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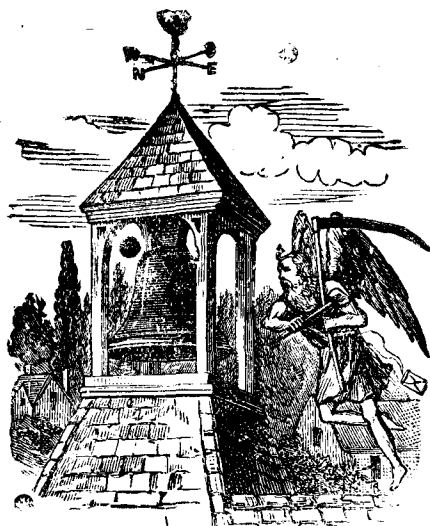
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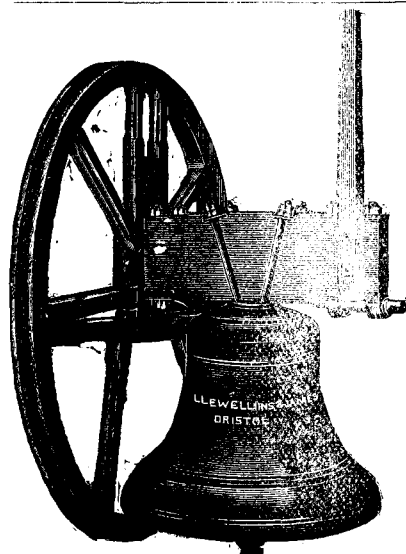
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Northumberland). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

The Cathedral. Durham and Newcastle Association. Ten bells. All by Taylor, 1892. Tenor 37 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 11 in. Frame partly iron. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Taylor recently. Ropes new 1892 good. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 6.40 to 7. Practice: Wednesday or Thursday, 7.30.

St. John. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Warner; 4th unknown. The rest 1706, founder not stated. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing, but no hours stated. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

St. Matthew. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1895. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1896, good. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.40 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

St. Stephen. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1880. Tenor "29 tons 3 cwt. 21 lbs." (*sic*), diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1898. Ropes new 1893, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.45, and 6.15 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

St. George. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1889. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1889. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. except in summer.

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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS 'AT BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

By the welcome gifts of three new bells recently received, a long-felt want has happily been supplied, and the parish church has now a complete ring of eight bells, and the new bell-frame, which it was found necessary to place in the tower last year has not long remained without its full compliment of bells. One of the new bells was subscribed for last year by the parishioners to form a permanent memorial of the King's Coronation, and the other two are the generous gifts of Mr. and Mrs. H. Collett, of Yew House, Hoddesdon, in memory of Mr. Collett's mother (who for some years resided in Broxbourne) and in memory of Mrs. Collett's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Christie, of Hoddesdon. One of the original five bells, being out of tune, has been recast, and the cost of this has been defrayed by subscriptions. The eight bells form a very fine ring, worthy of the fine old church in which they are placed, and it is believed that no better ring can be found in the county. The work was entrusted to Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough, and carried out by that firm in a satisfactory manner.

For some time past great interest has been taken in the bells and the ringers by Mr. F. T. Collins (Broxbourne), who is the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild of Ringers of St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, the formation of which is mainly due to his efforts, and he has done much to promote the efficiency of the Guild, which comprises the following ringers: C. Gouldsmith (captain), W. Gouldsmith, H. Gouldsmith, A. Hersey, C. Rainbird, F. Fish, W. Paddick, and F. T. Collins.

A special service for the dedication of the new bells was held by the Bishop of Colchester on Tuesday afternoon at 3.15. The Bishop was attended by the following clergy: Rev. J. Salwey (Vicar, Broxbourne); Rev. P. E. S. Holland (Vicar, Hoddesdon); Rev. W. H. Wood and Rev. W. A. Wright (curates, Hoddesdon); Rev. F. W. Greenstreet (Rector of Wormley); Rev. G. H. Preston (Vicar of Fleet, Hants.); Rev. H. D. Griffiths, and by the churchwardens (Mr. G. J. Newbery and Mr. J. S. Vaizey). His Lordship commenced the service by reading in the tower porch the dedication collects. As the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the chancel a few rounds were rung on the bells. The service included the special Psalms (84 and 122), and the special lessons—first, 1 Chron. xxix, 10-20 (read by the Rev. P. E. S. Holland), and the second, Rev. xxi. 22-29 (read by the Rev. F. W. Greenstreet). After the prayers a special hymn was sung, and the Bishop gave a brief but appropriate address from the texts Proverbs xviii. 10, and 1 Cor. ix. 16. The hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music" (tune Carillon) was afterwards sung, and the service concluded with the Benediction. The offertory, which amounted to £6 8s. 5d., was given towards defraying the debt incurred in re-flooring the bell tower. There was a good congregation present at the service. After the congregation had dispersed, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association, which has been recorded in its proper place. Through the hospitality of Mr.

Collett the visiting ringers and the Broxbourne ringers were entertained to supper at 8.30 at The White Bear, Broxbourne, when a capital repast was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HASTINGS.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

On a recent Tuesday afternoon the five bells at the above church, which had been sent to Messrs. Warner to be tuned (one being recast), together with the new bell lately purchased, were dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon of Lewes (Archdeacon Sutton), in the presence of a considerable congregation, which included Mr. H. C. Richards, K.C., M.P. Mr. A. A. Hart (churchwarden), was also present.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sutton conducted the service, which opened with the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell. Dr. Abram presided at the organ. Psalms cxxii. and cl. were chanted. The Rev. G. A. Foyster read the lesson (Numbers x, 1-11). The Rev. W. Molesworth Edwards also took part in the service. The clergy and choir proceeded to the tower at the western end of the church, where the Archdeacon offered the dedicatory prayers. A few rounds were then rung, and the clergy and choir returned to the chancel. The special hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted" was sung.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sutton in an appropriate address said the one thought he would offer was: Let their bells remind them whenever they heard them speaking, of how religion played its part—as their church bells often did—in all the chief and notable circumstances and crises in their lives. He offered a word of cordial congratulation to the Rector and his people on that fresh acquisition to the property and equipment of their noble parish church, an acquisition that encouraged not alone their own bellringers in their sacred office, but the bellringers throughout their county. The improvement which he himself had seen in the ministry of bellringers in over forty years, during which he had been a clergyman in that diocese, had been marvellous. He supposed that what was once common—the ringing others into church for worship and not coming in themselves—was so evidently a mockery, that it was seldom or never heard of now, owing he believed, in a great measure, to the efforts and influence of their admirable Sussex County Association, which he commended to their support.

