bells are a fine ring of twelve for their weight, and go splendidly. On reaching the churchyard we were informed that the Vicar had very kindly provided us with tea, which was done full justice to. Now for the last peal of the tour, which was to be attempted at Upton St. Leonard's, about midway between Painswick and Gloucester. But, alas! that fatal thirteen; for on reaching the church the Vicar informed us that a lady was lying dangerously ill close by. Having expressed his sorrow at having to disappoint us, he very kindly provided us with some refreshment—this being partaken of, we returned to Gloucester and spent a social hour with the local ringers. Sunday morning found us at St. Michael's Church, where a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Superlative Major, and a touch of Stedman Caters was rung for morning service. Dinner at 1 o'clock, and then came the parting of the ways, the company returning to their respective homes having spent a most enjoyable and successful tour, which every peal attempted was brought round, and this is believed to be a record. The tourists wish to thank the Dean of Exeter Cathedral, and the Vicars of St. Sidwell's, Exeter; Christ Church, and St. Nicholas', Bristol; Long Ashton, Taunton, Bridgewater, Martock, Glastonbury, Cirencester, Cheltenham, and Painswick for giving permission; and Messrs. F. G. May, A. E. Coles, J. Burge, E. Shepherd, W. Hale, H. C. Bond, W. T. Pates, W. J. Hinton, and many others, too numerous to mention, who did all in their power to make the tour a success.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The meeting room of the Leytonstone branch of this Association assumed a very cheerful aspect on Wednesday evening, September 30th, when a numerous company of ringers assembled under the presidency of Mr. S. Hayes (Master of the south western division) to bid farewell to Mr. F. Withers, a member of the above company, who sailed for South Africa on October 1st.

The chairman, in a neat little speech, dwelt on the fact that Mr. Withers would be greatly missed because he was one of the most regular attendants at the meetings of the company. He hoped he would make as many friends in his new home as he had made in and around that part of Essex. He then called upon Mr. Miller, captain of the Leytonstone company, to make a small presentation, as a token of the members' esteem and good wishes. The presentation took the form of one of Mr. Coldwell's neat watch chain silver bell pendants. After drinking the health of the recipient,

Mr. Withers, whose rising was the signal for loud cheers, in returning thanks, said he was so taken by surprise that he could not find words to express his feelings, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the handsome present they had given him, and the very kind words that had been said of him by the chairman and vice-chairman. Whenever he looked upon that bell his mind would always come back to the many happy hours he had spent among them. The company then settled down to songs and touches on the handbells, the proceedings terminating with Auld Lang Syne.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, on Monday evening, September 28th, as a farewell touch to F. Withers, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Withers, R. C. Fox, W. Miller conductor, J. Kimberley, J. Mardell, J. Moule.

## BRIDPORT, DORSET.

On Friday, October 2nd, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Pitfield Chapple, of Axminster, Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, journeyed to Axminster for the purpose of taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Bridport in Dorset on the following day. In the morning they were joined by a contingent of the St. Sidwell's society (Exeter), and the whole party were driven to Bridport by Mr. Chapple. After an excellent lunch, provided by the same gentleman, and by whom the Mayor of Bridport was also entertained, a start for a peal of Stedman Triples was made. This unfortunately was unsuccessful, and there not being time for a second start a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following:—W. J. Pates conductor, Ferris Shepherd, A. W. Searle, J. E. Baker, E. V. Cox, E. Shepherd, G. H. Phillott, W. P. Chapple.

The ringers were subsequently entertained at tea by the Mayor, and soon after started on the homeward drive to Axminster, when most of the St. Sidwell's party left for Exeter.

On Sunday the beautiful peal of bells at Axminster were much admired, their quality being very like those at Painswick, Gloucestershire.

On Monday a peal of Stedman Triples was to have been attempted at Heavitree, nr. Exeter, but meeting one short for Stedman, a very good peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded in its proper place, was rung instead.

Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. J. Pates desire to return their best thanks to all the ringers who met them and especially to their genial and liberal host, W. Pitfield Chapple, Esq., and also his Worship the Mayor of Bridport. It is hoped that a more successful attempt for a peal of Stedman will be again made at Bridport ere long by much the same party of ringers.

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## Obituary.

## ROBERT SEWELL.

Members of the ringing world will learn, with the deepest regret, of the death of Robert Sewell, which took place on Sunday morning, the 27th ultimo after a short period of illness. Notwithstanding that he was in his seventy-ninth year, until two months ago he regularly attended and joined in the practices and affairs of the local band at Mitcham, to which he had been attached for upwards of twelve years. He was born in Suffolk, and in that county first became initiated into the intricacies of change-ringing. In middle life business took him to Barking, where he lived for about twenty years, and during which time he made a name for himself amongst London ringers, and also was chiefly instrumental in getting the bells there put into first-class ringing order. During his life he rang fifty-nine peals, his first being on the 2nd of December, 1847, at Hadleigh, and his last at Mitcham on the 21st of June, 1902. He was always regarded as an earnest, sincere and careful ringer and a capital striker. He was buried at Mitcham on the Wednesday following his death, when various members of the local band attended the funeral, thereby paying their last token of respect to their old comrade.

## Miscellaneous Touches.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BERC REGIS (Dorset).—On Sunday, August 30, on handbells retained in hand, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles and 60 of Grandsire Doubles. E. C. O'Brien conductor, 1, 2, 3, 4, M. Stewart 5, 6.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, September 6th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Speed, J. R. Adams, G. Davies, C. H. Shearn, J. Hambledon, F. Chivers, H. Kenten conductor, R. Jones.

MINEHEAD.—On July 26th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Mason J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins conductor, C. Summers, C. Greedy, H. Moore, F. Wood.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at the church of St. Lawrence, 556 Grandsire Caters. R. White, F. White, J. Trinder, H. Holifield, H. Woodward, H. Tubb, H. Walters, F. Tubb conductor, G. Holifield, F. White, jun. On Monday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. White, F. White, H. Woodward, H. Tubb, F. Tubb conductor, A. Clayton, R. White, F. White, jun. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 30th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. W. J. Jeffries, A. C. Bedwell, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, J. E. Davis, E. E. Richards, F. W. Thornton conductor, J. Law.

EAST MOLESEY.—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, A. Strutt, F. Holden, H. G. Naish, J. Baldwin, J. H. B. Hesse, S. Woods.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 1st, at the residence of Mr. W. Morris, on handbells, 1008 Bob Major. Miss Lily Morris, Miss L. Morris, G. Thompson, A. T. Morris, A. Ramsay, G. Moss conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor. Miss Lily Morris, Miss L. Morris, G. Thompson, A. Ramsey, G. Moss conductor. On Thursday, September 3rd, on tower bells 720 Bob Minor. W. Durrant, T. Mantering, G. Thompson, A. Ramsey, A. T. Morris, G. Moss conductor.

ROTHBURY (Northumberland).—Recently, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, being the first on handbells by all and by a local band. T. Grieves, J. Ballantyne, J. Hill, J. J. Harrison, T. Murray conductor, T. Detchen.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Mardell, E. Bacon, J. Rann, G. Carter, W. Clark, H. Scarlett. After service 720 in the same method. H. Scarlett conductor, J. Mardell; the rest as before.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1903.

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### THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, September 19th, at Oldswinford. The service of the Worcestershire Association was said in church at five o'clock, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. I. G. Owen, who gave a suitable address. The business meeting was afterwards held in the vestry under the presidency of the Rector. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Six new members were elected, and Rowley was the place selected for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. The chairman responded, and said he was pleased to see the good work which the Guild was carrying on, and encouraged the members to continue in their object, wishing them every success.

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Rung on the receipt of the news of the recovery of the Rev. J. W. Horsley after a very severe illness.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 8.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. 4.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. .. 9.
THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 5.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal.



## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JAMES CULWICK .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLS† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PEART* .. .. 4.	ELIJAH PAGETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR GRIFFITHS.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to William Peart to celebrate his twenty-first birthday.

## HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 5.
REGGIE DYSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE MERRIMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES HY. CHARLESWORTH .. .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES ASPINWALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, September 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES H. WOODBERRY .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 6.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. LEESON .. .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Page and the conductor.

## TNBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WOOLFE .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. STONESTERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN R. RUSSELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STEAD .. .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of Mr. Woolfe's wedding, the remainder of the band giving him the usual good wishes.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

AMOS COOPER .. .. Treble.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 5.
OLIVER BROWN .. .. 2.	JOHN MALPASS .. .. 6.
CHARLES TYLER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK COOPER .. .. 7.
ALBERT H. HARBER .. .. 4.	THOMAS COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

This peal was specially arranged for F. Cooper.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 2, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY COOMES* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 5.
RICHARD HARTLEY .. .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER .. .. 6.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 4.	*ROBERT MILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
GEORGE K. TROWBRIDGE* .. .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 6.
GILBERT NEALE* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	GEORGE F. DOEL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 6.
JOHN HOWES* .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 9.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 5.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Royal.

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



## CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST E. PARMENTER .. Treble.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 6.
REGINALD EDWARDS* .. 3.	ARTHUR HEAD .. .. 7.
ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. 4.	HENRY ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROWLAND, JUN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rolfe, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE WHITING .. .. 5.
HARRY PERRY* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 6.
ERNEST LANHAM† .. .. 3.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and Conducted by WM. RUMSEY.

\*First peal and first attempt. †First peal in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, THE DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HISCOTT* .. Treble.	CHARLES LILLEY .. .. 5.
G. HARRY MYERS .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 6.
EDWARD HENDY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOPELY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES LILLEY.

\*First peal.

## TROWELL, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON† .. Treble.	†F. S. POOLE .. .. 4.
E. H. LEWIS† .. .. 2.	†B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 5.
J. HALL .. .. 3.	*T. D. THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. S. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 5.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 2.	*HARRY WITHERS .. .. 6.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Chambers, a ringer at the above church, and Miss Carrie Hillier, of Hartney Witney, Hants.

## HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ERNEST V. COX .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
THOMAS MUDGE .. .. 4.	W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

## MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS BEEDEN .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM SELF .. .. 3.
A. L. CARTER* .. .. 2.	E. E. EVERITT .. .. 4.
E. P. BUCKINGHAM .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

## Date Touches.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD.—On July 22nd, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 9 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, C. Greedy, H. Moore conductor, F. Wood. On August 16th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, another 1903 changes in the same method, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, H. Moore conductor, E. Northcote.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Monday, August 31st, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Lord Salisbury, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. H. Ward conductor, G. Ward, S. Maskey, C. Draper, J. Pagett, W. Wallace, C. E. Hart, H. Inckle.

BEESTON.—On Sunday morning, August 30th, for Divine Service, 644 Oxford Bob Triples. L. Price, R. Clifford, W. Clifford, jun., W. Clifford, sen., E. Boot, F. S. Price, A. Lowe, P. Price. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. M. Boot, L. Price, F. S. Price, W. Clifford, sen., W. Clifford, jun., A. Lowe, R. Clifford, J. Paling. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the second.

## THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HASTINGS.—On Saturday, August 15th, at St. Clements's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. F. Hodgkin, M. J. Exeter, W. J. Pitman, L. Stapley, S. Hopkins, C. Tribe, W. Billenness, G. Johnson.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD.—On August 5th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. T. Lightfoot, G. Luff, H. Mullard, T. Burdock H. Ellis, T. Attwell, A. Bartlett conductor, T. Luff. On August 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Ellis, A. Bartlett, H. Holden, G. Luff, T. Burdock, T. Attwell, W. T. Lightfoot conductor, T. Luff. On August 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Holden, W. Brockhurst, H. Mullard, T. Burdock, A. Bartlett, W. T. Lightfoot, H. Ellis, T. Attwell conductor.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Monday, August 31st, with the bells muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a mark of respect to Lord Salisbury. A. Glasscock, C. Bale, W. Pickworth, M. Fensom, A. Dodson, F. Budd, G. Bester, J. Miller.



## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

The members of this Society had recently their annual outing at Westerham, Kent, which place they had visited on two other occasions. The necessary arrangements for the holiday had been most carefully made by Mr. Churchwarden E. A. Davies, who as vice-president and treasurer takes a vast interest in what he is pleased to term "his little band of ringers," and as the weather was fine the outing proved of a most enjoyable character. Leaving Barking by the 11.56 train, the party, which numbered about twenty, and included the Rev. P. M. Wathen (Vicar) and Mr. Davies, proceeded to Cannon Street, where they were met by Mr. W. T. Cockerill (secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. S. Whight ("father" of St. Margaret's Society, who now resides at Chelmsford), and Mr. S. Hayes (Forest Gate). The other members of the party were Messrs. R. Fenn, sen., R. J. Fenn (captain), C. Fenn, E. Fenn, T. Faulkner, E. Faulkner, J. Cottis, G. Cottis, D. Carrier, D. Simons, H. Parker, A. Hardy, and A. J. T. Carter, Hon. Secretary.

The journey was resumed at 1.30, Dunton Green Junction being reached about an hour afterwards. Here the party had to change trains and proceed to Westerham by a loop line. At the latter place they were met by C. Faulkner, sen., who had journeyed up from Tunbridge Wells, and some of the locals. The ringers at once proceeded to the parish church, the bells of which had been kindly placed at their disposal for the day by the Rev. Sidney Le Mesurier, M.A. Vicar. The party explored what without any exaggeration may be called one of the most charming places in the "Garden of England." Some of the local ringers acted as guides, and as Mr. Davies in his younger days resided for a number of years at Westerham, his local knowledge also proved of great assistance. The first place visited was Squirry Lodge, which with its splendidly-kept grounds, fine trees, and well-stocked lake, proved most attractive. From here the party proceeded to Spring Shaws Wood, a delightful place, which had not been visited on previous occasions. Here they strolled about for nearly an hour, and no one seemed to tire of the beautiful scenery which on all hands met their gaze. However, as time was going on and more ringing had to be done, the visitors were obliged to retrace their steps to the village.

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Davies, an excellent meat tea had been provided at the Fountain Refreshment Rooms, and to this place an adjournment was at once made. The chair was taken by Mr. Davies, and the vice-chair by the Vicar.

After tea, the Vicar of Barking said it gave him special pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Westerham for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and which kindness, he was sure, was appreciated by them all. Although he could not speak as a skilled or expert ringer, it was obvious to all of them who had heard the bells what a beautiful ring it was. Having referred to the loving care which had been exercised over everything connected with the church, he congratulated the Vicar on having such a very fine ring of bells and such a beautiful belfry; he only wished he had been present so that he could have expressed his feelings to him personally. He also thanked those members of the local band of ringers, who had given them such a hearty welcome there that day and pointed out to them many of the beauties of the place. He was sure it had been a most enjoyable day, and one they would always look back upon with a great deal of pleasure.

The Chairman said before they dispersed he was sure they would expect him to express their thanks to the Vicar, the president of St. Margaret's Society, for the great kindness in accompanying them to Westerham that day. It was with very great regret that they had to know that that was possibly the last time they would have the pleasure of seeing him as their Vicar accompanying them to their outings; but he hoped if, on some future occasion, they met anywhere in the neighbourhood where the Vicar was going, they would be honored with his company. They all knew the great interest the Vicar had taken in them since he had been their Vicar, and also the great interest he had taken in ringing generally. He had ac-

companied them in their outings, and gone to the annual meeting at Chelmsford, and had also attended more than one district meeting. From what they knew of the Vicar in their church, he was sure they would miss him very much indeed, and it was great sorrow to know they would soon have to part with him. On the part of the ringers, he could assure the Vicar that he would take with him their best wishes for his future happiness and welfare. He hoped that sometimes he would think of the Society of Change Ringers in Barking, and that in the future, when he got accounts of their doings, he would have cause to be proud that he was ever associated with a parish where they had such an accomplished and such a good band of change ringers as they had in Barking. He proposed that they accord the Vicar's hearty vote of thanks for his presence with them that day.

The Vicar said he told Mr. Davies before tea that he could not say "good-bye" yet. He did not like saying the words "good-bye" so often, and he tried his very best to put it away from his mind as much as he possibly could. It would be time enough to say "good-bye" when he took his departure from Barking. He tried to think he was not going from Barking; he did not want to go a bit. He wished he could stay, but he had decided that his work at Barking was done, and that he must make room for someone else. Whoever might come, he was sure he would not find a more loyal body of the church workers in the parish than the members of St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers. He could assure them that they had been one of his greatest comforts and joys during his work at Barking, and to be able to hand on such a splendid band of young ringers to his successor was a thing he should be proud of. He hoped his successor would take an interest in and do more for the belfry than he had done, but he could not possibly take a greater interest or feel more affectionate towards them than he did.

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for his great kindness in arranging that outing. Personally, he was sorry the Vicar was going, and he could answer for the whole of the ringers that they were also sorry. It struck him, however, that perhaps next year, when they had their outing, they might find themselves somewhere in Hertfordshire. Another thing which struck him was that, although Westerham in the autumn was very nice, in the month of roses it would be much better. He thought that another year they might have their annual holiday a little earlier. It had been a very pleasant day, and as Mr. Davies was the prime mover of the whole affair, he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for arranging the meeting, and taking the trouble to bring them out once more. He also thanked Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Masters, and his father for their company that afternoon.

Mr. Davies, in reply, said if he had given them pleasure it had certainly been a great pleasure to him to arrange the outing and also to have their company with him once again. Possibly the outing might have taken place a little earlier if it had not been for the motor-car excursion they had at Whitsuntide. He hoped, however, if the outing was late it would be none the less enjoyable, and that they would all carry back with them fond recollections of the outing, the same as they had done at previous ones. As long as he had health and strength and took an interest in St. Margaret's Change Ringers, nothing would give him greater pleasure than to do all he could to further their progress and welfare.

Ringing was kept up until about 9 o'clock, and the return journey was made at 10.15, and London was reached in good time for the party to catch the last train down from Fenchurch Street to Barking.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.—This is the conductor's 60th peal, made up as follows: On 6 bells 5, conducted 2; Bob Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 3, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 19, conducted 2; Treble Bob Major, 15, conducted 2; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Double Oxford Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 10, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Total 60; conducted 9.



## Notices.

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**The Middlesex County Association.**—Members are requested to note that the annual meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Arrangements are being made for the following programme:—

2 p.m.—Members assemble at All Saints' church, Fulham, for ringing.

5 p.m.—Short service and sermon by the Bishop of London.

6 p.m.—Tea at Fulham Palace, followed by the meeting.

Tickets for the tea will be distributed on the day of the meeting at 4.30 p.m., and will be issued in order of application to such as have already notified to the Hon. Sec. their intention to be present.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Queensbury Church to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 10th, at Holy Trinity church, Burnley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting and unveiling peal board at 6.30 p.m.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

**The North Notts Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry to-day, Saturday, October 10th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 4. Meeting at 7.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The quarterly meeting of the Frome Deanery will be held at Buckland Dinham to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Mr. Dwight (the Vicar) has kindly promised to provide tea.

A. M. G. DANIEL, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Frome Deanery.*

**The Essex Association.**—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon to-day, Saturday, October 10th. The bells of All Saints and St. Mary's will be open for ringing. Tea at 5.0. rs. each, in St. Peter's parish room, to be followed by meeting.

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

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The meeting at Great Crosby will be held to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea, 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Almondbury to-day, Saturday, October 10th. Meeting-house, The Ratcliffe Arms. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Thursday, October 15th. Special service at

St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway. Dinner at 1.30 in the Co-operative Hall, Carr St., to be followed by business meeting. For further particulars see notices sent to all heads of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Sec.*  
10, Chester St., Norwich.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Socety.—A grand Bohemian Concert will take place on Saturday, October 17th, at Carr's Hotel, Strand, near St. Clement Danes, to commence at 8 p.m. Admission by programme, 3d., to be obtained from the officers, Messrs. A. Jacob, W. Weatherstone, T. Langdon, G. Turk, or of

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
91, Darwin St., Southwark.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Sonning on Saturday, October 17th. Evensong at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Holmes. Tea (9d.) 5.15, for which application must be made to me before October 13th.

GEORGE WRIGHT, *Sonning Dairy, Reading.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, the 17th October. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Mission Room, close to Church, at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Non-members can be provided with tea at 1s. 6d. per head on giving me four days' notice.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, October 21st.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

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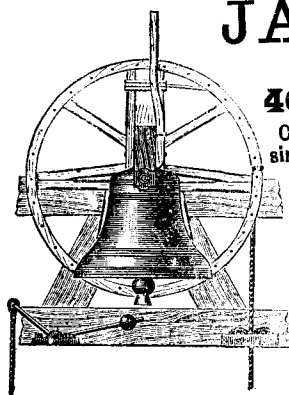
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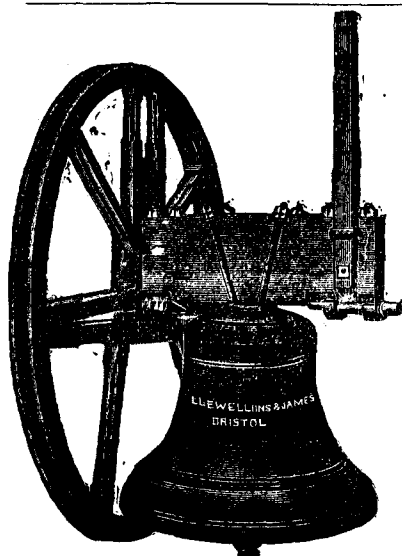
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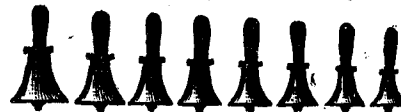
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## SIX DAYS IN THE THREE TOWNS AND EAST CORNWALL.

Early in this year of grace the annual autumnal tour in the West began to be formulated by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, North Devon. Monday, October 5th, saw its commencement; Saturday, October 10th, its conclusion. "Take tourist tickets for Plymouth" was the order of the day. In accordance therewith there met Mr. Kelly at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, several of his old friends and one or two new ones, with three of his brother parsons, easily recognised by the ringing fraternity as "a turrible long gent—a nice young gent—and an old gent wot takes off all his clothes." Mr. Ernest Pitstow was expected, but wired at the last minute that he was summoned to serve on a jury; Mr. A. W. Brighton however happened to be at Plymouth, and kindly volunteered for Caters and Royal ringing, the band being complete for Triples and Major. Very soon the magnificent ring of ten sent the music of Stedman Caters rolling over the town, and in 3 hrs. 41 min's. the first peal on the bells was an accomplished fact, much to the satisfaction of the whole of the ringers, the local men, and that old veteran—Mr. William Banister, who had previously ascended the tower to welcome the band and wish them all success. Supper was provided by the Vicar, who congratulated and thanked the band, Mr. Kelly replying in a neat speech. Friends in Plymouth kindly gave beds to all the party for Monday and Friday nights. Tuesday morning saw the band at St. Austell, where a new peal has been erected by Messrs. Taylor—a grand improvement on the old peal—on which many of the same band rang the first peal of Stedman Triples six years ago. With "big un on the little un, and the little un on the big un"—as noted by the local men—a peal of Superlative Surprise was knocked off, after which St. Austell showed its appreciation by inviting the band to dinner, the Vicar being supported by the churchwarden and Mr. Coode, who has taken the greatest interest in the bells. A journey by train, and then a drive by brake brought the party to Cardynham, where the Rector had gone to no end of trouble in securing lodgings, a case of illness at the rectory upsetting his previously formed plans. Wesleyan farmers and others vied with one another in offering beds; the rectory coachhouse decorated with flags formed an admirable hall for meals, while a public-house had lately fallen into the Rector's hands, and had been converted into a Church House, where papers and writing materials were at hand for any who needed them. A couple of touches were rung for the Harvest Festival, at which the village choir and organist did themselves infinite credit. Having exhorted Mr. Lilley—the "Tiger" of last year, and the "Canary" of this, to be in the tower by daybreak for overhauling the gear, lodgings were sought. Next morning Stedman Triples was knocked off, and in the afternoon another peal of Superlative, in which a well-known ringer was missed, he having strapped up his breeches at the knee, and gone to to learn the mysteries of a ploughman's life for the nonce.

Having thanked the Rector and Mrs. May for their

unbounded hospitality, the brake was again boarded, and in due course Lanhydrock was reached, Viscount and Lady Clifden welcoming seven of the band, while three went on to Bodmin for the night. In the smoking-room after dinner much talk went on from things great to things small, from the hum note of the Exeter tenor to the musical qualities of sea-faring fleas. After family prayers, at which the organ was played by the Hon. Everilda Robartes, the church adjoining the mansion was visited, and a peal of Double Norwich was rung, Mr. Kelly to the delight of all, scoring his first peal in the method. The afternoon being wet, the local men turned up in force and gave an exhibition of prize-ringing, the striking being utterly unlike anything heard outside the West. After this the Rev. F. E. Robinson trotted out his favourite variation, it being the eightieth peal he has conducted as "first in the method on the bells."

At Bodmin in the morning to please Mr. Gifford, sundry local ringers "pitched off" in their well-known style. A drive in Lord Clifden's waggone to the station was much enjoyed, though the ringers were loth to leave such comfortable quarters as Lanhydrock House affords.

At Liskeard, the new tower in a commanding position was soon reached, and for the second time the well-worn variation was on the swing, and completed in due course. This church is remarkable in having a double set of consecration crosses, sixteen in all, being visible. No other church in England have more than one set. Liskeard thus shares with Palermo in Sicily the distinction of possessing a record of deep architectural interest. The evening peal was at Stonehouse, a lovely new peal by Mears, on which Superlative was tapped off with the greatest ease. The young band here should do great things with such a handy peal at their command.

Saturday morning all gathered at Charles and started for a memorable peal, *i.e.* Treble Bob Royal. The striking at first was somewhat rough, owing to a set of perfectly new ropes, but as these got stretched the striking improved, and in due course the peal was completed in fine style, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge feeling it a privilege that his 200th peal should be the first peal of Royal ever rung in the county of his birth. The churchwarden appeared while the inevitable photo. was being taken, and in the name of the Vicar and his colleague, thanked the ringers, and expressed a hope that another peal should be rung on the bells in the afternoon. This however could not be, as Exeter Cathedral was the last tower on the list, and though the possibility of a peal was small at the back-end of the week, with one ringer manifestly "a bit off colour," it was determined to try, if only with a view to letting some of the band hear this noble peal. One hour and twenty minutes sufficed to bring up a change-course, so the last attempt failed, leaving nine peals rung out ten attempted. Three leads of Treble Bob proved the impossibility of a peal of Royal ever being accomplished, and with three leads on the minor eight, and the lowering of the Cobthorne six in peal, this most delightful of all ringing weeks came to an end. To Mr. Kelly are the heartiest thanks of the party due; his



admirable arrangements were carried out with the utmost precision, while the hospitality shown to the whole band in the Three Towns and at St. Austell, Cardynham and Lanhydrock enabled a whole week of unalloyed enjoyment to be spent at a cost of a very few shillings per head. May the week's ringing bear good fruit in the district, a district which abounds with enthusiastic round-ringers, who it is hoped may in due course learn a more excellent way, an enthusiasm shared by the neighbourhood at large, for there are but few who would think of holding the same views as a certain worthy, for fear of getting a similar answer as recorded in the vestry minute-book of a Devonshire parish during a discussion on the payment of the parish ringers;—"I don't hold with ringing"—the answer, sharp and ready—"Moast pigs doant."

G. F. C.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26th, the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Loughborough, about 130 members and friends sitting down to a first-class tea provided in the Fearon Hall, kindly lent for the occasion. Amongst those present were the Rev. T. Pitts (Rector of Loughborough), Rev. W. Fowler (curate), Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. M. H. Pimm, Rev. E. Muirhead Evans, the churchwardens of Loughborough, Mr. John Taylor, sen., Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., Mr. E. Denison Taylor, and a goodly number of ladies. The Rev. W. Fowler was voted to the chair, and the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Lichfield, Ripley and Birmingham were proposed as places for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote a majority was given in favor of Ripley. Twelve new members were elected, including the Rev. E. Muirhead Evans, Vicar of Ilkeston, and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Old Basford.

Particulars of the eighteen peals rung by members of the Association during the past quarter were read by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., who in the course of his remarks said he considered it a fair quantity for the summer months, but he felt sure, had Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. been present, he would have said we miss the Surprise methods.

The Rev. M. H. Pimm proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Taylor for the use of the peal at the foundry, and to the Loughborough friends who had so kindly provided the tea.

The Rev. E. Muirhead Evans said that having just been made a member of the Association, he had a right to speak as one of them, and he had great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks, and after alluding to the kind way in which their Loughborough friends had received them, broke out into the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows," which was taken up and sung heartily by all.

The business of the meeting being over, many of the members adjourned to the church and bell foundry, where the bells, which had been pretty well used during the afternoon, were again set going in various methods, and ringing continued until late in the evening.

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#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Christchurch district was held at Ringwood on Thursday, October 8th, at 7 p.m., when about eighteen members were present from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Wimborne, and the local band. Mr. A. Grist, of Bournemouth, presided. The first business was to elect a district secretary, owing to Mr. C. Goodenough resigning, and on the proposition of Mr. Goodenough, seconded by Mr. Preston, Mr. A. Wooff, of Christchurch, was elected to fill the office. Mr. Preston was elected as representative on the central committee for this district.

Three new members were elected, viz.: E. V. Cox, H. V. Stanley, and A. J. Osman. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Grist for presiding. During the evening several touches were rung, the following ringing 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Titcombe, A. Newnham, F. Sparshott, T. Best, C. Randall, G. Preston conductor, W. Bursey, A. Osman.

At 9 o'clock the bells were lowered, a pleasant evening having been spent.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, October 10th. Over forty members were present, the towers represented being Guildford (2), Godalming, Farnham, Shere, Merrow, Ewhurst, Shalford, Dunsfold, in addition to the local company. At the excellent meat tea provided by the host of The Jolly Farmer, Bramley, in the club room, the chair was taken by the Rev. D. Green, Vicar of Bramley, supported by the Rev. C. E. Eagles, Vicar of Shamley Green. In bidding them welcome the Vicar of Bramley expressed his regret that, acting under medical advice, he was unable to be a ringer, and announced his intention of becoming a hon. member of the Guild. The Secretary observed that probably the meeting would like to hear from the Vicar of Shamley Green the reason why he had forsaken change-ringing and put up a set of tubulars. The rev. gentleman admitted the fact, but urged that it was a question of money. Upon being instituted to the living he found that it would cost £800 for a tower and bells, and when he had a generous offer of six tubulars made him, he felt it was his duty to accept. They really sounded very sweet, and were a great improvement on the single bell which was there before. At the same time, after the hearty welcome he had had that day, he felt he must, with the consent of the Vicars of Bramley and Womersley, attend those towers and renew his acquaintance with the Art and Exercise, and become a working member of the Guild. The business comprised the confirmation of the election of various members, and the appointment of Farnham as the next tower for a visit, to take place early in December. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. Willshire, and seconded by Mr. H. Fellowes, to the Vicars of Bramley and Womersley for the use of the bells. The light ring of Bramley with the heavier one at Womersley were kept going from 2 o'clock till the evening in various methods.

#### WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

On Saturday, October 10th, a party consisting of the Vicar (Rev. G. P. de Putron), Rev. W. R. Mesney, Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Devonshire Guild), Messrs. S. Hull and T. Hallett (churchwardens), the ringers and several friends, met in the tower of the parish church at 6 p.m. for the purpose of unveiling two peal-boards recording the first half-peal and the first peals



rung on the bells by the local band. Previous to the unveiling 504 Grandsire Triples were rung, in which the Rev. Maitland Kelly took part. The Vicar then on behalf of the churchwardens and ringers, welcomed the President of the Devonshire Guild, and after a short service the Rev. Maitland Kelly unveiled the two boards which are of polished mahogany in oak frames with gilt lettering, which has been given at the cost of the ringers.

In unveiling, the Rev. Maitland Kelly said it gave him very great pleasure to come to Withycombe for the purpose he had that evening come. He had watched with great interest the doings of the bands since joining the Devonshire Guild, and their steady perseverance and determination to succeed in getting a peal unaided, and it gave them great credit for working so well together, which is often a great drawback if one or more should leave the band, just as everyone gets to grasp the work thoroughly. He also congratulated Mr. Burch on his ability as conductor, which was shown by his already conducting two peals and a large number of long touches. During his other remarks he pointed out to those present the difficulties with which ringers had to contend, and said that too often the ringers were left too much to themselves, and were not looked upon as they should be, as officers of the Church, and said it was the duty of the clergy and others to look upon the ringers as they would the choir or other officers.

The Vicar in thanking the President for coming to unveil the boards, said it gave him very great pleasure to hand the peal-boards over to the care of the churchwardens.

Mr. S. Hull, in responding, said he hoped the band would be in the village for many years to come, and so have the opportunity to ring some more peals.

Mr. T. Hallett also suitably replied, after which a short touch of Triples brought to a close a day that Withycombe ringers have long looked forward to.

#### ELLON, ABERDEENSHIRE.

A large clock is about to be erected in the new Victoria Hall at this town. It will have three large illuminated dials, and strike the hours. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work under the instructions of Mr. William Davidson, Architect, Ellon. The same firm made a similar clock some years ago for Mintlaw, a neighbouring place.

#### HOLY TRINITY, HULME, MANCHESTER.

After a silence of several months the bells of the above church were re-opened on Saturday, October 3rd, 1903, at a special service. Evensong was sung at 3.30, the preacher being the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's Bolton, and president of the County Association. At the conclusion of the service, the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower where a short office was said by the Rector, who invited Major Cardwell, J.P., to start the bells. Thereupon the local company rang for a short time being followed by a mixed band representing eight different belfries, viz.:—J. Gretorix (Prestwich), J. R. Pritchard (Eccles), Rev. H. J. Elsee (Bolton, St. George), W. Brown (St. John's, Deansgate), W. J. Moss (Stretford), A. Barnes (Reddish, St. Elisabeth), J. Eachus (Manchester Cathedral), R. Ridyard, conductor (Worsley). The touch was 640 Treble Bob.

Ringling was continued at intervals during the evening, touches of Surpriser Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being rung, in the last of which a young member of the local band rang his first touch of Major. At the suggestion of the president a branch meeting was held at which members from the following churches were

present:—Manchester, the Cathedral, St. John's Deansgate, St. Philip's Hulme, Eccles, Pendleton, Worsley, Christ Church Didsbury, Flixton, Stretford, Reddish, Stockport, St. Mary and St. George.

At 5.30 the visitors were entertained at tea in the schoolroom. After being welcomed to the parish by the rector, the president addressed a few words to the ringers. The general opinion concerning the 'go' of the bells was favourable. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mallaby & Sons, Masham, under the personal supervision of Mr. P. Mallaby, the head of the firm.

#### PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. A. E. Reeves was on Sunday, September 27th, the recipient of a handsome marble 8-day clock, which was subscribed for by the Vicar (Canon Holmes) and the ringers of St. Andrew's tower, Sonning, in recognition of his valuable services as honorary instructor to the band. The presentation was made by the captain, Mr. G. I. Wright, who, in a neat little speech, referred to the great help Mr. Reeves had been to them in the matter of change-ringing, and expressed a wish that they might still see him constantly among them. Mr. Reeves suitably responded. Owing to the kind help of Mr. Reeves, the band has rung several quarter-peals successfully, and on one occasion rang for 2 hrs. 20 mins.

On Saturday evening, October 10th, the members of the St. Mary's Society, Beaumaris, met in the ringing chamber, and advantage of the occasion was taken to present to one of their number, viz., Mr. W. J. D. Thomas, a little memento to celebrate his recent marriage. The Rev. Harry J. Morgan, curate of the parish, on behalf of the ringers presented Mr. Thomas with a handsome chased silver cigarette case, bearing a suitable inscription, and in a few appropriate words voiced the good wishes of the band for the future welfare and happiness of himself and his wife. Mr. Thomas made a suitable response.

#### A VETERAN BELL-RINGER.

Many connected with the parish church, Luton, will regret to learn that Mr. J. Shaw, bell-ringer and steeple-keeper of that church, died on Friday at the age of 76. Mr. Shaw rang St. Mary's bells and chimes for 60 years. He used to accompany old Foster and help him to chime at the age of 13 years. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday afternoon. The tolling of the bell ushered the cortege into the church, where most of the service was said. The Vicar officiated, and there was a good congregation present, including friends of the deceased, bell-ringers, Foresters, and a few members of the Conservative club. The service was very impressive. The burial took place in the Church cemetery, near the resting place of the Rev. J. O'Neill. The flag was at half-mast on the tower, and after the funeral a muffled peal was rung as a tribute of respect to one who had so long well done his duty, and that with much cheerful devotion. The wreaths were as follows:—"In loving memory of dear father," from mother and family; from Grace and Ethel, "In memory of dear grandpa"; "In loving memory of dear grandpa," from Annie and Beatie; "In loving memory of dear grandpa," from Charlie, Freddie and Frankie; "With deepest sympathy," from the Luton District of the Ancient Order of Foresters; "From a Churchman, a ringer and, not least, a friend, another tribute."

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Our every care—  
From reverend shade,  
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Attracts our minds to higher things;  
Allures to prayer."

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## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

## RENEWED VISIT TO NORTH WALES.

Unsuccessful in scoring a peal at Barmouth on their last visit in July (duly recorded in our columns), the band determined on a visit for that purpose on the earliest possible occasion, and after obtaining permission from the Rector fixed the date for Saturday, September 26th. It was intended that the band should be composed as originally, but unfortunately the intention could not be carried out, as one of the members, Mr. Hancox, was insufficiently recovered from a severe and painful attack of rheumatism. His place was however efficiently filled at the shortest notice by Mr. Jessop.

The travelling arrangements as on the former occasion were undertaken by Mr. John Bradney, and in order that Barmouth might be reached in good time on Saturday, the ringers availed themselves of the invitation to stay at Shifnal on the Friday evening. Here they were met by the local ringers, and after a few touches on the tower bells, all adjourned to Mr. Icke's well-known hostelry, and were soon discussing a well-served supper, followed by the usual feast of harmony. Tunes and touches were rung and tapped upon the handbells, and some good songs in which the local ringers bore their part were rendered. Closing time came just early enough, considering that all had to be travelling early in the morning, when to the delight of the rest of the company it was found that Mr. Icke and a friend of his, Mr. Jenkins, were accompanying them. During the very pleasant journey which followed the wag of the party with his big stick were strongly in evidence, and on occasions caused the railway officials some embarrassment.

Barmouth was reached just after noon, and Mr. Lloyd, the tower-keeper, was discovered busy in getting everything ready for the attempt. After a short adjournment for refreshments the bells were set going and a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples, recorded in our last, came round in 2 hrs. and 59 mins. Several of the local ringers came forward at the termination of the peal to congratulate them, and one, having arranged the band with the church as a background, snapshotted them. What amount of success this effort met with history has not yet recorded, but as the photo. was intended for display in the ringing chamber let us hope it was a good one.

Having promised their friends at Llanbadarn Fawr to assist them with their usual Sunday ringing, the band shortly after left Barmouth en route for Aberystwyth, via Machynlleth. At Machynlleth they were fortunate enough to meet Mr. Churchwarden Griffiths on the station platform, and were able to make arrangements to call and have a pull on their way home on the Monday.

Arrived at Aberystwyth they found that the news of their success at Barmouth had preceded them, and, as it seemed to be generally expected, they were soon amusing a number of the inhabitants and visitors assembled at the station with a variety of touches and tunes upon the handbells. The genial captain of the Llanbadarn ringers, Mr. Simon, and other members of his band were at the station to meet and welcome them, and after a call for refreshments, escorted them to Llanbadarn, where he had been at much pains to sort them out and provide them with their requisite lodgings.

On the Sunday morning a capital touch was rung for the Welsh service, which the band afterwards attended, and again in the afternoon, at the request of several of the Aberystwyth inhabitants, who came out to hear the bells, several touches were rung.

The band were early astir on the Monday morning for their return journey, and requisitioning the handbells literally rang their farewells out of Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth.

On the advice of the courteous station master at Aberystwyth, Mr. Thomas (who was formerly a ringer) the party broke their journey at Glandover, and—to cheat the railway you know—walked through the Llynant Valley to the Glaspwl Cascade. Surely the whole world can afford no more beautiful scenery than this. From the Cascade they took a short cut over the hills to Machynlleth, a short cut which seemed like climbing into the heavens. Arrived at Machynlleth, they were sadly in need of refreshment, and after partaking of the same had a ring on the tiny but exceedingly sweet little ring of six there. They were shortly afterwards compelled to take train homewards, and in good time arrived at their destinations—

Shifnal, Clent, Oldbury, West Bromwich, Handsworth and Birmingham.

Each member of the band will always retain the happiest possible recollection of this expedition, with the liveliest gratitude to all who assisted in making it so enjoyable.

## RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, a wedding of exceptional interest to the ringers of that locality took place, the contracting parties being Mr. A. Mackay, of Tunbridge Wells, and Miss Bessie Harper, second daughter of Mr. J. Harper, the esteemed captain of the Portsea band. The day fixed for the occasion was a most fortunate one, the clerk of the weather being in the best of humours, having to all appearances decided to be on friendly terms for some time to come, but he evidently repented of his decision some time during the night, and the whole of the following day was in a decidedly bad frame of mind.

The ceremony was fixed for 2.30 p.m., and arrangements were made to attempt a peal of Treble Bob in honour of the event. As the bride and bridegroom came down the nave the Wedding March sounded from the powerful organ, and the bells started off to the tune of Stedman Triples. After this a halt was made to adjust the ropes (which were made by a local firm, the sallies being abominably bad) and a start made for Treble Bob Major, with Mr. F. S. Bayley at the helm, Mr. H. Dains's one-part peal of 5088 being successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 23 mins., during which the happy pair left for Arundel.

In the evening, by the kindness of Mr. Harper, a meat tea was provided at the Portsea Parish Institute, to which all the members of the Portsea band were invited. These, together with Messrs. J. W. Whiting and G. Grafham, from Fareham; G. Chappell, from Wickham; and H. White, from Basingstoke, numbering in all about twenty-five, spent a most enjoyable evening, the chair being taken by the Rev. — Keymer, the officiating minister at the service earlier in the day. Songs were rendered by the Rev. — Scott, Rev. — Edwards, Messrs. Symons, Harris, Bayley, Matthews, Lebbon and Annam, and a selection on the handbells was given in capital style by Messrs. Lebbon, Harris and Harding. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Harper for his kindness, and after singing Auld lang syne the party broke up about 10.30 p.m.

The writer had the privilege of taking part in a peal of Treble Bob at the same church, in March, 1901, on an occasion of a similar nature, and as Mr. Harper has yet another unmarried daughter he naturally looks forward to—well, in imagination, he already sees ahead of him another journey to Portsmouth, and possibly yet another peal of Treble Bob.

## 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 OPENING OF WYMONDHAM BELLS.

SIR,—Through carelessness on my part the founders of the new bells at Wymondham were incorrectly given. All the new bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and a beautiful splice they are. In the same report the compositor has managed to shift course. The sentence should read: "The bell-chamber measures about 26 feet square, and a complete new oak frame has been put in. The greater part of the cost of restoration has been defrayed by four brothers—the Messrs. Bailey."

C. E. BORRETT.

## "STEEPLEAGE" IN SUSSEX.

SIR,—On page 220 of current vol. of this paper (August 1st) a somewhat paradoxical and egotistic epistle appears over the signature of "Disgusted," concerning the above subject. I beg in the first place to state that your correspondent is quite correct in saying a fee of 2s. 6d. is now charged as steepleage at the ancient old parish church, Brightelmstone, with one or perhaps more exceptions. This tariff is ratified by the Vicar and churchwardens, as some little compensation for services ren-



dered by the steeplekeeper ere the arrival of the company going for the peal. It may also be of interest to mention a gentleman holding a unique position in the Sussex Association when taking part in a peal never contributes less (as a gratuity) than the fee now established. If, as your correspondent says, this system of steepleage is in practice in London, why not in London-super-Mare? Secondly, "Disgusted," whoever he represents beside himself, might have spared the sneer of "paid servant," hurled I presume, at the present steeplekeeper, who receives the munificent sum of one guinea per annum, subscribed by the St. Nicholas' society; being the most modest-paid steeplekeeper in Brighton. I well remember when this courteous handy man joined the St. Nicholas' society some twenty years ago. The Sussex Association was then only in embryo. He brought with him credentials which proved invaluable for the "paid" office of steeplekeeper, viz.: long association in many oceans of ropes and striking bells (and alas! in shipwrecks often). Finally, may I hope "Disgusted" has added all instead of many of the members of the St. Nicholas' company among his best friends (the paid servants included). Their fiscal policy may not suit every ringer in a visiting company going for a peal, in fact an angel could not please every campanalogical passive resister. But a faculty obtained from the Consistorial Court might remove anything.

BRIGHTONIAN.

### Date Touches.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, being Harvest Festival, was rung at St. George's a date touch of Stedman Caters in 1 hr. 19 mins. J. Booth, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, C. Barber, H. Makin, A. Barnes, J. W. Bayley, T. Marshall composer, E. Reader conductor, J. Sear (Bedford).

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Grace, J. W. Rawlinson, E. Counce, J. Dillon, E. Reader, W. Hughes conductor.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Friday, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 41 mins. F. Brown, E. G. Johnson, A. Johnson, S. Hills, G. Johnson conductor, W. Sharp. On Sunday, September 6th, 336 Grandsire Triples, W. Law, E. G. Johnson, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLD WARDEN (Beds).—On Saturday, August 22nd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Doubles came to grief after ringing 2160 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Pratt, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, F. Wells, W. Mayes, W. Newton.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, T. Waterhouse, C. Alcock, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson, H. Denman. On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, two touches of 504 Stedman Triples. C. Hill, R. Bartlett, T. Waterhouse, A. Barrow, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson, H. Denman. 2nd touch. A. Barrow, C. Hill, W. Job, T. Waterhouse, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson, H. Denman.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. B. Kempton, H. J. Tucker, J. Taylor, W. Prior, N. J. Pitstow, J. Luckey, G. Taylor, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday morning, August 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, R. Wood, W. Watts conductor, I. Cavill. Also for evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Jordan, H. Little, G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, J. Cavill. On Tuesday, August 11th, 216 and 168 Stedman Triples. T. Jordan, G. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey,

T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, I. Cavill. Also 504 Stedman Triples standing as before. And 252 Stedman Triples. T. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. Little. Also 224 Cambridge Surprise. H. Little, G. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts. These touches were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Ernest Alfred Mardon, of Bishops Stortford, to Miss Emilie Violet Bolton, of Stansted, Essex. On Sunday morning, August 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Jordan, H. Little, G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, G. Greenhill. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS.—On Wednesday, August 12th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hosker, H. Gregson, P. Howard, R. Jordan, R. Gregson, Jno. Brookfield conductor.