The hymn "We love the place O God," was sung, and a collection was taken towards reducing the balance still outstanding in reference to the renovation of the bells.

The recessional hymn "Brightly gleams our banner" was sung to a spiritual choral march by Dr. Abram, who also played as a voluntary "Let their celestial concerts" (Samson). The arrangements with regard to the ringing were in the hands of Mr. Sydney Saker, who secured the attendance of representatives of the Sussex County Association, viz., Christ Church, Blacklands, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Rye and All Saints were represented. The following rang the rounds during the service in the order given: Messrs. Saker, Muggridge, Barrow, Lock, Baker, and Barden.

After the service and during the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Much satisfaction was expressed in regard to the tone of the bells. It is hoped that funds may be forthcoming at no distant date to obtain the two bells required

to complete a ring of eight. The framework for these is already provided, and the cost would be about £100.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

On Christmas Eve a new treble bell given in memory of our late Queen, a new 2nd given in memory of Evelyn S. Fellows, the Rector's second surviving son, who died in Buluwayo two years ago, and the recast old 2nd were dedicated by the Rector. These with the old five make a very pleasing ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., and have been hung in an iron frame with new fittings by Messrs. Warner, for the sum of—including carriage of the bells to and from London for tuning—£200. Before and after supper, very kindly given by the Rector, touches of Oxford and Treble Bob Major were rung by the local company. On Boxing Day the tower was open for ringing, and about 40 ringing friends came from Norwich, Clare, Bungay, Eye, Aylsham, Pulham Mary, Alburgh, Starston, Mendham, St. Cross, Saxmundham, Brockdish, Tasburgh, Stowmarket and Tibenham, and rang touches of Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Kington tower was held at the Grammar School on Tuesday evening, December 15th, Rev. R. H. Jeffrey presiding. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. C. E. Craigie; Captain, Mr. Geo. Phillips; Vice-Captain and Treasurer, Rev. Russell H. Jeffrey. The balance sheet shewed a balance in hand of £10, which was considered satisfactory. It was decided to purchase a clock for the ringing chamber.

The captain, Mr. Geo. Phillips, brought forward his motion, of which he gave notice at the previous quarterly meeting, "That it is desirable to add two treble bells to the existing ring of six, thus completing the octave." Also that the members of the Kington tower devote three guineas from their fund to start the subscription list. He thought this would show the parishioners that the members of the Guild would appreciate the augmentation.

After some discussion this was carried unanimously. The meeting was brought to a close with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

CHANGE-RINGING IN WEST WALES.

A well attended meeting of ringers was held at Sketty, near Swansea, on Saturday, December 12th, for the purpose of forming a ringers' Association in West Wales. Mr. Goode, churchwarden, kindly took the chair, and wished the ringers every success in their efforts to promote change-ringing in those parts. Mr. Jas. Hoare, Swansea, was elected Master, and C. H. Morse, Prospect Place, Sketty, was appointed Secretary. After the close of the meeting some wended their way to the tower, where some capital touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

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

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr. Daniell's letter on this subject, and quite agree with him. Nevertheless there is more to be said for your position than he would seem to allow. For in the first place the annoyance of peal-ringing, if the tower be at all noisy, may be, and probably will be, greater on Sunday; and moreover those who object will probably be able to do so in a much more telling way. A man may like to hear the bells ring when he is walking to church, but when trying to get forty winks after his Sunday dinner, they may not be either so grateful or comforting.

Again, no church that I have been connected with has been free long enough for a peal, from the beginning of the early Sunday service at 7 or 8, to the end of the last evening one at 8 or 9. Nor do I see how it could be, if it were used as ought to be the case. Thus peal-ringing could necessarily only take place in churches where the work is neglected, which we may hope will speedily be reduced to the smallest number. Now if Sunday peal-ringing become a custom anywhere, it may well be that ringers will find themselves at cross purposes with a new parson, the very man whom they ought to welcome. Therefore if peal-ringing on Sundays be practised, it should be considered to be done on sufferance, and in exceptional cases only.

The only objection to handbell peals on Sunday I can think of is that most ringers, of the kind who ring handbells, have other voluntary duties which they have undertaken on Sundays, and if these be neglected for handbells, the Church authorities may be inclined to view change-ringing with disfavour. Personally (though I consider handbells and chess the most ideal recreations for Sunday), I find I can never do much of either, having always tired out my brains in other ways.

Thus it would seem that Sunday, on the whole, is the least convenient day for peal-ringing. We need not go beyond that. *Christmas Day, 1903.*

H. DRAKE.

"INFORMATION WANTED."

SIR,—The correspondence now going on under the above heading must be interesting to all ringers, and I for one quite agree with Mr. Osborne. In my opinion the first thing to be considered is to get the bells rung properly for the Church services. If you have not got a proper company, get one, and we all know what this means—time and patience. It takes a long time to get men gifted to bells and bellringing, then, when you have got the required number, learn them to ring their bells by handling them in the right way, and to strike them to time, and what is better practice than calling out a few musical changes. I know this is monotonous to a good many ringers. On a practice-night learn them to hunt up and down, and the first step to change-ringing will soon be mastered. I can hardly agree with "Instructor" when he says that such men endeavoured to monopolise the ropes to the exclusion of others. Who, I should like to know, monopolise the ropes more than the peal-ringers? They write after the bells whenever they want to go, and sometimes grumble if they don't get them. Can we say this about the call-change ringers?

Then again, Rope-Sight might be the book, but what is the use of the book without we give the practice in the tower? I always recommend Troyte's book for beginners. J. JAGGAR.
[We have further letters on this subject, which will appear next week, if possible.—Ed.]

HOW TO TEACH HALF-PULL RINGING.

SIR,—While agreeing—as I suppose most ringers do—that call-changes are a hindrance rather than a help to rope-sight in the individual, it still seems difficult when instructing a whole band to get them to manage their bells without such changes.