STANDISH, NEAR WIGAN.—On Wednesday, August 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Benthams, S. Turner, J. Gummerson conductor, J. Barker, J. Hall, W. Major.

AMBLESIDE.—On Monday, August 24th, at Brathay church, by the Crossens band, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Hosker, H. Gregson, P. Howard, R. Jordan, R. Gregson, J. Brookfield conductor.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, August 31st, at the church of St. Lawrence, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Caters. A. T. Ford, C. King conductor, E. H. Tribe, S. G. Dickenson, H. Scriven, W. H. White, E. Garrett, J. Adams, E. Paul, W. White. And 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. S. G. Dickenson, E. H. Tribe, H. Scriven, W. H. White, E. Garrett, C. King conductor, E. Paul, W. White. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Monday, August 31st, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. T. Squires, A. H. Deherty, G. Cornwell, W. Smith, F. M. Bressey, J. Marks conductor. This, together with several touches of Grandsire Doubles (E. A. Lebbon ringing the treble), was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Marquis of Salisbury, whose funeral took place on that day.

#### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—Mr. G. Burrows's 50 peals.—Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 1, including 2 on handbells, Major 2, Caters 15, including a 7019 and 11,563; Stedman Triples 5; Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Bob Major 11, conducted 1; Bob Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Seven Methods on 6 bells 1. Total 50, conducted 2.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1903.

THAT body known for so many years as the London St. James's Society has thought proper to make an addition to its title. We live and learn, that is if we want to learn, and we may learn that there is some sufficient reason for this departure. A change is very often salutary, and from what we read and hear the addition in question is brought about for a very good purpose. The St.



James's Society took root, we believe, at the church of James, Clerkenwell, but for very many years its location has been at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. Yet the old title remained till now. But the necessity of some change has been found advisable. A title suggestive of wider operations, viz.: "The London County Association," is prefixed to the old one, by which it is hoped to enlarge the borders of the Society, and strengthen its hold among London ringers.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5089 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 6.
YORK GREEN .. .. 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 8.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 2nd nine course-ends at home.

### The Provinces.

#### EMBERTON, BUCKS.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 5.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS CURTIS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. HERBERT .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 6.
LEONARD ALLEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 7.
HENRY MOUNTFORD .. .. 4.	JOHN W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells, and was rung to commemorate the dedication of a new chancel screen, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Bunning, the donors of these bells.

#### BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Double Court, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES RITCHEL .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR JOSLIN .. .. 4.
JAMES YOUNG .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ALLEN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 3.	LEONARD CROW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Further reference elsewhere.

#### ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, October 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS NICKOLS .. .. Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6.
GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY .. .. 7.
VILLIERS STACEY* .. .. 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

\*First peal. This is W. Chapman's fiftieth peal.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 7.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Cinques. Further reference elsewhere.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWIN* .. Treble.	FRANK PERVIN .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 8.
WILLIAM PERVIN* .. .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 9.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.	JAMES L. WELLS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

\*First peal of Caters.

#### BLAKENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. SEABROOK* .. Treble.	†FREDERICK G. STEELE .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 7.
WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. 4.	†GEORGE BURROWS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE BURROWS.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. †First peal of Major as conductor. The conductor's 50th peal, reference elsewhere.



## BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

C. W. GOODENOUGH .. .. Treble.	E. WATERS .. .. 5.
F. PHILLIPS .. .. 2.	H. W. STANLEY .. .. 6.
W. G. KERLEY .. .. 3.	J. J. BRISTOW .. .. 7.
E. T. GREEN .. .. 4.	*C. MEREFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.

\*First peal. H. Stanley was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Kerley and Stanley were also elected members of the St. Peter's band. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Bristow.

## BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

PERCY ALEXANDER* .. .. Treble.	REV. W. M. K. WARREN .. 5.
WALTER J. BOWDEN .. .. 2.	*A. O. MAGOR .. .. 6.
ALBERT BURNS† .. .. 3.	GEORGE B. ADAMS .. .. 7.
HARRY BOOBIES .. .. 4.	*SYDNEY M. TOXTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER J. BOWDEN.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells by the local band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Hooper.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, October 8, 1903 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	J. W. TILLEY, ESQ. .. .. 5.
THOMAS GIBBS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 6.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 3.	W. R. HEATON, ESQ. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by Messrs. Tilley and Heaton, churchwardens at this church, and is believed to be the first peal rung with both churchwardens in the same peal.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ISAAC DEAR .. .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 5.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HAYDON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
HENRY TORBLE .. .. 4.	JOHN DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JOHN DALE.  
First peal on the bells.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE* .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT† .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 8.
ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. .. 4.	*HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 9.
THOMAS PIGOTT* .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. BARBER, and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Royal. †First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells, and the second only by the Society.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 4.	CHAS. T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JNO. W. AVIS .. .. Treble.	GEO. BERRY .. .. 5.
WM. DREW .. .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
HARRY SMITH .. .. 3.	H. W. CUTTING .. .. 7.
GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 4.	WM. FISHER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Smith, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	SOLOMON ROBINSON, SEN. 6.
BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY .. 3.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

G. A. SMITH .. .. Treble.	J. JOHNSON .. .. 5.
F. SMITH .. .. 2.	F. DARLINGTON .. .. 6.
WILFRID MATTHEWS .. 3.	THOS. MOTTERSHEAD .. 7.
J. MATTHEW DEVONPORT .. 4.	J. W. CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. SMITH.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## PORTSEA, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ANDREW COLLINS* .. Treble.	GEORGE F. CHAPPELL .. 5.
CHARLES GROVES .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. GRAFHAM .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 7.
JOHN J. SYMONS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. S. BAYLEY.

\*First peal in the method.



## WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 4.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

## MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM, STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM* .. .. Treble.	*FRANK HALL .. .. 5.
W. BRADLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HARROP .. .. 6.
W. HARROP .. .. 3.	*CHARLES MARSLAND .. .. 7.
J. J. PEMBERTON* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR LAWTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

\*First peal in the method.

## GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S 20-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. WELDON .. .. Treble.	†P. O. BIRBY .. .. 5.
J. W. SEAMER* .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 6.
F. S. W. BUTLER .. .. 3.	W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 7.
G. T. MARSHALL .. .. 4.	*C. TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes.

AT THE TOWN HALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 52 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. .. Treble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRAMMER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS HYDE .. .. 6.
RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
HENRY PYE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH GREGORY } .. .. Tenor.
	GEORGE WAY }

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells. These bells are also the heaviest on which a peal of Triples has ever been rung. It was intended to have started for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but two members failed to put in an appearance, so the above was rung instead.

## LANGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

## THE RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY EDGELEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON 4.
ARTHUR W. KING* .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. MORRIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. DYKE† .. .. 3.	THOMAS MURRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Minor. This is the first peal of Minor by the Association.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This is the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal, and great credit is due to him for the manner in which he performed it.

## REDDISH.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

TOM MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	*THOS. SMITHSON .. .. 5.
THOS. JACKSON* .. .. 2.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 3.	JNO. W. BAYLEY .. .. 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method.

## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BRIDGMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
FREDERICK TINGLE† .. 2.	†DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 6.
ROBERT F. TURNER† .. 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN .. 7.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HORDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK A. FAIRBREAD Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN.* .. 2.	ARTHUR W. GORE .. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

## PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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The following nine peals were rung during a six days' tour in the Three Towns and East Cornwall by members of the Devonshire Guild.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Monday, October 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.**

Tenor 35 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. NEWSON, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

**ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Tuesday, October 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the new bells.

**CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Wednesday, October 7, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. M. KELLY .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Wednesday, October 7, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD**

On Thursday, October 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDEROCK,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
REV. M. KELLY .. .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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**LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Thursday, October 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDEROCK,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**LISKEARD, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Friday, October 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**STONEHOUSE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Friday, October 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lbs.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 8.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Royal in the county of Devon. This is the Rev. G. F. Coleridge's 200th peal.

**Handbell Peals.**

ST. NEOT'S, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	*EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—L. Watson. \*First peal of Major in hand, and as conductor. First peal of Major by an entirely local band for 100 years.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Tuesday, September 29th, was Holt's Original, not Holt's Ten-Part.



## 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 London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—A grand Bohemian Concert will take place to-day, Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Carr's Hotel, Strand, near St. Clement Danes, to commence at 8 p.m. Admission by programme, 3d., to be obtained from the officers, Messrs. A. Jacob, W. Weatherstone, T. Langdon, G. Turk, or of

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Sonning to-day, Sat., October 17th. Evensong at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Holmes. GEORGE WRIGHT, *Sonning Dairy, Reading.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30. W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames to-day, Saturday, the 17th October. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Mission Room, close to Church, at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon. Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, October 21st. W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, the Rev. J. E. Dawson presiding. Will members intending to be present at tea notify me not later than Wednesday, 21st October. Half rail fare allowed up to 2s. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec. pro tem, "Oakleigh," Chislehurst.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec. Hillingdon.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, October 24th, at 3 p.m. REV. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon Archdeaconry.—The next meeting will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, October 24th. Tea, to be followed by business matters, at 4.30 in the schoolroom. G. D. COLEMAN, *Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The third annual party and social will be held in the parish church schools, Todmorden, on Saturday, October 24th. Tea at 5.0, tickets 1s. 6d. each. All names to be sent to J. Richards, 16, Victoria Road, Tod-

morden, not later than Wednesday, October 21st. Tickets to be had from the ringing secretary. J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Swaffham Prior on Saturday, October 24th. All ringers welcome. Tea at 4 o'clock. P. WEBB, *Hon. Sec.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Annual Festival at Durham, Monday, October 26th. The Cathedral belfry (8 bells) open 1 p.m.; St. Oswald's (6) all day; and St. Nicholas' (6) after 5 p.m. Committee meeting at The Three Tuns hotel, 12 noon. Service in Cathedral Stalls at 1 o'clock, with address by the Rector of Whickham. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m.—1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Annual meeting follows this. Intending diners must notify the secretary by October 21st at latest. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec. & Treas. 62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Guild's presiding ringing master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. Every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec. 61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Shipley (8 bells) on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Star and Garter at 7 p.m. FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec. 29, Elsworth Place, Armley.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 31st, at the Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited. CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, the 31st inst., at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised soon after 3 o'clock. At the close of evensong which all ringers are requested to attend, the business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree hotel. Tea will be provided on the usual terms to those who signify to the hon. sec. by the 26th inst. their intention to be present. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec. 18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

The Essex Association.—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, October 31st, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The bells of St. Mary's, Newport, will be available during the afternoon and St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, from 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Star inn, Newport, at 4.15 at 6d. each to those who give notice of same to me by Tuesday, October 27th. HENRY J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec. Cemetery Lodge, Bishop Stortford.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 266th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H.

Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. COCKERILL. "Frodingham," Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.

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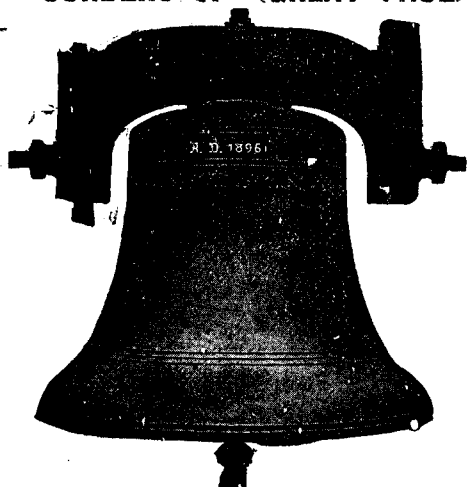
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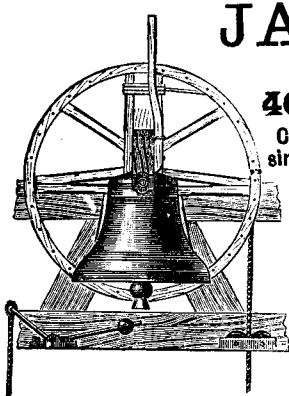
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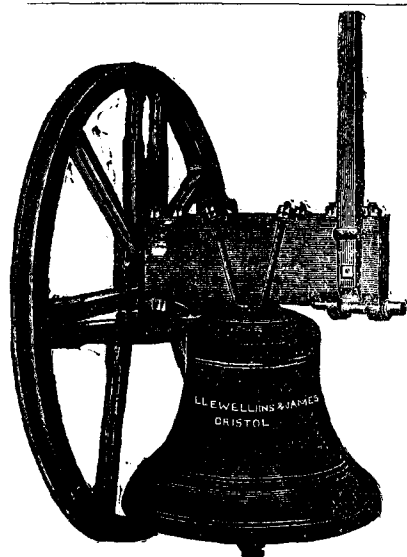
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

LUDLOW (Shropshire). St. Lawrence. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble by Taylor, 1890, and tenor, 25 cwt., by Mears, 1823; the rest by Phelps, 1732. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1891. Ropes new. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45. Practice: Monday, 8. The church authorities give every encouragement to the ringers.

LUTON (Beds). St. Mary. Beds. Association. Eight bells. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in., by Eayre, 1761; the rest by Pack, 1775. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring entirely rehung by Mears; ropes new 1901, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8. Visitors always welcome for peals.

LYDNEY (Gloucestershire). Eight bells. No return.

LYE (Worcestershire). Eight bells. No return.

LYMM (Cheshire). Eight bells. No return.

KING'S LYNN (Norfolk). St. Margaret. Norwich Diocesan Association. Ten bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1887; 8th by the same, 1893; 9th by Osborn, 1800; the rest by Lester, 1766. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Day, 1893. No proper care of ringing-chamber. Recommendations not attended to from lack of funds and indifference. Ropes new 1902, good. The bells are all clocked every Sunday. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Mondays, 7.30.

St. Nicholas. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1870. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. No work of importance done to bells since hung in 1870; they need attention. Ropes fair. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Chiming apparatus used on Sunday. Practice: alternate Mondays, 7.30.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting was held at Caerleon on Saturday, October 3rd. The bells having been placed in the hands of the Association for the day, members began to arrive during the afternoon, and were heartily welcomed by Mr. Davies, to whom too much praise cannot be given, as it was he coming to Caerleon about twenty-three years ago found the tower in a most dilapidated state, containing five bells, or rather what remained of them. He soon got to work, with the result that the interior was completely restored and six new bells supplied by Messrs. Warner hung in the tower. Two years later the two trebles were supplied by the same firm to complete the octave. Funds not being sufficient for the hanging of them Mr. Davies did the work himself, which would do credit to a bellhanger, much less a schoolmaster.

The bells having been raised several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and steps were then made for the schoolroom, where an excellent meat tea awaited the members. Tea over the business part of the meeting commenced, there being representatives present from Llandaff, Monmouth, Newport, Trevethin, Caerleon, Penmark, etc. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary reported that good progress was being made as regarded instruction.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth, said no doubt the members would be pleased to hear that a band was again learning change-ringing at Monmouth, and that the officers who were appointed when the bells were rehung some years ago are again taking office.

At the next meeting, which is the annual one, it was decided that the place for the following quarterly meeting should be arranged. Notice was given of a proposal to be brought forward at the next annual meeting that the Association make more use of the Archdeaconry divisions. It was resolved that an endeavour be made to ensure a good muster at the next annual meeting to thoroughly discuss the question. The Association Hon. Secretary having sent in his resignation, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, was elected in his stead till the annual meeting. New members were next admitted from Trevethin and Monmouth. A hearty vote of thanks was next proposed to Canon Bedwell for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for providing the very excellent tea.

Canon Bedwell, in replying, said it was a pleasure to him to meet the members there, but though he had provided the tea the greatest praise was due to Mr. and Mrs. Davies, who had had all the work to do in connection with it. This brought the meeting to a close, the bells again being requisitioned, and thus ended a very enjoyable afternoon.

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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual service of the above association was held at Fulham parish church on Saturday, October 10th. About 130 members of the Association attended the service, and a good number of parishioners. Previous to the service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung on the bells. Putney steeple was also open to visitors. During the afternoon the grounds and gardens of Fulham Palace were thrown open to the ringers, a great many of whom availed themselves of the privilege so thoughtfully afforded by the Bishop. The service commenced at five o'clock with the singing of hymn 166: "All people that on earth do dwell." Before the sermon, hymn 588, "Soldiers of the Cross arise," was sung. The preacher was the Bishop of London, one of the patrons of the Association, who took for his text Psalm xix., 4: "Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the end of the world." Addressing his hearers as "fellow-workers in Christ Jesus," Dr. Winnington-Ingram said:

He welcomed them very heartily in the name of the diocese and of this parish of Fulham. He wanted them to feel that as their Bishop he looked upon them as his fellow-workers in the work of the Church in that diocese. He was visiting now parish after parish throughout the diocese. He saw the choir, the churchwardens, and sidesmen time after time, but the bell-ringers, who were most important workers in the church, he never saw, for their work was going on up in the belfry, and he had seldom the chance to shake hands with them as he did with other workers. Therefore they had asked them that day to their parish church of Fulham in order that he might have that chance, which was impossible in going round the parishes, of seeing them face to face, and make them feel how deeply he valued their services in the parish. It often happened that the unseen workers were the most important of all. He wanted them to feel it was work done for the Church of Christ; when he thought over all their work, especially the bells they rung in the churches all over the diocese, it seemed to him that in the first place it was work for God Himself. He wanted them to feel that their bells, as they rung out throughout the parish, were sounding out the Gospel of the love of God. They were calling all in a parish; nor could any escape the welcome sound of their bells. They had just sung a most beautiful hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, arise," a hymn very sacred to him, because it was sung as he walked up Lichfield Cathedral on his ordination day. Let them think that their bells told what happened when Jesus Christ came from heaven to earth, that they were preaching a sermon, and that would give them a right spirit. Their work was work done for the Church. The Church was meant to be a most glorious brotherhood. As their bells rung out they ought to have the reign of the Gospel of peace, the brotherhood of men. Their work was work done for humanity. He did not think himself that there was anything more touching than a beautiful peal of bells. On the relief of Ladysmith they had the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral rung, and he walked round the Cathedral listening to the tumult of the music. He did not think anything so expressive of the tumult of joy as a peal of bells, if well rung. What more solemn, on the other hand, than the muffled bell, touching every thought and feeling of humanity—the passing bell, and nothing he was certain was more attractive to the poor than the bells of the parish church calling the people on some festival to their Father's home. Now if that was so, and their work was indeed work for Christ and His Church, surely there were two things they must be careful of and think of. He would like to remind them on that gathering that day—first as to the spirit in which that work must be done. If it was work done for God and His Church, then it must be done with all punctuality reverence, and consideration for others. He laid emphasis on each point. If they undertook to do a little missionary work—"their sound is gone out into all lands," then it must be done with punctuality. Also let their work be done with reverence; the belfry was part of the church. Thank God things had changed during the last fifty

years with regard to conduct in the belfry. He hoped it was so throughout the diocese; he had never any complaint. They must do their work too with consideration; there were times when, owing to the sickness of someone near the church, it would be a danger to ring the bells. In conclusion, he must surely use the same words with regard to themselves as to their bells. They must ring true, and ring together. What did they mean when they said "a man rings true?" They meant that he was a true friend, and that they could trust him; that he was sincere, and they could trust him not to say one thing before their faces and another thing behind their backs. There should be a ring of harmony amongst them, and they should be a band of brothers. Was it too much to hope that there would be a missionary spirit among the bell-ringers of the diocese? He would plead for a missionary spirit among the bell-ringers of the diocese. They must keep their lives and character in tune with eternal harmony. There was a verse which Mr. Keble put in his poem on St. Matthew's Day which says:—

"There are in this loud stunning tide  
Of human care and crime;  
With whom the melodies abide  
Of th' everlasting chime;  
Who carry music in their heart  
Through dusky lane and wrangling mart,  
Plying their daily task with busier feet,  
Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat."

As they went about their work they should try and carry that out; to keep their mind and soul in tune with eternal harmony. Let their characters ring true, and please God, at the end of their lives, their work would have resulted in ringing in many wanderers into the eternal fold.

After the singing of hymn 542, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," the impressive service concluded with the Benediction, pronounced by the Bishop.

After the service the company adjourned to Fulham Palace, where his lordship greeted each guest with a friendly welcome, and tea was partaken of in the ordination room, his lordship sitting down with the company. When the tea was finished, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the brothers Pye, Messrs. J. W. Driver, E. Adams, and C. Charge, which was received with great acclamation.

On the conclusion of this performance, his lordship again spoke a few words of welcome to the ringers. He wanted to say that he extended to them a very hearty welcome to Fulham Palace. His idea was to make the palace a home to the whole diocese, and that was why he was glad to have them there, because he always felt, as he was saying just now in church, that the ringers were always left out in his visit, and now having met them, he did feel that he had a friend in every belfry throughout the diocese of London. Not only was it a great personal pleasure to see them all, but after carefully studying their organisation, he was convinced that it was a very go-a-head and flourishing institution, and with regard to their officers he thought they owed a great deal to their Hon. Secretary. Touching on a question of the business before the meeting, that of the suggested addition to the name of the society, his lordship said he should welcome that change very much if they thought fit to make the addition, and in conclusion wished them God-speed in their work, which he looked upon as of great value to the Church in his diocese.

The President (Rev. H. G. Bird), said they must not let the Bishop go without passing a hearty vote of thanks to him for his great kindness in having them there that day. They thanked him for his very kind words spoken in church, and they would treasure them up for many a long day. They looked upon themselves as church-workers, and he hoped they would all be drawn closer to the Church of Christ by the words that the Bishop had spoken to them. He was sure they would never forget



that reception, while the words he had spoken would greatly help them in their work. Sometimes he was sorry to find that certain people did not recognise bellringers because they were unseen, and some people did not look upon bellringing as an important matter, and so they at times occasionally got disappointed; but it had been a great pleasure to them that day. He looked upon it as the best anniversary they had ever had. It would be a great help to them in their future, and he therefore had much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Bishop for all his kindness to them that day.

His lordship then bowed his acknowledgments, and withdrew amidst loud and long continued cheers.

After the passing of the minutes of the previous meeting, the annual report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the officers were re-elected.

The President said that he wanted to ask their attention for a moment. The Bishop had mentioned that they thought of making an addition to the name of their Association. They all remembered quite well they had amalgamated the North and East and South and West Guilds, and since that amalgamation they had met with a great deal of success, owing no doubt to a great extent to the work of their excellent secretary, but still they ought to regard themselves as churchworkers of the diocese, and they ought to have a diocesan name. He had spoken to the Bishop just now, who had told him he would simply be delighted if the words "London Diocesan Guild" were added to the words "The Middlesex County Association," so that the name of their society would read "The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers." He felt quite sure it would make a great difference to them and with the Bishop at the head of them it would show that the Association had his sanction and support. Although he should be glad to hear any remarks from an opposing view, he should like to be able to tell the Bishop that it had been passed unanimously. The alteration would be a great help to them in their work, and he thought that altogether it would please the Bishop.

A discussion followed, the speakers supporting the change, while the Hon. Secretary spoke at some length, strongly advocating the addition. The alteration was unanimously adopted on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the many others who had assisted in making the meeting so great a success, the company dispersed, a number of ringers adjourning to the parish churches of Fulham and Putney, where ringing was carried on with vigour, the Fulham ringers concluding the day's proceedings by some excellent ringing of Stedman Caters on the bells of All Saints church.

The Hon. Secretary desires to acknowledge the heartiness of the welcome given to the Association by the local ringers. He also acknowledges his indebtedness for this report of the proceedings to the very full, and accurate accounts which appeared in the *Fulham Observer* and the *Uxbridge Gazette* of the 17th inst.

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On Saturday, October 17th, the Autumn meeting of this Guild was held at Sonning. At 4.30 service was held in the fine old church of St. Andrew, and a very appropriate address delivered by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Holmes). Service over the members wended their way to the Pearson Hall, where a good tea awaited them (kindly provided by the Vicar and ringers of Sonning), forty-six sitting down. Among the company were the Master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. Canon Holmes, Rev. Canon Drummond, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. E. J. G. Forse, Rev. H. C. Bell, Rev. Austin Leigh, Messrs. W. P. Routh, W. Newell, A. W. Pike, Pomerey, Hickey, G. Martin, G. J. Wright, A. E. Reeves, Assistant Hon. Secretary, etc.

Tea over Mr. Reeves said he regretted the absence of the Hon. Secretary who was away from home. He also said he was glad to see so many members present, as he thought that should be a meeting of rejoicing, for his mind took him back to the annual festival at Witney last July, when they all heard with sad faces from their worthy Master that he was about to undergo a serious operation. The speaker went on to say that the operation had been performed; and then how they waited. Soon the news came that the Master was recovering, and later some received the welcome postcard asking them to stand in a peal. It was then they all knew that the Master was well again. The speaker turning round said:—"Rev. Sir,—I am sure I am using the voice of the whole Guild in welcoming you at this meeting, and hope you may be long spared in good health to enjoy your favourite pastime, namely, change-ringing."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was received with loud cheering, said: "Mr. Reeves and gentlemen—Thank you all for the kind way you have spoken of my late illness. I am pleased to tell you I am well again, and hope by God's help to be able to ring many more peals. While speaking I wish to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Drummond for taking the service; the Rev. Canon Holmes for the splendid sermon; the organist (Dr. Boggis), the choir, and every one in Sonning that had helped to make the meeting a success. Great thanks are also due to Mr. G. Wright, the organising secretary."

Canon Holmes, replying, said he only represented the Sonning ringers in welcoming the Guild there that day. They had done all they could to make the meeting a success.

The ringers then adjourned to the belfry where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung till 9 p.m., when the members departed to their various homes with the feeling that the autumn meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of 1903 had been a great success.

## LINTON, KENT.

The bells at this church have lately been rehung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank. They are a nice ring of six, tenor 15 cwt. The new frame is made for eight, and it is hoped the places for the two trebles will not long be empty. On Thursday, October 15th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins., and the ringers all expressed their satisfaction with the "go" of the bells.

**CROSSSENS.**—On Wednesday, August 12th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hosker, H. Gregson, P. Howard, R. Jordan, R. Gregson, Jno. Brookfield conductor.



## 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 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—I have been asked by many members of the above Association what view our Central Committee take of the action of the St. James's Society in altering their title, and I am happy to say that on that question we are absolutely unanimous. We are of opinion that not only has no sufficient reason been shewn for any alteration of title, but that the manner of doing it places the St. James's Society in an absolutely false position. We can understand a London County Association formed after due discussion by delegates officially accredited from all the Societies interested; but in this particular instance the change of title has been assumed without even a notice of the business for which a special general meeting of the St. James's society was called; and with never a delegate to represent any interest but their own. There seems to have been some feeling that, as a fundamental principle, nothing should be done to impair the dignity and privileges of the College Youths and the Cumberland Youths; but the County Associations of Middlesex, Kent and Surrey, and the Waterloo Society were quite ignored, and on paper their territory was carved up in a delightfully short time, and pieced together to form a brand new Association. It is not in this way Associations are made. We sympathise with the members of the St. James' Society who have been led by a few of their number into an absolutely false position, and for ourselves we can only say that we shall go on quietly as before, rejoicing in the renewed activity of that Society, but absolutely ignoring any sort of claim they may set up, beyond what has all along been contained under that ancient and honourable title they have, as it appears to me, so inconsiderately parted with.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

## RINGING AFFAIRS IN EDINBURGH.

SIR,—I am desired by the Society of Change-Ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to solicit through your columns advice in regard to a matter which affects the prosperity of the society, and threatens to seriously impede the progress of change-ringing in Scotland.

It is necessary that I should explain at the outset that the Cathedral ringers have always been placed at a great disadvantage as regards ringing owing to complaints raised by people resident in the neighbourhood. When the bells were erected in 1879 complaints were numerous notwithstanding that the amount of ringing was kept within moderate limits. Legal proceedings were at one time threatened, but acting on the advice of counsel, both the Cathedral Board of Management and the objectors compromised matters by agreeing to certain regulations under which ringing was to proceed. A copy of these regulations is appended. Fortunately as time wore on, the neighbours appear to have become more accustomed to the bells. At any rate, complaints gradually decreased in number, and at the present day they are comparatively few. Under these circumstances the strict terms of the agreement as to ringing was not long adhered to. The time for ringing on Sundays was increased, open practices became more frequent, and even permission to ring peals was occasionally obtained. One great drawback, however, has all along remained and that is the requirement that practices are to take place with silent bells, except during the months of July, August and September. The ringers found that dumb practice led to careless and indifferent striking and that a very small amount of interest attached to a practice under such conditions. They therefore approached the Dean for permission to have an open practice every Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. One or two complaints having been raised, however, permission for open practice has not only been refused but the ringers are asked to return to the strict observance of the regulations drawn up in 1881. This treatment has naturally been objected to, and the ringers are to lay their case before the Cathedral board of management and ask for redress. To enable them to place their case fully before the

board, they are anxious to have some facts as to the conditions under which ringing is allowed to take place at other cathedrals and churches in various parts of the country. They would also like to know whether any other societies have had occasion to consider the question of nuisance as applied to bellringing, and whether steps have been taken in the Law Courts to interdict them from practising the Art, and if so, with what result.

The society hesitate, Sir, to trouble you with this matter, but they have no other means of producing evidence to show the Cathedral Board the reasonableness of their demands. They feel it hard when they read the pages of your paper and see the number of peals (to say nothing of attempts and touches) rung in other places, and then compare the chances they have for practising ringing under the regulations above referred to. The restrictions now sought to be imposed are likely to have a very detrimental effect on the society if they do not eventually lead to the silencing of the Cathedral's melodious ring of ten bells.

Any expressions of opinion or advice either forwarded direct to me, or published in your columns, will be very gratefully received.

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS, *Conductor of the Guild.*

## Regulations referred to in foregoing letter :

1.—That during the whole year, except the months of July, August and September, the ringers shall practise with the silent apparatus at all times on week-days, with the exception of an open practice either for one hour per month or for an half-hour every fortnight. The open practice shall take place on Saturdays only at any hour between 3 and 5 p.m.

2.—During the months of July, August and September the ringers shall practise openly, or with the silent apparatus, at such times as the Board may fix.

3.—That the bells shall be rung on Sundays for morning service from 10.35 to 11, and for evening service from 6.40 to 7 p.m.

4.—That the bells shall also be rung in the afternoon previous to the Children's Service on the third Sunday of each month, from October to May, at the same time as the town bells, viz., 2 to 2.15 p.m.

5.—That the bells shall also be rung before morning and afternoon service on Christmas Day, also a short \*peal on the Queen's Birthday, and on other occasions of public rejoicing on which the town bells are rung, but not at any time at midnight or early morning.

\*Needless to say that the word "peal" here is not used in its proper sense.

[Other correspondence must stand over until next week.]

## LIVERPOOL.

Notwithstanding the little ringing now done in consequence of the unsafe condition of the Cathedral church tower and other circumstances in connection with the principal churches in Liverpool, Mr. S. Saker, of Hastings, had the pleasure, through the instrumentality of Mr. W. Hughes, of meeting several of the Liverpool ringers during a short stay in August last at the following towers in the suburbs, and wishes to thank Mr. Hughes and the other members who did their best to make his visit enjoyable.

At St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, the ringing included the following: 720 Bob Minor. E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, S. Saker, A. Prince, A. Lovell, J. Martin conductor. Three courses of Stedman Triples. E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, S. Saker, Rev. E. L. Edwards, A. Prince, T. Hammond, J. Martin conductor, T. Hammond, jun.

At Garston parish church, in addition to touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, a course of Grandsire was rung, in which G. Gough, Esq., who is in his 83rd year, took part. Mr. Gough was instrumental in obtaining the ring of eight bells at Garston, and for many years has done a great deal in the advancement of change-ringing at Garston.

## THE HALIFAX &amp; DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10th, the members of the above held their quarterly meeting at Queensbury. About fifty members and friends were present from the following towers:—All Souls, Halifax, Halifax Parish Church, Lightcliffe, Heptonstall, My-



tholmroyd, Sowerley, Brighouse, &c., The bells started at 3 o'clock. The ringers adjourned at 6 o'clock for the business meeting in the School, when the President, Mr. Ambler, took the Chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were passed. It was moved by C. E. Stewart, and seconded by George Copping that a subscription be opened for a cup for the use of the Association for ringing competition, all the members being strongly in favour of the proposal. The subject to be brought before the members at next meeting at Halifax, on January 9th, 1904. Afterwards a few new members were elected and a vote of thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the kindly use of the bells. Afterwards some of the members rang till 8.30.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.**—On Saturday, September 28th, this society had its annual outing. Leaving Rugby by the 2 p.m. train for Leamington, here by the kind permission of Canon Hook (Vicar), the members had the honour of ringing the first touch on the new ring of bells at the parish church, which was 503 Grandsire Triples. Then a touch of Stedman Triples; after which the members were kindly welcomed by the Vicar, his curate, and churchwarden, who congratulated them on the ringing. A visit was then paid to All Saints' church, Edmondscote, where by kind permission of the Vicar, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Thence to St. Nicholas, Warwick, where a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Dinner was then had at The Hare and Hounds hotel, Warwick, and afterwards the company proceeded to St. Mary's church, where touches in various methods were rung. The time had unfortunately arrived for returning, the feeling being unanimous that it was the most pleasant and successful outing the society had ever had. The members wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of the churches visited, also to Mr. E. H. Adams for his kindness in making the necessary arrangements.

### Miscellaneous Touches.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**BASINGSTOKE (Hants).**—On Thursday, October 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. L. Mathews, Alice White, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White, J. E. Ballard. Rung on the anniversary of the birth of Miss Alice White, and as a welcome to the Rev. A. W. P. Brown.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, September 12th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wilson, A. Lincoln, J. Button, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, C. Bailey conductor. Also 224 Bob Major. G. Wilson, N. Bailey, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, A. Lincoln, C. Sampson conductor, J. Button. On Sunday, September 13th, after Children's Service, 1008 Double Norwich. J. Button, G. Wilson, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, A. Rivers, C. Sampson, A. Lincoln conductor. On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice, 672 Bob Major. C. Bailey conductor, A. Lincoln, S. Bailey, N. Bailey, G. Thompson, J. Balls, C. Sampson, J. Button.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

**ILFRACOMBE.**—On Sunday, September 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. R. Dadds, A. W. Brighton conductor, C. H. Gordon, W. Vicary, G. Burnell, G. Bowen, A. Dadds, W. Slocombe. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Parr, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Reed, R. Dadds, G. Burnell, G. Bowers, A. Dadds, J. Richards. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. C. Parr, G. Bowen, F. Reed, R. Dadds, G. Burnell, A. W. Brighton conductor, A. Dadds, W. Slocombe. On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. R. Dadds, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Reed, J. Dart, G. Burnell, G. Bowen, A. Dadds, C. Parr. First touch of Stedman by all except Brighton and Dart.

**HEAVITREE.**—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Burrough, T. Laver, R. Hamilton first quarter-peal, F. Shepherd, J. R. Sandover, W. Lowton.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**WOOLWICH.**—On Saturday, September 26th, a band was hastily called together to meet Mr. W. Grimes, of Debenham, Suffolk. A peal of Stedman was attempted which collapsed after ringing 1 hr. 28 mins. E. Wightman conductor, H. G. Hill, W. Watchorn, R. G. Carter, W. Grimes, H. S. Humphrey, W. J. Aldridge, A. N. Bungay. On Sunday, September 27th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman and 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Phillips, E. Wells, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, W. Grimes, H. S. Humphrey, W. J. Aldridge, A. W. Grimes conductor, A. M. Bungay.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**NORTON-LE-MOORS (Staffordshire).**—On Thursday, September 3rd, 720 London Surprise. J. Baddeley, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabernor, J. E. Wheeldon, E. Johnson, W. Wheeldon conductor. On Sunday, September 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabernor conductor, J. Baddeley, J. E. Wheeldon, A. E. Ryles. On Tuesday, September 16th, 720 London Surprise. J. Pounton, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabernor, B. Pegg, E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

**KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, September 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Bradshaw, J. Moreton, H. Carnwell, J. E. Wheeldon, J. Carr, I. Moreton conductor. For evening service 720 London Surprise. E. Bradshaw, H. Carnwell, J. Morton, J. E. Wheeldon, J. Carr, I. Moreton conductor.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On September 20th, at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich. J. Freeman, S. J. Lawrence, H. Rainbow, W. Rogers, F. Hopper, W. Fairey, A. O. Stewart, F. W. Wilford conductor. On Sunday, October 3rd, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. James, S. J. Lawrence, E. V. James, F. Hopper, F. Wilford, W. Roberts, W. Rogers conductor, J. Freeman.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WOODCHURCH.**—On Monday, September 7th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Williams, G. Phillips, W. Bennett. On Sunday, September 13th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Taylor, G. R. Newton, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Williams, G. Phillips, W. Bennett conductor.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, a 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Dorrington, jun., W. D. Smith, J. Bonney, A. Coles, Arthur Coles, M. A. Wood, D. F. Gibbons, J. H. Munday. Composed and Conducted by M. A. Wood.

**BASINGSTOKE (Hants).**—On Tuesday, September 29th, for evensong at St. Michael's Church, on the occasion of the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. J. Holdaway, E. Ham, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, Qtr.-Master-Sergt. C. Fryatt. R.E., A. Burgess, H. White, and W. Hatten. Qtr.-Master-Sergt. Fryatt hails from Chatham. On Saturday, October 3rd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a 658 of Grandsire Triples. G. F. Paice, Alice White, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, W. Ford, C. Giles, H. White and G. Martin. And on Sunday, October 4th, for evening song, a 616 Grandsire Triples. A. Knight, E. Ham, C. J. Holdaway, C. F. Hansford, H. White, A. Burgess, C. Giles, H. Knight.

**SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, October 18th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Mason, J. Key, G. Pigott, T. Pigott, E. Brown, J. Pigott conductor.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1903.

THE members of the Edinburgh Cathedral Company have just received a check on their progress, according to a letter from their Secretary, which appears on another page. The code of regulations which follows this letter will be considered by many of our readers as a novelty. We believe that law in England and Scotland varies somewhat, and therefore the mention of taking the advice of counsel learned in the law upon such a subject as bell-ringing need not be wondered at. In England the Incumbent of a church having bells is supreme, and nothing but a special Act of Parliament could take away his authority. We rejoice this is so. Perhaps the Edinburgh Cathedral authorities are differently situated; Scottish law may have a power of adjudication in bell concerns. If this is so, we regret such unfortunate conditions.

The Edinburgh Society has made great headway in practical bellringing, and this check upon their desires and ambition is of course disheartening. We recommend them to be wise in bending before the storm of opposition while it lasts, hoping and believing, and also working silently for a happy change in their affairs. Meanwhile plans may be thought out whereby some mechanical arrangement connected with the louvres, the so-called "nuisance" may be mitigated. We do not despair of some amicable understanding being arrived at.

### The Metropolis.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

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Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

This is the first peal under the revised constitution of the Association.

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CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD HARRIS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. . 2.	ALFRED JONES .. .. . 7.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. . 3.	HARRY HORREX .. .. . 8.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. . 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. . 9.
THOMAS LANGDON .. .. . 5.	SPENCER M. DODDINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First rung on May 18th, 1842, by this Society, conducted by the composer.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 6.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. . 2.	THOMAS LUNGLEY .. .. . 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. . 3.	FRANK C. NEWMAN .. .. . 8.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. .. . 9.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. . 5.	*EDWARD C. EWER .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

†First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. \*First peal on ten bells. The above two peals were rung previous to the concert.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN C. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. LANGDON .. .. 5.
ALBERT COLES .. .. . 2.	FRANK SMITH .. .. . 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. . 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. . 7.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. . 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK T. NEVETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2.	FREDERICK H. DENCH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick Henry Gooch, on completing his 42nd year. The band desire to thank that gentleman for his kind hospitality. This is the first "Fredericks" peal ever rung.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. . 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. . 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. . 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to start for Stedman Caters, but meeting short had to result in the above. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. Kirkman on his approaching retirement from St. Stephen's church and parish after a life-long work of forty-two years.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 7.
EDWARD J. WEBB .. .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

## The Provinces.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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

JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 5.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 4.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the 43rd birthday of C. Bance, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS H. COLBOURN .. Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH 5.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 2.	*LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

A. J. LANGRIDGE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
W. PELLING .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

## HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR H. READER* .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 5.
GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. TAWNEY .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 7.
HARRY GOODWIN .. .. 4.	*GEORGE W. MAUSER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

\*First peal. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Reader and Mauser, two local ringers, the Hadlow band having recently joined the Association.

## BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S

WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Treble.	DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 5.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIDGE .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

## TOTNES, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, October 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES D. MANLEY† .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	JAMES JORDAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT* .. 3.	G. HARRY MYERS .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 4.	†WALTER F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

†First peal away from the tenor. \*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PARKER .. .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP* .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## HIGHER SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Kent each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED MATTHEWS .. Treble.	*JAMES MANIFOLD .. .. 4.
TOM TAYLOR* .. .. 2.	*HERBERT DAVENPORT .. 5.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. 3.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD

On Wednesday, October 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HOPLEY .. .. 6.
G. HARRY MYERS .. .. 2.	FRED W. MARRIOTT .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	JAMES JORDAN .. .. 8.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 9.
WALTER H. MARSH .. .. 5.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Royal by all except the 3rd and tenor men, and the first in the method by the Guild.



## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY MARKS .. .. .	.. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. .	.. 5.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. .	.. 2.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. .	.. 6.
THOMAS NEWNHAM .. .. .	.. 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. .	.. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. .	.. Tenor

Conducted by F. HOLDEN.

All the above are bachelors, and the conductor is the youngest of the band.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. .	.. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. .	.. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. .	.. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. .	.. 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. .	.. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. .	.. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. .	.. 9.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. .	.. 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This is J. Pagett's 50th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the ringers of the 4th and 9th.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,  
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL .. .. .	.. Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. .	.. 6.
W. JAMES HINTON .. .. .	.. 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. .. .	.. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. .	.. 3.	HENRY PORCH .. .. .	.. 8.
FRED G. MAY .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN BURFORD .. .. .	.. 9.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	.. 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung to record the visit of the Church Congress to Bristol.

## LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL .. .. .	.. Treble.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. .	.. 5.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	.. 2.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. .. .	.. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. .	.. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. .	.. 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. .	.. 4.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This composition has ninety changes with 6-7 at backstroke. Rung to record the visit of the Church Congress to Bristol.

## ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES POOLE .. .. .	.. Treble.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. .	.. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. .	.. 2.	JOHN BURFORD .. .. .	.. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .	.. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. .	.. 7.
FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. .	.. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This composition has sixty changes with 6-7 at backstroke, and is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Mr. J. Sully, of Strgumber, and gives every satisfaction. Rung to record the visit of the Church Congress to Bristol.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. .	.. Treble.	WILLIAM SPICE .. .. .	.. 5.
THOMAS CARD .. .. .	.. 2.	JOSEPH WREN .. .. .	.. 6.
THOMAS TULLETT .. .. .	.. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. .	.. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. .. .	.. 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Mr. Chapman was elected a member previous to starting.

## DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

ALFRED TURNER .. .. .	.. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. .	.. 4.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .	.. 2.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. .. .	.. 5.
THOMAS STROUD .. .. .	.. 3.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK PALMER .. .. .	.. Treble.	*JOHN W. MAWBY .. .. .	.. 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. .	.. 2.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. .	.. 6½
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. .	.. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. .	.. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN* .. .. .	.. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 22½ cwt.

A. MORTIMER* .. .. .	.. Treble.	J. MAXEY .. .. .	.. 4.
C. MORTIMER* .. .. .	.. 2.	W. J. DAVISON .. .. .	.. 5.
C. WEST .. .. .	.. 3.	†J. DAVISON .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. DAVISON.

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

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD* .. .. .	.. Treble.	*JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. .	.. 6.
ALFRED DAVIES† .. .. .	.. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. .	.. 7.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES† .. .. .	.. 3.	*ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. .	.. 8.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. .	.. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. .. .	.. 9.
GEORGE PIGOTT* .. .. .	.. 5.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. .	.. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Royal. †First peal. ‡First peal of Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Sheppard with the usual good wishes.



DUNSFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY STENNING* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM T. COX .. .. 4.
JESSE HARRISON* .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 5.
HERBERT J. ELLIS† .. .. 3.	*ALBERT SMITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method as conductor.  
Further reference next week.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, THE DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDGAR MANNING .. .. Treble.	ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOPLEY .. .. 2.	FRED T. MARRIOTT .. .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 7.
EDWARD HENDY .. .. 4.	G. HARRY MYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	EDWARD ODDY .. .. 4.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE LAMBERT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL ODDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Arranged for the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, Vicar of Hilton, who is on a visit to his native place.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM C. PEARSON .. Treble.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 5.
EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. 7.
ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This peal has the 6th the extent wrong and right, and is the first peal in the method by the above Association, and the first rung in the Eastern Counties. First by all the above band, and was rung at the second attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JAMES F. BLAKE .. .. 6.
JOHN SMART .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. DAVIES, and  
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIES .. .. 6.
JAMES DURRANT .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Handbell Peals.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD, AND THE  
MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT "ASHLEIGH," CHURCH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

E. H. LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	F. S. POOLE .. .. 5-6.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3-4.	*B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 7-8.

Composed by T. WEST, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—C. H. Chamberlain. \*First peal on handbells. This is the first peal by undergraduates only.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

CHARLES E. HART .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAFER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee—S. Maskrey, who had a copy of the peal and ticked off each lead.

ST. NEOT'S, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—L. Watson. This peal was arranged for W. J. Goss, and it is his first peal on handbells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30, followed by business meeting. **W. LATTER, Hon. Dist. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, the Rev. J. E. Dawson presiding.

**T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dist. Sec. pro tem.**  
"Oakleigh," Chislehurst

**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are requested to make a special effort to attend. **J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.**  
Hillingdon.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Archdeacons of Wilts Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett to-day, Saturday, October 24th at 3 p.m.

**REV. C. W. B. COBBE, Hon. Sec.**

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Huntingdon Archdeacons.—The next meeting will be held at Yaxley to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Tea, to be followed by business matters, at 4.30 in the schoolroom.

**G. D. COLEMAN, Dist. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The third annual party and social will be held in the parish church schools, Todmorden, to-day, Saturday, October 24th. Tea at 5.0, tickets 1s. 6d. each.

**J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Swaffham Prior on Saturday, October 24th. All ringers welcome. Tea at 4 o'clock.

**P. WEBB, Hon. Sec.**

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Annual Festival at Durham, Monday, October 26th. The Cathedral belfry (8 bells) open 1 p.m.; St. Oswald's (6) all day; and St. Nicholas' (6) after 5 p.m. Committee meeting at The Three Tuns hotel, 12 noon. Service in Cathedral Stalls at 1 o'clock, with address by the Rector of Whickham. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m.—1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Annual meeting follows this.

**C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec. & Treas.**

\* 62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Guild's presiding ringing master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. Every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Shipley (8 bells) on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m.

Business meeting will be held at The Star and Garter at 7 p.m.

**FRED BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 31st, at the Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

**CHAS. BOWERS, Sec.**

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, the 31st inst., at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised soon after 3 o'clock. At the close of evensong, which all ringers are requested to attend, the business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree hotel. Tea will be provided on the usual terms to those who signify to the hon. sec. by the 26th inst. their intention to be present.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, October 31st, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The bells of St. Mary's, Newport, will be available during the afternoon and St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, from 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Star inn, Newport, at 4.15, at 6d. each to those who give notice of same to me by Tuesday, October 27th.

**HENRY J. TUCKER, Dist. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 7th, to commemorate the seventy-first birthday of Mr. W. Heaton, the oldest member of the Colne company. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

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**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon, on Saturday, October 31st. Usual ringing arrangements.

**THOS. R. HENSHER, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

**JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at Fareham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6; meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to let me know by the 29th inst.

**J. W. WAITING, Dis. Sec.**

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 266th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

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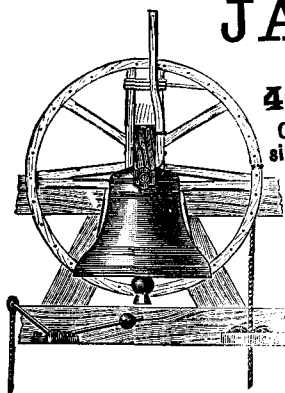
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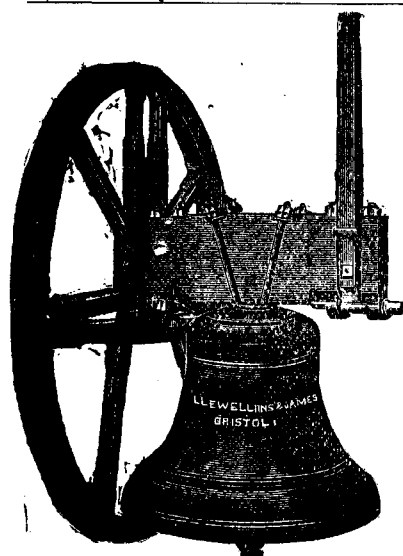
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**LYTHAM** (Lancashire). St. Cuthbert. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. No date given. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears 1884. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

**MACCLESFIELD** (Cheshire). St. Michael. Chester Diocesan Guild. Ten bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1891. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by Mears, 1822; the rest by Rudhall, 1777. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1891. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Canterbury and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.15.

**MAIDSTONE** (Kent). All Saints. Kent County Association. Ten bells. All by Mears; treble, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th, 1784; 2nd, 1783; 4th, 1729; 5th, 1789; 7th, 1786. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in., 1840. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner, 1899. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8, except during summer months.

**MALLING, WEST** (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1884. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. by the same, 1869; 3rd by Hodson, 1677; the rest by Witnar (?) 1637. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1869, and trebles added 1884. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Plain, Canterbury and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 6. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

**MALTON** (Yorks). St. Leonard. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1768. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1868. Ropes old. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9 a.m. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

**MALVERN** (Worcestershire). The Abbey. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. Treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor, 1887; founders of the rest not known: 4th cast 1400. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Tower reputed too weak for ringing.

**MALVERN LINK** (Worcestershire). Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1901. Tenor 16 cwt. Bells go well. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 5 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7. Visitors most welcome.

**MANCHESTER** (Lancashire). The Cathedral. Lancashire Association. Ten bells. All by Rudhall; treble and 2nd, 1825; 5th, 1749. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1815. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn, 1895. Ropes new 1895, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

**St. John**. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Lester, 1769. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Rehung by Shaw, ball bearings for three back bells, 1891. Bells have not gone well since. Rehanging proposed, but funds are scarce. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 20 minutes morning and evening. No practice.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20th, a large assemblage of Yorkshiremen gathered in the historic town of Doncaster for their autumn meeting, and a very interesting one it proved. The Great Northern Railway had been approached by the Committee, and facilities in the shape of trips had been freely conceded. Not only is the town interesting, but the parish church is justly considered one of the grandest in the county. The late Sir Gilbert Scott was the architect, and this specimen of his work—the general character of which is taken from the Decorated period—is considered to be a very good example of pure English Gothic. When therefore the knots of ringers were able to tear themselves away from "harkening," much interest was taken in the grand pile from the tower of which the 30 cwt. tenor was proclaiming itself the keynote of a fine peal of eight. The great height of the nave and chancel—75 feet—produces an interior effect that reaches real grandeur. The old church was burnt down on February 28th, 1853, and it is said that the recollection of its splendid tower, inspired the townspeople to erect the present noble edifice, which cost £45,000.

The bells are interesting examples of Lord Grimthorpe's determination to increase the thickness of the soundbow, and the effect is very fine, especially when it is remembered that the modern mode of tuning had not then been developed; they would appear to be contemporaneous with the Westminster quarter-bells; the keynote is E flat, and the diameter of the tenor 54 inches.

During the morning a peal was secured, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns, and up to



about nine in the evening the bells were kept merrily going. It is interesting to note that they were well handled throughout the day, proving that men of heavy metal had mustered in good numbers.

At five o'clock some 300 members assembled for tea at the Guild Hall, amongst them Dr. Quirk, Bishop of Sheffield and Vicar of Doncaster. His Lordship having to take the next train to Sheffield, the President at once moved a vote of thanks both for the use of his bells and for his coming to the Hall to welcome them. This was seconded by vice-president Bolland, and very warmly accorded. After a particularly hearty reception, the Bishop stated how sorry he felt that he was compelled to leave in a few minutes; in his thoughts—as his train bore him away—he would remain with the Association of which he was proud to be a Patron, adding that it had given him additional pleasure to meet some of his old Rotherham ringers. He understood it was twenty-three years since the Association had visited the town, and he believed he was curate there at that time. He trusted that they would not stay away so long again, adding humorously, especially as it appeared that they had waited for his return. In concluding a very friendly speech he exhorted them to look on Sunday ringing for service in the highest possible spirit, and to do it with a full determination not to forget that worship of the King of Kings to which they so ably called others.

The business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the leading officers of the Association. The minutes of the previous meeting (that at Knaresborough) having been read, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by vice-president Bolland, that the vote of thanks to the Bishop be entered on the minutes. The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. C. Hattersley, seconded by Mr. T. Hattersley, Mr. T. McKegg, of Wortley, Sheffield, and Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, were elected auditors and returning officers for the annual meeting in January.

On the motion of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. Todd, Vicar of Arksey, for the use of his ring of bells.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Doncaster branch for their generous arrangements for the tea and meeting, on the motion of Mr. Pearson (Pontefract), seconded by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Holgate.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. C. Jackson, seconded by Mr. T. Hattersley, concluded the meeting.

A word of commendation is due from all present for the work done by the local committee, at whose head were Messrs. Halksworth and Ashe, the latter acting as local Hon. Sec., in a manner at once able and friendly. Should the Doncaster meeting not be remembered for its own merits (though it fully deserves to be), it will remain noteworthy as bringing to a close a year in which the Association, after twenty-eight years of prosperity, has made a record number of new members, which runs into the eighties.

The weather was simply delightful, and we can quite believe the meteorological department will be interviewing the Doncaster branch and Mr. Ashe to know how they arranged it so cleverly.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Thursday, October 15th, where all the rings of bells in going order were placed at the disposal of members throughout the day. There was a splendid attendance of members from all parts of the Diocese, nearly fifty of whom, however, had failed to send notice to the Secretary of their intention to be present. This fact caused much inconvenience to both the officers and to the caterer, Mr. W. H. Cook, but the latter was quite equal to the emergency and placed an ample and choice repast before the members.

A similar lack of courtesy on the part of some of the members almost marred the Ipswich meeting of 1901, and called forth a stern rebuke from the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. It is earnestly hoped that in future more consideration will be shown to those who have the worry and trouble of arranging the annual festival.

The special service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower church, when an exceedingly manly and helpful address was given by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, the Hon. Clerical Sec., from Acts ii. 22. "Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God."

The dinner was served in the Co-operative Hall after the service, 141 sitting down.

In the unavoidable absence of the President the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, who was supported by the Revs. J. H. Pilkington, R. W. Pitt, W. C. Pearson, E. C. J. Bowen, W. Morley Smith, H. E. Tilney Bassett (Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Guild), and A. H. F. Boughy (Cambridge), Messrs. C. C. Tuck, C. Candler, F. Day, J. Motts, and C. E. Borrett (Sec.), &c.

After the loyal toasts Mr. C. Candler, (who had come specially from Ashstead, Surrey), proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarking that the very great improvement which ringers had undergone was due, in a very large measure, to the efforts of the parochial clergy. They cordially recognised what the clergy had done for them, and looked forward with confidence to receiving the same patience and kindness in the future. He comprised in the toast a vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens of the Ipswich churches for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Kennaway for his address.

The Chairman, in responding, acknowledged the allusion to the efforts of the clergy, which, he believed, would continue.

The Rev. R. W. Pitt gave "Success to the Association," and said he was very glad to notice what must always tend to promote the success of an Association like this, the great number of young ringers present. Without new blood the Association must fail, and the older ones should recollect that the younger ones not only needed election but instruction. He congratulated the Association upon its excellent officers, whom he hoped would long remain in their present positions.

In replying, the Chairman expressed the opinion that the Association was in good health, and that the future would prove as prosperous as the past. Mr. Borrett had done by far the greater part of the secretarial work, and all credit in that respect entirely belonged to him.

Mr. C. E. Borrett (secretary) also responded. He said the Association that day was celebrating its 25th anniversary; in company with the Devonshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Durham and Newcastle Associations was one of the oldest in the country, and he believed their list of annual subscribers was larger than any similar body.

The annual report was then read, which dealt briefly



with the earlier years of the Association. The list of peals for 1902 was a record number for themselves, and was also larger than any other Association in the country, and their position in Mr. Attree's analysis was higher than it had ever been since performances had been reckoned by points. The restorations to bells in the diocese were detailed, and prospective restorations were also mentioned.

The toast list having been brought to an end, the formal business was transacted. On the motion of Mr. Rivers (Sproughton) seconded by Mr. Thompson (Kelsale), the President and Hon. Clerical Secretary were re-elected, and the meeting also confirmed the election of Mr. Borrett as Secretary. Seven honorary, eight non-resident life, and eighteen performing members were also elected.

The Chairman then informed the meeting of the arrangements made by the Committee that morning for settling the disputed peal of London Surprise rung by the Sproughton company at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on April 24th. The Committee had earnestly considered the matter, and had elected a committee of three members of the Association to meet representatives of the Sproughton and Ipswich companies, and that their decision as to the validity of the peal should be final. The Committee had also decided that in future no peals published in "THE BELL NEWS" under two headings should be recorded in the Report, unless the N.D.A. was placed first in such heading, and it was also decided not to send copies of the Annual Report to non-resident life members unless they had taken part in an Association peal during the year with which the Report deals.

The meeting then closed and the various belfries were again visited.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, September 26th, at Penkridge, when members attended from the following towers: Christ Church, West Bromwich; St. Martin's, Tipton; St. Peter's and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; St. Paul's, Wood Green; St. Matthew's, Walsall; Bloxwich parish church; Wednesbury parish church; Coseley parish church; Bradley parish church; Smethwick parish church; Breewood parish church, and others. The bells were set ringing in the afternoon, and again in the evening, when some good touches in various methods were successfully rung. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, when the address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Corfield, after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry, when some new members were elected. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, Jan. 16th, 1904. An adjournment was then made for tea, which was found to be in readiness at The Crown inn, when full justice was done to the good things provided, and a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to the Vicar (who was also made an honorary member of the Society) for the use of the bells and for giving the address in Church, and also for making all necessary arrangements for the tea, and presiding at the committee meeting, although no new ringing members were made from Penkridge, the Vicar said he hoped it would not be long before he had some ringers that would be able to join the Society.

#### 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 AFFAIRS IN EDINBURGH.

SIR,—I sincerely sympathise with Mr. Cleveland Ellis and his colleagues, and should be only too glad if I could give them any assistance in so vexatious a situation. Ringing more or less to the extent described by Mr. Ellis takes place at most ringing centres in England, and there is no case in the English Law Reports where such ringing has been restrained by a Court of Law. But then in England we are not beset by an avenging deity, doubtless one of the ornaments of Edinburgh, known if I remember rightly, as the Dean of Guild. Perhaps your suggestion as to attention to the *louvres* is more wanted than anything else. I hardly think I can take up more space in your columns on this point, but I considered matters akin to it at the request of Messrs. Taylor when the St. Cuthbert's bells were hung, and though I do not know that I can be of any further assistance to Mr. Ellis, I shall be glad to be so if I can, if he cares to write to me.

R. A. DANIELL.

20, Bucklersbury, London, E.C.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—With the greatest respect to my friend Mr. King, and the greatest desire to avoid anything offensive to any member of the Exercise, I feel compelled to say that I don't care a brass farthing for the unanimous opinion of the Central Committee of the Middlesex Association reported in Mr. King's letter in your last issue; for unless there are some better reasons for it than those assigned by him, it appears to me to be built upon the thinnest air.

For more than two centuries and a half—long before all the latter day associations came into being—the ringing in the central parts of London, both North and South of the Thames, has been fostered by the College and Cumberland Youths. In order to supplement this work, the St. James's Society was founded in 1824. Its methods of doing this have ceased to be up to date, and it has been accordingly decided to make a change. The objection to a change of title does not seem to me worth anything, as it must be within the power and right of any voluntary body to effect such a change, just as the Middlesex Association has, at its annual meeting, done in its own case; and I am certain that it cannot be successfully maintained that a voluntary body should not enlarge its activities without consulting other people; for that is tantamount to saying that such a body must be condemned to suffer a creeping paralysis unless it chooses to consult other bodies and obtain their kind consent, which is a patent absurdity.

The Central London Ringers hold most strongly that nothing should be done to impair the dignity and privileges of the College and Cumberland Youths, consequently it follows that

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neither of these is to swallow up the other. On that basis it naturally appeared to members of both these companies that the existing St. James's Society, the oldest open Society in Central London, could readily be adapted to modern requirements. The notices prescribed by the rules were duly given, and anyone could have come to the meetings. I do not see what people outside the Society had to do with this matter, and if members of the Society, of whom are many of the Middlesex Association, including Mr. King, did not choose to come, that is not the fault of those who came. I have been connected with the movement from the first, and served on the rule committee, and can of my own knowledge say that the proceedings have been quite in order.

This apparent opposition on the part of the Middlesex Association seems to me the more surprising because that body could not claim any right on any theory to carry its work across the Thames; and with all due respect, it has never attempted to do for Central London what the objects of the new Association contemplate. How far this association will succeed can only be shown by experience; but I feel no doubt that there is plenty of room for the work of both organizations. Surely it is more in consonance with the spirit of the Bishop of London's address to the Middlesex Association that its central committee should try to understand and sympathize with the new movement, than to enter a protest of this kind. I wonder whether the protestors had seen a copy of the new rules. If they had, their opinion seems to me to be simply churlish, and if they had not, to be simply worthless. I do not see how the Waterloo Society, or the Middlesex Association, or any other body can be hurt by the new departure, unless renewed activity should bring about more competition; but what reasonable man could object in the interests of ringing to that?

The central committee object to the St. James's Society altering their title, and yet the Middlesex Association has actually done the same! A more glaring instance of the pots calling the kettles black I have never seen. And the addition they have made appears to me, having regard to the fact that no reference has been made to those who in the past have borne the burden and heat of the day, extremely insulting to the old London companies. I have no objection to Diocesan Guilds. On the contrary I belong to some. But they are not to be made fetishes, and the notion that ringers are better Churchmen because the association to which they belong is diocesan rather than county or otherwise is ridiculous. Had I been at the meeting I should have protested vigorously against the addition to the Middlesex title, but at the time I was at Cambridge.

I do not believe that the Bishop of London, who is one of the most wide minded and fair public men of our day would, if he had known all the circumstances, have welcomed a proposition which coolly ignores, amongst others, the very society attached to his own Cathedral Church.

I conclude by reiterating very strongly my view that the opinion of the Central committee of the Middlesex Association is of no value whatever.

R. A. DANIELL.

[Other correspondence must stand over until next week.]

### Miscellaneous Catches.

#### THE ROMSEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Friday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Billenness conductor, E. G. Johnson, C. W. Player, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. Composed by J. George.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On Sunday evening, September 20th, for Divine Service at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. R. Dixon, A. Charlton, W. Forster, T. H. Surtees, N. Richley, F. Barron conductor.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXENHOPE (Yorks).—On Tuesday, September 1st, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 240 Woodbine. B. R. Ayers, A.

Howley, J. W. Nicholson, C. A. Pawson, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor. Also 240 New London. F. Pickard, A. Howley, B. R. Ayers, C. A. Pawson, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor. On Sunday morning, September 6th, for Divine Service, 360 New London Pleasure. F. Pickard, A. Howley, J. W. Nicholson, C. A. Pawson, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor. For evening service 720 Woodbine. F. Pickard, A. Howley, B. R. Ayers, C. A. Pawson, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor. On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Delight, and 216 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Pickard, A. Howley, J. W. Nicholson, J. Riley, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor. For evening service 720 Violet. F. Pickard, A. Howley, J. W. Nicholson, B. R. Ayers, A. Pickles, W. B. Smith conductor.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—On Friday, September 25th, for practice at St. James' church, Islington, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. May, G. Gains, C. Potheary, J. Barry, W. Weatherstone conductor, H. Stubbs.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 20th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. F. Holden, E. H. Oxenham, J. Strutt, F. Goddard, A. Jones, G. A. Ransom, W. Smith conductor, T. Beadle.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, June 28th, 720 Treble Bob Major. A. Lewis, H. J. Selby, G. B. Selby, W. Granger, J. Heath, M. Whatley, R. Stone, D. Wright conductor. On Sunday, July 5th, 768 in the same method, standing as before. 504 Stedman. On Sunday, July 12th, 504 Stedman. A. J. Lewis, G. B. Selby, D. Wright, R. Stone, M. Whatley, J. Heath, H. J. Selby conductor, H. Gilder. A 504, J. Weller ringing the tenor. On Sunday, July 19th, 504 Stedman and 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. J. Lewis, R. Stone, G. B. Selby, M. Whatley, J. Heath, S. A. Wright, H. J. Selby, D. Wright.

#### THE EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

EDINBURGH.—Recently, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the Church's Choral Festival Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. W. R. Fyfe, W. T. Sampson, E. F. Price, C. C. Ellis, W. C. S. Heathcote, W. H. Barber conductor. On September 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. J. G. Thom, E. F. Price, W. H. Barber conductor, W. C. S. Heathcote, J. R. Robertson, C. C. Ellis.

DUNDEE.—On Sunday afternoon, September 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2352 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins., it failed. W. R. Sampson, J. R. Robertson, W. H. Barber conductor, Hon. A. P. F. Erskine, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, W. C. S. Heathcote, A. Thomson.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On September 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Major, in 26 mins. F. Charles, J. Paley, sen., T. Cragg, J. Hayes, P. J. Stokes, G. Scott, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. P. Paley. On Sunday, September 27th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Haynes, J. P. Paley, jun., F. W. Stokes, P. J. Stokes, A. Codd, J. Cragg, J. Kelley.

OVERBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Payne, A. Attwood, T. Devereaux, L. Nicolls, E. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells, and the first by ringers of treble and 4th. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles, J. Jeans taking part.

UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, September 28th, 2520 Bob Minor. F. R. Kettleboro, E. Popple, F. Dennison, T. N. Smith, C. Harper, T. Murray conductor.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Shipley (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, October 31. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Star and Garter at 7 p.m.

FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their quarterly meeting to-day, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at the Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 31 at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised soon after 3 o'clock. At the close of evensong, which all ringers are requested to attend, the business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree hotel. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Essex Association.—North Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport to-day, Saturday, October 31st, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. The bells of St. Mary's, Newport, will be available during the afternoon and St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, from 6 o'clock.

HENRY J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon, to-day, Saturday, October 31st. Usual ringing arrangements.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 7th, to commemorate the seventy-first birthday of Mr. W. Heaton, the oldest member of the Colne company. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

THOMAS DUXBURY.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held to-day, Saturday, October 31st, at Fareham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6; meeting to follow. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to let me know by the 29th inst.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek on Saturday, November 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, off West Street, Leek. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 266th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

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The bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be available for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and those of St. Magnus from 4 to 6 p.m. The election of officers will take place at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 10th, after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans church, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Thursday November 12th. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid without delay.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

THE PEAL AT HOLBECK.—Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Woodhead, who received the usual compliments from many ringers of the district. The band wish to thank the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for giving up their practice. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which are famous as being the ring on which the late Jasper Snowdon and his colleagues rang so many peals in the early days of the Yorkshire Association. This is the 50th Association peal by George Barraclough.

MR. LAMBERT'S 60 PEALS.—Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 11; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Major, 3; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 1; Surprise Minor, 6; Treble Bob Minor, 22, conducted 14. Total 60.

MR. J. PAGETT'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 4, on handbells 2; Grandsire Caters, 3, including 11,563; Royal 2; Stedman Triples, 11; Caters, 1; Bob Major 4, conducted 3, on handbells, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6, including 7392; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; London Surprise Major, 2. Rung in nine methods, in seventeen different towers and towns.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1903.

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST LULWORTH, DORSETSHIRE.

A new treble has lately been added to the ring of five at this church. All six bells are by Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is 11 cwt., and the new treble 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. The hanging of all the bells was attended to at the same time with very beneficial results.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—During the visit of Rev. Maitland Kelly to Bristol for the Church Congress, a meeting was arranged at All Saints' Church, where 5 courses of Stedman Triples, 3 courses of Double Norwich Major, 1 course of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 1 course Bob Major were rung by H. A. Cockey, M. Kelly, A. Stowell, W. Knight, J. Thomas, H. Howell, F. G. May, and G. T. Daltry.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ..Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 5.
HON. ALEXANDER ERSKINE .. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIES .. .. 3.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 4.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Rung on the ninety-eighth anniversary of the victory of Trafalgar.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Thursday, October 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHISWICK,

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

FREDERICK E. WILKES ..Treble.	ALFRED H. BUTLER .. .. 5.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 2.	GEORGE J. WHITE .. .. 6.
HAROLD S. BURTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
STUART W. ADAMS .. .. 4.	THOMAS TINKLER .. ..Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. First peal by all except the conductor.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. ..Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to start for Stedman Caters, but meeting short had to result in the above.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. ..Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 6.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH W. CATTLE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 8.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 9.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. ..Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT* .. 4.	DAVID BARNES .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to A. B. Bennett, who is leaving England for a six months' tour in India and Egypt, the band all wishing him a pleasant voyage and safe return.

### The Provinces.

#### FOLKESTONE.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

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

S. BARKER .. ..Treble.	H. CROUCHER .. .. 5.
S. BINFIELD .. .. 2.	F. JORDAN .. .. 6.
W. SEELEY .. .. 3.	H. A. PETTS .. .. 7.
A. KEDWELL .. .. 4.	*F. COPPINS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by S. BINFIELD.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Mr. G. Holdom, who was buried on that day. The ringer of the treble is 77 years of age.

#### EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS MUDGE* .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 6.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	ALBAXANDER EVANS .. 7.
ERNEST V. COX .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal of Stedman



# APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE APPLETON SOCIETY.)

On Friday, October 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

CUTHBERT GEO WHITE .. Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. 7.
FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 9.
HENRY WOODWARDS .. .. 5.	FRED WHITE, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

# MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 8.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 9.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 5.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

# BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. .. Treble.	LIONEL SHOEBRIDGE .. .. 5.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
JACK WILLIS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 7.
ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD E. FOREMAN

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Stanley G. Twyman, of Margate, to Miss (Kit) Golder, of Birchington.

# CHERITON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY .. .. Treble.	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. .. 4.
ALBERT CASTLE* .. .. 2.	CHARLES TURNER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	HENRY WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WOOD.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Pitman and Saywell.

# PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 6.
JOHN WILLSON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
WALTER BARRETT† .. .. 4.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob. ‡

# DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Tuesday, October 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES THRUSH* .. Treble.	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. 5.
JAMES D. HOLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

\*First peal, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting

# HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

REV. W. S. WILLETT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER* .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT* .. .. 3.	*ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 7.
WALTER HOBBS* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

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

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

On Wednesday, October 21, 1903, in Three Hours and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Treble.	*MALCOLM SANDERS .. .. 5.
MAURICE BIGNOLD .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	†HARRY FELLOWES .. .. 7.
CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 4.	JAMES T. TANNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the victory of Trafalgar.

# HOLBECK, LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK RENTON* .. Treble.	*FRANK WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 2.	*GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 6.
WALTER WOOD .. .. 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN SHAW .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Reference elsewhere.

# WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. Treble.	EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 5.
GEORGE THIRKELL SAXBY* 2.	JOHN REDFORD BREARLEY 6.
REGGIE DYSON .. .. 3.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR JOHN SAXBY .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by THOS. MCKEGG.

This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of December 12th, 1896. \*First peal.



**HODDESDON.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR CAINS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MATTHEWS .. 5.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CAVILL .. .. 3.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JESSE PUPLETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE PLUMMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harold Manser to Miss Kathleen Manser. First peal on the bells by the local band.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, October 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 2.	HARRY BUTLER .. .. 6.
HARRY JUDGE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. 4.	HENRY DRUCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ELSWICK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. 7.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS* .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*Of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES, YORKSHIRE, AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.***On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS* .. Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	*GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. A. Knight's 90th and W. Lambert's 60th peal. Particulars of Mr. Lambert's peals appear elsewhere.

**BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven 720s each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER W. WEST* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
JOHN MAXEY .. .. 2.	HARRY KING .. .. 5.
CHARLES WEST .. .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt. 9 lbs. in E.

J. THOMPSON* .. .. Treble.	J. T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
J. MILLNER .. .. 2.	T. CLOUGH .. .. 6.
R. HALL .. .. 3.	W. HOPKINSON, SEN. .. 7.
E. BUTLER* .. .. 4.	W. BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by W. BUTLER.

\*First peal in any method.

**BEXHILL, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

S. SAKER .. .. Treble.	F. BENNETT .. .. 5.
W. E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	G. H. HOWSE .. .. 6.
A. E. BARROW .. .. 3.	G. WATSON .. .. 7.
G. PENFOLD .. .. 4.	W. FRANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT B. WILSON .. Treble.	GEORGE W. PARK .. .. 4.
G. J. LUNGLEY .. .. 2.	GEORGE PARK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. PORTER* .. 3.	CHARLES TODD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TODD.

This is the first 500 of Minor rung in Darlington. \*First peal in seven methods First peal in seven methods, and as conductor.

**SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PRICE .. .. Treble.	JESSE GILLET .. .. 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 2.	WALTER PUGH .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLFORD .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK .. .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	JOSHUA STEPHENS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

**BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(DERBY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

EDWARD ELLIOTT .. Treble.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 5.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 2.	ALFRED WALLACE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.



## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 5.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 2.	HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 5.
FRED G. BRETT .. .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

## NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY .. Treble.	†JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 2.	†R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	†C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 9.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

†First peal of Stedman Caters.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Kent each called differently.

LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. Treble.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 4.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF BROOK'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. Treble.	*THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 5.
JOHN LUCKEY* .. .. 2.	*THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN* .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	*ISAAC HAMMOND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD* Treble.	G. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
WALTER IDLE .. .. 2.	J. T. HOLLIS .. .. 6.
CHARLES SENIOR .. .. 3.	B. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
TOLSON HALL† .. .. 4.	J. W. MOORHOUSE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by TOLSON HALL.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## MAXEY, NORTHANTS.

## THE RUTLAND COUNTY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BEALES* .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. KING .. .. 4.
EDWARD POPPLE .. .. 2.	ERNEST MARRIOTT .. .. 5.
HARRY EDGELEY .. .. 3.	THOMAS MURRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

\*First peal.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

FRDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOLDEN.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 2.	*C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 3.	HUGH D. DALL .. .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. Tenor.

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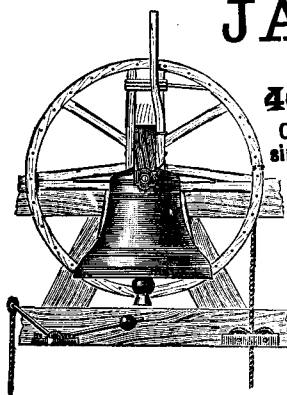
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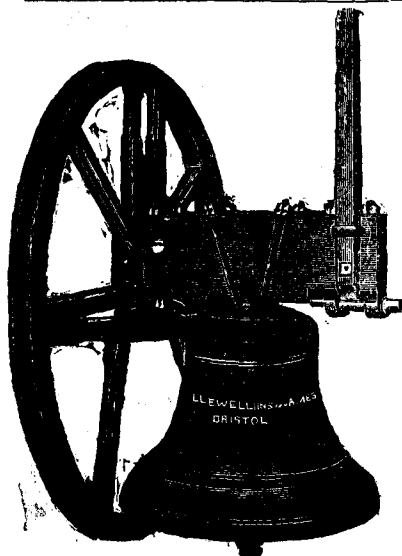
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

MANSFIELD (Notts). St. Peter. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Lester, 1762; the rest by Oldfield as follows: 4th, 1611; 5th and tenor, 1610; 6th, 1615; 7th, 1615. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

MARGATE (Kent). St. John Baptist. Eight bells. All by Mears, the two trebles 1825, the rest 1785. Tenor 25 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1900. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday and Tuesday, 8.

MARKET DRAYTON (Salop). St. Mary. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1887; 7th by Mears, 1819. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. by the same, 1840; the rest by Rudhall, 1700; 4th and 6th are slightly cracked. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner, 1887. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.

MARKET RASEN (Lincolnshire). St. Thomas. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1887; 3rd and tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in., by the same, 1862; 7th by Hedderley, no date. The rest have no founders name; 4th, 1808; 5th, 1795; 6th, 1734. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner, 1887, local repairs since. Church authorities always ready to do what is required. Ropes fair, new 1893. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8.

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## FABIAN STEDMAN.

At the time of the College Youths' anniversary in 1901, Mr. Owden Stedman communicated to them an abstract of Fabian Stedman's will, and enquired whether the company could give him any information where this testator was born. Mr. Cockerill showed Mr. Owden Stedman's letter to me, and as I thought it would be interesting to readers of "THE BELL NEWS" to know whatever might be gathered about Fabian Stedman, I proposed to myself to make such researches as I could. Having completed all the researches which at present suggest themselves as likely to lead to my discovering anything material, I now submit the result of them for what it may be worth.

Tradition having constantly asserted that Fabian Stedman was born in Cambridge in 1631 or thereabouts, the first thing to be done was to search the registers of the old parishes in that town. That has now been done, partly by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Fellow of Trinity College and President of the University change-ringing Guild, partly by the Rev. E. C. Pearce, the Vicar of St. Benet's, and partly by me; and the first announcement I have to make is that though all these registers, and, where necessary, the Bishop's transcripts of them at the Diocesan registry at Ely, have been examined, no entry recording the baptism of Fabian has been found.

Traditions may for present purposes be divided into three classes. Firstly those which are demonstrably false, of which we may take as an example the statement, which crops up from time to time, that Annable was a professor of mathematics at Cambridge. It is only necessary to consult the official lists of professors in the University Calendar to see that in them Annable's name is only conspicuous by its absence. The second class includes traditions which, though not demonstrably wrong, are in themselves so improbable that nothing but the most positive evidence can render them credible. The tradition that on the conclusion of the peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726, every member of the band left the steeple in his own carriage belongs to this second class. The third class includes traditions which on the face of them are at least as likely to be true as false. And the tradition connecting Stedman with Cambridge obviously belongs to this class, since there is no reason on the face of it why Fabian should not have been born at Cambridge as probably as anywhere else.

A branch of the Stedman family had apparently been settled at Haslingfield, a parish about five miles from Cambridge, prior to 1563, as in that year Letters of Administration of the goods of Walter Stedman of that parish issued out of the Court of the Bishop of Ely, and it appears from the Bishop's transcripts of the Haslingfield registers that the family remained there at least down to the time of Fabian. In Cambridge itself the only member of the Stedman family I have found is John Stedman, who married Mabel Middleton at Holy Trinity church, April 14th, 1629. This date is very interesting, as it obviously coincides so well with the tradition, for nothing could be more natural than the birth of a son of this pair in 1631 or thereabouts. I do not know what the occupa-



tion of John Stedman was, but he evidently lived in Cambridge and was a householder of respectable position, for in 1646 he served the office of churchwarden of Trinity parish, and in that capacity signed the registers for that year. His year of office seems to have been uneventful; there is a payment of eighteen-pence for a bonfire on the fifth of November, and of sixpence for "shooting" a bell rope; evidently a variation of "shutting," which Mr. King some time since explained to us means splicing. Of course we cannot infer from these things alone that Fabian was the son of John, but he very well might be, and I have found nothing inconsistent with this relationship.

If Fabian was the son of John, and we should therefore naturally expect to find the record of his baptism in one of the Cambridge parochial registers, there is a fact which suggests a possible reason why we have not found it, and that fact is the Plague. This dire disease visited Cambridge both in 1630 and 1631. The former of these visitations was very severe, and broke up the work of the University. Tutors retired with their pupils to country places, and as many persons as could leave the town probably did so. The epidemic of the following year was not so deadly, but the recollection of the previous year would scare people face to face with a possible repetition. I suggest two ways in which this may be material to our present consideration.

First, we must remember that parochial registers were not written out at that time in the way they now are. The practice seems to have been that the Clerk, or some one else, kept a record of baptisms, marriages and burials, and these items were written up annually into the register books. It is obvious that a system of this kind offered chances of omission in the final record, and that with such a disturbing element about as the plague, these chances must have been considerably increased. So that though Fabian was not registered in Cambridge at the traditional time, it is still possible that he was born there. What, however, appears to me much more probable is that he was not born in the town. If people were being scared away by fear of the plague, nothing can be more in the natural course of things than that Mabel Stedman should seek some more healthy spot for her confinement than Cambridge then was; and it may be that the record of her son's baptism is to be found in one of the Cambridgeshire villages. This would be sufficiently near the tradition, though not exactly agreeing with it, as in any case it is reasonable to suppose that if Fabian was the son of John his boyhood's home was at Cambridge, and his birth elsewhere a mere accident. So far, then, as the Cambridge registers go, it seems to me that they are not inconsistent with the truth of the tradition; but of course a fuller investigation of these documents in Cambridge and neighbouring parishes might confirm, refute or leave undecided the relationship of Fabian to John Stedman; and if any one has the opportunity of pushing the enquiry farther than I have been able to do, I hope the results will be laid before the readers of these columns.

Fabian undoubtedly received a good education. If he was, as I am supposing, the son of John, his life at Cambridge would afford ample opportunities for obtaining it, for there must have been a good supply of private teachers available, and there was also the Grammar School founded some years before by Dr. Stephen Perse, Fellow of Caius College. I was especially hoping that the records of this school would exhibit Fabian's name, but enquiry elicited that the register of admissions from the opening of the school was accidentally burnt in 1885.

Besides all this the language of some titles in Stedman's books appear to indicate his connection with Cambridge, the peals stated to be composed there, and a method of Doubles called Fulbourn, the name of a neighbouring village. This is all, I think, that I have to say about Stedman's connection with Cambridge, and although precise details are wanting, I think we may presume that this connection was in some way true in fact.

It is not easy to determine at what date Stedman settled in London, but the facts of his election into the College Youths in 1664, and serving the offices of Steward in 1667 and Master in 1682, indicate his residence in the metropolis. The following is a copy of his Will, written with beautiful neatness with his own hand:—

*Extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.*

IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN—I Fabian Stedman of the Parish of St Andrew Undershaft London Gent do make this my last Will and Testament and write it with my own hand in manner and form following First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it hoping through the Meritts of my Saviour for a joyfull Resurreccion amongst the just And as to the Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I do give and dispose thereof as follows Imprimis I do give and bequeath to Christs Hospitall London fifty pounds Item I give and bequeath to my sister Sara Bond twenty pounds Item I give and bequeath to all my said sisters children fifty pounds a piece Item I give and bequeath to all my said sisters grandchildren thirty pounds a piece But my will is that the legacies which I have herein given to my cousin Fowler one of the daughters of my said sister and to her children shall not be payable nor paid to her husband Fowler but shall be laid out and disposed of for the best benefit and advantage of my said cousin Fowler and her children as my executor with the approbation of my said sister shall think fitt Item I give and bequeath to Mr Edward Lerpiniere a clerk in the Auditor of Excises Office thirty pounds Item I give and bequeath to Mr Bartholomew Bruere also a clerk in the said office twenty pounds Item I give and bequeath to Mr John Ogden also a clerk in the said office ten pounds Item I give and bequeath to Mr Alexander Tulidah also a Clerke in the said Office five pounds Item I give and bequeath to Mr Taylor and to Mr Clark the two dorekeepers to the Commissioners of Excise and also to Mr. Patterson the porter at the gate forty shillings a peice Item I give and bequeath to Mr Settree to Mr Chapman to Mr Feild and to Mr Stamp being the four watchmen and to Mr Jackson the yard keeper twenty shillings a peice I also give to the maid the cleanes my office twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath to Mrs Phebe Wickins of the Parish of St Andrew Undershaft London Widow One hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath to Mrs Mary Walker of the same Parish daughter of the said Mrs Phebe Wickins One hundred pounds Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the Parish where I was born ten pound and to the poor of the Parish where I shall dye I give five pounds Lastly all the rest and residue of my Estate goods and chattels I give and bequeath to my cousin John Ravenhill son to my sister Ursula whom I make sole EXECUTOR of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all other wills which at any time I have heretofore made IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord God 1713 F. STEDMAN Signed and sealed also published and declared by the said Fabian Stedman to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of ROBT DOD JOHN BRUERE

*Proved 28th November 1713*

The nature of Stedman's employment in London becomes quite clear from a perusal of this document,



He was what we should now call a Civil servant of the Crown, in the office of the Auditors of the Excise, and he must have held a high position in it; for it is plain that no inferior member of the staff would have left legacies to so many officials, and moreover he refers to the maid who cleaned his office, from which we may infer either that he occupied a room to himself, or that any other person sitting with him was his subordinate. From the nature of the bequests, Stedman appears to have been an old man—indeed, he must apparently have been about 80—who was either a bachelor or a childless widower. But who were Mrs. Wickens and Mrs. Walker?

The register of St. Andrew Undershaft, in the City of London, recording Stedman's burial there on the 16th November, 1713, describes him as "a lodger," thereby showing that he was not a householder; and I am therefore disposed to identify Mrs. Wickens with a certain "Widow Wiggins," who was the tenant of a house belonging to the parish on the west side of St. Mary Axe, and with whom I suppose Stedman to have lodged. The house stood near the present Ward Schools. The Will was duly proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and is now among the documents preserved at Somerset House. The Churchwarden's accounts of St. Andrew Undershaft show the receipt from the Executors of the legacy for the poor, and it is most tantalizing that the testator did not mention the name of the parish where he was born. There is no existing monument or tombstone recording him in St. Andrew's. To complete the dates I may add that, as most of your readers by this time doubtless know, Stedman's *Tintinnologia* was published in 1668 and his *Campanalogia* in 1677.

Although what I have said on this subject does not amount to much, I have not been able to get at the materials for it without the expenditure of more time and trouble than might, perhaps, by some be supposed, and I am much indebted to many parochial clergy and other officials for ready and courteous assistance. To Mr. Owden Stedman, whose communication to the College Youths prompted this investigation, I am sending a copy of these lines, in the hope that if they suggest to him anything of interest, he will give the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" the benefit of his observations.

R. A. DANIELL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A meeting of the Liverpool branch of the above Association was held at Christchurch, Aughton, on Saturday, the 17th ult., when a goodly number of members put in an appearance from Liverpool, Garston, Tuebrook, etc., with not a few of the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major being the chief methods rung. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. Edwards, at which regret was expressed at the contempt with which an application for the use of the bells at Newton-le-Willows had been received. It was unanimously decided to hold the November meeting at West Derby. Several members expressed disapproval at the discontinuance of notices of forthcoming meetings in "THE BELL NEWS," and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. W. Davies, seconded by Mr. W. Battle, that such notices be in future inserted two weeks (if possible) previous to meetings.

## YORKSHIRE HANDBELL RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Liversedge, on Saturday, October 10th, for the purpose of discussing a scheme for the formation of an association to further the art of musical handbell ringing in the county of York. There were thirty-three delegates present representing all the principal handbell societies in the county, and it was decided to form an association the title of which is to be "The Yorkshire Handbell Ringers' Association," and its object is to arrange two contests annually which are to take place on Easter Monday at some town to be fixed by the committee. The annual subscription to the Association for each band, is 10s. There are to be two contests, the first is for all the first class bands, and is for a trophy and silver medals for all the members of the first prize winners, and a silver medal for the conductor of the second and third prize bands. There are to be only two awards in the second contest, which is only open to second class bands and bands with small peals of bells. The winners of the first prize in this competition will have a silver medal for all the members, and the second prize will only have a silver medal for the conductor. The following gentlemen were elected the first officers of the association viz., President, Mr. J. H. Dawson (Almondbury), Vice-Presidents, Messrs. K. Cooke (Birstal), and W. Jagger (Clifton), Treasurer, Mr. W. Booth (Huddersfield), Secretary, Mr. W. H. Giggie (Horbury).

The following bands have signified their approval of the scheme, viz., Crossland Moor, Huddersfield, Clifton, Almondbury, Royston, Horbury, Liversedge, Barnsley, Bingley, Woodroyd, Darfield, Sheffield, Hartshead, Holmfirth, Birstal, Brighouse and Thurstone.

### FAREWELL SUPPER.

At the invitation of Mr. F. W. Abbott, an honorary member of the band for the past seven years, the East Retford Company were provided with an excellent supper at Howard's Hotel, on Saturday, October 17th. In addition to the ringers, sixteen in number, there were also present Messrs. E. Swannack and R. A. Bradshaw (churchwardens), H. C. Andrews (organist), Rossiter, and T. Bartle (sexton). After supper, the Chairman proposed the toast of the King, and also that of the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. The next toast, that of the Host, (Mr. Abbott) was very ably proposed by Mr. T. H. Denman. He said that although the occasion was a very pleasant and memorable one, it was also an occasion of deep regret, inasmuch as they had met to bid farewell to Mr. Abbott, previous to his leaving England for Madeira. He went on to speak of the high esteem in which Mr. Abbott was held by all his brother ringers, and the great sorrow they felt at his departure. He concluded by wishing him a safe voyage and prosperity in his new work, and hoped that at no distant time they would be able to welcome him back again in Retford.

The Captain, (Mr. Metcalfe) on behalf of the band, then presented Mr. Abbott with a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, as a small token of their esteem, and hoped that in using the same he would, while far away across the water, sometimes think of his old friends and comrades at home. In response, Mr. Abbott thanked the speakers and all the ringers for the kind words said about him, and assured them that he would be often thinking of the old belfry at home, in which he had spent so many happy hours. The present which they had given him he should value very much, and he was extremely obliged to them for thinking of him in that way. He said he did not feel half so much regret at leaving England, as having to part with so many old friends. Other toasts included the churchwardens, the organist, and the captain. The intervals between the speeches were filled up with songs, &c., and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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### ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DURHAM.

The quiet old city of Durham was kept in a mild state of curiosity on Monday the 26th ult. as to what was the reason of the continuous ringing of their bells, and no wonder, for during the whole day St. Oswald's peal of six were kept going in 720s of various methods, and in the evening the Cathedral bells were responsible for short touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise. Members to the number of about 60 attended from Edinburgh, Middlesbro', Bishop Auckland, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland (2 towers), Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Darlington (3 towers), Gateshead, Gosforth, Newcastle, Newton Hall, North Shields, Shildon, Tanfield, Whickham, Whitley and Wylam. Most of these were present at the service in the Chancel of the Cathedral, the Rev. A. Allwork, Rector of Whickham, delivering the address from the text—"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." It seemed to him that their church bells should convey something more than the pleasing sound to the ear—they should have their significance, as had the silver trumpets which God commanded Moses to have made to sound before His chosen people. The bells were intended to tell them (ringers and people) that their life should be no stationary one but, that like the Jews of old in their wanderings through the wilderness, they should make progress in life. That progress should be a spiritual progress.

The annual dinner was afterwards held in the Three Tuns Hotel, followed by the meeting, at which the President, Mr. R. S. Story, took the chair, and Mr. Vice-President Hudson, the vice-chair. They were supported by the Rector of Whickham, the Vicar of Wylam (the Rev. H. Barff), the Rev. E. G. Drummond, Messrs. C. Cleveland Ellis, of Edinburgh, S. O. Ferry (Vice-President), Stuart and E. Parker, of Gateshead, Lungley and G. Park, of Darlington, Alcock and T. Metcalfe of Middlesbrough, E. E. Ferry and G. Potter, of Newcastle, &c. After the honoring of the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed the Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses, coupling the names of the Revs. Barff and Allwork. He said their desire to be known as church-workers was now being more generally accepted amongst the clergy, and evidence was forthcoming in the letters from the Bishop of Newcastle, accepting the patronage of the Association, and from the Dean of Durham, who allowed them to hold services in the Cathedral, and whose clergy assisted; and also to be found in the fact that vicars and curates were always found ready and willing to preach to them. He was convinced from these signs that the Association members were being accepted as a reasonable body of church-workers. They had acted on that principle for a very long time, and it was very pleasant indeed to find themselves in such close harmony and sympathy with their clerical friends.