In such circumstances I insist on the call-changes being rung in pairs (and so in half-pulls) from the first. Thus one would begin with 13254 at hand, and 12345 at back. Several practices should be spent on this till fairly perfect. Next would be

learned 35142 at hand, and 31524 at back, the bells being pulled off in the former change, and the second introduced when "go" is called, then these four rows in succession. 54321 and 53412 would be an easy pair, as they begin with the bells backwards way round. After these six rows can be rung together, two more pairs of rows give us the hunting course, and the rest is easy—it is simply applying on tower bells what has been learnt on handbells.

I think Doubles should always be attempted first: if it is an eight-bell tower the two extra bells should not be used as cover, but the spare men (making ten in all, if possible) should be put at each rope, one to ring and one to watch, till all have learned. Then when the hunting course of Doubles is once grasped, without delaying to perfect the striking, or to learn a method, the hunting course of Triples should be learnt in a similar way. This should be so drilled into the learners (each on different bells in turns) before another step is taken, that none of them will ever be likely to indulge in bad striking. It should be rung on every possible occasion; for every service; and kept on hand, when the band has become proficient, as a drill to put a learner through, instead of call-changes, or overmuch round ringing.

I have myself found this the quickest and best way when teaching a band from the start, but should be glad to hear of the experiences of others.

H. DRAKE.

Obituary.

THOMAS BARBER.

We record with regret the death of the above-named ringer, in his 66th year, which took place at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Tuesday, December 7th. He had been a ringer fifty years or more, and about twenty to thirty years ago was one of a good company of six-bell ringers. Though he had not rung many peals, he was none the less enthusiastic a ringer. Many a time he has gone miles to listen when he thought he would hear some good ringing. His chief desire was to assist young ringers and since the recent augmentation of the Clent bells to eight he had been occupied in teaching a company of young ladies, who have rung several 6-scores of Doubles. Such well-known ringers as his two sons—John and William H.—and W. Short, owe their success to his tuition and guidance.

He was buried on Friday, the 11th ult., when the bells were rung half-muffled by the Misses Thatcher (2), Misses Taylor (2), Miss M. Lawson, W. Boughton, G. Workman, C. Boughton.

On the following Saturday a peal was attempted with the bells still muffled, and lost after an hour's ringing.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT MARKET HARBOROUGH.—This peal was arranged for S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield, who is a native of Great Bowden, near to Market Harborough. After the peal the ringers were entertained by the local company at The Talbot hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE TWO PEALS AT NEWCASTLE.—The ringing of two 5000s in this difficult method on the same day, in the one town, by the same Association and yet by different companies, is perhaps unique in the history of ringing. This coincidence arose from a friendly challenge by Mr. Hillier to Mr. Gofton to score this long-wished-for peal, the stakes being the honour of putting the first in the method to the credit of the Association, each to get their own band and to stick to it throughout. Each met four times, Mr. Gofton's first being only a handbell practice, and both companies scored at the second attempt, but as the All Saints' peal was finished 2½ hours before that at St. John's, to Mr. Gofton's band remains the honour of winning the competition and scoring the first by the Association. The whole 16 men thus score their first peal in the method and the first in the method north of Lancashire and Yorkshire. James Gofton is only 17 years of age, and yet this can hardly be called his most difficult performance, for he has already rung two 5040s of Surprise Minor in Seven Methods. The All Saints' peal was a composition on the "in and 5ths" plan.

Handbell Peals.**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 14, 1903, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

LEWIS WATSON 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

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

Umpire—F. Harlow, who ticked off the peal as rung. Quickest peal by all the band.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.*On Thursday, December 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. WITCHELL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

CHARLES DICKENS 1-2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 5-6.
FRANK FAY 3-4.	*GEORGE F. SWANN .. 7-8.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Umpire—G. Parsons. *First peal on handbells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, December 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. D. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1).

LEWIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire—L. Watson and F. Harlow. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. R. Lilley.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, December 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.**

LEWIS L. WATSON 1-2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT 3-4.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 7-8.
EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—H. Fields. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. C. Chasty.

Miscellaneous.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

STRETFORD.—On Monday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 46 mins. W. Birchall, J. J. Moss, C. Birchall, H. Chapman, W. J. Moss conductor, T. Birchall. Rung on the thirty-third anniversary of the opening of the bells.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, December 19th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal in the same method. C. Dickens, T. Reynolds, F. Fay, G. Swann, H. Withers, A. P. Smith, B. Witchell conductor, A. E. Pegier. Also a course of Duffield Major and a touch of Treble Bob Major by the same band, conducted by H. Withers.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Friday, December 18th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs conductor, C. Young, T. Allen, W. Hook. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. M. Sheldermine, youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Sheldermine, the ringers wishing her many happy returns. On Sunday, December 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, G. Dolphin, C. Young, H. Salisbury conductor. First 720 in the method by all.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARLOW.—On Thursday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 49 mins. L. E. Collins, J. C. Truss, F. O. Nicholls, J. S. Hawkins, E. W. Coster, C. Green, W. Ayres, G. Martin. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Green and Ayres after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL.—On September 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smith conductor, F. Smith, A. A. Clay, A. Lathom, G. Woods, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, J. Darlington. On October 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Darlington, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson, F. Darlington, G. Woods, J. Johnson conductor, A. Lathom. On November 8th, 644 Grandsire Triples. J. Darlington, A. A. Clay, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, G. Smith conductor, W. Thompson, W. T. Jones. And 180 Stedman Triples, standing as before. On November 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Darlington, F. Smith, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Thompson conductor, W. T. Jones. On December 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Thompson, F. Smith, G. Smith, A. A. Clay, J. Johnson, H. Smith, G. Woods conductor, W. T. Jones.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Friday, November 13th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 90 mins. E. Rowland, J. Rogers, J. Davies, A. Lea, T. Davies, S. Meadows, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Cuthbert's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Holland, E. F. Price, J. Luck, J. Ballantine, W. C. S. Heathcote, R. J. G. Thom, A. Thomson, D. Stocks. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by all the band except Messrs. Price and Heathcote.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, 938 Grandsire Triples. H. Withers conductor, A. Beecham, H. Pratt, G. Hitchman, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway, G. Gibbs, S. Grove.

SURFLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, December 13th, 720 Bob Minor. Miss L. Richardson, Miss M. Richardson, Miss A. Richardson, W. Richardson, A. J. Farr, —. Richardson conductor.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, September 28th, at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, J. H. Hill, A. Hill, W. Powell, W. Bright, C. Jones, jun., F. Dunaway, C. Jones, sen., F. Cooper conductor, W. H. Johnson. On October 12th, 809 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Powell conductor, J. Newman, W. Bright, A. Hill, F. Dunaway, F. Cooper, W. Johnson, E. Watkins. On October 31st, 528 Grandsire Cinques. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. Powell, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hill, F. Cooper, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 5th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Lane, F. Dunaway, J. Pardoe, A. Hill, C. Jones, F. Cooper conductor, E. Watkins, T. Malin. On November 9th, at the Cathedral, 836 Grandsire Cinques. B. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. Powell, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hill, H. Wilkes, F. Cooper, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 14th, 828 Grandsire Caters. J. Perry, B. Hill, W. Bright, C. Jones, W. C. Jones conductor, F. Cooper, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, T. Malin. On November 29th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Lane, J. Pardoe, A. Hill, H. F. Cooper, W. H. Johnson, G. Checketts conductor. First 720 by T. Lane. Rung as a farewell to H. F. Cooper who left for Chelmsford the day following.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, 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 Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard this Saturday afternoon, January 2nd, 1904. **W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.**

Dunstable, Beds.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Newcastle to-day, Saturday, 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held 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 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 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Poole on Saturday, January 9th, when a good attendance of members is requested. The arrangements are: Service 3.30 p.m., business meeting 3.45 p.m., tea 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Outstanding subscriptions will be gladly received. **A. F. MARTIN STEWART, Hon. Sec.**

Fern Down, Wimborne.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, January 9th. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 5th. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Bristol. A short service will be held at St. Michael's church, St. Michael's Hill, at 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 9th. Meeting house The Little

Saddle hotel, meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. It is requested that all members make an effort to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at All Saints' church, Higher Walton. Bells 3 p.m., meeting 5.30. **R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.0, meeting at 7.0. Reports now ready. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 4.0. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary on or before Wednesday, January 13th. **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on January 16th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Saturday, 16th January. Bells available 3 to 5.30, and for a short time in the evening. The tower of Christ Church, Blacklands, will also be open from 3 to 5, and be arranged at the business meeting the towers of All Saints' and St. Clement's can be visited in the evening. The Vicar of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, the Rev. Bernard Moultrie, hopes that all members will attend evensong at 5.30, and also accept his invitation to tea immediately following. To facilitate the necessary arrangements members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to me by Thursday morning, 14th January. Secretaries of branches and independent members are respectfully reminded that all outstanding subscriptions for 1903 should be paid at once. **S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.**

30, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Friday, January 29th, at Westminster, at 8 p.m. Members please attend. **JAMES E. DAVIS, Sec.**

65, Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.

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.**

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt.), by Warner and Sons, in St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, announced for Saturday, January 16th, is postponed. Date will be announced later. **C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.**

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers! As we write these words church bells all over the land are voicing the advent of the year of grace 1904. May it be a year of happiness and contentment for all of us. And may we throughout the new year read more and more of new bells being erected, and augmentations being carried out. Once more—A HAPPY NEW YEAR to our brethren of the Exercise all over the world.

THE COLLECTION OF PEALS.

I was much pleased to get the first part of this work, so speedily published: and to find it worthy to rank with the other remarkably valuable and useful publications of the Central Council.

I trust all readers of this paper will promptly make themselves Christmas or New Year's presents of a copy, and get their friends to do the same.

May I, however, enter an objection to the insertion in an official publication of the atrocious epithet of "treble dominated"; it is surely not necessary to point out how doubly wrong it is—the hunt bell need not be the treble, and it does not dominate the method—so far from doing so it is the slave of the method. Nor is the epithet any use. Treble Bob is by its very name evidently as much "treble-dominated" as any other. If the old and simple name of "plain method" will not do—I don't see why—and the word treble must be used, "plain treble" would be as good and true a term as any.

May we not ask the Central Council to give us headings to their pages and full indexes to every publication. Thus "Grandsire Triples" on the left page and "Five-part Peals" on the right—as the case may be—would be a great help; so would a list of names. I trust both these will be done in the reprint of The Glossary.

H. DRAKE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. J.—Nothing to you.

C. R. LILLEY.—The writing of the note to your peal cannot be understood. Can you not arrange your copy in the usual way? We cannot spare the time to decipher your copy and then re-write it.

C. WINNEY and others.—Next week.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

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

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On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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ALFRED PEARCE 4.	JOHN THOMAS 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. T. DALTRY.

*First peal of Caters and of Stedman.

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W. VARLEY* 4.	†W. KILLORAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Messrs. Watson and Varley were elected members of the above Association before starting *First peal in any method. †First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WM. G. COOPER Treble.	WM. DREW 4.
GEO. BARRY 2.	JOHN W. AVIS 5.
HARRY SMITH 3.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. G. Cooper.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER* Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
THOMAS MANNERING 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 6.
EDWARD WAGHORN* 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
LEWIS SILVER 4.	*JAMES BONNY Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Joy, Vicar of Maidstone. *First peal.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	THOMAS POLLIT 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
JOHN F. PEARSON 3.	DAVID WHITING 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(WHITWICK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLSON'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN MOORE Treble.	THOMAS BELCHER 5.
WALTER FERN 2.	LEVI PARTRIDGE 6.
ALBERT WHITMORE 3.	JOHN A. MOULT 7.
JOHN RAWSON 4.	FRED BOAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. MOULT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

TOM MARSHALL Treble.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 6.
GEORGE ASTBURY 2.	*ALLEN S. GORDON 7.
THOS. JACKSON 3.	†RICHARD RIDYARD 8.
GEO. D. WARBURTON* 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †Elected a member of the Guild.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKS. AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WALTER IDLE Treble.	WILLIE THOMAS 5.
JOHN JENKINSON 2.	WILLIE WALKER 6.
JAMES BARRACLOUGH 3.	BENJ. ROBINSON 7.
SIDNEY GOODALL 4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by BENJ. ROBINSON.

Willie Thomas was elected a member of the Yorks Association before starting.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs, 9 lbs. in G.