The Rev. A. Allwork, in responding, said he hoped the laity would come more and more to appreciate the efforts the clergy put forth. They had in that diocese and in Newcastle two most excellent bishops, who represented the church in a most favorable light to all. If the clergy could do likewise in their several parishes the Church would become more and more popular. The Church was inclined to lag behind and not keep pace with the times—in fact she was too conservative and resented reform. He knew there were difficulties in the way, but certainly if they were to mould themselves according to the spirit of the age, without sacrificing their principles, they must from time to time make certain alterations in their conduct and perhaps also in the conduct of the services.

The Rev. H. H. Barff thanked the members for their toast, and appealed for a better attendance at Church services on the part of the ringers themselves.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee was presented by Mr. C. T. Routledge, Hon. Secretary. There was a small balance-in-hand after a very expensive year owing to the heavy item of the Celebration of the Silver Jubilee. The membership had run up to 465, a considerable increase on last year. The rehanging of Cramlington and Gateshead bells had been events of the year. The Sunday service ringing awards were as follows:—Chester-le-Street first with 1074 points; North Shields second with 739 points; and Whitley third with 591 points. Fifteen towers had made reforms—Bishopwear-

mouth, St. John's, Darlington, and Gosforth running close up with over 400 points. Thirty-six peals of 5000 changes in thirteen methods had been rung, the total points being 573 and the average 15'91 per peal. They were Kent and Oxford T. B. Royal, 1 each; Stedman Caters, 1; Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, 2 each; Double Norwich, 6; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Major, 7; Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 4; Grandsire Triples, 2; Seven Surprise Methods, 1; Seven T. B. Methods, 1; Seven Methods (one on handbells), 3. The peals of Oxford Royal and Cambridge were the first of the kind by the Association, and Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples had been called by Mr. W. T. Robson. The report included a summary of the meetings for the year, and a short account of the Central Council doings by the President, who represented the Association at the last meeting. The Committee thanked the Dean of Durham for erecting a beautiful oak tablet recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on the Cathedral bells. The reports from individual belfries, which is always a great feature of the report, showed great progress throughout—one belfry (Whitley) had rung 166 peals of Minor during the year in 19 methods; 124 on tower bells, and 42 on handbells, quite beating the record held by Stockton since 1884.

Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis in a few complimentary words moved the adoption of the Report, and this being seconded by Mr. G. J. Lungley, of Darlington, it was carried.

The Certificates for Sunday Service ringing were then presented by Mr. S. O. Ferry, who was the originator of the scheme—the Chairman in calling upon him expressing the hope that the system would be known throughout England before long as "Ferry's List." Mr. Ferry credited in his list the equivalent value proportionate to the performance of changes on any number of bells for service ringing only. The result was that they had improved this branch of their work considerably all round. He had known experienced ringers, who went in heavily for ringing during the week nights, neglect Sunday ringing entirely. This was a wrong principle, but he was glad to say there had been a minimum of it in that Association, yet there had been a tendency that way, and it was now in a fair way to be checked by the new scheme.

The Rev. E. G. Drummond proposed a vote of thanks to the Retiring Officers, and on this being seconded, it was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Story was re-elected President, and on Mr. S. O. Ferry wishing to retire from the Vice-presidency this year, these offices were filled by Messrs. T. Hudson, senr., of Bishopwearmouth, and G. Park, of Darlington. Mr. C. L. Routledge was again elected Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. W. Holmes Assistant Secretary.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Preacher—the Rev. A. Allwork—the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and Dr. Armes, the Organist, and the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's Churches—all these with acclamation.

The President announced that the meetings for 1904 would be as follows:—February at Chester-le-Street; Whit-Monday at Darlington; August at Tanfield; and the Annual Festival at Newcastle.

The election of members included Canon Lipscombe, of Staindrop, Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, and six new members for St. Cuthbert's (Darlington) tower.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

## STEEPLEAGE IN SUSSEX.

SIR,—At length, after eleven weeks, a belated correspondent has acknowledged my letter of August 1st, concerning Steepleage of Sussex. I say "acknowledged," because Brightonian's letter is a frank admission of an imposition which, though he attempts it, he absolutely fails to justify. Did space permit, every sentence of his "epistle" could be picked to pieces and turned to the best possible proof against his own feeble arguments. To give only one instance I take his very first sentence, in which he describes my last letter as paradoxical. The dictionary meaning of paradoxical is "a proposition seemingly absurd, yet in reality true." In the eyes of all true lovers of ringing the facts that I brought to light do show an absurd state of things existing at St. Nicholas church and yet, on Brightonian's own admission, they are in reality true. But this by the way. I do not want to go over all the ground again, since he admits the truth of my statements; I would rather draw attention to some of the points that your correspondent has very conveniently avoided. There was no intention on my part in my last letter to sneer at anybody, it is not even the 3d. per man that we Sussex ringers object to—we have been known on occasion to spend even as many shillings in order to attempt a peal—but it is the principle which we detest, a principle, if you like, of protective tariffs, not established for retaliatory purposes, but established in a county and an association where all else are free traders. Brightonian says this tariff of 2s. 6d. per peal is ratified by the vicar and churchwardens, but may I ask if the vicar and churchwardens are aware that no such fee is charged in any other tower in the county, and do they know, also, that "5s. extra for past services"—one of the little points Brightonian so conveniently avoided—is to be charged to a certain band when they attempt a peal, a band, withal, that has done more to assist the St. Nicholas company than any other ringers in the county? And then the gentleman who contributes a gratuity of not less than the fee now established whenever attempting a peal! The association is fortunate to possess such a gentleman, we all know and esteem him, but how many ringers, I ask, can afford to distribute gratuities of half a crown a time? Certainly I have not heard of the St. Nicholas' ringers doing it, nor are they expected to. Next the "paid servant, who receives the munificent sum of one guinea per annum . . . the most modest paid steeplekeeper in Brighton." Admitting that he is not over-paid even if overworked, there are many places I could mention in Sussex where the steeplekeeper gets a good deal less for his services, and still no steepleage is charged. And, here again, Brightonian conveniently ignores the fact that the St. Nicholas band are a paid band and I suppose the steeple keeper gets his share of the dollars. As to the steeple keeper's ability no one doubts it, and for the post he is no doubt one of the best to be found.

That this arbitrary imposition has had its effect upon ten-bell ringing in Sussex, the absence of peals rung at St. Nicholas amply demonstrates. Since this tariff has been insisted upon not a peal has been rung there, and to prove to Brightonian and all others whom it may concern that I am not the only "campaignalogical passive resister." I will state at once that, keen as Sussex ringers are to attempt a peal in their one and only ten-bell tower, the district secretary only recently failed to get a band to start for the Association's quarterly peal, so strong and general is the resentment at having to pay this absurd tariff. I have already trespassed to far upon your valuable space to present the facts to the Exercise, and will therefore refrain from any further remarks now, except to add that I am more than ever

DISGUSTED.

## THE PEAL AT BOREHAM, ESSEX.

SIR,—Permit me through your columns to congratulate Mr. Jas. Young upon having taken part, at his advanced age, in the above. Mr. Young was known long before the formation of the Essex Association as a good sound 6-bell ringer. It has been a real pleasure to meet him year after year at our annual gathering, always retaining that happy, genial disposition to all

for which he has so long been known. When the County Association was formed some of our 6-bell ringers saw they had to mount the ladder if ever their names found an entry in our peal book. It has remained for Mr. Young to reach the age of 81 before accomplishing his ambition, and I for one sincerely trust we, at our next annual gathering, may have this veteran with us, and that he may there receive the congratulations of the entire Association. Mr. Young belonged to the old school of ringers, of which there are not any too many left among us. All alike to him were the same, all received the same hearty welcome, in fact "Live and let Live" was his motto. The late George Newson was one never above visiting even a 5-bell tower and helping a young band with his advice, notwithstanding his accomplishments. Our old and esteemed friend, Young, has never spared trouble in advising and assisting the young beginner. The lad who could hunt the treble had just as hearty a welcome and attention as the most accomplished ringer that ever called at Boreham. When these worthies have all gone over to the great majority, the Exercise will mourn that there are not others to follow in their footsteps. The craze of the present age is not only "big jobs," but the despal of small things. I have known a 5-bell tower band appeal for years for help which although frequently passed by ringers is refused help. I have known a ringer ascend a tower when ringing was going on, and as soon as the bells were brought round, one of the band set his bell at backstroke and induced one of the others to accompany him into the street because the visitor could not ring anything beyond a plain method. I have also known a visitor go into a tower when handbell ringing has been going on with the result that although willing to take a pair in 8 or 10, unless it was a surprise method, he must stand out. These are practices never adopted by the old school and the sooner that the new school give them up the better for the Exercise.

Romford, Oct. 19th.

B. KEEBLE.

## DEVON GUILD (PLYMOUTH, THE THREE TOWNS BRANCH).

SIR,—The writer of the article dealing with "six days in the Three Towns and East Cornwall" in a recent number, states that the district abounds in "round ringers." Had he stated that his words applied to the East Cornwall district he would have been quite correct, but as he makes no distinction I have been asked by the above Branch of the Devon Guild to correct the impression "his words would infer." As far back as the early sixties, change-ringing was carried on in Plymouth and Devonport. In 1867 the first peal (Grandsire Triples) ever rung in the West Country was scored at H.M. Chapel, The Dockyard, Devonport, by a band of local ringers, instructed by Mr. W. Banister. Ever since that time change-ringing has been carried on here and at the present time we have a performing band of 22 members, most of whom can ring Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman methods. This branch scored the first peal of Major and Caters rung in the Guild by a purely local band, and G.F.C. has only to look in the list of peals appearing in this week's issue of your valuable paper, to find that we were able to score three peals last week, a peal of Plain Bob Royal (the first ever rung in the county) a peal of Grandsire Triples and a peal of Plain Bob Major, no mean performance for a local band in six days only. I trust that you will pardon me for such a lengthy letter, but the branch feel that "they could not allow such a statement to appear without protesting against it, and consider that the writer should make sure of his facts before rushing into print."

Oct. 20th.

WILLIAM HOPLEY, Hon. Secretary.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the footnote to the Peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Harborne, Staffordshire, on the 8th instant, it is stated that the two churchwardens rang in the peal, and is believed to be the first occasion on which both churchwardens have rung in the same peal. Such is not the case, as a peal of seven Treble Bob Minor Methods was rung at Bradfield, near Sheffield, on January 14th, 1892, conducted by my brother, Arthur Brearley, in which both churchwardens took part, namely Messrs. Benjamin Bramall and Charles Fox, who rang the treble and 4th respectively. It was also Mr. Fox's birthday, and Mr. Bramall's first peal, and the band congratulated them both on the double event.

DAVID BREARLEY.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1903

A correspondence is now going on in this paper under the heading of "Steepleage in Sussex;" and in reference thereto we are of opinion that to many of our provincial readers the phrase is novel, if not altogether unknown. The visitor to the metropolis would most probably hear the word "steepleage" for the first time, and would soon learn its meaning. But "steepleage" in the London area is a somewhat different thing to the Sussex article, if we understand aright the letters of our correspondents. It seems that at the tower of St. Nicholas, Brighton, no ringing company is allowed to attempt a peal unless the applicants agree to pay a steepleage fee of half-a-crown for the privilege! If we are correct in this assumption, we have no hesitation in saying that such regulation is irregular, and therefore decidedly improper.

In London, and all other places except Brighton, we suppose, steepleage is quite a different affair. In the metropolis should a man desire to ring a peal at any particular church, he generally and very properly communicates with the steeplekeeper first of all, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred this official will obtain the necessary permission, and do his best to make everything comfortable and in order for the visiting company. And this without mention of steepleage, let alone any impudent demand for a half-crown fee before the tower is entered.

We are aware that ringers are not all alike in the way of generosity, for the attribute varies largely in the human breast, but in such cases as we are mentioning, the steeplekeeper would not go without some gratuity from each member of the company who rang or attempted to ring the peal. A collection would be made among them of, say, threehalfpence per man, some probably giving a larger sum. This would be handed to the steeplekeeper more, we think, out of compliment to him than as actual payment, and he would not only be satisfied but pleased to have had the opportunity of enjoying the society of the visitors, for he would certainly enquire of them upon their departure when they were coming again. Steepleage as at St. Nicholas, Brighton, is of a different kind, an arrangement totally out of date and contemptible.

## The Metropolis.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, October 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

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THOMAS LANGDON .. .. .	.. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHESMAN.

This peal was arranged for F. Woodhead, of the Yorkshire Association, who was elected a member of the above societies previous to starting.

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On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to start for Superlative but time being limited, the above was rung instead.

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†First peal. †First peal of Surprise Minor.

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## TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

ALBERT HUDD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
THOMAS KING .. .. 3.	FREDK. A. SKUSE .. .. 7.
ALFRED C. MELHUISE .. 4.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

## LENTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 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 8 cwt. 3 qrs.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HARRY R. COBBIN .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	ROBT. M. BLACKWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 3.	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 8.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 9.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 5.	ROBT. M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.
	ROBT. GEE .. ..

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 850th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

## REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. Treble.	HUGH R. THORPE .. .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 3.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 8.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 4.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 9.
JOHN ANSELL .. .. 5.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Reference elsewhere.

## ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS R. THORPE .. Treble.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 2.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 4.	HARRY DENMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the dedication of the Vaughan Memorial, Mr. Vaughan being the founder and first Rector of this church. This was the conductor's 600th peal.

## ARMLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, City Delight,  
Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES LOCKWOOD* .. Treble.	*JAMES PEACOCK .. .. 4.
JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
FRANK GAUNT* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM.

\*First peal.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 3. Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND HOUNSELL .. Treble.	*GEORGE RAPLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 6.
ERNEST ATTWATER* .. 3.	*FRANK ATTWATER .. .. 7.
BASIL F. BURTENSHAW .. 4.	ALBERT MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 30, 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.

HARRY COOMES .. .. Treble.	FRANK PEIRCE .. .. 5.
JOHN LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER .. .. 6.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 4.	WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. HALL .. .. 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung on the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells. This is J. A. Gofton's 50th peal; reference elsewhere.



## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY H. SOMERVILLE * Treble.	† ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES† .. .. 2.	* JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	† JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	† THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 9.
HERBERT KNIGHT† .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Royal in the method. †First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. This is the first peal of Treble Ten rang in the Archdeaconry of Stafford by this society.

## BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 4.	* WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

Rung on the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in the method.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

H. A. PHILLIPS* .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
W. HOYLE* .. .. 2.	J. R. JONES .. .. 6.
G. STACEY .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	† S. CORNELIUS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal.

## UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 5.
JOHN PAICE .. .. 2.	HARRY MEETENS .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 7.
GEORGE NERRIS .. .. 4.	ALFRED TULETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

## WILLINGTON, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.
SYDNEY PECK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. 5.
HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
SIX-PART (No II.)

JOHN BOVINGTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE BASDEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PARKER* .. .. 4.	† WILLIAM J. BATEMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	FRANK EDWARDS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 3.	ALFRED TURLEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER .. .. 4.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

Rang for the Dedication Festival of the church; also the sixteenth anniversary of the bells.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES PRICE .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE PARTINGTON .. 6.
RICHARD JONES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON .. .. 7.
ROWE HUXBY .. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight in March last, and was rung at the third attempt.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLER, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWARD EDE .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

E. Ede was re-elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

## ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT .. .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH* .. 2.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by FREDK. HOLDEN.

\*First peal of Major with a bob bell.



LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ALBERT NASH .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SEAR .. .. 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKER .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	JOSIAH NICHOLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

It was intended to have rung Stedman, but owing to a misunderstanding the above was the result.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JAMES WARD* .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. WILDMAN .. .. 4.
GEORGE H. HUDDLESTONE 2.	THOMAS H. MORRIS .. .. 5.
WALTER JAMES .. .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal. First peal of Minor on the bell's.

DISS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

J. SOUTER .. .. Tenor.	J. SMITH .. .. 5.
C. MORE .. .. 2.	G. MORE .. .. 6.
W. WISKENS .. .. 3.	W. CHINERY .. .. 7.
G. ARCHER .. .. 4.	E. HAYWARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. SOUTER.

This peal was specially arranged for G. More, who hails from Clare, Suffolk. It is his first peal in the method.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

ALBERT RUFFELS* .. Treble.	EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 5.
GEO. THIRKELL SAXBY .. 2.	JOHN PARKIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 3.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR JOHN SAXBY .. 4.	CLIFFE DRONFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by CLIFFE DRONFIELD.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY J. BAGSHOT .. Treble.	†ALBERT BEST .. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. WOOFF* .. 2.	STEPHEN BEST .. .. 6.
FRANK SPARSHOTT* .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
EDWARD V. HINTON .. 4.	*BERT. KERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

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

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

ALEXANDER LAWSON .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS HOGG .. 5.
ROBERT M. HOGG .. .. 2.	THOMAS TEASDALE .. 6.
JOEL HERN .. .. 3.	ANDREW TULLY .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. DIX .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SYKES .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS A. TEASDALE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hern, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in the method by all except T. Teasdale, and the first peal by the brothers Hogg.

HACKINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS .. Treble.	CHARLES LUERY .. .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 7.
EDWARD BUESDEN .. .. 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Canterbury.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES HUNT .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
JOHN MULLIGAN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Herbert Madin, of Staveley, who was interred on the above date, aged 71.

**Miscellaneous.**

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP.—On Sunday, September 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 480 Bob Minor. For evening service, 480 Plain Bob. On September 19th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Four 720s of Bob Minor. On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 480 Bob Minor. For evening service 480 Plain Bob. W. McLean, R. Leonard, W. E. Johnson, T. Leonard, D. Shipp conductor, C. Walker. On September 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Rington, J. E. Green, H. Peverell, J. Pallister, D. Shipp, C. Walker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Bob Minor. D.



Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Kent. N. Townend, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Parmenter, W. Rowland, jun., A. H. Watson, B. S. Thompson, W. Newman, H. Richell, A. Whight, R. H. Rolfe.

WRITTE.—On Wednesday, September 9th, for practice, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, September 16th, 832 in the same method. On Sunday, September 27th, for the Harvest Festival in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's) in 46 mins. A. Head, T. Lincoln, G. W. Sorrell, F. G. Radley, H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, F. Edwards. For evening service the last 742 of Holt's Original. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the local company.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, September 26th, for combined practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Linter, G. Plaskett, W. Cooper, R. Fuge, A. Millard, J. W. Whiting conductor. 360 Plain Bob. G. Laishley, E. Jacobs, W. Linter, R. Fuge, J. W. Whiting, A. Millard conductor.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM.—On April 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Uphill, A. Dean, F. W. Challen, C. Otway, A. H. Winch, F. Holden, E. Hill conductor, H. Croyley.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON.—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Michael's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Winter, A. J. Andrews, R. Scott conductor, H. Norman, J. Richards, W. G. Stokes, W. Chapman, R. Chapman.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEDNESBURY.—On Sunday, September 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Cooper, A. Plant, O. Brown, A. Harber, E. J. Tyler conductor, C. Tyler, J. Malpass, T. Cooper.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE.—On September 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Godfrey, F. Godfrey, H. J. Godfrey conductor, G. Bozward, C. Annis, G. Dolphin. First 720 ever rung on these bells by a band composed of all Pershore men. These bells were cast by A. Rudhall, and are dated 1715.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On August 31st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Nicholls first 720, G. G. Deane, A. B. Bennett, E. J. Pressling, W. R. Madgwick conductor, T. Stroud. On September 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Werry, jun. first 720, H. Churchill, W. R. Madgwick, E. J. Pressling, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud conductor. On September 6th, 720 Bob Minor. H. G. Weeks first 720, G. G. Deane, A. B. Bennett, E. J. Pressling, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud conductor. On September 15th, 720 Bob Minor. Dr. B. E. G. Bailey first 720, E. J. Pressling, E. J. Boxall, H. Churchill, W. R. Madgwick, A. B. Bennett.

ARUNDEL.—On Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38½ mins. G. F. Williams, J. Netley, C. Blackman, G. Balchin, J. H. Blake, G. H. Lee, W. Short, W. J. Rice. Composed and conducted by G. F. Williams.

#### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday evening, June 21st, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Perry, J. Hill, W. Powell conductor, W. Bright, C. Jones, H. Wilkes, H. F. Cooper, T. Malin. On Thursday, July 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bright, F. Dunaway, T. Newman, C. Jones, A. Hill, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. Wilkes, J. Perry. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Forrest, wife of the Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D. Dean of Worcester. On Sunday evening September 28th, for the Harvest Festival at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. N. Wale, J. Hill, A. Hill, C. Jones, W. Bright, H. J. Cooper, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LAMBETH.—Recently after Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's Variation in 42 mins. A. Peck, A. N. Hardy, E. Nixon, F. Smith, J. S. Davis, T. Langdon, H. Langdon, R. Bevan.

BAGLAN (South Wales).—On July 28th, for practice at St. Catherine's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, D. Lewis, W. Williams conductor, W. Greenslade, H. Church, T. Jones. This is supposed to be the first change-ringing done by a young lady in South Wales. On August 11th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, D. Lewis, Lily Williams, W. Williams conductor, H. Church, T. Jones. First 6-score by Miss Williams. On August 25th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, Miss Griffiths, W. Greenslade, H. Church, W. Williams conductor, W. Barrow. First 6-score by Miss Griffiths. On September 15th, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Miss Llewellyn, C. Frankham, W. Williams conductor, W. Greenslade, Miss Furze, T. Jones. This is the first 6-score by Miss Furze.

CLARE.—On Sunday, September 20th, being church parade Sunday, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, H. Thompson, W. Underwood, E. Brett, B. Francis, R. Gowers, R. Brett, G. Moore. For Divine Service in the evening, 560 Plain Bob. S. Slater conductor, H. Thompson, W. Underwood, R. Brett, A. Richardson, T. E. Slater, R. Gowers, G. Moore. After service 1024 in the same method. B. Francis conductor, H. Thompson, E. Brett, G. Moore, R. Brett, C. Howe, R. Gowers, A. Avis.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Sidwell, 1259 Grandsire Caters. T. Bartlett, W. Drake, 2; F. Murphy, C. Carter, T. Mudge, A. Searle conductor, E. Sargent, E. Shepherd, J. Mosa, J. Richards.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On August 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Leigh, E. Leigh, jun. first quarter-peal, J. Leigh, J. Preston, J. Heasman first as conductor, G. Malyan, A. Belton, H. Knight.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, the last 742 of Holt's Original, in 31 mins. R. Brett, E. Brett, F. Parker, J. Moore, E. Simpson, T. King, L. Leeks, A. Symonds.

NEWMARKET.—On Tuesday evening, September 15th, at All Saints church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Keeler, T. H. Wiseman, P. Pindar, E. Brett, R. Brett, W. Taylor conductor.

OVERBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Payne, A. Attwood, T. Devereaux, L. Nicolls, E. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells, and the first by ringers of treble and 4th. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles, J. Jeans taking part.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Shardlow, Rev. A. T. Beeston, E. H. Lewis, F. S. Poole, H. S. F. Richardson, B. H. T. Drake, J. Pagett conductor, W. Fox. After service 800 Bob Major. W. Fox, J. Shardlow, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. Burns, B. Day, J. Pagett conductor, F. Kay, H. George.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service at Christ Church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Bester, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong conductor, J. E. Miller, M. Fensom, H. Flanders, A. Dodson.

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, September 16th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Bullock, E. Popple, C. Harper, T. Smith, G. Slaughter, T. Murray conductor.

TROWELL (Notts).—On Wednesday, October 7th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. Miss D. G. Poole first 720, F. S. Poole, H. S. T. Richardson conductor.

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### Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne to-day, Saturday, November 7th, to commemorate the seventy-first birthday of Mr. W. Heaton, the oldest member of the Colne company. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. **THOMAS DUXBURY.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, Sat., November 7th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, to-day, Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. **G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.**

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, November 7th. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 266th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E., to-day, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, J. C. Jackson, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or **W. T. COCKERILL.**

**"Frodingham," Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.**  
The bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be available for ringing from 3.45 to 5 p.m., and those of St. Magnus from 4 to 6 p.m. A meeting for the election of officers will take place at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 10th, at 9 o'clock, when all members who can do so are invited to attend. Through a service being held in the Cathedral there will be no ringing.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans church, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Thursday November 12th. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid without delay. **GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.**

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4. **WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.**

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Arch-deaconry of Wilts Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Keovil on Saturday, November 14, at 3 p.m. **REV. C. W. B. COBBE, Hon. Sec.**

Ferndale, Estcourt St., Devizes.

**The Herts Association.**—A district meeting will be held Hitchin on Saturday, November 14. **J. SHEPPARD, Dist. Sec.**

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at the Priory church, Christchurch, on Monday, November 15, 1903. Bells available from 6.30. **A. N. WOOLF, Dist. Sec.**

18, High Street, Christchurch.

**The Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—There will be a meeting at Prittlewell to elect officers for 1904, on Saturday, November 21, at 3 o'clock. Members wishing to attend please notify me or the District Master, J. D. Judd. **GEORGE GREEN, Sec.**

### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

The peal rung at Llanbadarn Fawr on July 19th last, and recorded on page 223 of our issue of August 1st, will not be recorded in the Guild's peal book, and cannot be credited to this Guild.

At the recent quarterly meeting held on Tuesday, October 27th, it was unanimously resolved "That this Guild congratulates the two churchwardens of Harborne parish church, Messrs. J. W. Tilley, J. P., and W. R. Heaton, on accomplishing their first peal, and thereby establishing what is believed to be the record of two churchwardens ringing their first peal on the bells of their own parish church."

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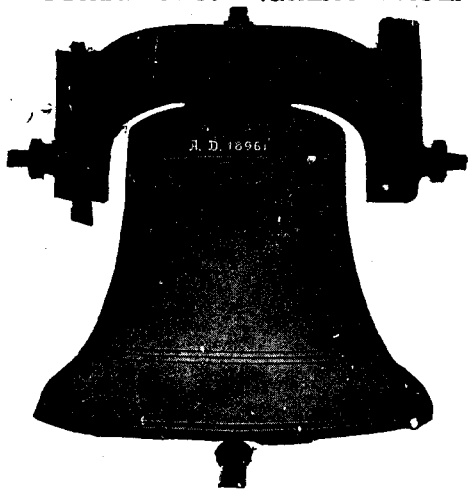
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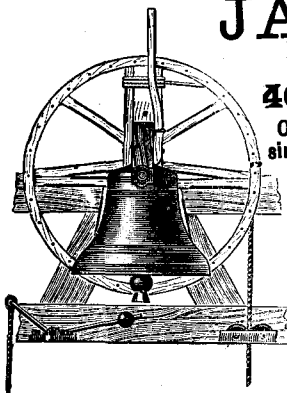
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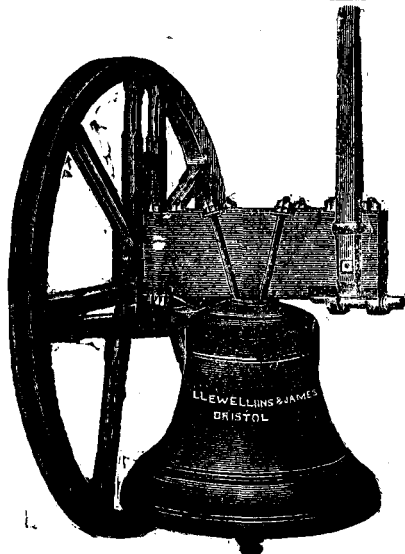
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).** All Saints. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1834; 2nd by the same, 1827; the rest by Phelps, 1719. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1892. Bells requiring to be quarter-turned will be done shortly. Ropes new 1903, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8, except during July and August.

**MARSHAM (Norfolk).** All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

**MARTOCK (Somerset).** All Saints. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Warner, 1902; 4th by Mears, 1842. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in., by Llewellyns, 1877. Founders of the rest not known; 5th, 1657; 6th, no date: 7th, 1614. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ring augmented from 5 to 8, and rehung by Warner, 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. No halfpull, Sunday ringing, or regular practice.

**MASHAM (Yorks).** All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

**MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).** St. Michael. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor; the two trebles 1887; the rest 1881. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Taylor, 1897. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**MELKSHAM (Wilts).** St. Michael. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 4th by Mears, 1896; 3rd and 6th by Rudhall, 1703; 7th by Aldbourne, 1808; 5th, 1768. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in., 1722. No founder's names given of these last two bells. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn, 1896, Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Saturday, 7.30.

## KEEVIL, NEAR TROWBRIDGE, SOMERSET.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James have just completed a contract at the above church for re-hanging, in a new iron frame, carried on steel joists trimmed together and securely fixed, the ring of six bells at this place. Tenor 21 cwt. All new fittings have been provided throughout of the latest and most improved design, and the bells have been quarter-turned. The bells were re-opened by the local band, assisted by the Steeple Ashton and Seend ringers, the latter with Mr. W. A. Tyler (Messrs. Llewellyns and James's foreman bellhanger), assisted in ringing some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. All were very highly pleased with the "go" and true striking of the bells, the latter being very level in their tones, none striking louder than the others. The Salisbury Diocesan Guild meet at Keevil to-day, Saturday, November 14th, for further ringing.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

Sunday, October 25th, was a day long to be remembered by the inhabitants of Isleworth, the occasion being the re-opening of the grand peal of bells which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in a new steel frame, and fitted with all their modern improvements, including cast-iron headstocks and Hastings stays. The bells have also been quarter-turned and re-tuned to the harmonics, which have made a wonderful improvement to the tone. They have also been fitted with the "Hesse" spring clapper, which allows the bells to give their full tone, and does not cause the bell to clapper up wrong any more now than a bell without springs, and we venture to say that the general opinion on the opening day was that they were a great improvement to the tone of the bells, and anyone wishing to test them will be very welcome at Isleworth. There was a record congregation augmented by the local friendly societies, who marched to the church headed by the Isleworth Town Band. A special form of service was used, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), assisted by the Revs. G. Long and C. White, the other clergy present being the Revs. Gordon Stokes (St. John's), J. A. Townley (St. Margaret's), H. Baker (Chaplain of Brentford Union), and T. Eland (Vicar of St. Lawrence, New Brentford). The address was delivered by the Lord Bishop of Kensington, who said all would agree with him that few words were required. The bells had spoken, and would speak again with an eloquence which no human utterance could equal. Perhaps more harmonious than the bells themselves was the self-sacrifice which had been displayed in the parish on their behalf. They sometimes heard of those unmusical people who had a distaste for the bells, but perhaps originally the harsh sound of one bell tolling created the aversion. Surely a silent tower would be one of the great witnesses for God that would be wanting in a parish. One of the aspects of the bells was therefore invitation; secondly, there was almost human sympathy, they rejoiced with those that rejoiced, and wept with those that wept, entered into all the



changing moods of life. He had read the inscriptions on those bells which he was dedicating to God, and the tenor, the heaviest of all, to which all others lead up to and served, bore the words—"To honour both of God and King, our voices shall in concert ring." Could anything better proclaim the loyal purpose of the bells.

At the close of the service the local band rang for a short time, and for evening service touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung. Those present and taking part in the ringing were Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, Mr. J. Basden (Master of the Middlesex Association), Mr. Hesse, patentee of the clappers, Mr. C. F. Winney (College Youths), and Mr. John Howes, of Kingston, and several ringers from other parts of Surrey and Middlesex, all being well pleased with their visit to Isleworth. T.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the above Guild was held on Saturday, October 31st, when members from the following towers were present: Portsea, Fareham, Wickham, Gosport, and Curdridge. The Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), and Messrs. W. H. George and W. Tucker (Eastleigh), were present. The weather was not quite what the ringers desired, but still it was fully up to the pitch we have been used to these last few months; so it was no exception to the rule, and under the circumstances the district had a very good meeting.

The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock till 5.30, when all the ringers attended the service, the Rev. J. Tarbat officiating. After service tea was provided at Pyles' Temperance hotel, which needless to say was well enjoyed. Tea over, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews having to catch the train, Mr. F. S. Bayley was unanimously voted to the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which was passed. Mr. J. W. Whiting was unanimously re-elected Secretary of the district, and Mr. J. Harper representative on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold a meeting once a quarter, Saturdays and Mondays alternately, the places selected being Havant, Ryde and Shedfield, the next annual meeting to take place at Portsea. Three new members were proposed. The Secretary asked all captains of bands to be prompt in answering correspondence, so as to enable him to carry out his duties in the best possible manner.

Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy of Fareham, to Mr. Whiting (Secretary), and Mr. F. S. Bayley for so ably carrying out his duties as chairman. W.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The social and ringing meeting was held in Exeter on Saturday, October 24th, the tea and meeting taking place in St. Sidwell's Institute. There were present the Rev. Maitland Kelly, Revs. F. Molineux (Hon. Sec.), C. J. Old, T. B. Panther, Messrs. A. W. Brighton, E. V. Cox, F. and E. Shepherd, A. W. Searle, J. Payne, and about 80 representatives from the following bands:—St. Sidwell's, Tiverton, Heavitree, Withycombe, Ottery, Honiton, Harpford, St. Thomas, and Clyst St. George, not forgetting the lady ringers from Tiverton who graced the meeting with their presence.

The President, in addressing the meeting, said he was sure that it was the wish of the members of the Devonshire Guild that he should offer their sincere congratula-

tions to the members of the two bands who recently visited Devon and Cornwall, on their splendid performances. Of the one set who rang the peals of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, not only was the ringing as near perfection as possible, but the peal might be described as a unique performance, in that Mr. W. Pye succeeded in ringing the tenor single-handed during the space of four hours, while his brother, who rang the 9th, gave an exhibition of skill unsurpassed in the annals of ringing. Of the other set—the band brought down by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge—it was equally deserving of their congratulations on account of the success that attended their efforts in ringing nine out of the ten peals in six days. It was very evident that these tours did good, from the fact that some of the visitors stayed for a time and encouraged local bands to attempt peals. Since the annual meeting in June nine peals have been rung, including a peal of Bob Royal in Plymouth, and peals of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples at St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

The members afterwards adjourned to the various towers in the city and rang touches of Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, to their hearts' content.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Swaffham Prior on Saturday, October 24th, which was well attended. An excellent repast was provided at The Red Lion hotel, the Vicar, the Rev. L. Fisher, presiding. There was also present Mr. F. S. Poole and Mr. H. S. Richardson, of the Cambridge University Guild, and other well-known ringers from Cambridge, Ickleton, Shelford, and other places.

Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton district secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting, also letters of apology, including one from the Rev. W. W. C. Crump (general secretary), and one from the Rev. H. H. Smith (treasurer), who regretted to say that the Rev. W. W. C. Crump was leaving the district and resigning his office, which meant a serious loss to the Association.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure he felt in welcoming the Association to Swaffham Prior. Where there were bells and good ringers it was a pleasure to hear the bells rung; it showed the Church was doing her duty.

Several new members were elected, and the Rev. L. Fisher was elected an honorary member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Swaversey and Over on Boxing Day, December 26th. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of his bells. During the day some good ringing was brought round on the church bells, including 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, 120 Stedman Doubles, and several 120s of Grandsire. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung on handbells.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the above Guile was held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, October 24th. The very rough weather or bad train service militated against a large attendance. However a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round by T. Ricketts conductor, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hayner, S. Palmer, L. A. Wilson, W. S. Burbidge, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. The next meeting will probably be at Keevil, a fine ring of six recently rehung by Llewellyns and James.



## RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

On Monday, October 19th, a wedding of considerable interest took place at the parish church, Reigate, when Mr. Francis T. Hoad, jun., captain of the local band, was married to Miss Arnold, of Betchworth, sister to Mr. Ralph Arnold, late of that place. The wedding was fixed for twelve o'clock, and as the newly-married pair left the church the bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire Caters, a short touch being brought round. In the evening a peal in the same method was attempted in honour of the event, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing nearly 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 25 mins., owing to a change-course. E. Dewey, G. Thompson, W. Argent, H. F. Ewins, J. Ansell, H. R. Thorpe, W. Burkin, T. Sparks, H. Reeve conductor, W. H. Card. However it was decided to make another attempt as soon as possible, and the peal was successfully rang on Wednesday, October 28th. As a token of esteem the ringers took this opportunity of presenting Mr. Hoad (who is unfortunately leaving the district), with a marble clock, suitably inscribed on a silver plate—"Presented to Francis T. Hoad, jun., by the Reigate Society of Change-ringers, October 19th, 1903." Later in the day the wedded pair left Reigate for their new home at Kirdford, Sussex, amid the usual congratulations of their friends.

At the small but picturesque church of Old Clew, adjoining Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire, a marriage in which the Exercise generally will be interested, took place on Tuesday, November 10th, between Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin, and Miss Annie Coupland-Nixon, of Old Clew, daughter of Mr. T. O. Nixon, late conductor of the St. Andrew's Society, Grimsby. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. —. Ballachey, the bride being given away by her father, her cousin Miss Annie Proctor being bridesmaid, and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton (Master of St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln) officiating as best man. The bride and bridegroom took train and boat the same evening for their new home, 26, Haroldville Avenue, South Circular Road, Dublin.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT DUNSFOLD.**—This is the first peal on the bells, being the result of instruction given by the conductor for the Guild. Great credit is due to the four local men for the way in which they rang, the striking being all that could be desired. The conductor and ringer of the 3rd from Chiddingfold; the rest are local men.

**THE PEAL AT ERITH.**—This composition has the 2nd twenty-four course-ends at home, and twenty-four course-ends in 3rds place in forty-eight courses only, and is the first peal ever rang in any method on the plan. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of E. N. Price, the usual good wishes being given him.

**THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD.**—MR. J. A. GOFTON'S FIFTY PEALS.—Double Norwich Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 2; Double Norwich Major, 13, conducted 3; Double Oxford Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5, conducted 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; 7 Minor Methods, 8, conducted 3; 7 Treble Bob Minor Methods, 1; 7 Surprise Minor Methods, 2, conducted 1; on handbells: Bob Royal, 1; 7 Minor Methods, 2, conducted 1. Total 50; conducted 11.

**THE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT BADSEY.**—First peal in the method on the bells. A. Knight is a local man, and was proposed a member previous to starting. The members of the band wish to thank the Vicar for giving permission; Mr. W. Keen for making all arrangements for the two peals, and all the local members for extending a hearty welcome.

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## Obituary.

## JOHN KILLORAN.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer at the age of nineteen years. Deceased was taken suddenly ill at his employment on Tuesday, October 13th. Medical aid was called at once, and an immediate operation ordered, which was performed on the following Friday at the Leeds General Infirmary, where he died on Sunday morning, October 18th, at 9.15. The bells of St. Francis (R.C.) church were rung for the eleven o'clock mass half-muffled, the deceased being a member of the company of ringers at that church. His remains were removed from his home to the church on Tuesday evening, carried by companions connected with the young men's club. The bells were rung half-muffled during his removal, and service was held to a crowded congregation, with full rites of the Roman Catholic Church. He was interred at Killingbeck Cemetery on Wednesday, October 21st, the officiating priest being the Rev. Father M. McAuliffe, and at the grave side his brother-ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples. His loss is a severe one to the Society he belonged to, as he was a painstaking ringer in every sense. He rang but one peal, and that was Stedman Triples, as recently as September 28th last, an account of which appeared in the issue of October 10th. Although only a young ringer he was master of Bob Major, Grandsire and Treble Bob; he was also well advanced in double-handed ringing. He belonged to the Yorkshire Association. May he rest in peace.

## HERBERT MADIN.

It is with regret that the Staveley company of the Yorkshire Association have to record the death of their oldest member—Herbert Madin—who died on Friday, October 30th, and was interred at Staveley Cemetery on Tuesday, November 3rd, having attained the age of 71 years. He was borne to his last resting place by his brother-ringers, the burial service being conducted by the Rev. Canon Molineux. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following members of the Yorkshire Association: J. Worthington, S. Thomas, A. Knights, W. Worthington. On Tuesday, the day of the interment, eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to his memory. Deceased commenced ringing in the year 1846 with a young band at that time, and was the last of that band, having been a ringer for fifty seven years. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Yorkshire Association. In his younger days he was an ardent ringer both on tower and handbells. He was also an excellent heavy-bell ringer, and always willing for a peal or to give help to some young ringer. In fact he was such an advocate for peal ringing, that having promised he once rang in a peal at Sheffield parish church with his shoulder dislocated. He had taken part in about 100 peals, of which sixty-nine are reported in the Yorkshire Association Report, the others being independent peals. He was one of the founders of the original East Derbyshire Association which flourished some forty years ago, and whose radius extended as far as Penistone in Yorkshire, which naturally died away after the establishment of the Yorkshire Association. He was also instrumental in forming the Old East Derbyshire, which has just passed out of existence. When not at his occupation his ambition was ringing or teaching others; and may he rest in peace after a life fully occupied in many ways.

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## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the North Wales Association was held at Bangor, Carnarvonshire, on Saturday, October 3rd. Representatives were present from Llandudno, Bangor, Wrexham, Llangollen, Portmadoc, Beaumaris, &c. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Bangor and Chairman of the Association, occupied the chair, and Mr. S. A. Cullington, Secretary to the Association, was also present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and reports were also made by the delegates present as to progress made in their respective towers.

Mr. Wilmer Rogers (Wrexham), and Mr. John Davies (Llangollen), said they had been instructed by the ringers they represented to bring forward the question of instructors to be appointed for each district. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the annual general meeting next April. Other important business was dealt with, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed to take place at Portmadoc, on the second Saturday in the New Year. A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones. During the evening the bells were kept merrily going in the standard methods.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—MEETING AT YAXLEY.

A meeting of the Huntingdon Archidiaconal branch was held at Yaxley, on Saturday, October 24th, in the girls' schoolroom, when over thirty members were present from various parishes in the district. The Vicar of Yaxley (Rev. E. H. Brown) presided, and cordially welcomed the Association to his parish, adding some suitable remarks on the use of church bells and the office of the ringers. The Rev. W. W. Covey Crump (General Sec. of the Association) also addressed the members, urging the importance of ringers preserving a high and true ideal of their work, even under conditions frequently discouraging. He said he was sanguine enough to look forward to the good time coming, when no great church festival should be deemed complete in a parish without a proper scientific peal being performed on the bells, as a special act of praise, just as truly as a "Te Deum" carefully practised and rendered by the choir. The Rev. T. Normandale invited the Association to hold its next district meeting at Ramsey, and it was afterwards decided to do so on the last Saturday in January next. During the afternoon a number of extents of Bob Minor and Bob Doubles were rung, in which the Vicar of Yaxley and the general secretary also took part.

## THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Wednesday evening, October 14th, several members of the above society journeyed to the Church of St. Mary, Lutterworth, where, by the kind permission of Canon Alderson, the Rector, they rung three touches as follows: 630 Grandsire Triples by A. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, O. Throssel, A. J. Hicks, A. G. H. Newman, J. George (conductor), J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall; also 504 Stedman Triples, J. George, O. Throssell, A. J. Hessian, A. J. Hicks, A. G. H. Newman, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton (conductor), A. Coleman; and also a touch of Grandsire Triples, H. O. White, O. Throssell, A. J. Hessian (conductor) A. J. Hicks, A. G. H. Newman, A. Bramall, J. H. Fenton, A. Coleman.

The members of the Society wish to take this opportunity of thanking Canon Alderson and L. T. Topham, churchwarden, for the use of the bells, and also Mr. W. Smith for having everything in readiness. After the ringing, the band enjoyed a very social evening with some of the Lutterworth ringers.

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## A TOUR IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, September 14th, a few lovers of both the bell and the wheel gathered together at Loughborough for a week's pleasurable companionship. The moving spirit of the party, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, had arranged an excellent programme. We had not a full band without the assistance of our Loughborough friends, but Messrs. Taylor, with their usual kindness, came to the rescue, and Mr. J. W. Taylor, junr., spared no pains to make the tour a success.

A start was made at the Bell Foundry tower for a peal of Treble Bob Major, and its accomplishment was particularly gratifying, one object of the tour being the advancement of several promising and enthusiastic young ringers, who on this occasion rang their first peal in the method. The next morning a splendid ride through the Charnwood district brought us to Whitwick, where Grandsire Triples was the order. A friend Moira met us here, and a good start was made, but after getting well under weigh one of those slips well known to ringers ended the attempt. In the evening we climbed the tower of All Saints' Church, Loughborough, and started for Grandsire Caters, the venture coming to an abrupt termination through the illness of a near resident. The rendezvous on Wednesday, was Colston Bassett. Nobody knew the way that had the most tricky turnings (we recommend the method builder who wants to compose something in the "Diamond" line to cycle over this road and then construct his diagram), consequently the slow riders arrived before the fast riders, and those who started last got there first; some of us, lured by a sign post, took a lane which soon gave place to a great meadow path, little used and hardly discernable, seeing the church spire in the distance we were unwilling to retrace our steps and decided to make the best of it. Soon we came to a herd of cattle, amongst which the presence of careering bicycles must have created astonishment. We had to keep our weather eye open when we found ourselves under the close observance of two bulls, but, fortunately, the course was a plain one and we did not get "bobbled up behind." One how and another the time slipped along and it became necessary to satisfy the inner man before visiting the tower. The Rev. M. H. Pimm gave us a cordial welcome and we thoroughly enjoyed a look round his beautiful church, and some Treble Bob on the magnificent octave, (tenor 22½ cwt.) the only drawback being that we did not score. Then a snapshot of the band by Mr. Taylor, a pleasurable tea at the vicarage, and a quiet smoke in the garden brought up time for return, a most enjoyable day having been spent.

Thursday we visited Hugglescote and scored a very slow peal of Kent, the bells lagging unaccountably. In the evening a merry piece of Grandsire, at Shepshed, deserved to come to fruition but our attempts in this method seemed doomed to failure.

A glorious ride on Friday morning brought us to Ashby Folville where we were met by Mr. W. Willson. A good peal of Treble Bob whetted our appetites in more ways than one, so after an interval Plain Bob was successfully essayed and we all returned satisfied with the day's achievement. On Saturday Grandsire was attempted at Stamford-on-Soar and Loughborough, our bad luck in this method still attending us. Thus ended a thorough holiday week, the weather experienced being perfect.

Two points should especially be noticed. First, the ready permission to ring accorded by the various vicars, and the uniform kindness the party received at their hands. Second, the hearty reception given to the band by the Messrs. Taylor, whose energetic assistance contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the tour.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Usher, W. Rowland, jun., B. S. Thompson, A. Shuttleworth, A. Tarbun, W. Wellington conductor, G. Charge, R. Dines. First quarter-peal by G. Usher.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield to-day, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid without delay.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Arch-deaconry of Wilts Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Keevil to-day, Saturday, November 14, at 3 p.m.

REV. C. W. B. COBBE, Hon. Sec.

Ferndale, Estcourt St., Devizes.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held Hitchin to-day, Saturday, Nov. 14.

J. SHEPPARD, Dist. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, November 14th, at Shelley, near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The Gardener's Arms.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at the Priory church, Christchurch, on Monday, November 15, 1903. Bells available from 6.30.

A. N. WOOFF, Dist. Sec.

18, High Street, Christchurch.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Prittlewell at The Boar's Head, on Saturday, November 21. Meat tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please notify me or the District Master, W. H. Judd, as soon as possible.

GEORGE GREEN, Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

Hillingdon.

J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells). Peal to be attempted 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at Woodman inn at 7.30 p.m.

FRED BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Osborne has removed to Rodmell, 35, Henry St., Reading.—Mr. J. W. Steddy has removed to Alma House, Edenbridge.

## Compositions.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By F. ROBINSON, *Mirfield, Yorks.*

5040.

23456	M	W	H
32654	2		2
56234		2	2
24365	1	1	2
42563	2		2
23564	1		2
62345	2	2	2
25346	1		2
34256		1	1
52436		2	2
23456		2	

Has the 6th her extent in 5-6, without 2nd in either 5ths or 6ths place at a course end.

## TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

(By the same Author.)

5040.

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	1
26435	2	1	1
24365		1	2
24653	2	2	1
24536	2	2	1
25346		1	2
23456		1	2

This peal has the 2nd at home throughout.

## BOB MAJOR.

By CALEB FENN, *Barking.*

5056.

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	-	x	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
24365	-	x	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-

The 6th 24 times right and 20 times wrong.

Rung at Barking, conducted by A. C. Hardy.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of this Society, held on November 10th, the following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. W. D. Smith; Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Hughes; Senior Steward, Mr. Charles S. Burden; Junior Steward, Mr. Alfred B. Peck; Trustees, Mr. Challis F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime; Auditors, Mr. Henry R. Newton and Mr. John W. Rowbotham; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

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### The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	FREDEICK DENCH .. .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.  
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two 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.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 8.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 9.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Rung to celebrate the 62nd birthday of His Majesty the King. It was E. Pye's 400th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

### The Provinces.

WIGAN.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

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

Conducted by G. BROWN.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. .. 6.
RICHARD CLARK .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 8.
ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 9.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BEVAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON† .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAY† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ERNEST J. RUNTER† .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

G. F. OWEN* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 5.
GEORGE HATTON, JUN. .. 2.	HARRY A. WHEATCROFT .. 6.
GEORGE HATTON, SEN. .. 3.	JOHN H. DUNMORE .. .. 7.
CHARLES ALLSOP .. .. 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HATTON, JUN.

\*First peal.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Tuesday, November 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. Treble.	*EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* 2.	*EDWARD E. DIAPER .. .. 7.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	*ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 9.
CHARLES MEE .. .. 5.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

\*First peal of Royal and first attempt.

LINTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s, each called differently.

GEORGE POUND* .. .. Treble.	FRANK SHARP .. .. 4.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE HADAWAY .. .. 5.
HARRY BROWN .. .. 3.	C. HENRY SONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. HENRY SONE.

\*First 5040. First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung in a new frame (for eight) by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being excellent.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES TANN .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Owles and Miss Rutter.



## TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Treble.	E. V. COX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FOWLER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR DOBLE .. .. 6.
HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 7.
FRANK MILLARD .. .. 4.	HENRY BOSLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

This peal was arranged for Mr. E. V. Cox.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD SMITH* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 5.
RALPH CHANDLER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 6.
JAMES WALLIS .. .. 3.	HARRY SEAL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

\*First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Wallis, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. Also as a farewell peal to R. Chandler, who is leaving England for Durban, South Africa, on Thursday, November 12th.

## TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

FRED CUTTING* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED MOSS .. .. 4.
JAMES DANIELS .. .. 2.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS JORDAN .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 5.
HERBERT LITTLE* .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 6.
ISAAC HAMMOND† .. .. 3.	*JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method as conductor. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

## KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER .. .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON* .. .. 3.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. 7.
F. GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

## DENHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. Treble.	J. J. PRATT .. .. 5.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 4.	H. CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RHYS M. HAWES .. .. Treble.	EDWARD BOREHAM .. .. 5.
FRANK K. BIGGS .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR G. JAMES .. .. 4.	GEORGE WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

Rung on the occasion of the Institution of the Rev. A. L. Whitfield as Vicar of the parish.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD EDWARDS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLINGTON .. .. 5.
HENRY HEAD .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wellington.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
FRANK CARTER .. .. 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Janet H. Carter, of Waltham Abbey.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

E. ATTWATER .. .. Treble.	R. A. HOUNSELL .. .. 5.
W. GIBSON .. .. 2.	F. ATTWATER .. .. 6.
G. RAPLEY .. .. 3.	F. HOUNSELL .. .. 7.
B. BURTENSHAW .. .. 4.	A. MITCHELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. GIBSON.

First peal by a purely local band for seven years. Rung on the 61st birthday of F. Hounsell, local captain and secretary for the past twenty years; also on the 18th birthday of F. Attwater.



## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	†OLIVER BROCK .. .. 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 2.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 6.
WALTER BARRETT .. .. 3.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 7.
WALTER MOBBS* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT H. SHARP* .. Treble.	HUBERT SALISBURY .. .. 5.
HENRY MIDDLETON .. .. 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 6.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 3.	FRANK COOK .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY* 4.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by WM. PAGE.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Sharp and Cook were proposed members at a previous attempt.

## QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD RUSHBY .. Treble.	FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 5.
JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. 2.	JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3.	ALFRED MARTIN .. .. 7.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 4.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM.

\*First peal as conductor.

## GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK .. Treble.	FREDERICK DIXON .. .. 5.
BALDWIN NORFOLK .. .. 2.	MARK BUSFIELD .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 3.	FRED HIRD .. .. 7.
BENJ. BARRET .. .. 4.	JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK DIXON.

First peal of Grandsire by the company. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lady Thompson, of Park Gate, who was interred on the following Monday.

## GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. FISHER* .. .. Treble.	A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
G. WELDON .. .. 2.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 6.
W. H. HEYHOK .. .. 3.	F. S. W. BUTLER .. .. 7.
A. W. LONG .. .. 4.	*A. BETTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

## BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

ALBERT H. SHARP† .. Treble.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 5.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 6.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. 7.
FRANK COOK .. .. 4.	*ALLEN KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

†First peal of Triples. \*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	HENRY PORCH .. .. 6.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. .. 9.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 5.	URIAH BEAVEN .. .. Tenor.

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

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 2.	ALFRED BOWELL .. .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	WILLIAM WOOD .. .. 8.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 5.	ALFRED WARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged to oblige Mr. Alfred Ward, of Ufford, and rang in honour of His Majesty's 62nd birthday.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. 9-10.	

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles. First peal of Royal by all the band, in the county, and by the Association, and rang as a birthday compliment to L. Watson who is 15 years of age.

BEDFORD.—THE ELY DIOCESAN AND THE BEDFORD-  
SHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. R. LILLEY, STRATFORD HOUSE,  
SALISBURY STREET,A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

LEWIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—Mrs. C. R. Lilley. This is the first peal ever rung in hand in the county of Bedford.



## CORRECTED PEAL.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 6.
JAMES PAGETT .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 9.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.	ROBT. M. BLACKWALL } Tenor.
	ROBT. GEE .. .. }

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

This is the conductor's 850th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

## Date Touches.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Saturday, November 7th, at the Cathedral, a date touch of 1903 Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 20 mins. W. Andrews, J. W. Steddy, H. G. Fairbrass, P. J. Paine, F. G. Brett, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore conductor, E. G. Buesden, A. A. Andrews, G. G. Jenkins, F. Davison. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. Canon and Hon. Mrs. Page Roberts, married at Holy Trinity, Brompton, November 7th, 1878.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 54 mins. H. Myers, J. Dean, W. Hiscott, E. Hendy, J. Steed, E. Marsh, W. Hopley, E. Manning, W. Ford, J. Jordan. Arranged from John Cox's peal and conducted by W. Hopley. First quarter-peal on the bells by the above. On Sunday, September 27th, at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins. W. Richards, W. Hiscott, E. Marsh, E. Hendy, J. Steed, W. Hopley, H. Myers, J. Jordan, W. H. Marsh, G. Stephen.

TIVERTON.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at the church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. R. Grater, B. Grater, W. Grater, E. Munday conductor, S. Grater, J. Hart, J. Babbage, J. Elsworth. Also on Wednesday, September 9th, a quarter-peal in 47 mins. E. Munday, J. Grater, J. Elsworth, E. V. Cox, R. Grater, J. Hart, J. Babbage conductor, H. Ware.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.

HAZEL GROVE.—At the church of St. Thomas, on July 5th, 720 Plain Bob; July 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; July 16th, 720 Warnham Court; July 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; August 2nd, 720 Merchant's Return; August 6th, 720 Oxford Single Bob; August 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; August 16th, 720 College Little; August 20th, 720 Violet Treble Bob; August 23rd, 720 College Single and 720 Plain Bob; August 27th, Oxford Treble Bob; September 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob; September 13th, 720 New London Pleasure; September 16th, 720 Duke of York; September 20th, 720 Oxford Single Bob and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Kellett, J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH LENCH, NEAR EVESHAM.—On Sunday, September 6th, by the St. Peter's Society of Bengworth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, in 42 mins. G. Lampitt, E. Tolley, F. Cook conductor, H. Middleton, F. Styles, G. L. Brookes.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, 20th September, for evening service at the parish church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Keates, H. Warnett, G. King, T. G. Deal, T. Taylor, C. Walker, H. Barrett conductor, J. Last.

MARDEN.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service at the

church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 27½ mins., with 18 bobs 2 singles. P. Hodgkin, D. Hodgkin, F. Sharp, H. Brown, G. Hadaway, C. H. Sone. Also 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., with 14 singles 4 bobs. F. Sharp, D. Hodgkin, H. Brown, C. H. Sone, G. Hadaway, P. Hodgkin. Both conducted by C. H. Sone.

EAST SUTTON.—On Sunday, August 30th, for afternoon service at the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., with 21 bobs 12 singles. P. Hodgkin, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, H. Brown, E. Lambert, C. H. Sone conductor.

CHART SUTTON.—On August 30th, for evening service at St. Michael's, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., with 18 bobs 2 singles. G. Hadaway, E. Lambert, F. Sharp, H. Brown, C. H. Sone conductor. P. Hodgkin.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Wednesday, August 26th, at the church of The Imanuel, 1176 Bob Triples. E. Watson, F. Costar, T. Barker, \*Hon. A. P. F. Erskine, J. W. Ward, S. Smith, J. H. Blakiston conductor, W. Barber. \*Hails from Oxford. On September 2nd, 840 Bob Triples. E. J. Watson, S. Smith, T. Barber, J. W. Ward, Hon. A. Erskine, A. McFarlane, J. H. Blakiston, W. Barber. Also 336 Bob Major. E. J. Watson, F. Costar, T. Barber, Hon. A. Erskine, J. W. Ward, R. Gill, J. H. Blakiston, A. McFarlane.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On September 4th, 432 Double Norwich. N. Kidd, W. J. Titchener, Hon. A. Erskine, J. Carter, J. H. Jones, C. Hall, J. H. Blakiston, A. McFarlane. Also a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. W. Walland, J. H. Jones, W. J. Titchener, J. Carter, Hon. A. Erskine, W. Rudd, J. H. Blakiston, A. McFarlane.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Friday, September 11th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the re-opening of the church by the Bishop of Derby, after reseating, etc., 720 Bob Minor on the back six. G. Garner, G. Beardlow, T. Allibone, W. Buxton composer and conductor, A. Tomlinson, T. Dent. Tenor 18 cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On Monday, August 31st, 377 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Symons, C. Groves, W. Lebbon conductor, J. Harris, J. Matthews, J. Harding, E. Dowland. On Sunday, September 6th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. T. Earton, J. Harris, W. Lebbon conductor, J. Harding.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. H. Crute, J. W. Elkins, E. G. Lampard, W. T. Tucker, W. C. Lampard, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, G. Noice. Also a 308.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, being the last of Holt's Original in 47 mins. G. Edser, sen., G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Martin, J. Emery, R. J. Polley. First quarter-peal by the local company. On Sunday morning, November 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 46 mins. G. Edser, jun., G. Edser, sen., G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, J. Martin, J. Emery, W. Freeland. First quarter-peal of Bob Triples by the local band.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. C. Moulden, J. Tucker, N. Cox, H. Tucker, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Goodenough. Longest length in the method by Messrs. Moulden, Cox (2), and Goodenough.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Swingle, J. T. Walsh, A. Jackson, H. Featherstone, H. Driffield, J. Hodds, C. R. Lilley conductor, T. Faulkner. For evening service an attempt for a quarter-peal taken from Holt's Original was lost in the last lead. J. Swingle, J. T. Walsh, A. Jackson, H. Driffield, C. R. Lilley conductor, J. Hedds, H. Featherstone, T. Faulkner.

NORTHALLERTON.—On September 3rd, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. L. Brown, J. Brettell conductor, J. Carter, J. Barnett, H. Stevenson, W. Thompson, R. Shuttleworth. On September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Brown, H. Stevenson, J. Carter, J. Brettell, W. Thompson, J. Barnett conductor, R. Shuttleworth. On September 13th, 720 Bob Minor, for Divine service. L. Brown, W. Thompson, H. Stevenson, J. Carter, J. Brettell, J. Barnett conductor, R. Shuttleworth.



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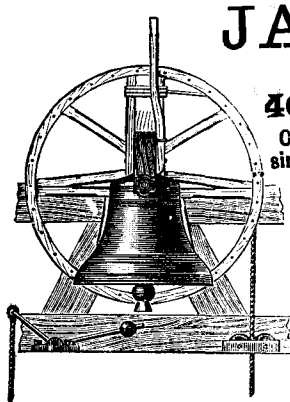
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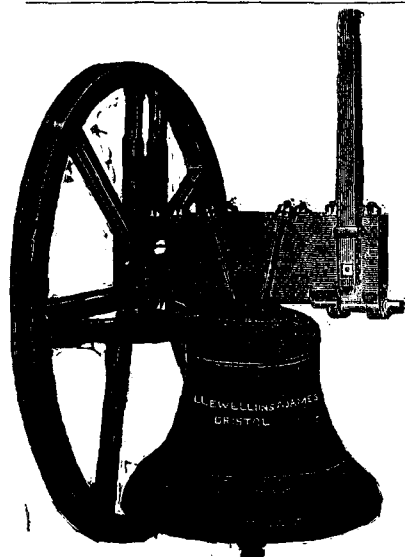
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

MELLS (Somerset). St. Andrew. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 5th by Mears; 3rd, 6th and tenor by Bilbie, 1743, 1778, and 1745 respectively; 4th and 7th by Rudhall, 1716. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. by Rudhall, 1716. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by York, 1869. Ropes fair. "Whole-pull change-ringing practised." Sunday ringing: 9 to 10, except on 4th in month, 10 to 11. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire). St. Mary. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1895; 3rd and 4th by Briant, 1802. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in., by Eayre, 1753. Founders of the rest not known, nor date of 6th and 7th; 5th, 1728; 8th, 1730; 9th, 1766. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1894. Ropes new 1894, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.15. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

MEON, EAST (Hants). All Saints. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 3rd, 4th and 5th by Mears, 1782, 1834 and 1819 respectively; 6th by Tozier, 1722; the rest by Taylor, 1890. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1898. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday 7.30 during winter.

MEON, WEST (Hants). St. John the Evangelist. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, the two trebles 1897, the rest 1845. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Back six rehung by Blackburn, 1892. Repairs always attended to. Ropes new 1897, fair. "Half-pull ringing by figures." No mention of Sunday ringing. Practice: 7, from Michaelmas to Lady Day.

MERSHAM (Kent). St. John the Baptist. Kent County

Association. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1880; 3rd by the same, 1847; the rest by Hatch, 1612. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Tenor recently rehung by Finn. The five back bells are badly worn in the soundbow. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday and Saturday, 7.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at St. Luke's church, Great Crosby, on Saturday, October 10th, when about sixty members attended. Previous to commencing ringing the Vicar paid a visit to the belfry and opened the proceedings with prayer. Several mixed bands rang various touches up to 5 p.m., when service was held, the Vicar giving a most excellent address on two bell mottoes: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," from the great bell of St. Paul's; and "Their sound is gone out into all lands," from Great Tom of Oxford. Mr. Hugh Gregson, a Crossens ringer, presided at the organ. At the school-room where by the kindness of Mr. Smith, a most excellent tea was partaken of, the business meeting was held, the Vicar occupying the chair, and opened the proceedings by calling on Mr. Martin to read a statement of accounts which showed £5 to the Benevolent Fund, and a good balance to the General Fund. The accounts were duly passed, and the officers warmly thanked for their services. Mr. J. Martin was re-elected Treasurer, and Mr. W. Benthall re-elected Ringing Secretary. Mr. Short, in a good practical address on change-ringing, offered a trophy to the eight-bell towers, and Captain McAdam offered a similar one to the six-bell towers for ringing the most peals during the twelve months. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit thanked the two donors for their kindness. The Vicar and curate and several ringers were elected members of the Guild. Business over, a smoking concert was held, when excellent songs and instrumental music were given by several ladies and gentlemen of the congregation, and the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the north-western division for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and other business, was held at Newport on Saturday, October 31st, but unfortunately it was poorly attended. The chair was taken by the Rev. G. F. Tamplin, Vicar of Newport, while the vice was taken by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary of the Association. Tea being over, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. H. J. Tucker, District Secretary, and passed. The following were elected members: Rev. L. S. Westall, Vicar of Thaxted, as an Hon. Member; and Messrs. E. Brett (London), R. Brett (South Darenth, Kent), H. S. T. Richardson and E. H. Lewis (Trinity College, Cambridge), and T. Cutforth (Spalding), as non-resident. The next business was the election of Master and District



Secretary for the ensuing year, but before any nominations were made, the District Secretary read a letter from the Master (Rev. G. H. Oakshott), stating that he wished to resign the office, and that he thought it would be better to have a practical ringer as Master, also expressing his best thanks to the District Secretary for the support he had given to him for the last two years. It was then proposed by Mr. J. Luckey, and seconded by Mr. G. H. Barker, that Mr. W. Prior be Master for the ensuing year. Mr. Prior proposed Mr. N. J. Pitstow, but as this got no seconder Mr. Prior got duly elected, and said he would do what laid in his power for the Association.

Mr. G. H. Barker then proposed, and Mr. W. Prior seconded, that Mr. H. J. Tucker be re-elected District Secretary, and as no other name was proposed, Mr. Tucker was duly elected, and in response said that he was quite willing to act for another year, but hoped to have more support at the future meetings than what he had had in the past.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Newport for the use of the bells, and also for presiding at the meeting, to which the Vicar responded, and said he hoped to see the Association on some future occasion.

The members afterwards visited Saffron Walden and had some good ringing on the fine peal of bells there in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

**NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.**—A meeting of this district was held at Maldon on Saturday, October 10th, ringers being present from Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Braintree, and Totham. The bells of the two churches of St. Mary's and All Saints were kept going during the afternoon and evening, 720s of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being rung. A good tea was provided in the parish room, which stands on the site of St. Peter's church, the tower of which is still standing, and contains a bell weighing about 18 cwt. which the Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints (with which is included St. Peter's), hope some day to use with their present peal of six, and with a treble complete the octave. The meeting held after the tea was presided over by the Vicar of All Saints, supported by his warden, and it gave the ringers great pleasure to elect both of them, and also the other churchwarden as hon. members. The local ringers who attended the meeting in such good numbers, deserve the thanks of the district for the admirable arrangements made.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14th, eight members of the Leiston society attempted G. Lindoff's three-part peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major, which suddenly came to an untimely end after ringing 4928 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Wilson, W. Taylor, J. Aviss, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, J. Button, A. J. Lincoln conductor. The peal was attempted in honour of the marriage of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who was for many years a member of the Leiston company, the band joining in every good wish to him. Much regret was felt that the peal on this auspicious occasion was not successful.

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#### RINGING AFFAIRS IN EDINBURGH.

I have only just seen Mr. Cleveland Ellis' letter. I trust however that he is not seriously thinking of taking any hostile action on the lines suggested in his letter. It is a most unfortunate circumstance that there should be so large a body of public opinion opposed to ringing of any kind; but as such is the case, it is clearly the best policy to do as little as possible to stir it up. If the Edinburgh ringers were to take successful action, the probability would be that when it was noised abroad many in other parts of the country would be stirred up to make a fuss, and many places where ringing is now allowed might find it forbidden or hindered.

Nay, I think ringers should not be content with a negative attitude, but should be always striving to lessen any possible excuse for annoyance. Ringers are careful that the noise in the ringing-chamber shall be reduced to an agreeable modicum; they should be equally careful for their neighbours who are outside the tower. When I went to St. Mark's, Leicester, it was the noisiest tower I had ever heard, and that in a busy and crowded neighbourhood. But the ringers themselves raised the money to brick up inside six out of the eight windows, above the lip of the biggest bell when upset. We would have bricked them all up, but those who complained found this enough. If ringers would do this everywhere—and no one else but the ringers are likely to do it—not only would the present prejudice be lessened or done away, but we should ourselves be following the golden rule to do as we would be done by.

HERBERT DRAKE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the branch meeting of the Blackburn branch held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 10th, there was a good attendance of ringers from Colne, Blackburn, Oswaldtwistle, Newchurch, Padiham, and both churches in Burnley, and the bells were kept going in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. During the evening the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, M.A., unveiled a peal-board which commemorates a peal rung on February 5th, 1903, to the memory of the late R. Munn, Esq., of Burnley, and during the course of his remarks said how pleased he was to see so many present, and extended a hearty welcome to them on that or any other occasion they wished to hold their meetings there. Speaking of Mr. Munn he said that both the ringers and himself had lost a personal friend. Although not a ringer himself, he was one who took a keen interest in bells and ringing, and in the belfry of Holy Trinity church in particular, and held a warm affection for the ringers which he was sure was fully returned by them all. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar terminated the ceremony.

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GEORGE GREEN, Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Corsham to-day, Saturday, November 21st. Service at 5 p.m.  
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, November 25th, at 8 p.m., and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, December 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting after St. Michael's.  
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
'Frodingham,' Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, on Friday, November 27th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Every member who can make it convenient are earnestly requested to attend.  
A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

10, St. Ann's Rd., Hornsey.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.  
Hillingdon.  
J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells). Peal to be attempted 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at Woodman inn at 7.30 p.m.  
FRED BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 till 9. As arrangements have to be made for a conveyance to leave Robertsbridge station at 2.50, members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know not later than Wednesday, 25th inst. Usual railway allowance.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.  
Arran, Baldsloe Road, Hastings.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday next, November 28th. Ringing to commence at 4. Tea at 6, to be followed by meeting. All ringing friends cordially invited. Will those requiring tea kindly send their names to me by Thursday, November 26th.  
C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.  
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Helmsboro, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.  
W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 5th. Tower open for ringing

at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Ringing to stop at 8 o'clock.

A. OSBORNE, Dist. Sec.  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available all day. Tea in the National Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately following. Service at 5.30.  
A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Bridgewater.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, December 5th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Woolpack inn, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1904. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Feering (8), Gt. Tey (8) and Kelvedon (6) will be open for ringing all day. Those intending to be present must give notice at least three days before.  
ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Coggeshall.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. MAGNUS, LONDON.—E. Pye's 400 peals.—On tower bells: On 6 bells 1; Grandsire Triples 7, Caters 3, Cinques 1; Stedman Triples 76, Caters 51, Cinques 15; Bob Major 4; Kent Treble Bob Major 13, Royal 19, Maximus 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Royal 2; Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Duffield Major 1, Double Norwich Major 42; Superlative Surprise 67, Cambridge do. 11, New Cambridge do. 11, London do. 14, New Cumberland do. 1, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 3; total 349. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 1; Stedman Triples 20, Caters 8, Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 6, do. Royal 2; Double Norwich 4, Superlative Surprise 6, New Cambridge Surprise 3; total 51.

## Compositions.

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54326			2	2
25463		-		2
25634	2		2	1
26354				1
23564	1	-	2	2

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 266th Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place on Saturday, November 7th, at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge. Mr. J. W. Golding, Master of the Society, who presided, was supported by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny. Mr. W. D. Smith was in the vice-chair. There was a good company present, including Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., Mr. R. A. Daniell (Cumberland Youths), Mr. W. J. Hinton (Bristol), Mr. M. A. Wood, Mr. Comb, and other veterans of the Society.

In submitting the toast of "The Church, King and Royal Family," the vice-chairman said it was neither the place or time to talk about religion, but it was as a body of church workers that they could speak of the Church into which in their infancy they had been brought, and in the pale of which they hoped to die. It was the sons of the Church that were at all times ready to weep with those that had to weep and rejoice with them that rejoiced. As ringers they could speak of the clergy as a body that at all times extended to them the right hand of fellowship. With respect to that part of the toast which referred to His Majesty, no one worthy of the name of an Englishman would be wanting in his loyalty to the King and Queen of England.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whose name was coupled with the toast, expressed a hope that the anniversary of so ancient a Society might one day be graced, if not by His Majesty, by some member of the royal family. Coming to the other portion of the toast, it was a pleasure to have an opportunity of speaking a word in connection with the great Church to which they all belonged. What would it be without its voluntary workers. He could heartily re-echo the words of the vice-chairman as to the clergy extending the right hand of good fellowship to all those who were taking part in church work. As ringers they must remember that there were female as well as male ringers in the present day. There had been a photo. published of a band, which showed some of the most lovely faces he had ever seen. He hoped they might come to London, and at a future anniversary grace the proceedings by their presence.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said the Society, which was the oldest change-ringing Society in existence, had now reached its 266th anniversary. Every member was proud to belong to such a society. There had during the past year been an increase in its membership. This he trusted would long continue.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the energetic Hon. Secretary, in replying, said letters had been received expressing regret at not being able to attend from the Bishop of London, Archdeacon Sinclair, Canon Taylor, Canon Nolloth, D.D., Rev. Andrew E. Caldecott, Rev. Maitland Kelly, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., General Mackinnon, Messrs. H. Baker, C. Sillitoe, G. Breed, Pates, Phillott, etc. Telegrams had also been received which ran as follows: "Success to the College Youths' dinner. Sub-Lieut. Lachlan Mackinnon remembers you, but the vessel is at Lemos." Also "I take much interest in your dinner; wish you all success.—Kanava Kitchener" (sister to Lord Kitchener.) Proceeding, the Hon. Secretary said that during the past ten years there had been 580 new members, or an average of fifty-eight. During the past year there had been sixty-six, so the number was above the average. The number of peals was a little below the average. There had been 44, which were made up of seven 720s, 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 12 (one on handbells); Caters, 3; Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 2; Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 6; Caters, 1; Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise, 3; Cambridge, 1; London, 6. This he thought would prove that while the number was below the average, it was good in quality. The practices had been fairly well attended. These had taken place at St. Paul's, St. Michael's, and St. Magnus. There was however room for a larger and also a more punctual attendance; especially was this the case at St. Magnus, where a start could be made earlier if only members would put in an earlier appearance. Unfortunately Cripplegate was closed as the tower was in need of repair. At Bow it was impossible to ring, for the bells had been hung and rehung, but still they could not be rung. At St. Saviour's there was still attention wanted. What was done appeared to be a long and slow job. On behalf of the Society he desired to thank all for the spirit in which the toast

had been received, and the hearty manner in which the call had been responded to.

Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed "The Visitors."

Mr. H. J. Mackinder, in responding, said possibly some of those present would like to hear from an outsider what bells sound like. As one who lived within a few yards of a ring of twelve he would say that they did not ring but speak. It might not be to those who were in the tower, but to those who were a short distance from it. Was it not so with the bells that rang in connection with national functions? Did they not speak out to the nation? Did not Great Tom speak to the nation upon the death of Queen Victoria, which although expected, came at the last as a surprise? When peace was declared did not the ring of the twelve bells sound like the beat of the ocean upon twelve distant shores, and reminded Englishmen that they belonged to a mighty Empire.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara, in proposing "London and Provincial Ringing Societies," said it would be well if some of the Provincial Societies remembered the College Youths and Cumberlands as the old societies that had done so much in the ringing world. There were of course some old provincial societies which were also worthy of respect, and should be held in respect by those who were coming to the front.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in replying, said the churchwardens at St. Michael's had not yet done all that was wanted, but he trusted that what was necessary was on the right way to be done. Referring to the new London Diocesan Association, Mr. Daniell said it was a matter that he felt strongly upon, for it appeared to him that the older Societies in London had been insulted. He did not object to such a Society, but what he did object to was for a society of mushroom growth going to the Bishop and getting his blessing without consulting those who had borne the burden and heat of the day. The fault, he thought laid with those who had done this not being in touch with the London Societies. He did not know if it had been before College Youths; certainly it had not come before the Cumberlands. He did not believe that the Bishop of London would have consented if he had known that the old Societies had not been consulted. The day was coming when these kind of things would have to be looked into, and he considered that the Master and the Secretary of the old societies should approach the Bishop of London and put the whole matter before him.

Mr. W. J. Hinton (Bristol) also responded.

Mr. E. A. Davies proposed "The Officers of the Society," to which Mr. Arthur Hughes replied.

During the evening a course of Stedman Caters was rung by C. F. Winney, H. R. Newton, H. R. Pasmore, H. P. Harman, H. Langdon. The musical part of the proceedings was of the usual character.

Early in the evening Mr. Daniell presented the Society with a photo. copy of Stedman's will, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

## 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."

CLAPPER SPRINGS.

SIR,—May I be permitted space in your valuable paper to strongly recommend all ringers and those interested in bells to go and hear the peal of eight bells rehung at Isleworth, Middlesex, and fitted with John B. Hesse's patent spring clappers, which in no way cause the balls to clapper up the wrong side. I was, I confess, much against spring clappers, but having heard Isleworth bells shall not fail to as strongly recommend to the many who consult me here and elsewhere on the subject, to have the spring clappers fitted to any bells they may have to do with. Isleworth church being within 5 minutes' walk of the London United Tramway electric cars at Busch Corner, or Fire Station, from Hammersmith District and Metropolitan Railways, and the Tube at Shepherds Bush, is within reach of all. The bells are rung at 10.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. on Sundays, and on Fridays at 8 p.m., and to hear this peal will be a revelation to all of what a peal of bells can be, as it was to

E. LAWFORD DALE.



**Handbell Peals.****CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Tuesday, November 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES.**

E. H. LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	F. S. POOLE .. .. 7-8.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	REV. H. L. JAMES .. 9-10.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.	B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 11-12.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Arranged and Conducted by  
H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

First peal of Maximus by all except the ringer of 9-10. First in hand by all. First  
peal of Maximus in hand by either society. Umpire—Rev. H. B. Woolley.

**WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT 29, COUNTESS AVENUE,

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

F. ALDER GOFTON .. 1-2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5-6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 3-4.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Umpire—George R. Holmes. First peal of Bob Major on handbells by all, and  
first for the Association.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

HORACE F. MOORE, JUN. 1-2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE, JUN. 3-4.
HARRY R. MOORE, JUN. .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpires—Messrs. A. Palmer and F. Ridd. This is the first peal rung in hand by  
three brothers; by the above Association; also the first double-handed peal in Bury  
St. Edmunds.

**Date Touches.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LOWMOOR (Yorks).—On a recent Sunday evening, a date touch of  
Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Bailey, H. Simpson, A.  
Wilkinson, T. Simpson, E. Wheeler composer and conductor, H.  
Kershaw, J. W. Emmett, C. Dracup.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

COGGESHALL.—On Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the King's  
birthday, 1008 Bob Major. R. Potter, J. Newman, D. Elliott, P.  
Langston, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, C. Rogers, E. W. Beckwith. Con-  
ducted by D. Elliott.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BARKING (Essex).—For evening service at Holy Trinity, on Sunday,  
November 15th, 120 Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins. A. J. Waits, S.  
Bird, T. Cranfield conductor, J. Waits, J. E. Jones, J. Slade.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

QUADRING.—On Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire  
Doubles in 38 mins. A. J. Farr, F. Tomlinson, R. Marshall, G.  
Tomlinson, R. Richardson conductor.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On September 27th, at the church of St.  
Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes.  
S. Wyatt, W. A. Fowler, J. Routley, E. A. Poole, J. Maddock, J.  
Burge conductor, F. Sadd, W. Eveleigh, E. Wyatt, W. White. On

October 17th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. J. Poole, E. A. Poole, F.  
Millard, F. Sadd, S. Wyatt, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, W. A.  
Fowler. On October 25th, another 504 Stedman Triples. W. White,  
W. A. Fowler, J. Routley, F. Sadd, S. Wyatt, J. Fowler, J. Burge  
conductor, P. Merson. On November 9th, a quarter-peal Grandsire  
Caters, 1259 changes. S. Wyatt, J. Routley, W. A. Fowler, E. A.  
Poole, H. J. Creed, J. Burge conductor, E. Wyatt, W. Eveleigh, W.  
White, J. Fowler.

PRESTON PLUCKNET (Somerset).—On Saturday, October 24th, 1260  
Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Rowe, T. W. Radford,  
W. Smith, R. H. Thring, S. T. Thring, F. Gillard.

YEovil (Somerset).—On Monday, November 9th, two 168s Grand-  
sire Triples. G. Rowe, A. Pragnal, W. Smith, R. H. Thring, A. H.  
Hayward, S. T. Thring, T. W. Radford, F. Gillard. Tenor 45 cwt.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Dunstan's,  
720 Grandsire Minor in 31 mins. R. T. Lade, W. Brown, F. Eade,  
T. Lade, J. Bagley, A. R. Miles conductor.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HENLOW (Beds).—At St. Mary's, on Saturday, November 14th, an  
attempt for a peal of Doubles came to grief after ringing 3240 changes  
in 1 hr. 50 mins., owing to the 2nd rope breaking. H. J. Harlow,  
A. Daniels, H. L. Harlow conductor, F. Wells, J. Blott.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday morning, November 15th, for Divine  
service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Sharp, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow con-  
ductor, A. Daniels, A. Pratt, J. Blott. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles.  
H. L. Harlow, A. Pratt, A. Daniels, J. Blott, C. Pratt, E. Kitley. For  
evening service, 1320 Doubles in 47 mins., being 840 Bob and 480  
Grandsire. W. Sharp, H. L. Harlow conductor, C. Pratt, A. Pratt,  
J. Blott, E. Kitley.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday evening, November 8th, for Divine Ser-  
vice at St. Cuthbert's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples  
taken from Holt's Original in 52 mins. J. Adams, T. S. Thomas, J.  
Luck, J. S. McCulloch, A. Thomson, D. Stocks, W. C. S. Heathcote  
conductor, J. Cornet. First quarter-peal of Grandsire.

ILFORD (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of  
Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins. C. Fenn conductor, J. Cottis, S.  
Hayes, R. Fenn, A. Carter, T. Faulkner, F. Hull, D. Carrier.

ISLIP (Northants).—On Wednesday, September 30th, 360 Bob  
Minor. D. Redhead, T. Jervis, A. Johnson, E. Curtis, R. Loveday  
conductor, J. Nickerson. On Sunday, October 4th, for early service,  
360 Oxford Bob. T. Jervis, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, F. Knight, E.  
Curtis, R. Loveday conductor. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob.  
A. Johnson, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, E. Mayes, R. Love-  
day conductor. On Monday afternoon, October 12th, after the funeral  
service of the late John Betts, 720 Plain Bob with the bells deeply  
muffled. A. Johnson, T. Jervis, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, F. Knight, R.  
Loveday conductor.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for  
Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. N. Corden, S. Stone, H.  
W. Herrington, J. Blake, E. H. Holden, P. H. Doick, A. Greenfield  
conductor, C. S. Child.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, at Christ  
Church, for Divine service in morning, a quarter-peal Bob Major,  
1264 changes, in 48 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth,  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1903.

At the College Youths' anniversary the other evening, the Secretary of that society made the following remarks: "At Bow it was impossible to ring, for the bells had been hung and rehung, and still they could not be rung. At St. Saviour's there was still attention wanted. What was done appeared to be a long and slow job." Here we have two of the best and perhaps two of the most historical rings of twelve bells in the metropolis in a condition unfit for ringing. Such a state of affairs is a positive scandal, and we call upon the authorities concerned to remove it without delay. We are not correctly acquainted with the work (?) which has been done to these bells, but perhaps some of our friends will enlighten us during the next few days, so that we can recur to the matter next week.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The peal of Superlative rung at St. Peter's, Walworth, on Saturday, November 7th, was not the first peal in the method on the bells. The first peal of Superlative was rung by the Middlesex County Association as recently as March 21st last year.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE BRUSH.. .. Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 6.
HENRY G. MILES .. .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CUTMORE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 8.
WILLIAM E. MOSS .. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
ALBERT V. SELBY .. .. 5.	CHARLES H. PHIPPS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by HENRY G. MILES.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

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### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MILES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PRYOR .. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK* .. .. 2.	CHARLES PRYOR .. .. 6.
ERNEST PRYOR .. .. 3.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 7.
ERNEST BONFIELD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NORTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY BARTON.. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM DEAN .. .. 6.
JOHN PRYER† .. .. 2.	ALFRED JONES .. .. 7.
EDWARD J. TURL .. .. 3.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 8.
GEORGE R. FARDON.. .. 4.	†ALBERT COLES .. .. 9.
HENRY STUBBS .. .. 5.	GEORGE TURL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
QR.-MR. SGT. A. PYE. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. Barry, and as a token of respectful regard to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, on his being appointed by His Majesty the King to a Companionship of the Imperial Service Order.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 5.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

### The Provinces.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, October 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE MILES* .. .. Treble.	*JOHN MOTH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BOYLES .. .. 2.	MAURICE STERR .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.. 7.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 4.	CHARLES JEFFERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.

\*First peal.



## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

On Friday, November 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS W. McKEGG .. Treble.	EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 5.
REGGIE DYSON* .. .. 2.	CLIFFE DRONFIELD .. .. 6.
JOHN REDFERN BREARLEY .. 3.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR JOHN SAXBY .. .. 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by THOMAS McKEGG.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on St. Leonard's Day, the patron Saint of the church.

## SEDGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lbs.

JOHN GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLS .. .. 5.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES HARES .. .. 7.
JAMES HALL .. .. 4.	JOHN RAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HARES.

\*First peal as conductor

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

DAVID ANSCOMB .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Ventham, who, being indisposed was unable to take part, also a wedding compliment to Mr. I. Hoyle.

## ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

WILLIAM COOK .. .. Treble.	CHARLES READ .. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 2.	HENRY BEAMS .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. BROWN* .. .. 3.	HENRY CORBETT .. .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 4.	THOMAS A. SHUNT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the King's birthday.

## BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and three 720s each of Kent and Oxford each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by M. BENNETT.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

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## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty 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.

JOHN MAYES* .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday comp'iment to A. Berry.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs. in E flat.

FRED G. GODDARD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 2.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 6.
JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. 4.	ALBERT SHEARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor. Rung to celebrate the birthday of His Majesty the King.

## KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

W. BASTOW .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BANCROFT .. .. 5.
J. EDMONDSON* .. .. 2.	R. W. JENNISON .. .. 6.
M. W. LUND .. .. 3.	J. MCGOUN .. .. 7.
A. GREEN .. .. 4.	S. MURGATROYD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by T. BANCROFT.

## NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT WILBY* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILBY .. .. 5.
EDWARD SMITH .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. AYERS .. .. 6.
F. ISAAC FUTTER† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK FUTTER .. .. 4.	HENRY BETTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED MILLS* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 5.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. 4.	ARTHUR SEABROOK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the election of Alderman Levi Johnson to the Mayoralty of Wolverhampton.



## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM DOWSETT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 6.
CHARLES COLLINS .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 4.	JOHN PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. WILSON.

Rung in honour of Councillor James Berry, a generous donor to the Bell Fund, who was unanimously elected Mayor of Southend-on-Sea on the previous Monday.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 6.
HAROLD J. WITCHELL* .. .. 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY* .. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 9.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL.. 5.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by  
BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\*First peal of Caters. This composition has the least number of changes yet obtained with the 6th bell extent behind the 9th and 8th, and is now rung for the first time.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES H. HILL .. .. Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRIGHT .. .. 2.	HENRY WILKES .. .. 6.
ALBERT HILL .. .. 3.	WM. H. JOHNSON .. .. 7.
ALFRED MOORE .. .. 4.	THOMAS MALIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

Rung as a farewell peal to H. F. Cooper, who is leaving Worcester for Chelmsford.

## HORLEY, SURREY.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. .. 5.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD† .. .. 2.	*JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 6.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 3.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 7.
ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 4.	ROBERT BALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

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

## BEESTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN PALING .. .. Treble.	*EDWARD J. BOOT .. .. 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 6.
LOUIS PRICE† .. .. 3.	†FREDERICK S. PRICE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 4.	*PERCY PRICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. CLIFFORD.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal as conductor.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE W. BRIAN* .. Treble.	EDWARD RADDON .. .. 5.
ROBERT ROFFEY .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	EDWARD HEATHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\*First peal. Rang with the bells half-muffled in memory of F. W. J. Rees, Esq., who was for several years churchwarden of St. Nicolas. He gave the two trebles as a thankoffering for recovery from a severe illness in 1894.

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CHRIST CHURCH BLACKLANDS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. Treble.	FREDERICK LOCK .. .. 5.
JAMES LIVERMORE, SEN. .. 2.	ALBERT E. BARROW .. .. 6.
ROBERT C. FORD* .. .. 3.	SYDNEY SAKER .. .. 7.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. SWAIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY SAKER.

Rung to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rev. Canon Hodges' ministry and dedication of the church. \*First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
JOSHUA MILNER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	JOHN P. TARLTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN P. TARLTON.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER JAMES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER .. .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT* .. .. 3.	JOHN MASON .. .. 8.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY* .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 9.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 5.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. R. HAYWARD.

\*First peal of Caters.

## LUTON, BEDS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 6.
ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.



HILLINGDON EAST, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN .. 5.
JOSEPH J. PRATT .. 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. 3.	HARRY BROWNING .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 4.	WILLIAM HONOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	HENRY HOWELL .. 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 2.	JOSEPH GOULD .. 6.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS .. 4.	URIAH BRAVEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. 4.
HARRY EDGELEY .. 2.	WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. 5.
ARTHUR W. KING .. 3.	THOMAS MURRAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

\*First peal of Minor. The ringers of the 2nd and Tenor were proposed members of the above Association previous to starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MURRAY* .. Treble.	†GEORGE PIGOTT .. 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 3.	†JAMES DOWLER .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late James Astbury, brother to the Vicar at the above church.

The following seven peals were rung without a failure during a six days' visit of the Rev. F. E. Robinson to Hertford.

HODDESDON.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
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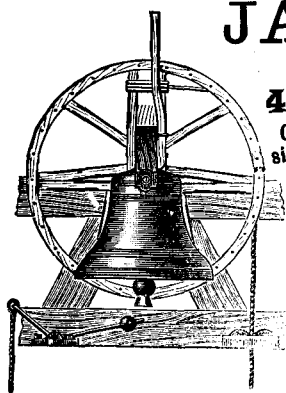
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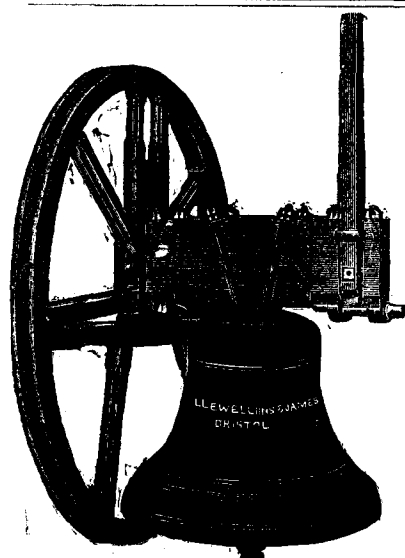
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### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

*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).

MERTHYR (Glamorganshire). St. David. Llandaff Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor. No date given. Tenor 20 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. No further information.

MICKLETON (Gloucestershire). Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. No founder or date given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs always done as necessary. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 8 a.m. No practice mentioned.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks). St. Hilda. Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1864. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Carr, 1897. Proper attention paid to repairs. Ropes new 1893, bad. New set requisitioned. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

MIDDLETON (Lancashire). St. Leonard. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1891; the rest by Rudhall, 1714. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Overhauled by Mears, 1896. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30.

MIDDLEWICH (Cheshire). St. Michael. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 3rd and 4th by Mears (? Rudhall) 1708; 6th and 7th very old. No date or founder known. The rest by Taylor, 1897. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Taylor, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.