DANIEL REDHEAD* Treble.	FRANK KIRK 4.
JAMES NICKERSON* 2.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3.	*REGINALD LOVEDAY Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

*First peal in five methods.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	SYDNEY F. PALMER 5.
REGGIE DYSON 2.	GEORGE MERRIMAN 6.
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 3.	DAVID BREARLEY 7.
JOHN R. BREARLEY 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. V. MOORE† Treble.	†A. PALMER 4.
H. F. MOORE 2.	*F. RUDD 5.
J. CHINERY 3.	A. E. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Manners Hervey for the use of the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT 3.	LEWIN C. FERIGE 7.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT J. SKELDING .. Treble.	RICHARD JAMES 5.
FRED PLANT 2.	JOSEPH SMITH 6.
RALPH MOORE 3.	FRED. BRACE 7.
WILLIAM HARFORD 4.	*JAMES NEWNAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SMITH.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure. Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in 14 methods on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; [S]

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUMSEY 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
JAMES RUMSEY 4.	GEORGE ROWE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.	HENRY HODGETTS 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	HUBERT EDEN 6.
FRANK A. SMITH 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWINS Treble.	FRANK PERVIN 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 8.
WILLIAM PERVIN 4.	JAMES L. WELLS 9.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

BROXBORNE HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 2.	ALBERT LAWRENCE 6.
STEPHEN KNIGHT 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 4.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

This is the first peal on the bells, which was rung after the dedication service held the Bishop of Colchester.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PENNINGTON .. Treble.	EDWARD PENNINGTON .. 5.
THOMAS SISSON 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
RICHARD ATKINSON 3.	*HAROLD HARESNAPE .. 7.
JOHN E. SENOGLES 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

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

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALBERT BROOKS† Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	*JESSE BROOKS 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal in any method away from the tenor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
JAMES BLYTHMAN 2.	*HENRY LARKINS 6.
ERNEST BURGESS* 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE 7.
JONATHAN DOORNE 4.	EDWARD GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Rang as a complimentary peal to W. Collison, of the Royal Horse Guards.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD* .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

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

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WHITLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN J. LEIGHTON Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method by all the above and first by the Association.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	HUGH D. DALL 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE.

A note to these peals will be found elsewhere.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours One and a half Minutes,

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.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ALFRED W. TAWNEY 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
SYDNEY C. F. SAKER 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES (THE NORMAN TOWER),

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. in C♯.

DANIEL PRENTICE Treble.	CHARLES MEE 6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE* 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER 7.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 8.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 4.	FRANK ROLFE 9.
CHARLES W. PARKER* 5.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

*First peal of Royal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
FREDERICK HOLDEN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by Wm. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank Sir Edward Clarke, the donor of the church and bells, for his kind hospitality towards them after the peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7.
HERBERT J. JULIAN 4.	THOMAS R. HENSHER Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

Further reference elsewhere.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. GRENSTED.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT W. CLARKE .. Treble.	JAMES RICHMOND 5.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 2.	FREDERICK COOPER 6.
STEPHEN THOMAS 3.	GEORGE JAYNE 7.
LEWIS H. MOORE 4.	JOHN THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The conductor has now called this composition from every bell.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN CARTER Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM PEARSON 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JOHN M. BROOK* 4.	FRED MOODY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

It was intended to ring Stedman Triples, but meeting one short the above was rung. *First peal in the method.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, has been sent without any date.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bolney on December 5th, was conducted by Warden Walder.—The date of the peal rung at Mortimer, Berks., should have been November 26th.

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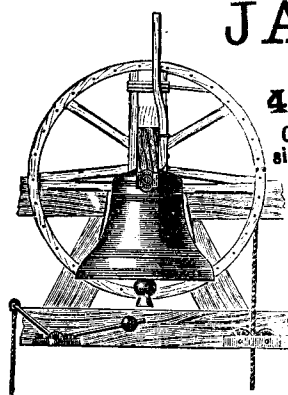
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME (Staffordshire). St. Giles. Eight bells. All by Rudhall. No date given. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1894. Ropes recently renewed. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire). St. Nicholas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; no date given. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes recently renewed. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday.

NEWHEY (Lancashire). St. Thomas. Eight bells. All by Llewellyns about 1880. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes to be renewed. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

NEWMARKET (Cambridgeshire). All Saints. The Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Mears, 1876; the rest by Thornton 1720. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, 2.30 to 3, and 6 to 6.30, but sometimes chimed. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire). St. George. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles 1901, the rest 1898. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob, also Minor methods. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening week, 8.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN (Gloucestershire). Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1894. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame.

Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fitted. Ropes new 1894, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.30 to 6.30 generally. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.30. Peals can be arranged.

NEWPORT (Monmouth). All Saints. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1901. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fixed. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

St. Woolos. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1894; the rest by Bayley, 1768. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1894. Ropes new 1894, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

NEWPORT (Isle of Wight). St. Thomas the Martyr. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1808; the rest by Eldridge, 1675. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. No further information.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT EYNSFORD, KENT.

Saturday, December 19th, was a red-letter day in the ringing annals of the village of Eynsford. On that day, two new trebles, the cost of which has been defrayed by public subscription, were dedicated and opened, and Eynsford now possesses a serviceable little peal of eight, tenor about 12 cwt.

The proceedings of the day opened with a service of dedication conducted by the Vicar of Eynsford (Rev. A. S. Hutchinson), held in the church at 3 p.m. A special form of service was used, and a good number of the parishioners attended. The band invited to attend the opening were: Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., G. Conyard, E. and H. Audsley, W. Bond, and P. E. Bex (Crayford), and F. J. French (Bexley), with Mr. R. Brett, of South Darenth, who although residing out of the parish of Eynsford has been one of the chief movers of the work now accomplished. Mr. Hughes, sen., and Mr. Hughes, jun., were present to represent Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. Lawrence, who hung the bells was also present.

During the course of the service, which the visiting and local ringers attended, the bells were raised, and a few rounds were struck by the local men. A short address was given by the Vicar, in the course of which he gave the history of bells, and also read a letter from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, who was unable to attend owing to a previous engagement, wishing a successful opening, and expressing a wish to ring a peal on the Eynsford eight at some future time.

At the close of the service the first touch of change-ringing on eight bells in Eynsford was rung, being a short touch of Stedman Triples, the following taking part: F. J. French, H. Audsley, G. Conyard, P. E. Bex, E.

Audsley, —. Lawrence, R. Brett, R. Bond. Also 504 Stedman Triples and 238 Grandsire Triples was rung.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where an excellent meat tea was provided for the local as well as the visiting ringers, and needless to say full justice was done to the good things provided. The Vicar was supported by his curate and Mr. Crossley (churchwarden), and the ladies from the vicarage. E. D. Till, Esq., and Mr. Hughes, sen. and jun., were also present. After grace the Vicar welcomed the visitors, and thanked them for attending to perform the opening ceremony.