## ARMITAGE BRIDGE, HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS. JUBILEE OF THE BELLS.

The parish church of this village, which is very pleasantly situated in a valley, is partly surrounded by water and trees along with a viaduct on one side and faced by the beautiful residence of Sir Thomas Brooke on the other. The bells are a very musical ring of six, and the "go" of them is splendid. The 15th of October being the fiftieth anniversary of the opening, it was decided that Saturday, October 17th, should be observed as Jubilee Day, so the local ringers collected subscriptions for this purpose, and entertained a large company of ringing friends, past and present members of most towers in the district. Of the eighteen ringers who opened the bells (the members of which hailed from Holmfirth, Almondbury, and Meltham), but one person survives, viz., Edward Dawson, of Meltham. At the time of the opening he was fifteen years of age, and he was present at the Jubilee. The bells during the afternoon were rung by local talent in excellent time, while at four o'clock the ropes were taken in hand with the object of ringing a 5040 by J. Barraclough, J. W. T. Holgate, B. Cowling, John Thackray, Jos. Heckingbottom, and Jas. Guy. All went well for some time, but after ringing about 3000 changes a trip caused two bells to change course, and the peal came to grief, much to the disappointment of all. On assembling at The Butcher's Arms, the ringers of the attempted peal, accompanied by Mr. Bethell and Mr. Dawson (both veterans), were invited to an excellent tea, which was greatly appreciated by the visitors. Afterwards Mr. Dawson was anxious to ring a touch, and the following adjourned to the tower and rang a 720 of Oxford. E. Dawson, J. Barraclough, B. Cowling conductor, S. Shaw, J. Heckingbottom, J. Guy. The visitors having to catch a train, Mr. Holgate on their behalf proposed a vote of thanks for the kind provision and hospitality which the local company displayed, and gave great credit to the host and hostess for the manner in which tea was served. The meeting was a great success.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of this district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rang by various bands till 5 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the village hall, where Mr. J. Mitcham had prepared an excellent meat tea, to which fifty-three sat down, with the Rector of Chislehurst, the Rev. J. E. Dawson in the chair, supported by the Rector of Woolwich, Rev. Canon Escreet. Grace having been said by the chairman, the good things provided soon disappeared. The business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. At this point the chairman rose and said that he should like to say how pleased he was to meet them all, and to extend to the Association a hearty welcome to Chislehurst. He



was afraid he could not say much to them about bell-ringing, as there was only one bell at the church he had come from, but he was very pleased to hear the sound of a ring of bells. He also stated that he once had a brother-cleric come to live with him who was an enthusiastic change-ringer, but as they had no tower bells he tried to learn them change-ringing on handbells, but he was sorry to say he did not get on very well with it as he was not very good at mathematics, for he always thought a ringer must be a thorough mathematician. He hoped they had enjoyed their ringing, and would do so after the meeting. Four new members were elected, and Bromley was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting in January. The Secretary then read his report, in which he stated things had gone on very satisfactorily in the district, but one thing they lacked was a good list of honorary members. Three towers had joined that year—Eltham, Eynsford and Sidcup. The peal record for the district read well, being thirty-seven from October 25th, 1902, to October 24th, 1903, as follows: Minor, 3; Grand-sire Triples, 5; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 10; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 10; Bob Major, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. Five other peals had been rung in the district—London Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 1. In each case all, or nearly all, were members of this Association, and the majority resident in the district, but the credit was given to another Association. This he considered was not quite as it should be.

The Rev. Canon Escreet proposed that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Mr. G. Durling, and carried. On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Preston, seconded by Mr. G. W. Evitt, Mr. T. Groombridge was unanimously elected Hon. District Secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. Town proposed that Mr. G. Conyard be re-elected district representative on the central committee. This was seconded by Mr. E. O. Masters. and carried with applause. The business being at an end, the Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, who though suffering from a bad cold had so kindly come amongst them and presided at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. G. Conyard and carried with acclamation, to which the rev. gentleman briefly responded, saying it had given him great pleasure to preside at such a unanimous meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. Canon Escreet, who had cycled over from Woolwich to attend this meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and a course of Superlative Surprise were rung. The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30, thus ending the first and very pleasant annual meeting at Chislehurst. The Rev. J. E. Dawson, Messrs. E. A. Webb and E. O. Masters have become honorary members of the Association.

#### TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting at Speldhurst is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the members of this district, and that held there on Saturday, October 24th, was no exception. The threatening weather no doubt prevented a larger attendance, but about twenty-five members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock. Shortly before six o'clock an adjournment was made to the old oak room of The George and Dragon inn, where the members were entertained to an excellent meat tea by Miss R. Macalpine-Leny. There

were also present the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, and Miss Kitchener, sister of Lord Kitchener. During the tea the Rector gave a very interesting account of the battle of Agincourt, where the Duke of Orleans was taken prisoner and brought to Groombridge, and who used the money sent for his ransom in restoring and building churches, Speldhurst being one of the churches that he built. At the conclusion of the business meeting, in replying to a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, etc., the Rector said it always gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Association, and they were welcome to the use of the bells at any convenient time. Miss Leny also expressed the great pleasure it gave her to meet and entertain the members, and she hoped they would all be spared to come again. The Rector thanked the members on behalf of Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Kitchener for their kind expressions of appreciation at the attendance of those ladies. This concluded a very pleasant gathering, and the tower was again visited and the bells kept going until nine o'clock.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th, representatives being present from the towers of Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Buxted, Lindfield, Steyning, Hurstpierpoint, Southover-Lewes, and Uckfield, with Mr. T. Card, of Southborough, Kent. The unfavourable weather no doubt accounted for the absence of several others who had notified their intention of being present. About an hour's practice was indulged in before tea, which was held at The Maiden's Head hotel at 6 p.m., a most excellent spread being provided, and which gave the greatest satisfaction to the company of fifteen who were present. Mr. T. Card was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Mr. G. Williams), and passed on the proposition of Mr. Ebrall, seconded by Mr. Causley. Six new members were then elected to the Bolney branch. It was proposed by Mr. Causley and seconded by Mr. Butler, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Buxted. It was proposed by Mr. H. Tomsett, seconded by Mr. Ebrall, that it be attempted at Southover. On being put to the meeting Buxted was chosen.

The Divisional Secretary reported to the meeting that he was sorry to say the last quarterly peal fell through, which had been proposed for Grandsire Caters at St. Nicolas, Brighton, owing to failing to get a band for the attempt. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, etc., on the proposition of the Divisional Secretary, who said he was sorry the Vicar was not able to be present, as well as two other rev. gentlemen he expected. He hoped this meeting would be the means of the Uckfield band rejoining the Association. Mr. Muddle, the captain of the local band, seconded, and conveyed to the meeting an apology from the Vicar for his absence. He (Mr. Muddle) was always pleased to welcome members of the Association to their tower. He hoped very shortly their band would rejoin. He would do his utmost to further that object. Speaking for himself and his colleagues present, they were anxious to make some progress in change-ringing.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and to Mr. Muddle for his excellent arrangements for the tea, concluded a very pleasant meeting. Some more touches were then rung till 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.



## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1903.

The Annual Meeting's over,  
It was a happy day,  
We started in the morning  
Without the least delay;  
A brake and pair of horses  
Took us to Ipswich town,  
We drove up to the Tower church,  
And there they set us down.

And soon we reached the belfry,  
And rang some Treble Bob,  
But some kept missing places,  
Which made it quite a job.  
At last we got a touch round  
Then hurried off again  
To reach St. Margaret's belfry,  
Across St. Margaret's Plain.

Another touch accomplished,  
We started off once more,  
This time 'twas for St. Clement's,  
Some Minor Bob to score;  
And then again moved onwards,  
St. Nicholas to reach,  
We wished all towers to visit  
And ring a touch at each.

Now it was time for service,  
So to the church we went,  
And trust that all our time there  
Was profitably spent.  
The preacher spoke most kindly  
Some words of good advice,  
We hope we shall remember,  
He was so very nice.

Next came a hearty dinner—  
We thought it getting time,  
For we were getting hungry—  
And wasn't it just prime:  
Course followed course so quickly,  
Without a trip or fall;  
We wanted no conductor  
To tell us "that is all."

Then we got through our business,  
Which lasted just an hour,  
We settled all as nicely  
As lay within our power;  
This year's report gave pleasure,  
For 'tis encouraging  
To hear our longest record,  
How many peals we ring.

Again we started ringing—  
To St. Matthew's church we went,  
And though we rang but four bells,  
Time in vain was not spent.  
St. Laurence's, though heavy,  
We could not well resist,  
So there we rang some Doubles,  
Just to complete our list.

The afternoon was waning,  
As thus our time we spent,  
But some of us to the Tower church  
Returned to ring some Kent.  
And then our brake and horses  
Appeared upon the scene,  
We felt, as we took our places,  
How nice the day had been.

And as we journeyed homewards,  
And talked of all we'd done,  
The mates we'd met and rung with,

Friendships renewed, begun,  
We felt we'd spent in all ways  
A real successful day,  
Which we shall long remember  
Though now it's passed away.  
E. S. GOSLTLING, Henley.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT PENDLETON.—MR. H. CHAPMAN'S 150 PEALS.—Seven methods on 6 bells, 6; Bob Triples, 1, Major, 8, Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 8, conducted 1; Caters, 15, conducted 1 (including a 6011); Cinques, 8; Stedman Triples, 12, Caters, 3, Cinques, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 48, conducted 14 (including one of 6080); Royal, 8, conducted 1; Maximus, 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1, conducted 1, Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 5; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 14, conducted 13 (including one of 9312); Cambridge Surprise Major, 1, conducted 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1 (including a 14,112). Total 150; conducted 32. Rung in forty-three church towers and one town hall tower (Manchester), lightest weight of tenor, 3½ cwt.; heaviest, 52 cwt.

ACCIDENT TO A BRIGHTON RINGER.—An accident which might have been fatal occurred to Mr. Palmer, steeplekeeper of St. Nicholas' church, Brighton. Mr. Palmer for many years has held the position of foreman to a well-known Brighton firm of painters and decorators. Previously to settling down in life Mr. Palmer had a world-wide experience of the smiles and frowns of Father Neptune, and it is certainly a coincidence that this unfortunate event occurred on the date set apart as a national red-letter day in naval history. The following (sub rosa) account may be interesting: The accident which befel our worthy steeple-keeper—son of the sea—took place on the ever memorable day (Trafalgar Day). It was not a shot from a cannon, but a iron derrick fell on the forepart of his head that inflicted an ugly wound. It was fortunate it was no worse, as it was it laid him to the ground and rendered him unconscious. But he soon recovered sufficiently to see his doctor, after which he appeared with his head bandaged like the wounded soldier illustrated during the late South African war. He is quite well now and very busy, and is to be congratulated on being spared to see his eldest son (who is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths) joined in holy matrimony, on Saturday, November 14th, to Miss Agnes Cooper, of Cuckfield, Sussex.

RAYNE (Essex).—On September 22nd, for practice, three 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. H. Richardson, A. Shufflebotham, E. Richardson, H. Redgwell, F. Newman. Also two 6-scores. B. Redgwell 1, rest same as before. October 1st, for Harvest Festival, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Bloomfield, A. Shufflebotham, E. Richardson, H. Redgwell, F. Newman. Also a few courses of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, well rung. Sunday, October 4th, for the Harvest Festival morning service, two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, the same ringers taking part; for evening service, five 6-scores were rung with W. Moore and W. Grimwade (Bocking) taking part, all conducted by A. Shufflebotham.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS.

SOME NEW DESIGNS.—The competition in the production of Christmas and New Year cards has become so keen, that only the very best have any chance of winning public favour. A few years ago one big firm nearly monopolised the trade. Now this famous house has a score of formidable rivals. The best selection—the most graceful, dainty, and artistic—that we have received this year is the "Matchless Box" from E. J. Blogg, Raleigh Park Bazaar, Brixton Hill, London. It contains 25 beautiful folding cards, in addition to the daintiest floral calendar we have yet seen. The whole collection is sold for 1s., post free 1s. 2d.; truly a marvel of cheapness. By the way, those who desire a more expensive selection than the above should secure the "Raleigh Box" from the same firm. This contains 25 superior Christmas and New Year cards of exquisite and novel design with envelopes for 2s.; post free 2s. 3d. Our readers would do well to send at once for these boxes, as there is sure to be a very large demand for them.



## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Farnborough, Hants, on Saturday, November 14th, for the election of officers and other business, and was very well attended, representatives attending from Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Hersham, Yateley, Yorktown, etc. The bells, although only five in number, were kept going all the afternoon in Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, two or three of the Farnborough men accomplishing their first touch in change-ringing. It gave the company present great satisfaction to see these men taking so keen an interest in change-ringing, and it was remarked by all that they hoped when Farnborough next received a visit from the Guild another bell, or even three, would be found in the tower. At 5 o'clock tea was provided in the Jubilee Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. H. C. Stokes presiding. The subject of the rearrangement of the district was thoroughly gone into, and it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Woodiss (Hersham), that the district should remain as at present constituted. The district secretary, Mr. C. H. Pearce, who had tendered his resignation, was asked to remain in office for the ensuing year, and after some persuasion he decided to do so. Mr. Woodiss was elected representative on the Central Committee. Proposed by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mr. H. W. Cotton, that Hersham be the next place of meeting on Feb. 13th, this was carried. Four performing members were elected. It was also decided that a district quarterly peal should be arranged at each meeting, the place for the first being Chertsey. An application was made for an instructor to the Farnborough band, which was granted. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Rev. Stokes for presiding, and also to the Rev. A. E. Kinch (Rector) and the Farnborough band for their kindness, the bells were again made use of until 8.30, when the company dispersed, all expressing their satisfaction with their visit to Farnborough.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting was held by special invitation of the Shipley company at Shipley, on Saturday, October 31st. During the evening touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The business meeting was held at The Star and Garter hotel at 7.30, Mr. G. Barraclough presiding. Mr. T. Maude occupied the vice-chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the kind way which they had received all present was proposed by Mr. T. Maude, seconded by Mr. E. Wheeler. In reply, Mr. T. B. Kendal gave all present a hearty welcome on behalf of the local company. A good attendance of members were present from Bradford, Darlington, Holbeck, Headingley, Guiseley, Pudsey, Leeds and the local company. Touches on the handbells brought a well-enjoyed meeting to a close.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday morning, October 11th, at Christ Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Bester, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, J. E. Miller, W. Fensom, S. Wade conductor, A. Dodson.

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

## STEEPLEAGE.

SIR,—The idea of steepleage is quite new to me, but it seems an excellent one, especially as explained by you in your article. As will be remembered in my former letters on the payment of ringers, I said that ringers are not adequately paid for their services, and I think this especially the case with those who arrange for peals. Of course in a case like Brighton one would have thought it hardly necessary, as what one town does for the other to-day, the latter will do in return to-morrow. But as a rule I think it ought to be considered obligatory on whoever arranges a peal to see that there is a whip round for the steeple-keeper. The unfortunate part of the particular instance mentioned seems to be that from the reports one would gather that there has been a lack of good taste in mentioning one tower by name; and in inflicting a fine for past services; if services were supposed to have been given it is churlish, to say the least, to charge for them. But perhaps there is a mistake somewhere.

H. DRAKE.

## THE PEAL OF TRIPLES ON MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

SIR,—Seeing the notice of the peal rung as above, and having a record by me, I thought it only honest to the old ringers of York Minster that they should not lose the credit due to them. I send the enclosed record not to complain, but to give honour to whom it is due.

W. H. HOWARD.

1821, Jan. 29. This being the first anniversary of the King's accession to the throne, it was observed in York with demonstrations of joy. . . . The Society of St. Peter's Youths of York Cathedral assembled on the 29th with the intention of ringing a complete peal of Grandsire Caters consisting of 5039 changes, but after ringing upwards of the quarter-peal the rope of the sixth bell broke. The day was so far spent, that they found they had not time to begin and complete the Cater peal before dark; they therefore began a peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes, which was completed in 3 hours and 14 minutes, the tenor weighing 53 cwt. This was the first time that a complete peal of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the bells, which was performed by the following ringers: John Wadsworth, 1; William Ruddock, sen., 2; George Wand, jun., 3; John Smailes, 4; Isaac Young, 5; William Ruddock, jun., 6; William Penalton and David Bell, who conducted the peal, 7; John Nixon and Henry Dodsworth, 8.—Yorkshire Gazette.

## CLAPPER SPRINGS.

SIR,—If I may I should like to support Mr. Dale's recommendation that as many of your readers as can do so, should visit Isleworth and write to you their opinions on the result of the employment of clapper springs.

As many ringers know, the 30cwt. tenor of Great St. Mary's church at Cambridge has long had springs on her clapper, but it was supposed to be a failure in that she drowned the voice of the smaller bells. It always has seemed to me that this objection would not hold if all the bells had clapper springs. They should however be always well boxed in by the surrounding walls, that the sound may be well blended and driven upwards at first.

H. DRAKE.

## THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT PULFORD.

SIR,—I see the account of the above in your issue of November 7th, and recorded as a Chester Diocesan Guild peal. I have not been able to go through the list of our members, but I should like to have the assurance of the conductor that all the ringers are members of our Guild and their subscriptions paid up. I might say that I do not know the conductor's address, hence my troubling you.

FREDK. T. SPENCE.

## BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their Friends will find good accommodation at Mr JOHN SMITH'S, 47, Livingstone road, Blackpool (late of Raw enstall)—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano.—"THE BELL News" taken.—A good halfpull neighbourhood.



**Handbell Peals.****ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 3-4.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—E. C. Chasty.

**Date Touches.**

ISLIP (Northants).—On Saturday evening, November 14th, a date touch of Bob Minor, being two 720s, a 360 and a 103, each called differently, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Jervis, W. Knighton, R. Loveday conductor, G. Hewitt, F. Knight, E. Curtis.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ECCLES.—On Sunday, November 8th, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples. M. Oldfield, A. Croft, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, T. Lingard, J. Myles, J. R. Pritchard conductor, A. Trippier. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. E. Oldfield, A. Croft, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, T. Lingard, J. Myles, J. R. Pritchard conductor, A. Trippier. On Monday, November 9th, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. E. Oldfield, A. Croft, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, J. R. Pritchard conductor, J. Myles, J. Gregory, M. Oldfield.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GOSPORT.—At Holy Trinity church, on August 16th, at 6.30 for Divine service, 952 Grandsire Triples. A. Clark, H. Reynolds, H. Fuge, H. Westbrook, B. Clark, H. Ford, F. Burnett composer and conductor, H. Slater. On September 27th, at 6.30 for Divine service, 408 Stedman Triples. H. Westbrook, R. Fuge, R. Brown, H. Ford, A. Clark, B. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, H. Slater.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1274 changes, the last of Holt's Original, in 48 mins. G. Edser, sen., G. Woodiss conductor, A. Woodrow, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Martin, J. Emery, R. Polley.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

SMETHWICK.—On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Mason, W. Murray, G. Pigott, E. Brown, J. Pigott conductor, T. Pigott. For evening service, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. E. Day, G. Pigott, J. Key, T. Pigott, J. Pigott, W. Murray, E. Brown, W. Mason. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Mason, W. Murray, G. Pigott, T. Pigott conductor, J. Pigott, E. Brown. For evening service, 630 Darlaston Bob Triples. W. E. Day, T. Pigott, E. Brown, J. Key, W. Murray, G. Pigott, J. Pigott conductor, W. Mason. After service, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Mason, J. Key, W. Murray, G. Pigott, E. Brown, T. Pigott conductor. On Thursday, October 1st, 360 Treble Bob Minor. G. Pigott, J. Pigott conductor, J. Smith, A. E. Pegler, E. Brown, T. Pigott. Also 336 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Mason, A. E. Pegler, G. Pigott, J. Pigott, E. Brown, J. Smith, T. Pfgott, A. Baker. On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Pigott, J. Pigott conductor, J. Bass, E. Brown, T. Pigott, F. J. Steele, R. Matthews, J. Key.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ERITH.—On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. D. Barnes, W. Axell, J. Lowry, E. Wightman conductor, J. Garard, C. Wilkins.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

AMERSHAM (Bucks).—720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, W. Henley, F. Clarke, E. Harding, A. Jordan, G. H. Gutteridge conductor; and several 120s of Doubles. Great Missenden was also visited, but owing to the heavy go of the bells and the wretched condition of the frame and fittings, no touch could be brought round on this undoubtedly good ring of six, the tenor weighing 3½ cwt.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 3rd, by the Fulmer ringers, being their annual outing, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, F. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, E. Harding, J. Clarke, A. Jordan. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Webb, F. Clarke, W. Henley, J. Walden, A. Jordan, D. Webb.

CHALFONT ST. GILES.—600 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, E. Harding, A. Jordan, J. Clarke; and several 1203 of Doubles.

FULMER.—On Sunday, October 11th, being the Harvest Festival, three 720s were rung during the day.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

LAWTON.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes in 45 mins. J. Harper, J. Kantock, J. Wildblood, J. Massey, W. F. Hartshorne conductor, J. James, W. Rigby, S. Dimelow.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's church, on Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, J. Hickman, E. J. Oliver, A. Coppock, G. Middleton, G. H. Johnson, H. R. Cobbin conductor, H. Wooding.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. D. Thompson, E. H. Lewis, F. S. Poole, J. Hall, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, H. S. T. Richardson conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, J. Hall, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, T. D. Thompson.

TROWELL (Notts).—On September 29th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 41 mins. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. Sunday, October 4th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. S. T. Richardson conductor, E. H. Lewis, J. Hall, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, T. D. Thompson.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Saturday November 14th, 672 Stedman Triples. W. G. Ellis, C. Mackenzie, J. Neal, T. Collinson, A. J. Hicks, A. T. Hyland, J. George composer and conductor, J. Smallwood. On Tuesday, November 17th, for practice at St. Martin's church, on the back eight, 6 courses of Double Norwich Major. F. Fay, C. Dickens, E. Allaway, T. Reynolds, J. Pigott, B. Witchell conductor, J. Neal, A. E. Pegler.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 11th, for the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung: for morning service, 720 and 160 Bob Major; for the Flower Service in the afternoon, 576; for evening service, 512 and 224, all in the same method. The following took part: C. Coupe, S. Coupe, F. Kettleboro, R. Hall, T. Godber, F. Wagstaff, W. Lambert, L. Bettison, J. Flint, E. Baker.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, August 30th, for early service, 720 Bob Minor. M. Norton, J. Pettitt, S. Smith, G. Lines, W. Perkins, W. B. Meadows conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells, to which have been lately added a new treble by Taylor.

FELTHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 8th, at St. Catherine's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. E. Ridgeley, A. Denford, G. Ransome conductor, F. Garrett, W. H. Beaumont, H. Snell.

ISLIP (Northants).—On Monday evening, October 12th, after the funeral service of the late John Betts, a quarter-peal (1260) of Oxford Bob with bells deeply muffled. T. Jervis, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, D. Redhead, R. Loveday conductor. On Wednesday, October 21st, 360 Plain Bob. D. Redhead, T. Jervis, A. Johnson, R. Loveday conductor, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis. On Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 35 bobs 6 singles. A. Johnson, T. Jarvis, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, F. Knighton, R. Loveday conductor. On Wednesday, November 4th, 120 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. G. Hewitt, W. Knighton, F. Knight, E. Curtis, D. Redhead, R. Loveday. On Thursday, November 5th, 720 Plain Bob, 30 bobs 2 singles. R. Loveday conductor, T. Jervis, A. Johnson, G. Hewitt, T. S. Agutter, E. Curtis. On Monday, November 9th, 360 Oxford Bob. T. Jervis, W. Knighton, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, T. S. Agutter, R. Loveday conductor. On Wednesday, November 11th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Knight, R. Loveday, G. Hewitt, W. Knighton, D. Redhead, Y. Nickerson conductor. On Saturday, November 14th, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Jervis, W. Knighton, R. Loveday conductor, G. Hewitt, F. Knight, E. Curtis. Also 360 Plain Bob. A. Johnson, T. Jervis, G. Hewitt, E. Curtis, F. Knight, R. Loveday conductor.

LOWICK (Northants).—On Saturday, October 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Lines, J. Nickerson, R. Loveday conductor, J. Guest, C. Swan, W. B. Meadows.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1903.

SEVERAL letters have been received having reference to the additions to the names of the London St. James's Society and the Middlesex Association. We think it would be best not to widen this discussion. The subject requires careful treatment somewhat, and it will be well to leave it in the hands of those gentlemen who originated it, to pursue it or otherwise as they think proper.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES writes:—

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On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, KILBURN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lbs.

EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, which are the lightest ring of bells in London, the weight of the treble being only 1½ cwt. The band desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, M.A., for permitting this peal to be attempted.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Tuesday, November 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, SOUTH TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lbs.

MARK FENSOM .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 4.
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JOHN C. MILLER .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

## The Provinces.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. Treble.	*HON. A. P. F. ERSKINE .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN .. 6.
ALBERT V. SELBY .. 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 7.
ARTHUR JONES* .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BEN REED, SEN. .. Treble.	JONATHAN DOORNE .. 5.
LIONEL SHOBRIDGE .. 2.	BEN REED, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES BLYTHMAN .. 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 7.
WILLIAM COLLISON .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

W. Collison was elected a member before starting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 5.
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JAMES BOUGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.



## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Holt's Original. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. BRAY .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR MILES† .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
GEORGE WATSON .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

†First peal of Triples. \*First peal and first time of ringing on eight bells.

## OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK H. STUCKEY* .. Treble.	*HENRY R. CHANNON .. 5.
ERNEST V. COX† .. .. 2.	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 6.
JOHN H. GODFREY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PIKE .. .. 7.
WALTER H. GODFREY* .. 4.	JAMES LOVERING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST V. COX.

\*First peal. †First as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Master Cyril Godfrey, son of the ringer of the 3rd.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 4.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5097 CHANGES.

THOMAS VERRY .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 6.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	JAMES HARES .. .. 8.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 9.
JAMES HALL .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This composition has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th and twenty-four times behind the 8th.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Thurstans's Four-Part. Tenor 23½ cwt. in Eb.

ROBERT STONE .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
MORGAN WHATLEY .. .. 2.	HENRY J. SELBY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 4.	DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS .. .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

This is W. Groom's fiftieth peal.

## HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

At Christ Church, Blacklands,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

S. BARKER .. .. Treble.	W. SEELEY .. .. 5.
A. MANNING .. .. 2.	H. A. PETTS .. .. 6.
H. CROUCHER .. .. 3.	S. BINFIELD .. .. 7.
F. JORDAN .. .. 4.	J. COPPINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. BINFIELD.

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## IRTHLINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Thurstans's Four-Part.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 2.	JOHN JOSEPH MAWEY .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ANDERSON YORK TYLER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE* .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
JOHN C. JACKSON* .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDEN .. .. 7.
JOHN HOWES* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

\*First peal in the method.

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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-six six-scores. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.

ERNEST J. FARTHING* .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. CHALLISE .. 4.
A. J. SWEET* .. .. 2.	†S. M. LEXTON .. .. 5.
W. J. BOWDEN .. .. 3.	*HENRY E. NORMAN .. .. Tenor.

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\*First peal. †First peal away from tenor. First peal rung on the bells.

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Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST JONES .. .. Treble.	FRED W. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 2.	ALFRED FULLICK .. .. 6.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	GEORGE BYOLIN .. .. 7.
HERBERT JONES .. .. 4.	JOSEPH J. WYNN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BYOLIN.

The ringers wish to thank the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane for the kind use of the bells.

## HADLOW, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN J. PERKINS .. Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. TAWNEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBITTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:  
Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Killamarsh, City  
Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED HOULDSWORTH .. Treble.	ISAAC WHALLEY .. .. 4.
THOMAS HAWORTH .. .. 2.	JOHN BENTLEY .. .. 5.
ARCHIE WALMSLEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SHARPLES.

## PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. G. Lindoff, the ringers wishing him and his good wife long life and happiness. This is H. Chapman's 150th peal, a record of which is given elsewhere.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
LOUIS ATTWATER* .. .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH LAMBERT .. .. 4.	†JOHN S. DANIELS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK HILL* .. .. Treble.	JACOB BENNETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN* .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	ALFRED CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

\*First peal.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MANLEY .. Treble.	ROBERT G. C. MANLEY .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW .. 6.
JOHN R. HAYMAN .. .. 3.	HARRY T. BURCH .. .. 7.
JULIUS A. SNOW .. .. 4.	ARTHUR G. CROSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK HARDY .. Treble.	FRANK PERVIN .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILSON† .. .. 2.	JAMES WILSON .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. HARRIMAN .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

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

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

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

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

\*First peal of Royal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1903, in Three Hours Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord William Cavendish Bentinck, who was interred at Bolsover on the above date.



## PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 18, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDGAR MANNING* .. .. Treble.	FRED T. MARRIOTT .. .. 6.
EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDS* .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOPELEY .. .. 3.	JAMES JORDAN .. .. 8.
WALTER H. MARSH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 9.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. .. 5.	G. H. MYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

\*First peal of Royal.

## APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 18, 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 14½ cwt.

ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
HAROLD HUMFREY .. .. 4.	CUTHBERT G. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the graduation (B.A.) of the Hon. A. Erskine.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT STOWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. THOMAS .. .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 6.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. .. 3.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. .. 7.
LOUIS MOORE .. .. 4.	GEORGE JAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE,

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

A. W. LONG .. .. Treble.	†C. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
F. S. W. BUTLER .. .. 2.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 6.
E. ABBOTT* .. .. 3.	W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 7.
P. O. BIXBY .. .. 4.	A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Shepherd and Fuller, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 20, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs in A flat.

THOMAS HUXLEY* .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRICE .. .. 2.	†GEORGE PARTINGTON .. .. 6.
GEORGE JONES† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON .. .. 7.
ROWE HUXLEY† .. .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a farewell peal to W. Moulton, who was leaving the neighbourhood for Huddersfield on the following day.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES SUMMERS .. .. Treble.	JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES R. JONES .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. 7.
GEORGE STACEY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY CORNELIUS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

## BANGOR.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR).

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 5.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 6.
EBENEZER TAYLOR .. .. 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 7.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. H. G. BIRD .. .. Treble.	*EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 5.
JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 6.
HENRY WAITE† .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, 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 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. .. 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED T. BRUNSDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Austin, whose birthday occurred on the Thursday previous, when a peal of Stedman Caters was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins.

## WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CHARLES MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
GEORGE E. PEACE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. ALPS .. .. 6.
FRANK CARTER .. .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURGOOD .. .. 4.	THOMAS COLVERD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

A few peal-reports are unavoidably left over until next week.



**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury to-day, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.  
*Hillingdon.* J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, November 28th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells). Peal to be attempted 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at Woodman inn at 7.30 p.m.  
FRED BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*  
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling today, Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from 3 till 9. Usual railway allowance.  
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Arram, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney to-day, Saturday, November 28th. Ringing to commence at 4. Tea at 6, to be followed by meeting. All ringing friends cordially invited.  
C. TRIPE, *Hon. Sec.*  
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Helmsshore, to-day, Sat., November 28th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.  
W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, December 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.  
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
'Frodingham,' Elmhurst St., Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 5th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Ringing to stop at 8 o'clock.  
A. OSBORNE, *Dist. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available all day. Tea in the National Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately following. Service at 5.30.  
A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bridgewater.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, December 5th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Woolpack inn, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1904. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Feering (8), Gt. Tey (8) and Kelvedon (6) will be open for ringing all day. Those intending to be present must give notice at least three days before.  
ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, December 5th, 1903. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Travelling expenses over 1s.

will be returned to members living in the Archdeaconry who attend the meeting.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 4. Service at 5 p.m.  
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke on Saturday next, December 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. Churton, 18, Lonsdale Street.  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, December 5th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.  
J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*  
9, Booth St., Middleton.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to me.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 3 o'clock till 7. Business meeting at 7.15.  
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.  
Rev. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed to 9, Lewis Terrace, Haymarket, Edinburgh.

**Compositions.**

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54326			2	2	
46325	I			2	
24653			2		
26543			I	2	
25463	I		2	2	
26354	2		I	I	
23564			I	2	
25634	I		2	2	

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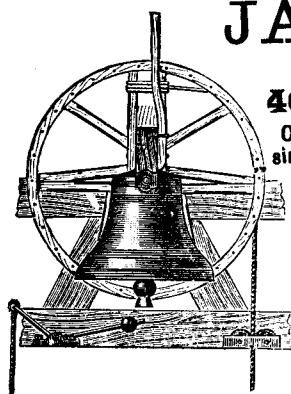
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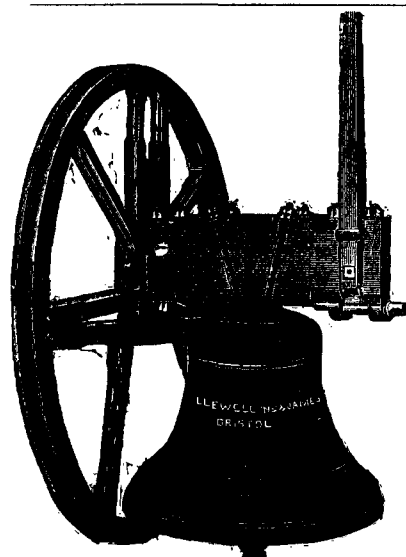
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somerset). St. John. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd, 1750 (? Bilbie); 4th, 5th and 6th, 1623. Founders unknown; 7th and tenor by Bilbie, 1793 and 1750 respectively. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Recently rehung by Sully. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing on all festivals, 10 and 5.30, occasionally on other Sundays 5.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

MILBORNE PORT (Somerset). St. John the Evangelist. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Bilbie; no date given. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. The tower is not considered strong enough to allow of bells being rung. Rehung by Reynolds, 1861.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk). St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1887; 2nd by Darbie, 1676; 3rd and 4th by Newman, 1732; 5th and 7th by Taylor, 1860; 6th a pre-Reformation bell, founder unknown. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go badly as frame is old. Three of them require turning as they are badly worn. Clocking permitted. Repairs are contemplated, but funds are required for other repairs to the church. Ropes new 1895, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: Monday, 7.30, October to April.

MILNROW (Lancashire). St. James. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1869. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Warner, 1893. All needs promptly attended to. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. Visitors always welcome.

MILVERTON (Somerset). St. Michael. Bath and

Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1893; 4th and 6th by Worth, 1737; the rest by Bilbie as follows: 3rd, 1763; 5th, 1776; 7th, 1783; tenor 1802. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1893. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch of this Guild was held at Enstone on Saturday, October 31st, the towers represented being Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Hook Norton, Shipton-under-Wychwood, and Enstone, while those present included the Master of the Guild (Revs. F. E. Robinson), J. E. Phillips (Chairman of the Deanery Branch), W. J. Palmer (Enstone), A. W. Russell (Hook Norton), and W. Collingwood Carter (Shipton-under-Wychwood), Mr. J. F. Barlow (Secretary of the branch), and Mr. H. Dickins (Hook Norton). The weather was by no means pleasant for the visitors, who must have had uncomfortable journeys. The proceedings commenced at two o'clock, and from this hour to 4.30 mixed bands rang some touches of Doubles and Minor in the comfortable and well-appointed six-bell tower. At 4.30 a large number of ringers attended evensong, when the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter gave an excellent address.

At 5.30 the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial repast was provided. After tea a business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. J. E. Phillips (Chairman of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch), who read apologies at inability to be present from the Revs. R. H. Hart Davis (Secretary of the Guild), A. G. Grisewood (Daylesford), C. F. Garratt, T. W. Lee (Leafeld), C. W. O. Jenkyn (Witney), J. D. Payne (Charlbury), C. S. Rowland (late of Chipping Norton), and Messrs. A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary of the Guild), W. Bradford (Bloxham), E. V. Cox, and R. H. Burden.

The Secretary (Mr. J. F. Barlow), read the following report:—"Your committee have pleasure in presenting to you the result of the year's work. They are enabled to report favourably of numbers, and they welcome a strong list from Charlbury, where the ringers are very keen about their work, and are now being instructed by Mr. George Bartlett. Last year the total membership was 108, while this year the membership numbers 127, an increase of 19. It may not be out of place to note that at the end of the year 1894 the total membership was 39, so that although the membership may be said to have made fair progress, yet there are still many towers in this Deanery which ought to be in union. It would assist the work very much if the clergy would take greater personal interest in the ringers. Many of the clergy are very good in helping by subscriptions to the Guild fund, but their presence in the tower would be encouraging, and it would also be a decided encouragement if, where possible, the clergy



would become ringers. The only peals rung this year have been at Shipton, all of which, with one exception, have been conducted by the Master." The Secretary added that it was impossible to present the balance-sheet that day, as several subscriptions were still outstanding.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report, said the branch was certainly to be congratulated so far as numbers were concerned, because there had been a marked and very definite increase. The branch was also to be congratulated in the fact that Charlbury seemed to have been roused to take a real interest in change-ringing, and the numbers who had joined the branch from Charlbury was a good omen for the future. They were exceedingly pleased to welcome at Enstone that day such a good contingent from Charlbury, and they hoped that at their next meeting—wherever it might be held—they might be able to welcome a fully qualified band of ringers from that belfry. He was sorry that the financial statement could not be presented that day, and he also regretted the circumstance which prevented it from being presented.

Mr. H. Dickins (Hook Norton), seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The following members were then elected:—Revs. E. J. F. Johnson (Churchill), J. D. Payne (Charlbury), and Messrs. H. Rossall-Sandford and W. F. Pepper (hon. members); W. Coleman (Chastleton) (qualified); C. S. H. Ferriman, J. Jarvis (Chipping Norton), W. Hughes, F. Kench, H. Money, T. Pargetter and G. Gardner (Hook Norton), probationers.

Probationers' certificates were then distributed to Messrs. C. S. H. Ferriman and J. Jarvis (Chipping Norton), D. Kitching, W. Blunt, B. Shayler, A. Shayler, H. Shayler, W. R. Lane, C. Fowler, G. Green, A. Barrett, F. Widdows, A. Gomm, J. Broadis, E. Dix and C. Wiggins (Charlbury). Qualified certificates were awarded to Messrs. D. G. Coombes (Chipping Norton), P. Holloway (Leafield), W. Coleman and J. H. Bartlett (Chastleton).

The meeting unanimously decided to re-elect the Rev. J. E. Phillips chairman for the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch for the ensuing year, and Mr. Phillips in expressing his willingness to continue in office, said he felt very highly indeed the confidence they had again reposed in him, and he could assure them that he would do his best to further the interests of the Guild, and, as far as he could, the individual interest of every member of the Guild.

Mr. J. F. Barlow was then unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the branch, and in response said he should be very pleased to serve again, so long as the members did what they could to assist him. It was not altogether an easy matter to conduct the work of a branch of bellringers so large as they had at the present time, and as the membership seemed to be increasing considerably, he was not altogether certain whether he ought not to suggest that they should have an assistant-secretary. He would not, however, ask them for one at that time. He hoped the success which had attended the branch in the past would characterise the present year's work. He would like to say how delighted they all were to have the Master of the Guild with them that day, and to see him looking so well. Mr. Robinson, on the previous evening at Shipton, added another peal to his already long list, which was, in fact, the longest list known to any ringer. Mr. Robinson had now completed his 851st peal, and he did not know of any other ringer who had com-

pleted even his 500th. He was sure every member of the Guild looked forward to the time when the Master should have rung his 1000th peal, and they would also hope that he might be even spared to ring 2000 peals, for they knew that so long as he was able he would continue to ring.

Mr. T. H. Birbidge (Chipping Norton), was re-appointed auditor for the ensuing year, and was thanked for past services.

The Rev. A. W. Russell then moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Phillips for his welcome to the ringers, and to the organist and choir for their services, and the Rev. J. E. Phillips and Mr. W. H. Knight (organist), responded. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter for his excellent address, and the rev. gentleman suitably replied.

Mr. F. Peirce (Shipton), next proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his attendance.

In response, the Rev. F. E. Robinson said with reference to the Guild and its present condition and prospects, he might say that although they had had a good many difficulties and disappointments in various parts of the Guild, they were looking forward to a successful future. He would like to remind them that one of the objects of the Guild was to promote change-ringing, and he hoped all the members would realise this, and would do their utmost to acquire a knowledge of change-ringing. At the present time there was an immediate and pressing duty for the Guild to deal with, viz., the subject of a General Secretary for the Guild. As they were doubtless aware, the secretarial work of the Guild was tremendous, and far too much for one man, and he had had a letter from the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis to the effect that he must give up the post of Secretary at the end of the year. Personally, he thought it time that their Guild followed the example of other Guilds, and did not call upon one man to do the whole of the work, but divided the diocese into districts, with a Secretary for each district. In conclusion the rev. gentleman reminded the Chipping Norton ringers that they had not yet rung a peal of Stedman, and added that he would be pleased to conduct such a peal when the band felt inclined to undertake it.

The meeting accepted the invitation of the Rev. A. W. Russell to hold their spring meeting at Hook Norton.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Carter in reply to the letter of sympathy and condolence sent to her by the branch on the occasion of the death of the Rev. Canon Carter.

After the meeting there was some further ringing, which was continued till shortly after 8 o'clock.

#### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE.—This peal, with the peal at Hammersmith the previous evening, was arranged for Messrs. Godfrey and Baker, of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, and is their first peal on ten bells. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George on the completion of his 50th year, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

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An adjournment being made to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilford for dinner, the company and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided for them. The next tower on the programme was the noted round church of St. Sepulchre, where, after a look round the interior, the belfry was ascended and some more touches accomplished. The company took train back again, and after enjoying a capital tea a move was made for St. Giles', where several of the home company were present. This fine peal of ten was made good use of, touches of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise being rung until about 7.30.

After a pleasant hour or so with Northampton friends, home was reached in due course after a most enjoyable day. The company feel much indebted to Mr. F. Wilford for his trouble in making such admirable arrangements, which added very much to the success of the outing.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

The members of the Essex Association (Eastern Division) visited Prittlewell on a recent Saturday afternoon. After ringing, about 30 sat down to tea at The Blue Boar hotel. Mr. W. H. Judd, the Master, presided. After tea the general annual meeting of the district was held, and during the course of this Mr. Judd was unanimously re-chosen Master for the ensuing year. In returning thanks he said that having given the Association three years' service, he must ask them to elect another Master next year. He afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for coming to the gathering. He reminded them that the Mayor always took a great interest in the Association, and was the largest donor to the bell fund of St. Mary's when it was inaugurated.

The Mayor, in an apposite reply, said he was always pleased to attend their gatherings whenever he was able.

Mr. G. Green having asked to be released from the secretaryship, Mr. Henry J. Wilson was unanimously elected to the post. Mr. Green was heartily thanked for his past services as secretary, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre.

Mr. Judd seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar, who, in replying, said that no greater pleasure occurred to him during his ministry at Prittlewell than when the peal of St. Mary's was mounted. He mentioned that he had had a chair made of some of the wood of the old belfry, and, seeing that on the 24th of next month he should be 70, he thought he might congratulate himself that he had at least a good solid chair to rest himself in in his old age.

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## Correspondence.

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

## THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT PULFORD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Spence I beg to state that the Pulford company have always been members of the Chester Diocesan Guild when in existence. We have now been members since refounded about three years ago, and have always paid the usual subscriptions, although I must admit that we have not paid this year's yet; but it will be deducted from the annual subscriptions at the end of the year and handed over to the Guild. I beg to inform Mr. Spence that I hold a receipt of 9s. dated February 20th, 1903, signed by the Rev. H. H. Wright, for last year's subscription. I think perhaps it would have been as well if Mr. Spence, before rushing into print, had consulted the recognised Secretary of the Chester branch (Rev. H. H. Wright); he would have then received the required information. I should like to ask Mr. Spence why he has not brought this to notice before, as we have rang six peals, and all have been published under the Chester Diocesan Guild. Sorry to trespass on your valuable space, but if Mr. Spence had given his address I would have wrote privately.

JAMES MORGAN.

## THE PEAL OF TRIPLES ON MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

SIR,—In your issue of last Saturday Mr. Howard, of York, sends your an account of a peal of Triples rung on the York Minster bells in the year 1821. As the tenor is given as 53 cwt. (one cwt. heavier than the Town Hall tenor), we of course give up the claim of having rung a peal of Triples on the heaviest ring of bells.

A. E. WREAKS.

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE.**—The wedding arranged between Mr. John Ward, ringer of Basingstoke, and Miss Edith Whiting, of Fareham, will take place at Fareham on the 26th of this month.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS.

**SOME NEW DESIGNS.**—The competition in the production of Christmas and New Year cards has become so keen, that only the very best have any chance of winning public favour. A few years ago one big firm nearly monopolised the trade. Now this famous house has a score of formidable rivals. The best selection—the most graceful, dainty, and artistic—that we have received this year is the "Matchless Box" from E. J. Blogg, Raleigh Park Bazaar, Brixton Hill, London. It contains 25 beautiful folding cards, in addition to the daintiest floral calendar we have yet seen. The whole collection is sold for 1s., post free 1s. 2d.; truly a marvel of cheapness. By the way, those who desire a more expensive selection than the above should secure the "Raleigh Box" from the same firm. This contains 25 superior Christmas and New Year cards of exquisite and novel design with envelopes for 2s.; post free 2s. 3d. Our readers would do well to send at once for these boxes, as there is sure to be a very large demand for them.



**Handbell Peals.****ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
(ST. NEOTS BRANCH.)*On Sunday, November 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,**At the Residence of Mr. G. D. Coleman, Avenue Road,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LEWIS J. FLINT .. .. 3-4.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire—E. C. Chasty.

**EDINBURGH.****THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.***On Friday, November 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,**At the Residence of Mr. C. C. Ellis, 14, Coniston Drive,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

EDMUND F. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	WM. C. T. HEATHCOTE .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7-8.

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

First handbell peal in Scotland, and by all except the conductor; also first peal by the society. This composition has the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right in two parts, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago with a new method.

**BEDFORD.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, November 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,**At the Residence of Mr. C. R. Lilley, Stratford House,  
Salisbury Street, Bedford,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—Mrs. C. R. Lilley.

**Date Touches.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HAZEL GROVE.—At the parish church, on October 20th, a date touch in 65 mins., including 43 Plain Bob, 180 College Single, and 240 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London, Woobine, Merchants Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. Arranged and conducted by J. Fernley.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, November 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Young, T. Miles conductor, F. W. Challen, A. Brown, T. Self, D. Snelling, W. Gearing, T. Upgill. On Wednesday evening, September 30th, eight members of the Christ Church Guild rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 66 mins. Henry Griffiths, Thomas Miles conductor, Alfred Mann, Thomas Goff, John Crawford, Thomas Tutt, Allen Gower, Robert Etherington.

**Miscellaneous.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

MILES PLATTING.—On Monday November 24th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Hall, W. G. Hargreaves, R. Morris, J. Eachus, H. Hall, J. E. Gilchrist.

**THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ORMSKIRK.—On Saturday, November 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, J. Sholicar, Jno. Sholicar, Jno. Taylor conductor, J. Pilkington, W. Fairclough, W. Bentham, J. Watts.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LEICESTER.—On Monday, November 9th, at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Farrar, W. Willson conductor, T. Curtis, A.