Mr. Till, in a genial speech, supported the Vicar's remarks, and spoke as to the tenor bell of the peal. He explained that although their two years of effort had been crowned with success, he felt compelled to remind the company present that the addition of those two new bells of silver tones had thrown into the shade the old tenor bell of 1674, and made its shortcomings more conspicuous than ever. The only remedy for this was the recasting of the bell, and he should not feel content until it had been accomplished. He also emphasised the importance of handing down these public heirlooms in perfect condition to those who would come after. Nor were they to be unmindful that from the days of Queen Elizabeth to the time of George III. (when Giles Reve's bell of 1591 was recast in 1788 by the liberality of Lady Dyke), our forefathers had continually conferred benefits upon us. He also asked the opinion of the ringers and experts present, and mentioned that of the £40 required to do the work, £11 had already been promised, and he would guarantee the rest if the Vicar would allow the work to be put in hand.

Mr. Brett then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies on behalf of the local band and the visitors, for the kind reception given. He also stated that the tenor was undoubtedly flat, and of quite an inferior tone to the rest of the peal, and he hoped to see it recast in the near future.

Mr. Bex, speaking on behalf of the visitors, also returned thanks for the cordiality of their reception, and fully endorsed Mr. Till's and Mr. Brett's statements as to the tenor.

Mr. Hughes, sen., when asked, very reluctantly gave expert views, owing as he said to his interested position. He however stated that when applying his tuning forks, he had found the tenor to be very much out of tune. It was cast at a different period, for a different peal, and was undoubtedly an inferior bell to the rest of the peal. As to the new trebles he was satisfied that the splice was excellent, and in wishing success to the local ringers and their enlarged peal, made some telling remarks as to the joyous and sorrowful occasions for the ringing of bells.

The Vicar then stated that when the money was forthcoming, he would be pleased for the tenor to be recast, and this statement was received with applause.

Adjourning once more to the belfry more ringing was indulged in. A good touch of Treble Bob Major was successfully brought round, E. Barnett conducting; and also a touch of Bob Minor, R. Brett conducting. Some of the local ringers, viz., R. Baldwin, S. Smith, and T. Booker, sen., were piloted through touches of Grandsire Triples. The "go" of the whole peal is excellent, the splice fully bears out Mr. Hughes' opinion, and when the tenor is recast, the church of St. Martin, Eynsford, with its pretty rural surroundings, will probably often be the rendezvous for Kentish ringers with peals in view.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.

An interesting event took place in the belfry of St. John's, Deptford, before the service on Christmas morning. The tower warden, Mr. H. F. Agar, had the pleasing duty of presenting to the Captain and Secretary, W. J. Jeffries, jun., a handsome present on behalf of the probationers, eleven in number, in recognition of the kindness and patience shown by him in teaching them the Art of ringing.

Mr. Jeffries responded, thanking them for the present, which had come as a great surprise to him, and stated that he hoped the zeal shown by them in learning to manage the bells would continue when they had advanced sufficiently to take up method ringing.

Amongst those present were Messrs. A. W. and C. H. Macklin, A. Bennington, C. Letzer, V. Pavior, H. Young, R. Bacon, A. Anderson, H. E. White, W. Richardson, A. Mills, W. Jeffries, sen., and the members of the band.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, December 26th, a wedding took place at the parish church of Grafham, when Mr. A. Smithers, captain of the Dunsfold band, was married to Miss Brice, of Grafham. The wedding was fixed for two o'clock, and at 2.30 some members of the Dunsfold company started to ring some Grandsire Doubles. E. Smithers, P. Stenning, T. W. Harrison, W. T. Cox, T. Squelch, M. Pullen. As a token of esteem, the ringers took this opportunity of presenting Mr. Smithers with a handsome set of carvers.

DOWN WEST.

Mr. Challis F. Winney (who was staying with W. E. Pitfield Chapple, Esq., "The Shrubbery," Axminster, Devon), conducted a touch of Grandsire Caters, also a touch of Stedman Caters on the bells of Exeter Cathedral on Christmas Day. Several members of the Devonshire Guild were invited to take part in some peals with him, and on the following day an attempt was made at Bridport, in Dorsetshire—a fourteen-mile drive from Axminster—but a trip occurred in the slow at the 9th part, which effected a change-course, and although they did not succeed in the attempt, Mr. Winney was made a member of the Guild. By kind permission of the Vicar of Chard, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the fine peal of eight on the following day, the band afterwards attending Divine Service. The following morning the band took leave of the Misses Chapple, who had so very kindly done their best to entertain them during the festive season, and meeting one short for Stedman Caters, a peal of Triples in the same method was rung at St. Sidwell's, Exeter., Mr. Winney returning to London the same evening. The best thanks of the band are due for the kind permission to ring by the several incumbents concerned; also to Mr. Chapple for his kindness and generosity. The peals rang are duly recorded in their proper places.

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This is by no means the first occasion on which Mr. Thomas has received tangible tokens of the esteem in which he is held. He has always been an enthusiastic bellringer, and his services in this connection were marked so long ago as November, 1884, by the presentation from the St. Mary's Society of Old Battersea of a clock and ornaments, with accompanying vellum. Then again, to mark the completion of twenty-five years' membership, he was presented at Whitsuntide, 1898, with a set of entree dishes and candelabra with vellum. He has also received other testimonials from members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. On celebrating his fiftieth birthday recently he was presented by a number of personal friends with a massive gold pencil case. All who know Mr. Thomas will wish him long life and continued prosperity.

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."

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—With your permission I beg leave to endorse Mr. Drake's protest against this vile term, which, in my opinion, is a disgrace to the Exercise.

To begin with, it is a fundamental rule that scientific terms should not be ambiguous. This rule is plainly violated by a term which, so far as the words go, may equally well mean a method in which the treble is dominated and a method which is dominated by the treble. This alone is enough to condemn it.

If a band were to start for Holt's Original from back rounds, so that the tenor was the hunt, and the treble the covering-bell, and came truly home to back rounds again, they would ring a true peal of Grandsire Triples. This shews the falseness of a term which suggests that the treble is gifted with a specially dominating influence.

The notion that the hunt is the dominating influence in a method is FLATLY CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH. For every one knows that it is only by the dominating influence of the place-making that the hunt is coerced to go even the plain course, to say nothing of touches and peals.

Wherefore, let us spew out of our mouths this false term.

R. A. DANIELL.

"INFORMATION WANTED."

SIR,—Mr. Bell asks the opinion of leading members of the Exercise respecting "stoney" as a means to introduce change-ringing. I will not put myself forward as one of the shining lights of the Exercise, never having been a "qualified instructor," as the O.D.G. instructors are styled, but as this is a question which interests me personally I should like to state my views of the matter. The question really amounts to this: whether the man, young or old, who can blunder through a touch or peal of Grandsire, Stedman, or any other method is as good a ringer as the man who rings for a service or practice, rounds and call changes, who really shudders if a bell drops, or in any way causes a bad blow? I have rung with such bands in the West of England since I have been a change-ringer, who ring hours without a careless blow; and I must say that in my

opinion this sort of ringing is more enjoyable than Stedman Triples for instance, with four or more bells in the slow. Now as to teaching young ringers, the first thing is for the novice to learn to ring a bell, to be her master in every way, to set her back or hand, or cut either way at his pleasure. Until a youngster can do this with a single bell he should not even ring stoney. When the ambitious tyro can do this, if he is a member of a good change-ringing company let him, by all means, go into change-ringing proper; but if he is one of a young band all beginning together, I, in the position of instructor, should keep that band at call-changes until they could move their bells into the position called, and strike them true, until required to move again. I daresay my humble opinion will be challenged, but I can truthfully say that some of the best change-ringers I have met have been good stoney ringers first.

Caversham.

R. T. HIBBERT.

SIR,—No doubt many of your readers are wondering why the question: ought call changes to be used as a means to forward change-ringing? was asked in your columns by the Rev. H. C. Bell, curate of St. Giles's, Reading. From what I can learn the young band he has been trying to teach for nearly three years are getting very dissatisfied with their slow progress, and as far as I know, they have reason for being so. I have taught many bands in and around Reading, and I always commence (with novices) first with clappers tied, and when they can pull fairly steady I release the clappers and let them ring open and introduce call-changes at the same time, teaching them how to lead and strike properly, using one night in the week for methods on the handbells. I have just coached a band for the tower of St. Laurence on the above principle, and the result is that now they have a good band of change-ringers that can ring Grandsire and Stedman. If the Vicar of St. Giles had placed his lads under some competent instructor instead of his curate, who is a novice at teaching, the result would have been as satisfactory as the ringing now is at St. Laurence's. I feel sorry for the lads, who are anxious to get on, and would willingly have given my services had I been asked to do so, with a free hand, and I think I should have spared the inhabitants for nearly three years' continual annoyance from the firing and clashing of the bells. With one or two exceptions, the St. Giles's company is by all competent ringers considered a failure. I may add that both companies started about the same time.

W. NEWELL.

Obituary.

THOMAS DURLING.

It is with very deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on December 26th, at the age of 70 years. Deceased had a fall between three and four years ago, which had incapacitated him from work, but he said he should keep to his favourite pastime, ringing as long as he was able, which he did, for he was in the tower and rang on December 14th, but did not feel very well. He did not keep to his bed till the 21st (St. Thomas's Day), but grave doubts were feared on the evening of the 24th, which proved correct, for at 5.30 a.m. on the 26th he passed peacefully away, surrounded by most of his family. He had been a ringer at Chislehurst parish church for over fifty years. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung to celebrate the event on August 29th last. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Kent County Association, and the Society of Trinity Youths. He kept no record of his peals, but as far as could be found out he had rang nearly forty in the standard methods. The funeral took place on the 30th, he being borne to his last resting place by four of his fellow-ringers, Messrs. G. Dickens, G. French, T. Groombridge, and R. Hims. Besides his own relatives a large number of parishioners were present to shew their last token of respect, also the following ringers: G. Conyard, F. J. French, E. Dunn, T. Harford, W. Weatherstone, J. Emery, J. H. Preston. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. E. Le Strange Dawson. Immediately after the committal the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang with the bells half-muffled the whole pull and stand corresponding with his age; also 168 Grandsire Triples, and in the evening a peal in the same method, which will be found in its proper place.

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.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St. George-in-the-East to-day, Saturday, Jan. 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 to-day, Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at Ring of Bells at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Poole to-day, Saturday, Jan. 9th, when a good attendance of members is requested. The arrangements are: Service 3.30 p.m., business meeting 3.45 p.m., tea 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during the afternoon and evening. Outstanding subscriptions will be gladly received.

A. F. MARTIN STEWART, Hon. Sec.
Fern Down, Wimborne.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall to-day, Saturday, January 9th. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Bristol. A short service will be held at St. Michael's church, St. Michael's Hill, at 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Saturday, January 9th. Meeting house The Little Saddle hotel, meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. It is requested that all members make an effort to attend, as there is some important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 9th, at All Saints' church, Higher Walton. Bells 3 p.m., meeting 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, January 14th and 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8 p.m.; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8 p.m. Business meetings afterwards on January 10th and February 2nd.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wymondham on Thursday, January 14th. Dinner at The Green Dragon at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent by January 11th.

C. E. BORRETT, Sec.

20, Chester St., Norwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5.0, meeting at 7.0. Reports now ready.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 4.0. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary on or before Wednesday, January 13th.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on January 16th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Saturday, 16th January. Bells available 3 to 5.30, and for a short time in the evening. The tower of Christ Church, Blacklands, will also be open from 3 to 5, and be arrangement at the business meeting the towers of All Saints' and St. Clement's can be visited in the evening. The Vicar of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, the Rev. Bernard Moultrie, hopes that all members will attend evensong at 5.30, and also accept his invitation to tea immediately following. To facilitate the necessary arrangements members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to me by Thursday morning, 14th January. Secretaries of branches and independent members are respectfully reminded that all outstanding subscriptions for 1903 should be paid at once.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

30, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, January 16th, 1904, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. The bells will be available 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 p.m. at 1s. per head. Kindly let me know not later than January 11th, 1904, how many of your band will attend. I should like to see a good attendance of committee men at this meeting, as we have some important business to bring forward.

10, Bull St., West Bromwich. S. REEVES.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunney on Saturday, January 16th, at 4 p.m.; tea at 5. The bells will be available all day.

A. M. G. DANIEL, Hon. Local Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, on Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at St. John's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. Tea (8d. a head) at 5 p.m., and business meeting after, both in St. John's parish room. Those who are coming please reply by January 19th.

Rev. C. W. B. COBBE, Hon. Sec.