Millis, L. Allen, J. W. Beckwith, T. Holmes, J. Buttery. Rung on King's birthday, and as a wedding compliment to G. A. Locke, a local ringer.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

ITCHINGFIELD.—On Sunday, August 30th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Moses, five ringers from Warnham and Horsham rang at the Parish Church six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Pettifent, L. Paice, W. Short, H. Burstow, J. Rice. Also another 6-score, G. T. Williams treble, the remainder as before.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Garman, J. Brown, W. Short, F. Mance, L. Paice, G. Woodman, H. Burstow conductor, J. Rice. Rung after meeting too late for a quarter-peal. The conductor is 78 years of age.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,**

BATHEASTON.—On Monday, August 31st, at the parish church, 1200 of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of ten 6-scores each called differently in 48 mins. J. Hallet, T. Davies, A. Cordery, J. Taylor conductor, O. Derham, H. Hallet. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Salisbury.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, November 30th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1248 changes, in 45 mins. F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, A. Shuffebotham, E. Newman, W. Steel, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Rudkin, H. J. Collins. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ROYDON.—On October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Oxford Bob. W. Marrable, G. Radley, A. Pearman, J. Puplett, C. Matthews, I. Cavill conductor.

WITHAM.—On Saturday, November 7th, on the occasion of the wedding between Mr. B. Coleman, of Broomfield, and Miss Mary Ann Chalk, of Chipping Hill, 720 Bob Minor was rung by members of the bride's family. C. P. Chalk, A. Chalk, W. H. Chalk, F. Chalk, W. Chalk, sen. conductor, W. Chalk.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.**

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, November 2nd, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. A. J. Hessian, R. Watson, O. Throssell, A. J. Hicks, A. Newman, F. Sear, J. George composer and conductor, A. Coleman. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first quarter-peal in the method by all except Messrs. Hicks, George and Coleman.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WIMBORNE.—On Monday, November 9th (the King's birthday), the last 742 of Holt's Original. Rev. H. Drake, G. Colborne, F. Phillips, E. T. Green, E. Walters, J. J. Bristow, C. Goodenough, T. Belbin.

HENLEY ST. PETER'S (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 10th, 1120 Bob Major by eight members of the All Saints' Society, Sproughton. D. Prentice conductor, Rev. W. C. Pearson, A. A. Girling, J. J. Arbon, H. G. Welham, C. Parker, G. Mee, A. Rivers.

STOKE (Near Coventry).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, W. Rees, W. Maund, S. Hope and W. H. Harwood conductor. Also 240 Grandsire Minor, 240 Bob Minor, and 120 Grandsire Doubles.

TROWELL (Notts).—On Sunday, September 27th, for evening service, Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Savage, E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, E. Gobey. After service, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Iliffe, E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, F. S. Poole, H. Fletcher, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

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**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Ringing to stop at 8 o'clock.

A. OSBORNE, *Dist. Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available all day. Tea in the National Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately following. Service at 5.30.

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

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Coggeshall to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Woolpack inn, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1904. The towers of Coggeshall (8), Feering (8), Gt. Tey (8) and Kelvedon (6) will be open for ringing all day.

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

**The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1903. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30. Travelling expenses over 1s. will be returned to members living in the Archdeaconry who attend the meeting.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available at 4. Service at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke to day, Saturday, December 5th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The general meeting of the above Society, unavoidably postponed on the 27th, will take place on Friday, December 11th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the Fields. Members are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

9, Booth St., Middleton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to me.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*  
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 3 o'clock till 7. Business meeting at 7.15.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 2.30, service at 4.30, tea at 5, business meeting immediately after. Members cordially invited.

S. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

69, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, December 12th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The Swan with Two Necks.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Winchester on Saturday, December 12th. Particulars later.

E. W. CARPENTER,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. D. Matthews has removed from Leamington to 19, Elmsdale Road, Walthamstow.

**Compositions.**

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By F. ROBINSON, *Mirfield, Yorks.*

	5024.	M	B	W	H
23456					
54326			2	2	
46325	2	-	1	2	
24653				2	
26543	1	-	2	2	
25463	1	-	2	2	
25634	2		2	1	
26354			1	2	
23564	1	-	2	2	
26435			2	1	
24365			1	2	
23645	1	-	2	2	
24536	2		1	1	
25346	1	-	2	2	
23456	1	-	2	2	

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1903.

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Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the church. The ringers tender their thanks to the Rev. —. Kelly for permission to ring.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. .	6.
ERNEST PYE .. .. .	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. .	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .	8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. .	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	9.
WALTER H. GODFREY .. .. .	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

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

Further reference elsewhere.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. .	HON. A. P. F. ERSKINE .. .. .	6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. .	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. .	7.
SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. .	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. .	8.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. .	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. .	9.
ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. .. .	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALLEN H. TABER* .. .. .	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. .	6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. .	ALFRED JONES .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH* .. .. .	*WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. .	8.
JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. .	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. .. .	*SAMUEL HOW .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

This peal was rung on the tenth anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Society, five of the original band standing in\*.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. .	ERNEST BRETT .. .. .	6.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. .	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. .	7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. .	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. .	8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. .	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. .. .	FRANK SMITH .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Langdon and J. George.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

ALBERT COLES .. .. .	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. .	5.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. .	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. .	6.
EDWARD WALLAGE .. .. .	HENRY C. ALFORD .. .. .	7.
CHARLES S. BURDEN .. .. .	G. DORRINGTON, JUN. .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.



# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	*REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 8.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 10.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 11.
HUBERT EDEN* .. .. 6.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

\*First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Cinques away from the tenor. Messrs. May and Daltry hail from Bristol.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Walworth has been sent without the name of any society.

# The Provinces.

## TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single and Plain Bob.

FRED CUTTING .. .. Treble.	ALDERMAN LING .. .. 4.
JAMES DANIELS .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. G. ORFORD .. .. Treble.	T. HEATHCOCK .. .. 5.
W. NEWMAN .. .. 2.	R. MOORS .. .. 6.
H. SKELDING .. .. 3.	R. JAMES .. .. 7.
F. BRACE .. .. 4.	A. H. SKELDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Wednesday, November 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 2.	CHARLES HILLS .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 4.	GEORGE NORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

JAMES PAYNE .. .. Treble.	HARRY J. FEWELL .. .. 5.
JOSEPH EARWICKER .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LIVERMORE .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. .. 7.
HERBERT WARNER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. COX .. .. Treble.	*W. VEALE .. .. 5.
A. SMITH* .. .. 2.	S. KNIGHT .. .. 6.
W. BROWN .. .. 3.	H. LOVELL .. .. 7.
A. MANSFIELD† .. .. 4.	J. MANSFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by J. MANSFIELD.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. .. 6.
REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

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

## HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY ROBERTS .. .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
ROBERT W. HYNER* .. .. 2.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	†RAYMOND ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Robinson. This is the 350th peal of Stedman conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. \*First peal in the method. †First peal.

## BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 6-score each of Stedman's Slow Course and Sunshine, and four each of Hudibras, Plain Bob, Dream, Lincolnshire Singles, Primrose, St. Dunstan, Grandsire, Earl Soham Delight, Old Doubles, and April Day. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. COLMAN .. .. Treble.	†H. PALMER .. .. 4.
A. PALMER* .. .. 2.	*T. WOODS .. .. 5.
A. GALE .. .. 3.	*J. KIRK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. PALMER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HERBERT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. .. 5.
CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 2.	MARK LANE .. .. 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 7.
MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY

\*First peal of Double Norwich by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. First peal in the method on the bells.



## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED EVERITT* .. .. 2.	*LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 4.	†WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

## EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. ENGLAND .. .. Treble.	T. H. ORMOND .. .. 5.
A. WINDSOR .. .. 2.	D. WHITING .. .. 6.
A. SCOTT .. .. 3.	F. BARKER .. .. 7.
J. T. EASON .. .. 4.	H. BRAME .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

RICHARD LANE .. .. Treble.	*JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 6.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH* .. .. 2.	THOMAS HOLMES .. .. 7.
T. HENRY COLBOURN .. .. 3.	*JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 8.
FRANK PERVIN* .. .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 9.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 5.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\*First peal of Treble Royal. Previously to the peal the tenor, which is the heaviest in the county of Leicester, was fitted with a Hesse patent spring clapper, and the result leaves nothing to be desired.

## HORLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM EDWARDS .. .. 5.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. .. 2.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 6.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 7.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 4.	*ROBERT CAWTE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

\*First peal.

## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

## EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lbs.

ARTHUR TURNER* .. .. Treble.	†JOHN W. MALLETT .. .. 4.
WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR LEGGETT* .. .. 3.	*JAMES BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

\*First peal. †First peal on six bells.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, Violet, College Exercise, Kent, College Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS WELLER .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK TULLETT .. .. 4.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. .. 3.	EDWIN JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Harold, youngest son of Mr. J. H. Dennis' of Greenhurst Park, Capel, and Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Mortimer, of "Wigmore," Capel, which was celebrated on that date.

## HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

C. G. CONSTABLE* .. .. Treble.	G. T. MARSHALL .. .. 6.
F. OSGERBY* .. .. 2.	C. JACKSON .. .. 7.
F. MERRISON* .. .. 3.	G. T. MILLER .. .. 8.
J. W. SEAMER* .. .. 4.	D. W. BROWN .. .. 9.
A. NAYLOR .. .. 5.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition has the 6th 24 times behind the 9th and 24 times behind the 8th.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BUTLER .. .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
FRED HAYES .. .. 2.	RALPH COLLES .. .. 6.
FRANK L. WHITEMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN PAGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PHIPPS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.



## LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	FRED WALLIS .. .. 5.
ALLEN FAIRLIE* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 3.	S. A. CULLINGTON .. 7.
EVAN HUGHES* .. .. 4.	*S. SWANN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK DAY .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

This is the first peal rung upon the bells.

## WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

## THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Friday, November 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY MERRIS* .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 6.
WILMER ROGERS .. .. 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND .. .. 7.
JOHN BARBER .. .. 3.	ABEL HAYES .. .. 8.
JOHN DAVIES† .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS .. .. 9.
ROBERT JONES .. .. 5.	ALFRED LEA .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. COOPER, and Conducted by EDWARD ROWLAND.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN KING .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 5.
WARDEN WALDER* .. .. 2.	RAYMOND HOUNSELL .. 6.
GEORGE WHEATLAND† .. 3.	FREDERICK HOUNSELL .. 7.
JAMES NEWMAN .. .. 4.	ALBERT MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WARDEN WALDER.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

## SHERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Treble.	MAURICE BIGNOLD .. .. 7.
FRANK BIGNOLD* .. .. 2.	ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 6.
CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	HARRY MASON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

† First peal.

## SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

This is the first 5000 on the bells, and the twenty-fifth 5000 by G. J. Clarkson.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 3.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung as a welcome visit of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans to hold a Confirmation.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 2.	*JOHN'E. BAKER .. .. 6.
JOHN SMART .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Major.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH POWELL .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY .. Treble.	*J. HARRY JACKSON .. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON .. 2.	THOMAS ASHTON .. .. 6.
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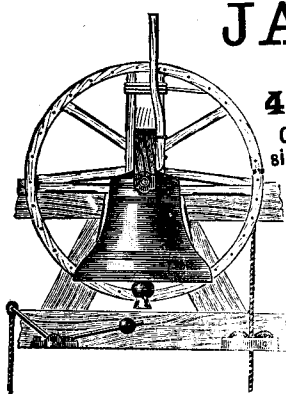
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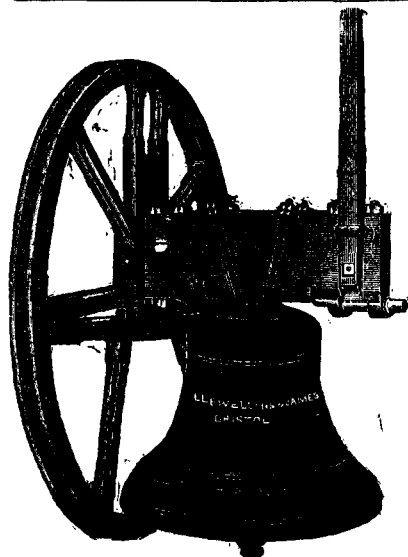
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**MINEHEAD (Somerset).** St. Michael. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th by Warner, 1888; 5th, 1607, founder unknown; 6th and tenor by Bilbie, 1804; 7th by Bailey, 1766. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1888. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Union and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30 except in Advent and Lent. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

**MIRFIELD (Yorks).** St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Ten bells. All by Taylor; no date given. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8 in winter.

**MITCHAM (Surrey).** SS. Peter and Paul. Surrey Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. No date given. Tenor 16 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and "various other methods." Sunday ringing: 10.25 to 11, and 6.25 to 7. Practice: Wednesday, 7.45.

**MITCHELDEAN (Gloucestershire).** Gloucester and Bristol Association. St. Michael and All Angels. Eight bells. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. by Rudhall, 1819; the rest 1760, founder not known. There is also a small Sanctus bell by Rudhall. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Waite, 1865. Further repairs and new ropes have been recommended, but there are no funds. Ropes very bad. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.15 to 5.50, and for half-an-hour after every service. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

**MOLESEY, EAST (Surrey).** St. Mary. Surrey Association. Eight bells. Six by Lester, 1760; 4th by Mears, 1871; the rest by the same, 1889. Tenor 10 cwt.,

diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Half-pull ringing at practice only. No method stated. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.15. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

**MONMOUTH.** St. Mary. Llandaff Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1706. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day, 1883. Repairs promptly attended to. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing on festivals. Practice: Monday, 8. Visitors welcome. A chiming apparatus is fitted.

**MONTGOMERY.** St. Nicholas. Eight bells. No return.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the above Association was held on Saturday, November 28th, at Brightling. Bad weather no doubt somewhat interfered with the attendance, but sufficient were present to allow of a good practice in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, and assistance and encouragement to the local band. An excellent tea was provided by the Rector (the Rev. Sturgess-Jones), to which eighteen sat down, representing the following towers: Blacklands and St. Clements (Hastings). Buxted, Battle, Woolwich and Brightling.

A short business meeting followed at which the minutes of the last meeting were duly read and confirmed. The Secretary in the course of his remarks said he feared the bad weather had prevented a larger number attending, and wished to thank those present for braving the elements. It was very gratifying to him to find there were certain members who supported him at most of his meetings, and more particularly so when from some cause it was anticipated there would be a small attendance, and to these members he was very grateful. He was particularly pleased to see Mr. Franks from Battle, and two members from Buxted, all of whom had to travel by road. He was glad to report that the quarterly peal of Bob Major arranged at the last meeting had been successfully rung at Bexhill.

Mr. Lock proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev.



Sturges-Jones for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. He was glad to see the Rector taking part in the ringing, and taking such a great interest in the Association, and he would like to see more of the clergy presiding at their meetings. He wished to couple with the Rector the names of the Brightling ringers, who had got the bells in readiness, and he hoped they would make good progress in change-ringing.

The Rev. Sturges-Jones in reply said it had given him very great pleasure to welcome the Association to his tower. This was the first meeting held at Brightling, but he hoped it would not be the last, and he would be very glad to let them have the bells at any time. The meeting gave his ringers a great deal of encouragement, and he hoped the Association would soon revisit the tower.

Several new members were elected, and the next quarterly peal was then discussed.

It was finally proposed by Mr. Lock, seconded and carried unanimously, that the quarterly peal be one of Grandsire Triples to be rung at Brightling, and conducted by Mr. W. Franks, of Battle.

A short service followed the business meeting, in which the members heartily joined. The Rector gave a very appropriate address from the pulpit, taking for his text—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." A few more touches on the bells brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

#### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED.

The monthly meeting was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, when upwards of forty members were present from the following towers: Armley, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Brighouse, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Huddersfield, Halifax, Hull, Kirkheaton, Leeds, Pudsey, Pontefract, Wakefield, and the local company. Tower ringing commenced with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples which was unsuccessful after ringing an hour. The business meeting took place at The Woodman inn. Previous to the meeting taking place a luncheon provided by the local company was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The business meeting then took place, Mr. Geo. Barraclough in the chair, and Mr. T. Maude in the vice-chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Eleven new members were elected. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Holgate, seconded by Mr. T. Maude. Tower ringing during the evening included touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, etc. Touches on the handbells brought to a close a well-enjoyed meeting by all present.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Midsomer Norton, on Saturday, December 5th, and was attended by about thirty members from various parts, and representing the following towers: Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton, Frome, Nunney, Buckland Dinham, St. John's, Glastonbury, Bridgwater, Bath and Twerton-on-Avon. The bells were available the whole day, and were found to go well. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Newling, extended a most hearty welcome to the members, and very kindly entertained them to tea in the National Schoolroom at four o'clock, willing assistance being given by several ladies of the parish, which was much appreciated. At

the business meeting which followed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Forty-seven new members—three honorary and fifty-four performing—were elected, and nineteen probationers were made full members. Curry Rivel was chosen for the place of next quarterly meeting. A telegram from the Master of the Association, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, was read, also letters and cards of regret from Revs. Bull (Paulton), Randolph (Frome), Lear (Wells), Dwight (Buckland Dinham), Robinson (Drayton, Berks), &c.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and another to the Vicar and all the ladies for so kindly providing such an excellent tea and extending such a welcome, was carried with acclamation. A service was held at the church at 5.30 p.m., the Vicar, assisted by the curate and choir, officiating. An excellent and appropriate address was given by the Vicar. This meeting was certainly one of the most pleasant and successful in the history of the Bath and Wells Association. Excepting the time of tea, business and service, the bells were kept merrily going, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

#### EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, December 5th. Members were present from Ashover, Blackwell, Tibshelf, North Wingfield, and ringing friends from South Wingfield and Alfreton. A substantial tea was provided by the Rector at 5 p.m., to which twenty sat down. Owing to the miserable weather the attendance was not so good as was expected, the whole district being enveloped in a dense fog, with keen frost. After tea, the Rector (who is President), presided at the meeting, giving the Association a hearty welcome, and expressing regret that so few had put in an appearance. The minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. Scott and Jackson were chosen as auditors for the Easter accounts. Three new ringing members were proposed. Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector (Rev. C. J. Boden) for ten, bells and room, brought the meeting to a close.

#### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT NEW ROMNEY.**—This was the first peal and first attempt by Messrs. Hopkins, Hutchinson, and Anderson, Mr. Johnson's first peal away from the tenor. It is also the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, and was rung at a meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, it being the first peal by the Guild. The last peal known to have been rung on these bells was in 1820, though it is supposed that John Friend, of Hythe, has rung one there since. This however must have been over thirty years ago.

**THE PEAL AT FAREHAM.**—This peal was rung in connection with the quarterly meetings which will be held in the district, the object being to ring a peal near about the date, and if possible at the place where the meeting was held. The peal was arranged a fortnight ago, but unfortunately met one short. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. Privett for kindly having everything ready for them.

**MR. A. E. THOMPSON'S 100 PEALS.**—Grandsire Triples, 30, conducted 14; Major, 1; Caters, 2; Bob Triples, 10, conducted 6; Major, 24, conducted 15; Royal, 4, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples, 3, conducted 3; Major, 1; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 7, Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 3, conducted 1; Union Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Royal, 3; Bob Major (double-handed) on handbells, 2, conducted 1. Total—100; conducted 41.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL GLOSSARY REPRINT.**—Bellfounders, Bellhangers and others wishing advertisements to appear in the reprint should communicate with Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, 4, Snow Hill, E.C.



## In Memoriam.

FREDERICK WILLIAM JOSEPH REES.

We deeply regret to announce that Mr. Rees passed away on Thursday, November 5th, after a short illness. All his life he had taken a deep and practical interest in bell-ringing, and in everything else conducing to the more worthy rendering of the services of the Church of which he was a devoted member. He was laid to rest on November 10th in the cemetery of Nayland, Suffolk, with every mark of respect and regret, as was only natural for one who had endeared himself to all around him.

Twenty-five of his earlier years were spent in India in the Bengal Civil Service, to which he was appointed in 1862. It was in the latter part of this period that a series of letters appeared in the ringing columns of *Church Bells* with the *nom de plume* of "A Looker-on in India." These were in reality due to him, and they dealt with ringing, its progress, and other matters connected with it as presented to one at a distance by the reports in that paper at the time.

In spite of the long intervals that elapsed between the occasions on which he took his furlough he never suffered his interest in ringing to flag, but during the visits then paid to England he lent all his aid to the furtherance of the art by joining the local band of ringers in whatever neighbourhood he temporarily found himself to be living.

His ringing began in boyhood when he was at Shrewsbury School, and was continued during his undergraduate days at St. John's College, Cambridge.

After retiring from the service he lived for some years in the parish of St. Nicholas, Guildford, where he helped to reorganize the local band, which during his stay there made excellent progress. On leaving there he presented two bells to the tower, thus augmenting the ring from eight to ten, and leaving behind him a grand and permanent memorial of his residence in the parish. His next move, destined to be his last, was to Nayland, near Colchester, where his interest in ringing continued unabated, and where he largely contributed to the rehanging of the bells. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and of the Diocesan Associations of Norwich, Oxford, Winchester, Ely, and of the Midland Counties Association. In the time at our disposal it has not been possible to obtain a complete list of his peals, but between the years 1890 and 1894 inclusive there are twelve marked in his copy of "BELL NEWS." These include 5 of Grandsire Triples, 3 of Bob Major, 2 of Stedman Triples, and 1 each of Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. One of the peals of Stedman Triples was an E.C.U. peal, all the performers being members of the Union, at St. John's, Pimlico, on the anniversary, June 16, 1894. Among historical occasions on which he handled a rope may be mentioned that at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, at the death of the late Emperor of the French.

With the apparent exception of the period 1894-96 inclusive he was a member of the Central Council from its inception, first as representing the Winchester Guild, and subsequently as an honorary member. When on the Council he was always a member of the standing committee, and it was in this last capacity that quite recently and with the utmost readiness he carefully went through the Glossary, correcting the typographical errors preparatory to the reprint. It was hoped that he would have completed this work by the correction of the proofs, but this alas! was not to be. He was a member of the

Committee on the Preservation of Bells, etc. By his death the Council has lost one of its original members, and one who, by his repeated election to the Standing Committee was thus recognised as a useful and valued member. In whatever capacity he was acting it was always a great pleasure to act with him, or indeed to meet with him in any way. His bright face and happy genial manner were not the least of the pleasures of the Council. All will be truly sorry that he is gone, and our sincere sympathy is with his family circle in their bereavement.

R.I.P.

## PEN-Y-FAI CHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes has just been erected in this church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and similar to a clock erected a short time since in Baglan church, Glamorganshire, by the same firm.

## 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."

Re PEAL AT PULFORD.

SIR,—I was pleased to see from Mr. Morgan's letter that they had paid their subscription to the Chester Diocesan Guild. I have before me now a copy of our balance sheet last year, and the only money paid to the General Secretary was 11s. by the Handbridge Society, and when I inform Mr. Morgan that the money for which he holds a receipt, and which was paid to their Branch Secretary at the beginning of this year, has not yet found its way to the Treasurer at Grappenhall, he will quite understand the position I was placed in. It was certainly my duty to ask the question, but had the Chester Branch Secretary done his duty in the matter all this correspondence would have been unnecessary.

FREDK. T. SPENCE.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I have lately been so unfortunate as to find myself at disagreement with some other of the ringers in the belfry to which I belong, on a matter connected with the instruction of beginners in the Art. If I am in the wrong I shall of course be ready to give way at once. I venture, therefore, through your columns to ask the opinion of the leading members of the Exercise. The point in dispute is this: Should call-change ringing be employed as a means of teaching change-ringing? I was brought up to believe that "Stony" and change-ringing, as systems, were opposed to one another, and that rope-sight was only made more difficult to learn if a beginner were allowed to ring call-changes. I should be grateful to hear what change-ringers of experience have to say on this subject.

Reading.

H. C. BELL.

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**Handbell Peals.****ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN.***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—O. Wiles.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, November 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 9-10.	

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

Umpire—H. Fields.

**Date Touches.**

HASFIELD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins. B. Etheridge conductor, W. Etheridge, J. Clarke, W. H. Harris, W. Wix, J. Taylor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

SHALFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 10th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Worsfold, E. Worsfold, T. Streeter, R. Crowhurst, E. Lucas, W. Frewin conductor. Composed by H. Burkitt. On Tuesday, November, 17th for practice, 720 Bob Minor by the same band.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, December 7th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, J. Richards.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

HIGHGATE.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service at St. Anne's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. E. Chapman, J. Durrant, T. Titchener, R. Bevan, M. Woodcock, W. J. Nudds, F. Smith conductor, E. Bonfield.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. O. Bone, W. Truss, A. Hughes, M. A. Wood composer and conductor, D. F. Gibbons, A. Coles, H. C. Alford, G. Dorrington, jun.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CURRY RIVEL (Somerset).—On Sunday, November 29th, for afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Proles, F. Rabbage, F. Stuckey, F. Alford, A. Sams, R. H. Vercker conductor.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

SUNBURY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Thurstans. H. Langdon, F. G. Perrin, H. Last, J. E. Davis, E. H. Oxenham, F. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse, W. Warne. Conducted by H. Langdon.

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

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in the handstroke home position. J. W. Castle, A. N. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, F. Smith, E. H. Nixon, J. E. Davis conductor, G. Daynes composer, E. Brett, H. Langdon, C. Ward.

**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.**

FULHAM.—On October 25th, at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins. A. Jones, W. E. Judd, J. W. Kelley, D. W. Griggs, J. C. Jackson, W. Hollier, A. Jones, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, C. Charge, J. Hollingsbee. On November 8th, for Men's Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. A. S. Ough, A. Jones, J. W. Kelley, W. J. Troughton, S. M. Dodington, A. Jones, H. Adams, J. H. B. Hesse, W. T. Elson conductor, F. J. Gee. On November, 14th, after an attempt for a peal, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. J. W. Kelley, J. W. Driver, W. E. Judd, W. J. Troughton, S. M. Dodington, H. Last, C. Charge conductor, H. Adams, R. Charge, F. J. Jee.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Martin's church, 845 Grandsire Caters. G. Cheshire, S. Cotton, G. Potter, F. H. Dexter, J. O. Lancashire, G. Cleal, E. E. Smith, J. S. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. For evening service, 720 in the same method. G. Cheshire, H. Rushby longest touch of Caters, S. Cotton, F. H. Dexter conductor, J. O. Lancashire, J. Buttery, E. C. Smith, J. S. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, November 10th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff to Miss Annie Coupland-Nixon, 1134 Grandsire Triples. H. Fuller, J. Chapman, S. G. Steeles, W. H. Heyhoe, G. Weldon, C. Jackson conductor, J. W. Seamer, A. B. Shepherd. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Weldon, J. W. Seamer, J. Chapman, A. B. Shepherd, W. H. Heyhoe, C. Jackson conductor, At St. Andrew's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Weldon, W. H. Heyhoe, S. G. Steeles, P. Long, A. W. Long, A. B. Shepherd, C. Jackson conductor, J. W. Seamer. The ringers wish the happy pair every success and a bright and prosperous future.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

LEDGERBY.—On October 4th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. For evening service 720 in the same method. After service 360. J. Pitt, J. Davis, E. Gurney, C. Malpas, J. Dance, W. Pitt, F. Sumners conductor, H. Ellsmore.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WIDFORD.—On Tuesday, October 6th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. R. Edwards, W. J. Piper, T. Lincoln, A. Head, H. W. Kirton, E. Runter, W. Lincoln conductor, F. G. Radley.

WRITTLE.—On Wednesday, October 7th, for practice, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Wood, T. Lincoln, G. W. Sorrell, F. G. Radley, H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Head. Longest touch in the method by the local company.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Sunday, September 27th, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Bridgman, W. Horden, F. Tingle, A. Turner, J. Shatford, F. Sawfoot, D. Nichols conductor, R. Turner. On Sunday evening, October 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Payne, W. Horden, A. Turner, R. Turner, W. R. Hensher conductor, F. Sawfoot, D. Nichols, J. Shatford. On Tuesday, October 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. Nichols conductor, A. Payne, W. Horden, A. Turner, F. Bridgman, R. Turner, J. Shatford, F. Sawfoot. Another 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bridgman, A. Payne, A. Turner, F. Sawfoot, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor, W. Horden, J. Shatford.

TIRLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 4th, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Etheridge conductor, W. Etheridge, J. Clarke, J. M. Turner, W. Wix, T. Taylor. Also a 6-score by the same. And a 350. T. Taylor, J. M. Turner, W. Etheridge, H. Harris, W. Wix, B. Etheridge conductor. Also 480. B. Etheridge conductor, W. Etheridge, J. Clarke, W. H. Harris, W. Wix, T. Taylor.

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**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec. 9, Booth St., Middleton.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please send word to me.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 3 o'clock till 7. Business meeting at 7.15.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's church, Poolstock, Wigan, to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.  
W. BENTHAM, }

**The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cirencester Branch.**—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 2.30, service at 4.30, tea at 5, business meeting immediately after. Members cordially invited.

S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

69, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Saturday, December 12th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The Swan with Two Necks.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Winchester to-day, Saturday, December 12th.

E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

**The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present kindly inform Mr. E. Bristow, 34, Charlton Street, Steyning, by Friday, Dec. 18th. All subscriptions owing for the present year should now be paid without delay.

H. EVANS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, December 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. A good muster is earnestly requested, there being important business. The Dean will preside. Cathedral bells available.

Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.

J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting will be held on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Peter's,

Bramley (6 bells). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m. FRED BARRACLOUGH, 29, Elsworth Place, Armley. Hon. Sec.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Report is now ready. Will the following members send their correct addresses:—Messrs. John Buffery, A. Ingleby, E. Horrex, A. Tyler, F. E. Dawe, Ralph Ellis, Herbert Dickinson, J. W. Passman, J. Holmes, W. Thompson, Percy Hind, J. H. Shepherd, R. Dale, H. E. T. Glover, and the Revs. W. H. Deane, F. N. Thicknesse, W. Venables and R. Stevenson. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, 62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Hon. Sec.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1903.

It has been hinted to us that the practice of Sunday peal-ringing, for no other purpose than securing a peal, has increased of late. From a general point of view the practice is not worthy of commendation, and is one which it would be better to avoid. It is a very probable cause of offence; and we certainly do not want to add to that disfavor with which bellringing is regarded by some persons. There are prominent members of the Exercise who would like to make Sunday peal-ringing very unpopular, in fact abolish it altogether, and we go a long way with these gentlemen in their ideas upon the subject. For peals on handbells there is no excuse at all. Ringers will never do wrong in declining a peal on the Sunday; they may give great satisfaction, in fact, by refraining.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, November 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 3.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GARRARD .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by JOHN W. GOLDING.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of Sub-Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, R.N., of H.M.S. Russell. Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny heard the whole of the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	*SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. 8.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. 4.	HENRY TORBLE .. 9.
JAMRS SCHOLES .. .. 5.	EMANUEL HALL .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung on the occasion of the 44th birthday of E. Hall, the band wishing him many happy returns.

### The Provinces.

HAWORTH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Craven Delight, Kent, Violet, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED PICKARD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES A. PAWSON .. 4.
WM. B. SMITH .. .. 2.	A. PICKLES .. .. 5.
J. RILEY* .. .. 3.	*WILLIE BOOCOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. B. SMITH.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since 1853. First Association peal on the bells.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THOMAS TAYLOR .. Treble.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. 5.
ERNEST MILLS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR GRIFFITHS .. 6.
FREDERICK BENDALL .. 3.	WILLIAM COOPER .. 7.
WILLIAM PEART .. .. 4.	ELIJAH PAGETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOPER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Frederick Bendall, being his first peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, November 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN W. THOMPSON* .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

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



## WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER .. .. Treble.	C. TYLER .. .. 5.
W. DEVEY .. .. 2.	E. J. TYLER .. .. 6.
A. H. HARBER .. .. 3.	J. MALPASS .. .. 7.
C. WALLATER .. .. 4.	T. COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. MALPASS.

First peal by Messrs. Belcher and Wallater. Rung to celebrate the dedication of a new chancel screen erected to the memory of the late Rev. G. Tuthill, who was Vicar of this parish for over twenty-six years, and also first Vicar.

## TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES GRATER, JUN. .. Treble.	R. GRATER, JUN. .. 5.
W. GRATER .. .. 2.	*J. HART .. .. 6.
JAMES ELSWORTHY* .. 3.	JAMES BABBAGE .. .. 7.
E. MUNDAY .. .. 4.	H. WARE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BABBAGE.

\*First peal in the method.

## REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S

THOS. JACKSON .. .. Treble.	*THOS. SMITHSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE ASTBURY† .. 2.	A. S. GORDON .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
TOM MARSHALL .. .. 4.	*HERBERT SMITHSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the conductor's 70th peal.

## HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstons.

HARRY COOK* .. .. Treble.	FREDK. JOHNSON .. .. 4.
JAMES HEMMING* .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEN .. .. 5.
FRANK COOK .. .. 3.	FRANK COOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. JOHNSON.

\*First peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWIN .. .. Treble.	FRANK PERVIN .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 7.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 9.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by T. H. COLBURN

First peal of Bob Royal by all except the 5th man, and this is his 100th peal a lis of which appears elsewhere.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 5.
JOHN HARPER* .. .. 2.	ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. GRAHAM .. 3.	*EDWARD J. HARDING .. 7.
ROBERT FUGE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK S. BAYLEY.

Reference elsewhere

## EMBERTON, BUCKS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

EDWIN MYNARD* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. BOOTH .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	*SIDNEY SMITH .. .. 5.
FRED MYNARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

\*First peal. E. Mynard (aged 15), was proposed a member of the Association before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Smith.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HENRY W. KIRTON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 5.
REGINALD EDWARDS† .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH .. .. 3.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. WILSON .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by H. W. KIRTON.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ada Frances Rouse, daughter of the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, M.A., the Rector, to Mr. John Jackson Matthias, of Lewisham.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE, MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

ARTHUR CRAVEN .. Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 2.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Craven and Thomas.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HENRY STUBBS .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER* .. 2.	WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble.



CARDINGTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WOBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT FIELDS .. .. Treble.	LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 2.	ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS 4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

It was intended to have rung Double Norwich, but owing to pressure of time the above is the result. First peal of Triples on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure.

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

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	E. BUTLER .. .. 4.
W. BUTLER .. .. 2.	T. CLOUGH .. .. 5.
J. P. TARLTON .. .. 3.	J. T. BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

First peal on the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. G. ORFORD .. .. Treble.	H. SKELDING .. .. 5.
T. HEATHCOCK .. .. 2.	F. BRACE .. .. 6.
R. MOORS .. .. 3.	W. WHITEHOUSE .. .. 7.
W. NEWMAN .. .. 4.	A. H. SKELDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Cochrane, of Middlesbrough, who lately added two bells, and also new iron framework to all the bells.

NEW ROMNEY KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD)

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Treble.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 2.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. 6.
STEPHEN HOPKINS .. 3.	EDWARD HUTCHINSON .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. 4.	GEORGE B. ANDREWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Reference elsewhere.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

C. FORDER .. .. Treble.	A. HARDIMAN .. .. 5.
W. J. BRAMBLEY* .. .. 2.	W. PERRY .. .. 6.
R. APPELGATH .. .. 3.	F. HEALEY .. .. 7.
A. W. EVANS .. .. 4.	F. NOAKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. BRAMBLEY.

First peal by all except C. Forder. \*First peal as conductor.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

ROBERT WILBY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. 4.
FREDERICK WILBY .. .. 2.	WALTER E. AYERS .. 5.
F. ISAAC FUTTER .. .. 3.	WALTER BURROWS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURROWS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED H. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 5.
JOHN DILLON .. .. 2.	*J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 3.	ALBERT LOVELL .. .. 7.
JAMES MARTIN .. .. 4.	†WALTER HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

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

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON).

On Monday, November 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED A. GIRLING .. Treble.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 4.
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On Monday, November 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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JOHN WHITAKER .. Treble.	WALTER WOOD .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON* .. 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW .. 6.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. 3.	HENRY LINDSAY .. 7.
TOM FLINT .. 4.	ALBERT HASTE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 6.
ALBERT D. STONE* .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCIVAL TURLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. 6.
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## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM S. SMITH .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. 6.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. 7.
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FRED. T. MARRIOTT* .. 3.	EDGAR MANNING .. 8.
WILLIAM RICHARDS .. 4.	WALTER H. MARSH .. 9.
WILLIAM HOPLEY .. 5.	*THOMAS LINNELL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

\*First peal of Caters.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Thursday, December 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 3.	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. 7.
ROBERT HUTTON .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

THOMAS ROBINSON .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
ROBERT W. HYNTER .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 3.	SIDNEY PALMER .. 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. 4.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. Tenor.

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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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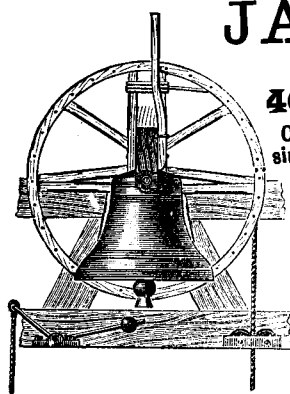
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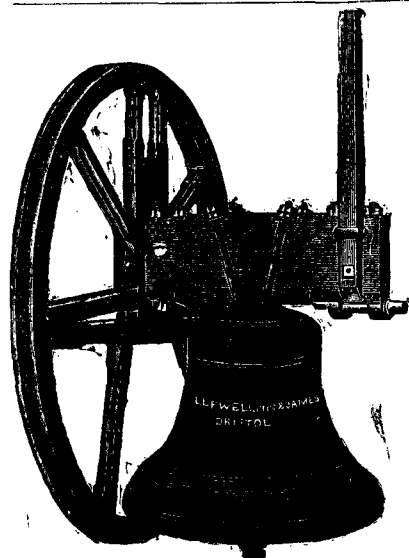
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**MORETON-IN-THE-MARSH** (Gloucestershire). St. David. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. 3rd and 4th by Bagley, 1693; 4th no date, founder unknown; 6th, 1735, founder unknown; the rest by Mears, 1862. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by White, 1862. Repairs have been suggested but there are no funds. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 8.

**MORTIMER** (Oxon). St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1896. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Recast and hung by Mears, 1896. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

**MORTLAKE** (Surrey). St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble by Janaway, 1784; 2nd by Lester, 1746; the rest by Wightman, 1694. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. 7th rehung a few years ago. Rehanging has been estimated for, but there are not sufficient funds. Ropes new 1896, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6.15 to 6.45. No practice.

**MOSELEY** (Worcestershire). St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Vickers, 1874. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. The ring are second-hand, and of steel. Ropes new 1896, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 5.45 to 6.45. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

**MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE** (Cheshire). St. Michael. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1885; the rest by Rudhall, 1723, except the tenor, 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. by the same, 1731. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1885. Ropes new 1893, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Winchester District for combined practice and business took place at Winchester on Saturday, December 12th. The Cathedral bells were kept going from 2.30 to 3.45. At 4 o'clock there was evensong in the Cathedral. The weather was stormy in the extreme, and rain fell in torrents, consequently the attendance was small. At 5.0 a capital tea was served, to which sixteen members sat down, including the Rev. F. T. Madge (Minor Canon). The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews), in the chair. He apologised for the absence of the Hon. Secretary, but at the distance he lived, his presence on a Saturday evening was next to impossible. Apologies for absence were read from Twyford and Romsey. The election of a District Secretary was conducted by ballot, Mr. J. W. Elkins receiving eight votes, and Mr. W. H. George five. The chairman declared Mr. Elkins duly elected, and he said he would do his best to further the interests of the Guild in his neighbourhood. Mr. Andrews, captain of the Cathedral ringers, was unanimously elected representative on the Central Committee for the Winchester District; and it was decided to hold district quarterly meetings during 1904 on the second Saturdays of the months of February, May, August and November, at Alton, Twyford, Upham and New Alresford, respectively. A vote of thanks to the Master for presiding terminated the business.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Farnham on Saturday, December 12th, some twenty-five members being present. The very inclement weather was, no doubt, responsible for the small attendance. Tea was held at the Royal Deer Assembly Rooms, and at the meeting Mr. C. Fry was elected to the chair. He apologised for the absence of the Rector, owing to a previous engagement, and for the Churchwardens, owing to pressure of business. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Merrow and Clandon on February 20th.

Mr. A. Pulling was appointed to arrange and conduct the first quarterly peal by the district.

The Secretary drew attention to the new rules, under which subscriptions must be paid before members were entitled to any benefit. The beautiful peal was kept going in Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major till 9 p.m.

## LITCHURCH, DERBY.

The new Baths at Litchurch, in the borough of Derby, are now approaching completion, and a large turret clock has been erected on the front by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The same firm have recently erected a large chiming clock in the parish church tower at Irby-on-Humber, near Grimsby, both clocks being to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The last two months my contribution to this journal has been conspicuous by its absence. Readers have not suffered by this, for plenty of other very interesting features have appeared to edify and instruct them. Mr. Daniell has been interesting us all again by his writings about some of the old worthies of the Exercise. We had not only some valuable and entrancing particulars of that great man—FABIAN STEDMAN—but also a copy of his last will and testament, a valuable addition to ringing literature. I see that photographs of this worthy and interesting document are to be had. All will thoroughly understand that the compilation of such interesting particulars as these employ a great deal of time and labour, and there is not the least doubt, or there ought not to be, that readers feel that they are greatly indebted to Mr. Daniell for entering upon such researches. Hapily we may be favored later on with other interesting contributions from the same gentleman.

You have read about those excursions into Devonshire by two ringing companies, and how they rang, and what they did on the Exeter bells. Are not these doings faithfully chronicled in the records of this paper? William Pye rung the tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters, and it was done well, creating a great sensation among natives down in the West. Then there was another company who had "six days in the Three Towns and East Cornwall." The account of this excursion was dealt with in a humorous manner. The "tiger" last year had become a canary; the Ethiopian had changed his skin, and the leopard his spots; figuratively of course. At some place only to be pronounced correctly by a Welshman, the Rev. F. E. R. "trotted out his favorite variation," that being the 80th peal he has conducted as "first in the method on the bells." And so on.

The ringing at the edifice called "Charles Church" at Plymouth, by these tourists, was not quite so satisfactory, however, as that at the other churches. "The striking was somewhat rough owing to a set of perfectly new ropes, but as these got 'stretched' the striking improved." Then about some ringing at St. Mary's, Portsea, in the same number we read: "After this a halt was made to adjust the ropes (which were made by a local firm, the sallies being abominably bad.)" Every ringer knows perfectly well that a bell-rope is not an ordinary rope. The ordinary rope-spinner should never be entrusted to make a bell-rope, because he knows nothing of what is wanted. A church bell-rope is a specialty of manufacture, and can only be made by those who know. There are only a few firms of church bell-rope makers in existence, whose names and factories are all to be found in the advertisement pages of this journal. Of recent years Mr. John Pritchard, of Loughborough, has become a favorite bell-rope-maker. His ropes require no "stretching" or doing anything to after they are on. If Pritchard's ropes had been "on" at Charles Church when the members of the Devonshire Guild above alluded to visited there, there would have been no remarks about "stretching." Bell-ropes with elastic characteristics are of the past. No "local firm" (as we know the phrase) should be entrusted to make church bell-ropes; and ringers should always sparkle up vigorously when it is intended to obtain ropes from other than a church bell-rope maker.

What is known as a new departure has been made by two London Societies. The St. James's Society has added "London County Association" to its title, and the Middlesex Association now calls itself "London Diocesan Guild" also. I think it was Shakespeare who asked—"What's in a name?" Well, there's a good deal sometimes, as many of us know. These additions to the names of the above-mentioned societies have not been made without some criticism. There was certainly room for some kind of alteration, or modification, of the name of the Society whose headquarters are at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. An idea of altering its title was mooted many years ago, but the veterans of the Society were totally against it then. The St. James's Society took its name I think, through commencing operations at St. James's, Clerkenwell, a church which has been closed for very many years so far as any local ringing organization is concerned. The church

of St. Clement has been the head quarters of the Society for I don't know how long. One of the best and most obliging of steeplekeepers held office here for many years, and during his time the Society kept together very well, and the belfry was one of the most pleasant in the metropolis. Some, and I among the number, would have liked to see "St. Clement" brought into the title somehow.

But this is perhaps merely sentiment, and of no practical utility. The "St. James's and London County" opened its ball not with a dance, but with a concert, denominated "bohemian," but what that may mean I am unable to say. There was a good programme, however, and all went off as merry as the proverbial marriage-bell. Even old Bill Weatherstone was to the fore with his one song—"The Wonderful Crocodile," an animal which swallowed a thousand bullocks at one go, washed down with innumerable kegs of that "vanity" which the celebrated Mr. Stiggins termed "rum," thus surpassing the deeds of Milo, once celebrated in verse on the facade of that hostel, The Bull and Mouth in St. Martin's-le-Grand. One thousand Bullocks! "Ye gods! what a glorious twist!" And the animals were not slaughtered at the port of landing, but swallowed whole. Pity one of the Birmingham J.C.s. had not been present to put on a tariff.

The world of ringing literature is being enriched just now. There is the first series of the Council's "Collection of Peals"—144 pages "chock full of science," as our very old friend Captain Cuttle used to say of Sol. Gills. Then there is an extremely new work called "STEDMAN." This is one of the Jasper Snowden series. I have had a look over this, and it is really the most scientific book on ringing I know of. It is a wonderful publication, and every lover of Stedman's Principle, in fact every ringer worthy of the name should have a copy and treasure it. There was once an old philosopher named Sturmius, who maintained that a knowledge of the mechanism and structure of the human eye was a cure for atheism. In the same way, I consider this work on "Stedman" would perfectly cure a great many of those sceptical people who maintain there is nothing in change-ringing beyond the pulling of a rope. There is a great duty laid upon ringers by these publications, and that is to purchase them. How they may be obtained is shown by the advertisements.

A little controversy has taken place concerning that somewhat irregular gratuity known as "steepleage." I have a very strong objection to "tips" of any sort, and should like to hear of them being taxed or tariffed where possible. Tips are only proper for the youth of both sexes, at some festal occasion like Christmas, for instance. There are betting tips, with all that appertains to them, which we know are a disgrace to civilization. But a small moiety of the current coin of the realm handed to a worthy and conscientious steeplekeeper who has gone out of his way to make everything connected with the bells secure, and the ringing-chamber swept and garnished, for the benefit of a visiting company, deserves actual payment. This is payment for work done; not a tip, or a gratuity, or a fee; but wages for actual labour performed; which we designate by the euphonious and grammatical term—"steepleage." But wherever a regulation exists that a certain stated fee, tip, or gratuity must be planked down before a company can be allowed to enter the tower it is quite a different matter. We can't call it by the honored and recognised term of "steepleage." I hardly know how it should be defined. I won't say it's improper, or irregular, or an extortion, or an imposition, or downright humbug; rather than say any of these, I'll conclude this paragraph by enjoining all Rectors and Vicars to prevent such an obnoxious impost being practised.

In my last I mentioned that our old friend John Carter had gone to Switzerland for the benefit of his health. It need not be supposed for one moment that he would go Matterhorning, or Montblancing, but the staff at the office are rather anxious because they have not yet heard of his safe return. I said that no one need fear he had attempted Alpine climbing, for he has too much sense. We shall very likely hear of him before long. He, at any rate, has not vanished "down the grid." Every



ringer in the United Kingdom and Colonies, and also those in the U.S.A. will fervently hope John's health has improved by his Swiss tour.

To the quotation in the previous paragraph, viz.: "down the grid," hangs a tale. This has been told to me and is as follows: Many years ago three very estimable men belonging to Manchester, thorough ringers, paid a visit to London. They arrived on a Saturday, and went straight to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a well-known rendezvous for provincial ringers. On the Monday following the three made a tour about London to see its sights, when somewhere near Westminster Abbey one of them suddenly vanished. When in a moment or two the others discovered their loss they wonderingly looked about, each saying at the same moment "What's gone o' Bill?" They looked and looked, but Bill wasn't forthcoming, and they turned to each other, saying both together—"He's gone down the grid." Then they went their ways apparently satisfied with the conclusions they had arrived at. ("Grid" I am told, is Manchester for "drain.") The two arrived at Bethnal Green the same evening, but they found their lost companion had escaped from the "grid," and was there before them, clothed and in his right mind.

I have exceeded my limits this week. Before you hear from me again the festive season will have passed, I dare say. No one knows. At any rate I will conclude by wishing you all "A Merry Christmas," with plenty of the necessities for enjoyment and happiness.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

### Correspondence.

*While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents*  
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

#### A CONTRAST.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" for the 28th ult. there appeared an account of the Jubilee celebration of the bells at Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, and a paragraph refers to the fact that out of eighteen ringers who took part at the opening of the peal only one now survives, Mr. Edward Dawson. This statement prompts your correspondent to make mention of an opposite character. In this neighbourhood, and residing within a few miles of each other, there are living at the present moment three ringers who in the years 1846 to 1851 often rang together at prize contests. Two of them belonged to the Tong company at that time, viz., Mr. John Oddy (a native of the village, but now of Cleckheaton), and Mr. John Langstaff, then and now living at Pudsey; the third is Mr. John Cordingley, a member of the Calverley company, who in more recent years lived at Tong for a brief period, but has returned to his native place. Wm. Sugden, a former member of the Pudsey company, who often rang at Tong, is still living in Ontario, Canada; he was present along with Langstaff, three deceased Tong ringers—Geo. Carter, Ed. Webster, and Geo. Oddy, and John Ross, deceased, of Pudsey, at the opening of the six bells at Ilkley parish church on January 13th, 1846, when they won the 1st prize. In addition to the above named, two former members, viz., Mr. John Haley, who commenced to ring at Tong in 1850, and continued until recent years, and Mr. George Pickard, who began at the same time, are still living. Your correspondent is indebted for this information to a manuscript book written by Mr. John Oddy, before named, giving an account of the ringers and singers of Tong church from 1787 to 1881.

M.

#### SUNDAY RINGING.

SIR,—With all deference I feel bound to dissent from what appears to me the drift of your editorial note last Saturday. Beyond the duty of attendance at Divine Worship the Church of England lays down no rules for the observance of Sunday nor does the Church teach Sabbatarianism. Hence what to do and what to avoid is left to the individual conscience, and I do not think that those members of the Exercise who disapprove for themselves of Sunday peal ringing are in any way justified in censuring those who ring peals on that day. To do so is in reality to censure the clergy who allow their towers to be used,

which is clearly not our business. I am not a handbell ringer myself, but as a matter of opinion I cannot see any objection so harmless and rational a method of spending a few of the leisure hours in the weekly Christian festival, as that of ringing a handbell peal.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—As regards peal-ringing on Sundays, I am now living where we have a six-bell tower, and the members appear to prefer stony to change-ringing; also there are many other towers, I might say, all throughout the Weald of Kent, a good round dozen of them eight-bell towers, situate in a like manner to my own tower, with a few good change-ringers scattered about amongst them. We have often arranged for Saturday evening peals and met short owing to bad weather, as our towers lie miles away from some of the ringers wherever we may go, and there is no train service here that we can take advantage of. So we have lately arranged one or two Sunday peals, as we can better manage to meet together on that day, and if we did not do so, I myself am afraid that our few change-ringers about this part would soon forget change-ringing altogether, and also that stony would have a greater hold than ever. I can quite understand that our prominent members of the Exercise dis-favouring Sunday peals, as they no doubt have the facilities to get good ringing in the weekday which unfortunately does not obtain here.

C. W. PLAYER.

Stone-in-Oxney, Kent.

#### REPLY TO THE REV. H. C. BELL,

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bell I cannot, of course, write as a leading member of the Exercise. But as a humble one, whose difficulty in acquiring Rope Sight was enormously increased by the misfortune of having become used to Stoney in the first instance, I have no hesitation in affirming that the notion that learning Stoney is a help to half-pull ringing is utterly mistaken.

R. A. DANIELL.

[We have further letters on this subject, which will appear next week.—Ed.]

### Obituary.

#### THOMAS E. ELLIS.

It is with regret that the Midhurst band of the Sussex County Association have to announce the death of their oldest member, who died on December 9th at the age of 56 years after a long and painful illness. Deceased had been connected with the tower for the past twenty-eight years, and for a long time had been captain of the band, and also steeplekeeper. He learnt to ring at Goudhurst (where it is believed he was known as Thomas Luck) and was afterwards at Lewes, but did no change-ringing until coming to Midhurst, where he took part in the first peal on the bells, and since then had taken an active part both in ringing and teaching young members. On Sunday, December 13th, the bells were rung half-muffled both at morning and evening services, and several touches of Minor were brought round. Deceased was interred at Midhurst Cemetery on Monday, December 14th, and after the service several touches were rung. In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round in three hours. Deceased had taken part in about fifteen peals, the last being on His Majesty's Coronation, since when he had been unable to take part in much ringing.

R. I. P.

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HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—L. Watson.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, December 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 1-2	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.
EDMUND C. CHASTY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire—L. Watson.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, December 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	*LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—Mrs. C. R. Lilley. Witness—G. D. Coleman. \*First peal of Major on an inside pair of bells.

**CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD,  
AND THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,**AT TRINITY COLLEGE,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

E. H. LEWIS* .. .. 1-2.	*H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	*F. S. POOLE .. .. 7-8.
*B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and  
Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—W. B. Kempton. \*First peal of Royal.

**Date Touches.**

SPALDING.—On Tuesday, December 8th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 64 mins. J. S. Wright, J. T. Brown, H. Eley, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, G. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis.

**Miscellaneous.****THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

EWELL.—On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. T. Miles, J. Beams conductor, H. Pederick, G. E. Price, C. E. Read, H. Greenhill, H. Beams, F. Laver.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

IRCHESTER.—On Saturday, December 5th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Payne, H. Berrill, O. Payne conductor, E. Smith, E. Payne. And three more 6-scores.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ROMSEY.—On Sunday, October 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Kings, F. H. Paskins conductor, A. E. Paskins, J. Elcombe, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker, A. Medley. On Sunday, November 22nd, 377 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, F. H. Paskins, R. White, J. Elcombe, G. Newman, F. Russen, W. G. Fowler conductor, W. E.

King. On Sunday, November 27th, 280 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, F. Paskins, J. Chalk, J. Elcombe, G. Newman, F. Russen, W. G. Fowler conductor, T. Cole. For evening service 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, F. H. Paskins conductor, J. Chalk, J. Elcombe, F. Russen, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, E. King. On Saturday, December 5th, 434 Grandsire Triples. E. King, F. H. Paskins, J. Chalk, R. White, A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor, A. Medley. And 504 in the same method. F. Russen, F. Paskins, J. Chalk, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, A. Medley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BRIDGWATER.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Coles, A. E. Coles, H. Boobier, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, G. Adams, W. J. Bowden, G. H. Pruen, A. O. Major.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MELKSHAM.—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Hedges, W. G. Lock, W. J. Mee, R. H. Legg, A. West conductor, A. W. Angel, A. Archibald, A. S. Wellard.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

MILNROW.—On Tuesday evening, December 1st, for practice, a half-peal of Bob Major, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins., and 320 Grandsire Major. S. Fielding, R. Buckley, J. Fitton, E. Schofield, W. Schofield, R. Dearden, S. Brierley, A. Sidebottom conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

REDENHALL.—On Sunday afternoon, December 6th, for Divine Service, three courses of Double Norwich. W. Barrett, E. Borrett, F. Borrett, W. Mobbs, C. Brock, E. Poppy, J. Betts, J. Souther. And three more courses. C. Brock, W. Barrett, F. Borrett, rest as before. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major, F. Borrett and C. Brock taking part.

**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

PERRY BARR.—On Saturday, November 28th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. S. Y. Jessop, J. Smith, W. H. Godden, Alf. Paddon Smith, C. Williams, W. C. Hunt conductor. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Stedman Triples.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. R. Smith, W. Page, W. Rouse, A. Winterton, L. Clay, G. Batchelor, G. Checketts conductor, J. Oakley.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LONDON.—On Friday, October 9th, for practice at St. James's church, Islington, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. May, G. Gains, H. Franks, W. Weatherstone conductor, C. Potheary.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, November 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Walder, sen., aged 80, T. A. Walder, aged 14, W. Vincent, G. Wheatland, W. H. Packham, J. Newman, W. Walder conductor, G. Walder, jun.

BRIDGNORTH.—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hall, W. Hayward, G. Jones, G. Case, W. Rudd, J. E. Hall conductor.

COLWALL.—On Monday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. James, J. Thomas, W. S. Evans, H. W. Allen, W. Price, C. Layton, C. Thomas conductor, R. O. Allen.

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, December 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. F. Dennison, C. Harper, E. Marriott, R. S. Cox, G. Slaughter, T. Murray conductor.

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**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning to-day, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 p.m. All subscriptions owing for the present year should now be paid without delay. **H. EVANS, Hon. Dist. Sec.**  
*Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham to-day, Saturday, Dec. 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.  
**THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.**

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p.m., at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, December 31st, at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on January 5th, as important matters will be brought up for discussion.

**W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**  
*'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 26th. Tea at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.  
**P. WEBB, Dist. Sec.**

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. A good muster is earnestly requested, there being important business. The Dean will preside. Cathedral bells available.  
**Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.**  
**J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec. pro tem.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting will be held on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Peter's, Bramley (6 bells). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.  
**FRED BARRACLOUGH,**  
*29, Elsworth Place, Armley. Hon. Sec.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Report is now ready. Will the following members send their correct addresses:—Messrs. John Buffery, A. Ingleby, E. Horrex, A. Tyler, F. E. Dawe, Ralph Ellis, Herbert Dickinson, J. W. Fassman, J. Holmes, W. Thompson, Percy Hind, J. H. Shepherd, R. Dale, H. E. T. Glover, and the Revs. W. H. Deane, F. N. Thicknesse, W. Venables and R. Stevenson.  
**C. L. ROUTLEDGE,**  
*62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Hon. Sec.*

## PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

The bells at the church of St. Mary Magdalene after rehang and augmentation to eight, will be open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 2s., at The Falcon inn at 1.15 to those giving notice by Tuesday, December 22, to F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Harleston.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. R. Hensher has removed from Kettering to The Old White Hart, Wellingborough.

## Compositions.

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5376.

23456	I	4	6
34256	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
32645	-	s	-
26345	-	-	-
23645	s	-	-
36245	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
63245	s	-	-
32465	s	-	-
23564	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
52463	s	-	-
25364	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-
32456	s	s	-
24356	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**G. N. PRICE'S 200 PEALS.**—London Surprise 6, Cambridge Surprise 3, Superlative Surprise 23, conducted 7, Stedman Caters 16, Stedman Triples 69, conducted 13, non-conducted 1, Double Norwich 13, conducted 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Bob Major 6, conducted 3, Bob Triples 1, Canterbury Major 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Triples 21, conducted 8, Seven Minor Methods 6, conducted 5. Total 169, conducted 41. Rung in 77 towers. On Handbells: Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Triples 9, conducted 1, non-conducted 2, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 7, Bob Royal 1, conducted 1, Bob Major 6, conducted 2. Total 31, conducted 11.

**THE PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, BARNES.**—This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to eight in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee. It was arranged as a compliment to Arthur Jones on his 21st birthday, and he received the usual congratulations. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. M. Kitson, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Badham for having everything in readiness.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1903.

## THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT IPSWICH.

The Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Association writes: "I am instructed by the Revs. C. L. Kennaway and J. H. Pilkington, who were appointed at our Annual



Meeting to act as referees in connection with the disputed peal of London Surprise rung at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on April 24th last, to forward their decision for publication. The enquiry was held at Ipswich on Wednesday, December 9th, and the referees' verdict is given below:—

"The Committee of enquiry decide: 'That the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, in raising an objection to the recording of the peal of London, claimed to have been rung by the Sproughton company, at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on April 24th, 1903, have not proved their case; at the same time there seems to have been undoubtedly some rough ringing in places.'

(Signed) CHARLES LEWIS KENNAWAY,  
Hon. Clerical Sec. N.D.A.  
J. HOLME PILKINGTON."

**LATE NOTICE.**—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, January 9th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised at 3.30 p.m., and all members are cordially invited.  
ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW,  
First peal in the method on the bells.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	WILLIAM S. LANGDON .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 7.
THOMAS LANGDON .. 4.	WALTER LONGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BESTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM TEGG .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 2.	MARK FENSOM .. 6.
JOHN E. MILLER .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	ALFRED DODSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bester and Wade.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. 6.
ALBERT COLES .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 9.
JOHN BASDEN .. 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BARNES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH HART .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. JUDD .. 5.
ARTHUR JONES .. 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 6.
JOHN W. KELLEY* .. 3.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. 7.
ALFRED JONES* .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. T. ELSON.

\*First peal in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

### The Provinces.

#### HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE DENT .. Treble.	CHARLES FRENCH .. 5.
HENRY PERRIN, JUN.* .. 2.	THOMAS ELLIS .. 6.
RICHARD TABOR* .. 3.	WALTER HOBBS .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	ALFRED BASS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

#### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. COX .. Treble.	*W. VEAL .. 5.
S. KNIGHT .. 2.	A. SMITH .. 6.
T. MANSFIELD .. 3.	C. LYES .. 7.
A. MANSFIELD† .. 4.	W. TOWNSEND .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by W. VEAL.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal in the method.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD* .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD .. 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS* .. 2.	*FRED HOPPER .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	*WILLIAM FAREY .. 7.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE* .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

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## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 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 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 2.	*ALBERT LAWRENCE .. .. 6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 4.	THOMAS PATEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal in the method.

## HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor.

Tenor about 13 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
SIDNEY PECK .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

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## THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. NEWTON .. .. Treble.	J. WALLER .. .. 5.
W. H. STEPHENSON .. 2.	*A. M. C. FIELD .. .. 6.
W. NEWTON .. .. 3.	†R. G. GREENWOOD .. .. 7.
A. W. BARRETT .. .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by R. G. GREENWOOD.

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

## HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN PERKINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. 4.
SIDNEY PECK .. .. 2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

This is S. J. Coleman's 50th peal, and is also the first peal on the bells.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	T. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. G. Condick, jun., this being his fifty-first peal.

## WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD .. .. 5.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal on the bells. This peal was very kindly arranged by Mr. Hesse, who came from Teddington specially to attempt the peal. It was rung as a birthday compliment to him, as well as being his first peal rung in the county of his birth.

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN KING .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. PACKHAM .. 5.
WARDEN WALDER .. .. 2.	*DAVID D. DENMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES NEWMAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE WHEATLAND .. 4.	*GEORGE PACKHAM .. .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER E. APPERLEY .. Treble.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 5.
HENRY C. APPERLEY .. 2.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 6.
ALBERT W. CLARKE* .. 3.	GEORGE JAYNE .. .. 7.
LEWIS H. MOORE .. .. 4.	HENRY BRIDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\*First peal.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 2.	HERBERT ELLIS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 7.
ALFRED WINCH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since 1829.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. E. WALAND .. .. Treble.	*FRANK NAISBY .. .. 5.
JOHN G. HALL .. .. 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 3.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. LOVIE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This peal has the full extent of all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd and the 6th the extent right and wrong without the 2nd, and is believed to be the first peal rung containing these qualities.



KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Wells, Worcester, Chichester,  
Coventry and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor by the above Association; it is also the same band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 2.	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by J. PIGOTT.  
First peal in the method by all the band.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

TOM MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	THOS. SMITHSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	JOHN W. BAYLEY .. .. 7.
SAMUEL FERNLEY .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of November 21st. Rung previous to the branch meeting.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WALTER PARSONS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
J. W. GUTTERIDGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

W. Gutteridge was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of College Exercise, New London Pleasure,  
Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720s of Oxford.

EDWARD YOUNGS* .. Treble.	*ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. T. Closs.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being Forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR WISDOM .. Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. 3.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 4.
ALBERT SONGHURST .. Tenor.	

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal tablet recording the peal rung on May 11th at the marriage of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. Walbrand Evans.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, College  
Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD BOXALL .. Treble.	WILLIAM MADGWICK .. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSING .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. STROUD.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRANK FAY* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	*JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 9.
THOMAS PIGOTT .. .. 4.	*ERNEST T. ALLOWAY .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 11.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band except A. E. Pegler, and the first by the above Guild, and is believed to be the first on the bells. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. Canon Diggle to the Archdeaconry of Birmingham.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

ALFRED TULETT .. Treble.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 5.
JOHN PAICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 6.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 3.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 7.
GEORGE J. NORRIS .. 4.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HILLMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CARSHALTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUCK* .. Treble.	JOHN WEBB .. .. 5.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. HEATHER† .. 3.	EDWIN J. HOLLANDS .. 7.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 4.	JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

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



## NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WAYGOOD* .. .. Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN .. .. 4.
EDWIN ELSON† .. .. 2.	ISAAC CREED .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 3.	†HENRY J. BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt

GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
FRANK MEDHURST .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST MASKREY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 2.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 7.
CHARLES HART.. .. 4.	HAROLD INCKLE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

First peal by R. Maskrey and H. Inckle.

## WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 5.
REGGIE DYSON .. .. 2.	*CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 3.	*SYDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. SAXBY .. .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

\*First peal in the method.

## UFFINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM BEALES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS N. SMITH .. .. 4.
ARTHUR W. KING .. .. 2.	THOMAS MURRAY .. .. 5.
HARRY EDGELEY .. .. 3.	ERNEST MARRIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

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## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 3.	*ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal in the method.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE.. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is G. N. Price's 200th peal, reference to which will be found elsewhere.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BAKER.. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	*CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of London Surprise. This composition is the nearest possible approach to a three-part in this number of changes, and on the plan of in and 5ths.

## MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD BOXALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.. 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Thomas Ellis, who was interred on the above date.

## The Colonies.

## CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

On Monday, November 9, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN ANDREWS.. .. Treble.	JOHN MAPLES .. .. 5.
ARTHUR DUNKLEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS BIDDLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WRAIGHT .. .. 3.	JOHN BIDDLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SAUNDERS.. .. 4.	WILLIAM JONES.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR E. BAMES, and Conducted by THOS. BIDDLE.

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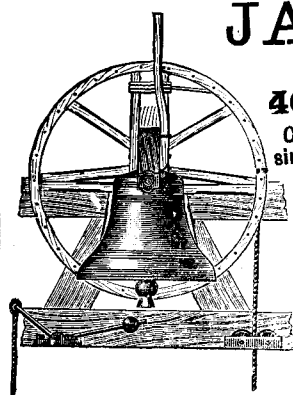
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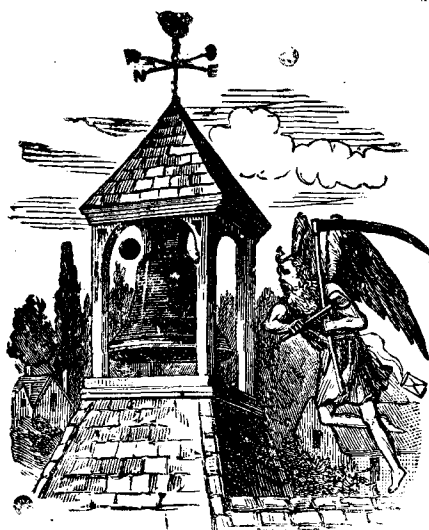
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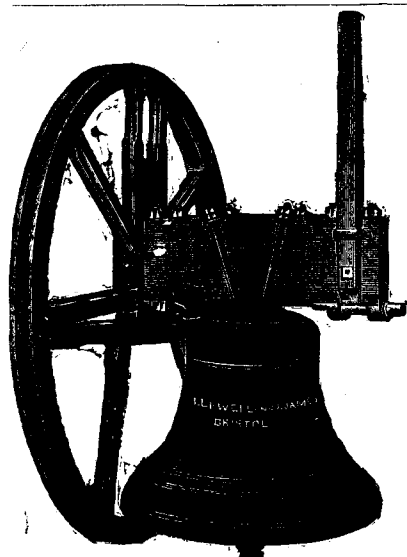
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

NESTON (Cheshire). St. Mary. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 5th and 6th by Mears, 1884: the rest by Rudhall, 1731. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs recently. No statement as to ropes. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.45.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire). St. Andrew. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Barwell, 1897; the rest by Blews, 1871. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs recently. Ropes new 1894, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Darlaston, Canterbury, Plain Bob and various Treble Bob methods. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

NETLEY ABBEY (Hants). St. Edward the Confessor. Eight bells. No return.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT (Notts). St. Mary Magdalene. Ten bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles in 1846, the rest 1842. Tenor 33 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1897. The authorities are assiduous in their attention to the needs of the tower. Ropes new 1897. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.46 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8, during winter months, but exclusive of Advent and Lent.

NEWBURY (Berks). St. Nicholas. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Wells, 1803. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Clocking permitted. Rehung by White, 1887. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.15. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

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## BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

(THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.)

The fine old parish church of Bottesford has for some time past failed to fulfil a requirement of the village in consequence of the dilapidated state of the bells. Some eighteen months back the 4th bell fell out of its position, and a public meeting was called by the Rector, Canon W. Vincent Jackson, to consider what steps should be taken in the matter, when it was decided to ask the advice of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, and with their advice it was decided to rehang the whole six bells and recast the 5th which was cracked. This decision was greeted with general approval by the whole parish, for the peal has a history worth recording. The treble was cast by John Bryant in 1810. The second bears no date, and is inscribed "Peace and good neighbourhood." The third bell dates back to 1615, and bears the inscription: "May my sound be pleasing to Thee, O Christ, King of Heaven." On the fourth the words—"My sound is produced by John Long." The record of the fifth bell is that it was hung in 1612 with a Latin inscription which reads: "I have the name of Gabriel, sent from Heaven," upon the defeat of the rebels in 1715. While a peal was being rung announcing their reverse, the clapper of this bell flew out and cracked the 6th bell. The latter was originally the gift of the Hon. Lord Roos, son of the Duke of Rutland in 1675. In 1791 this bell was again cracked by its own clapper, and again recast with the following verse inscribed on it:—

"The fleeting hours I tell  
I summons all to pray;  
I toll the dead man's knell,  
And hail the festal day."

There being a ready respond to the committee for subscriptions, it was decided to increase the ring to eight bells, one of which was offered by the Rector, Canon W. Vincent Jackson in conjunction with his sister, Miss Vincent Jackson, and his sister-in-law, Mss. Thos. Vincent Jackson, in memory of the Rector's only brother, Thos. Vincent Jackson, J.P., F.R.C.S. The recasting of the fifth bell and the two new trebles was carried out by Messrs. Taylor, and the new frame by Messrs. White and Sons, of Appleton, Oxford, in a wrought iron frame on the same principle as a timber frame which gives great satisfaction, and the "go" of the bells is splendid. The tenor weighs 27 cwt., in the key of D. The inscription on the new treble is—"His praise shall continually be in my mouth; ; and on the second—"To the glory of God." The special service for the dedication of the bells was preached by the Suffragan-Bishop of Leicester (Rev. Canon Clayton), before a large congregation. After the service the local ringers rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 behind; also several courses of Grandsire Triples with the assistance of R. White and H. Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, and all spoke well of the "go" of the bells.

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## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12th, a meeting of this Guild was held at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, and there was an excellent attendance of members from various towers in connection with the Guild. During the course of the afternoon and evening several touches were rung in different methods by various mixed bands, the "go" of the bells being splendid and creditable to the foreman of the tower, Mr. George Brown. Owing to the schools being otherwise engaged, an excellent tea was provided at the Eckersley Arms hotel, and greatly enjoyed by all. The business meeting was afterwards held, the Rev. F. Sardeson (Vicar), presiding, supported by the Rev. W. E. Thomson (curate), and Mr. J. Martin. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, the Vicar gave the Guild a hearty welcome to St. James, and being his first time at presiding over a company of ringers, said he was struck to see the earnestness in which the ringers took in their work of ringing the bells, and also as church officials.

Mr. J. Martin, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind generosity, spoke at some length on the objects of the Guild, and said one and all greatly regretted the absence of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit through ill-health, and hoped for a speedy recovery.

Mr. T. Halliwell (foreman of Wigan parish church), said he had great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to the Vicar, and said that as a ringer of fifty years' experience, he was pleased to see the interest the clergy were now taking in the ringers, and referred at some length to his first experience of ringing up to the present time. The Vicar, Mr. T. Halliwell, and one ringer from Wigan, and two from Aughton were elected members of the Guild. The usual vote of thanks brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Garston on Saturday, December 12th, members attending from Aughton, Tue Brook, Bootle, Birkenhead and the local company. After ringing had been indulged in for some time an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was in readiness, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, presided. The Secretary read a letter from the Vicar of Newton re the branch's application for the use of the bells for a meeting, giving a satisfactory explanation for delay in reply.

The chairman, in addressing the members, said although they had the chiming apparatus in the tower, he was pleased to say it had not been used for upwards of two years, and thanked the local company for their regular and punctual attendance and their devotion to duty. He also thanked the veteran Lancashire ringer, Mr. Gough, whom he regarded as the father of change-ringing in Garston, and hoped he might be long spared, and that his health would permit him to join them at these gatherings.

Mr. Gough, in reply, thanked the Vicar and those present for their good wishes, and said ringing had done him a lot of good, for he always felt physically better after a ring of an hour or so.

The Rev. T. L. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for providing the tea. One new member was elected, and Walton was chosen as the place for the next meeting

Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening, a very pleasant gathering being brought to a close by a non-conducted 518 of Grandsire Triples.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern district was held at Coggeshall on Saturday, December 5th. The attendance was not so good as it ought to have been, considering the number of members in the district. The tea was held at The Woolpack inn, and also the meeting afterwards, twenty-eight being present. The Vicar (Rev. F. S. Staney), presided, supported by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, Secretary of the Association. The Vicar, and also his warden (G. F. Beaumont, Esq.), were elected hon. members, as well as thirteen ringing members.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Elliott, the position of Master of the district, vacated by Mr. W. Nevard, was taken by Mr. F. Rudkin, of Braintree. The District Secretary was re-elected.

The Rev. H. T. Eyre thanked the officers for their work during the past year, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells. Members were present from Harwich, Earls Colne, Colchester, Feering, Kelvedon, Totham, and Braintree. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were rung on the church bells. The magnificent church with its richly-worked screens, etc., all made and carved in the town, were much admired.

## GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

On Saturday, December 12th, the bells of the above church were dedicated by the Bishop of Barking, after having been augmented to six and hung in a new wood and iron frame by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of the bells being excellent. After the ceremony the St. Ippolitts ringers who had been engaged for the occasion, rang a number of 120s of Grandsire Doubles, after which a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. Refreshments were provided in the schoolroom, and were well struck by the St. Ippolitt's band without any assistance from the other visitors, who necessarily adjourned to The Green Man, where they got some bread but no cheese, after which they cried "go" for home, and had a nice little walk of four miles in the rain, being well satisfied at having scored the first 720, and take this opportunity of thanking those in charge of the bells for allowing them to have a pull.

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**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Swavesey to-day, Sat., December 26th. Tea at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.  
P. WEBB, *Dist. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff to-day, Saturday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. A good muster is earnestly requested, there being important business. The Dean will preside. Cathedral bells available.

Rev. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting will be held on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Peter's, Bramley (6 bells). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m.  
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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday afternoon, January 2nd, 1904.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will take place at Newcastle on Saturday next, January 2nd, 1904. All members intending to be present please send word Mr. E. King, 22, Victoria Street, Newcastle, Staff.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District. A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, January 9th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised at 3.30 p.m. and all members are cordially invited.

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

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at Ring of Bells at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt.), by Warner and Sons, in St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, will be opened on Saturday, January 16th, and members are invited to attend the service and tea to follow. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary before January 8th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*  
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—Report is now ready. Will the following members send their correct addresses:—Messrs. John Buffery, A. Ingleby, E. Horrex, A. Tyler, F. E. Dawe, Ralph Ellis, Herbert Dickinson, J. W. Passman, J. Holmes, W. Thompson, Percy Hind, J. H. Shepherd, R. Dale, H. E. T. Glover, and the Revs. W. H. Deane, F. N. Thicknesse, W. Venables and R. Stevenson.  
C. L. ROUTLEDGE,  
62, Jesmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Hon. Sec.*

## PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

The bells at the church of St. Mary Magdalene after rehanging and augmentation to eight, will be open for ringing on Boxing Day.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT WALSALL.**—H. Knight's 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 25 (3 on handbells), Major 2, Caters 22 (including one of 7019 and one of 11,563); Darlaston Bob Triples 4, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Plain Bob Triples 1, Major 16, Royal 1; Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1; Stedman Triples 19, conducted 5, Caters 3, conducted 1, Cinques 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, Forward Major 1. Total 100, conducted 6.

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### THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

Good suggestions are often made and no notice taken of them by those to whom they were addressed; the person who made the suggestion is often times more or less disappointed; but the individual who first suggested ringers riding cycles has the heartiest thanks of the members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, for they have during the past summer and autumn had some most enjoyable spins on their cycles, and pulls on the bells at the various churches they have visited.

Commencing early in the year the party could barely muster six to ring rounds, etc., but nothing daunted they persevered on and at last managed to get enough to ring a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Different places were visited to incite interest and attain advancement with the primary object of spreading change-ringing and the objects of the Devonshire Guild to outlying parishes. A Social has been held to cement the local ringers and the members together. The result has been that after hard, continued and united efforts, the members of the Club have now been doubled in number, and they are able to ring and strike well any 6-score of Grandsire called.

They have a badge—the ringers' badge—a bell; and a nice set of rules for their guidance, with captain, sub-captain, and other officers, not forgetting the "official repairer," and fines if the signals (when cycling) are not observed. But as harmony is the motto, the fines have been few, but the advancement in ringing has been more marked, for those who could not ring inside have learned the way, and those who only could ring the tenor have been taught inside work and conducting. While this is not very great for many ringers, one must not forget that there must be a beginning, however small, and young bands deserve every encouragement, for they form the nucleus of large Societies.

Something like thirty towers have been visited since the commencement of the season, and with only one exception change-ringing has been done. Practices are continued during the winter months, which it is hoped will have the good result of the members of the Exeter Cycling Club being able to record a peal of Triples in the near future, or something else to let the ringing world know they are still in existence.

Our readers will be interested to learn that Mr. Arthur Thomas King, the well-known Hon. Sec. of the Middlesex Association, was on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday last month, appointed to be a Companion of the Imperial Service Order, in recognition of thirty-nine years efficient and conscientious work as a Civil Servant of the Crown in the National Debt Office. Mr. King had the honour of attending at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 18th December, and was personally invested with the badge of his order by his Sovereign. We are sure Mr. King will receive the cordial congratulations of the entire Exercise, which we offer him here and now.

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### Correspondence.

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

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

### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Being one of the principal ringers opposed by the Rev. H. C. Bell, Reading, I beg a small space in your paper in explanation. His question "Should call-change ringing be employed as a means of teaching change-ringing" is very misleading. At the tower in question there are five or six young men who cannot manage their bells yet. I suggested to him that they should first ring rounds and then a few call-changes, to enable them to learn the proper way to lead, and to train their ear as to whether they are striking their bell at the proper interval or not. I don't think this need interfere with their rope-sight when they come to grasp the art of half-pull ringing. Would it not sound very much better to the public in the neighbourhood of the church (what do they know of half-pull ringing?) to ring a few well-struck call-changes for the Divine Services, than to try to ring 120s of Grandsire Doubles or touches of Triples with three or four bells clashing nearly every few minutes, until they had all got hold of half-pull sufficiently well enough to strike it. We all must learn to walk before we run. I myself am strongly in favour of good and accurate striking. I know a good many of our best change-ringers were call-change ringers at one time.

A. OSBORNE.

SIR,—Mr. H. C. Bell raises a most interesting point in his letter published in your issue of the 12th inst., and it will be of very material advantage to all who undertake the instruction of beginners in the Art of change-ringing to have an authoritative expression of opinion on the matter. I am personally in entire accord with Mr. Bell, and believe that the system of "call-changes" as a general practice, is diametrically opposed to change-ringing; and my experience of ringers (extending over many years) who adhere to this system, is that such men endeavour to monopolise the ropes to the exclusion of others who wish to make progress, and have no more interest in ringing as an Art, or deeper love for the Exercise than for what they can make out of it for financial gain.

INSTRUCTOR.

SIR,—I quite agree with your correspondent with reference to call-change or "stoney." Instead of being a help to acquire the Art of change-ringing it is a great hindrance. There are several, who after having learnt it (if indeed there's much to learn) are quite content to let their ringing abilities stop there without troubling their minds about the proper Art at all. As your correspondent remarks, "Rope-sight" is the book. The rules that are found therein are the only ones to give a beginner the true theory of scientific change-ringing.

H. S.

[We have further letters on this subject, which will appear next week.—ED.]

### SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—There are three classes of ringers on this question; first, those who strongly advocate the practice; second, those who conscientiously object; third, those who would oblige on Sundays when needful, but prefer the same on a week-day. I believe the latter class is in the majority. I quite agree with the tone of Mr. Player's letter as to the various circumstances attending the same. Now, in my humble opinion, much discussion about what is right and wrong on the Lord's Day is undesirable, so may I suggest that the question be left to each one's own individual conscience.

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AT LLANROCK VILLA, AVENUE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—O. Wiles. Witness—F. Harlow.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 10, 1903 in Two Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT LLANROCK VILLA, AVENUE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON .. .. 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
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**Date Touches.****THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Tuesday, December 1st, at All Saints church a date touch of Doubles, 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 844 of Bob and 105 of Grandsire. H. L. Harlow conductor, A. Daniel, C. Pratt, A. Pratt, J. Blott, E. Kitley. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

HUNTSPELL (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 5th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. G. Sellick, F. Iley, J. Baker, H. Parkhouse, C. Hancock, W. Hooper, F. Iley conductor.

COLNE (Essex).—On Monday, December 21st, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Foulds, sen., J. P. Foulds, R. Eoulds, jun., W. Mallinson conductor, J. Goth, W. H. Harrison, A. Lane, W. Heaton.

**Miscellaneous.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

ILMINSTER (Somerset).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 31 mins. C. Raisin, D. G. Taylor, G. Sibley, F. Baker, P. Shire, W. Coombes conductor. First on the bells and by all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—Recently a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 62 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Fludd. J. Holman, G. Temple, W. David, A. Melhuish, W. Prescott, H. Brown, T. King conductor, F. Skuse. On November 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. A. Hudd, W. Prescott, W. Davis, F. Skuse, G. Temple, H. Brown conductor, T. King, J. Holman.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 27th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, October 11th, 720 Oxford Bob. On Monday, October 19th, 720 Keat Treble Bob. On Sunday, October 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, November 8th, 720 Kent. On Sun-

day, December 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 720 College Single. J. Worth, J. Cheetham, J. R. Burgess, J. Cottrell, H. Whitehurst, W. J. Carter conductor.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

MITCHAM.—On Sunday evening, November 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Bance, J. A. Lambert, D. W. Drewett first quarter-peal in the method, J. C. Jackson, J. Fayers, A. Calver, L. C. Ferrige, W. S. Smith conductor. Composed by Cornelius Charge.

EPSOM.—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Uphill, A. Brown, A. Bassett, F. W. Challen, T. Self, D. Snelling, W. Gearing conductor, A. Shrubbs.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, November 29th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Bester, J. Armstrong, J. Miller, W. Pickworth, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade, A. Dobson.

**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

WALWORTH.—On Thursday, November 19th, at St. Peter's, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Webber, Arthur Hardy, F. Perrin, E. Webb, M. Woodcock, F. Smith, J. Davis conductor, T. Langdon.

WESTMINSTER.—Recently at St. Margaret's, 1275 Stedman Caters. A. Hardy, F. Perrin, J. Cattle, M. Woodcock, F. Smith, J. Davis conductor, E. Nixon, G. Daynes composer, E. Brett, F. Davis.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, December 21st, at the parish church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, G. Sentance, A. Shufflebotham, E. Newman, P. Holmes, W. Grimwade, H. Coote, W. Steel conductor.

WRITTLE.—On Tuesday, December 8th, at the parish church, 1248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. \*R. Edwards, \*T. Lincoln, E. Runter, \*F. G. Radley, G. W. Sorrell, \*H. Head, H. W. Kirton, W. Lincoln conductor. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 6th, for Divine Service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. Richardson, H. Richardson, E. Richardson conductor, H. Redgwell, A. Shufflebotham. For evening service 1200 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. Richardson, H. Richardson, E. Richardson conductor, H. Redgwell, A. Shufflebotham. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. T. Hawkins, churchwarden.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Thursday, October 8th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Moldon, G. Pound conductor, W. Hope, C. Attwood, W. Kilpatrick, N. Bird. After service 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Moldon, W. Hope, G. Pound conductor, C. Attwood, W. Kilpatrick, A. Haygreen. On Sunday, October 11th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Attwood, G. Pound conductor, W. Hope, C. Attwood, W. Kilpatrick, N. Bird.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Saturday, December 5th, 2160 Grandsire, being eighteen 6-scores, each called differently. H. J. Harlow, H. L. Harlow conductor. A. Daniel, A. Pratt, J. Blott, E. Kitley. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of F. Dilly, one of the local ringers, to Miss L. Godfrey, his brother-ringers wishing them much happiness.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 minutes. W. Shepherd, G. Woodiss conductor. A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, C. J. Hamblin, J. Martin, J. Emery, J. H. B. Hesse. Longest length of Major by the ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 7.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1903.

THE saying that "coming events cast their shadows before" has become a commonplace. All over the land signs and shadows of the Christmas festival have been for some time plainly visible, and these evidences of the time at which we celebrate The Nativity undoubtedly get stronger and more popular year by year. Cynical people may do their best to cry down the manner in which Christmas is spent, as tinged with paganism, or barbarism, but it goes on all the same; objectors of every grade are scornfully disregarded. The provision of creature comforts for the spending of Christmas may be here and there a little injudicious, but then it comes but once a year. Whatever people may say, the time is one when more hospitality is shown than at any other throughout the year. There is individual hospitality, and collective: the latter shown in those grand and colossal efforts to mitigate and relieve the wants of the poor and suffering, the lame and the halt.

No heed therefore need be taken of the vapourings of those who decry our old Christmas customs. Have they a smack of barbarism? If the world-famed sirloin, the gorgeous turkey, the savoury goose, and the plum-pudding are barbaric, they are too well established to be abolished in a century or two. They are all legitimate methods of the period under review.

Christmas is specially regarded as a time for healing animosities. There is nothing barbaric in such an idea. "On earth peace; goodwill to men." This is the time for reconciliation and total forgetfulness of offences, real and unreal. Most of us will be at our posts early on the Christmas morn to announce the anniversary. Some of us will try to smooth away any existing roughness, to reconcile every conflicting opinion and temper. May such be successful. And to conclude, to all our brethren we wish—A Merry Christmas!

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

## The Metropolis.

### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS C. A. NEVILE* .. Treble.	† SEDLEY J. COLLINS .. .. 5.
JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 2.	HORACE ADAMS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 3.	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 7.
FREDK G. GODDARD .. .. 4.	* FREDERICK J. JEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. JUDD.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	† WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 9.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 10.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal on twelve bells.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT F. HULL .. Treble.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
GEORGE B. LUCAS* .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishops of Colchester and Barking to Walthamstow to consecrate the new church of St. James.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. CAITLÉ .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

## The Provinces.

### GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

T. MOULE .. .. Treble.	J. BENNETT .. .. 4.
W. BLOOMFIELD .. .. 2.	J. BASON .. .. 5.
W. BASON .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASON.

This is the first peal recorded since 1822, also the first peal since the rehanging of the tenor. First peal by the first five members of the company.



## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE* .. 2.	*WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 8.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 4.	†HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 9.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 5.	*FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(WHITWICK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN MOORE .. .. Treble.	*WALTER FERN .. .. 5.
JOHN T. ALLEN .. .. 2.	JOHN RAWSON .. .. 6.
ALBERT WHITMORE .. .. 3.	JOHN A. MOULT .. .. 7.
THOMAS BELCHER .. .. 4.	†WALLACE BURTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FERN.

\*First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. †First peal and first attempt.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

TOM MARSHALL .. .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON* .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 3.	*FRED HOLT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY* .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by E. READER.

\*First peal in the method. Longest peal in the method by the rest, and by the Guild.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

OLIVER BROCK .. .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 7.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 5.
EDWARD BOREHAM .. .. 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 6.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
J. J. PRATT .. .. 4.	JAMES W. BAGLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 5.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN MAYS .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

## GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK .. Treble.	JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 5.
BALDWIN NORFOLK† .. 2.	HARRY TOMLINSON .. .. 6.
JAMES W. BOSHELL* .. 3.	JAMES A. TEALE .. .. 7.
PERCY JOHNSON* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and College Single.

JAMES HALLWORTH .. Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY .. .. 4.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY .. .. 5.
JOSHUA DEAN .. .. 3.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL FERNLEY.

Longest length on the bells and by all the company.

## BANGOR.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	BERNARD CARTER .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 7.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 4.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Hughes, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.



## HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.

BENJAMIN S. HILL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BRIGHT .. .. 2.	ALBERT HILL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 7.
CHARLES JONES* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM C. JONES.

\*First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Batchelor, one of the local band, to Miss A. E. Bradley.

## BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. DRAKE .. .. Treble.	W. WOOD .. .. 5.
J. LAWSON .. .. 2.	J. F. PEARSON .. .. 6.
C. NIELD .. .. 3.	J. HEWITT .. .. 7.
G. LAWTON .. .. 4.	H. MARSHALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. PATRICK, and Conducted by G. DRAKE.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. 2.	*CONOR O'BRIEN .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWB .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Surprise, and was elected a member previous to starting.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 5.
EDWARD BOREHAM .. 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. 6.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. J. PRATT .. 4.	J. W. BAGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

FRANK ROLFE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 3.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 3.	GEORGE SHIPP .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 4.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung to commemorate the erection of a new peal-board. Thirty-three peals in twelve different methods have now been rung upon these bells since their opening as a ring of eight on May 15th, 1902. It is the conductor's 50th peal.

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## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S FIVE-PART.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. Treble.	FRANK HALLSWORTH .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	FRANK EDWARDS .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER .. 4.	JOSIAH ELTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to F. Thomas, Esq., brother of the respected churchwarden of this church. This is J. C. Adams's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS .. 7.
ALFRED PEARCE .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. 8.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. 9.
JOHN THOMAS .. 5.	JAMES RICHMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Arranged for the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

## PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH .. Treble.	JOHN CURRY .. 4.
GEORGE LADD .. 2.	JOSEPH WESTLAND .. 5.
HERBERT LORD .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and tenor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT HUTTON .. Treble.	†FRED HOUSEGO .. 4.
ARTHUR STURMAN .. 2.	†WALTER CHANDLER .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH .. 3.	JOHN HILLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

\*First peal away from the treble. †First peal.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 4.	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First attempt for a peal, aged 15.



## BARNET, HERTS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

S. W. ROBERTS* .. .. Treble.	C. H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
W. J. BALDWIN† .. .. 2.	J. ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
F. A. MILNE .. .. 3.	W. CHILDS .. .. 7.
J. SUMPTER.. .. 4.	W. F. DOLTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

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

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Carter, wife of the Vicar of the parish.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RICHARD F. LANE .. .. Treble.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH* .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN* .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS* .. 7.
FRANK PERVIN* .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HARRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 3.	HARRY W. SMITH .. 7.
ERNEST MENDAY .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Menday.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, THE DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN STEED .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH† .. 2.	WILLIAM HOPLEY .. 6.
EDWARD HENDY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE* .. 4.	W. THOMAS LINNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST SELLARS .. .. Treble.	HARRY BISHOP, JUN. .. 5.
HARRY BISHOP, SEN... .. 2.	WILLIAM BARKER .. .. 6.
GEORGE LADD .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. FARR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

SPENCER M. DODDINGTON* Treble.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 5.
HARRY LAST .. .. 2.	FREDERICK RICE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HOLDEN .. .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

\*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Rice. First peal of Major on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and fitted with the ringer of the 7th's new spring clapper.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in a flat.

ERNEST S. GOSTLING* .. Treble.	DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 5.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 2.	FRANK ROLFE .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 7.
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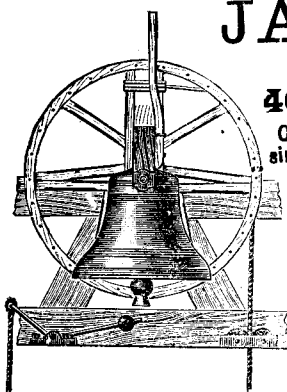
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