Ferndale, Devizes.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday,

January 25th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 5, and a knife and fork tea at 5.30, followed by a business meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year will be chosen, etc., and afterwards a social smoker will be held. It is earnestly hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and send in their names on or before Wednesday, January 20th, to

C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, January 23rd. Service at 4 p.m., preacher, Rev. O. S. Laurie, M.A. Local hon. sec., Mr. G. Drake, 8, Old Lane, Brighouse.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
151, Stanningley Rd., Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Bromley on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE,
Oakleigh, Chislehurst. Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of Great St. Mary will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.

H. J. TUCKER, Dist. Sec.
Cemetery Lodge, Bishop's Stortford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, January 23rd. The eight bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., but the tower will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. The committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. will be held in the Church Lads' Brigade room, close to the church. Tea 1s. each. Will those members intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Herbert Day, Station Road, Hillocks, Ripley, not later than Thursday, January 21st.

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

The London County Association late St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. The tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8 till 9 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., with an address by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. Septimus Pennington. The Association's form of service by R. A. Daniell, Esq., will be used. Business meeting in the church rooms at 7 p.m. A social evening will take place at 9 p.m. at the Association's meeting house, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand. All members, ringers and friends will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.
91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Friday, January 29th, at Westminster, at 8 p.m. Members please attend.

JAMES E. DAVIS, Sec.
65, Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Kidderminster on Saturday, January 30th. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and 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, January 27th. The bells will be available for ringing. Contributions for present year are now due,

and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors to Rule XI.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staff.

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.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt.), by Warner and Sons, in St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, announced for Saturday, January 16th, is postponed. Date will be announced later.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT ST. NEOTS.—C. R. Lilley's 63 Peals.—Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Major 3, conducted 3, handbells 2, conducted 2; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1, handbells 2, conducted 2, Bob Major 3, conducted 3, handbells 12, conducted 12; Superlative Surprise 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 1, Triples 4; Grandsire Caters 1, conducted 1, handbells 4, conducted 4, Triples 10, conducted 10, handbells 3, conducted 3; Bob Triples on handbells 1; Seven Minor Methods on 6 bells 10, conducted 10. Total 63, conducted 52.

THE PEAL AT CHARD.—This peal was arranged by Mr. Chapple, all the band being his guests and attending Divine Service at evensong just after completing this performance. They take this opportunity to thank the Vicar, the Rev. John W. Robinson, for his kind interest and permission to ring. It is interesting, as showing the continuity of the Church of England, that there are recorded the Vicars since 1311. One Vicar, Johi Strete, 1494 to 1560, is the longest period of all, and one would think, a record for length of time. The present Vicar is an eloquent preacher, and was listened to with rapt attention by the vast congregation, and reminded the writer of Cardinal Newman when in the Church of England.

THE PEAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER.—It had been the ambition of one of the band for some time to ring a John peal, and after numerous disappointments it was eventually arranged on Saturday, January 2nd. 4.45 saw eight Johnnies outside the tower. Shortly after 5 o'clock "go" was called by the conductor, and after 3 hrs. 23 mins. an excellent peal resulted. It was rung at the first attempt, the ringers coming from the following places:—Rowbotham, Herne Hill; Gblesmith, Woking; Cheesman, Greenhithe; Evans, Hughenden; Truss, Great Marlow; Sharman, Wood Green; Golding, Southwark; Oxborrow, Pimlico.

APPOINTMENT.—Out of a large number of candidates for the post, Mr. George Salter has been appointed steekplekeeper at Waterford Cathedral.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 17th, the above Association held a grand Concert at The Carr's hotel, Strand, upwards of 200 members and friends attending from almost every parish in London. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., five peals being attempted at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, St. John's, Waterloo Rd., St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, St. James's, Bermondsey, and St. Clement Danes, Strand. Three of these proved successful, and have already been published in this paper. Soon after 8 p.m. R. A. Daniell, Esq., took the chair, in the absence of the Master, Mr. A. Jacob. Mr. J. Pryer, of Chelsea, occupied the vice-chair in the place of Mr. Daniell. With the superior pianist, Mr. C. E. Dowden from "Broadwoods," and the excellent singers, the company very quickly settled down into a good striking compass. Mr. Jacob arrived, having been beating the drum behind Stedman at Bermondsey for three hours, and said he was sorry not to be present at the commencement, but the peals had to be attended to.

Part I. having been disposed of, a short interval was taken, but a resumption was quickly made, the "Marlow Handbell Company" (Messrs. J. C. Truss conductor, C. Green and J. S. Hawkins) playing some excellent tunes—"Those Beautiful Bells," "Poor old Joe," and last but not least, "The Rakes of Mallow." The applause that they received would not permit them to retire for some considerable time.

At this period Mr. Daniell made a few remarks: that they (the company) were indebted to Mr. Taffender for the success of the evening and the arrangements he had made. The company gave Mr. Taffender an ovation, followed by singing "He's a jolly good Fellow" and cries of "Speech." Mr. Taffender replied, thanking them one and all, and he hoped that if they should again arrange another Concert, they would all come and enjoy themselves as they were doing that evening. He then drew attention to the reconstitution of the Society, and the policy they were going to endeavour to pursue, that of holding periodical meetings in different parts of London on Saturday afternoons and evenings for the benefit and instruction of the young ringers. Members could thus keep in touch with the Association by attending these meetings where they could not meet at the headquarters, St. Clement Danes, Strand, and stop till a late hour conducting the business—especially if they had some distance to go home and then to rise early in the morning.

During the evening touches of Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells by Messrs. H. P. Harman, T. Langdon, J. C. Truss, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, A. Peck and H. Langdon. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly before midnight, all having spent a most enjoyable time, and it is thought to be the largest gathering of London ringers that has taken place. It is suggested to hold the annual meeting on Saturday, January 22nd, of which due notice will be given, and all members and friends will be made welcome.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1904.

Is it best when teaching young ringers to refrain from call-changes, or otherwise? This does not seem a question of the very highest importance, yet under the initial heading of "Information Wanted" we are favoured with the dissertations and opinions of correspondents who profess to know something about the matter, and, as

usual, the discussion embraces other points which are irrelevant to the question at issue. The gentleman who asked for information concerning the value or otherwise of call-change-ringing, will, it is hoped, be satisfied with the knowledge he has gained by his enquiry, and rest content without any attempt at further investigation.

Whether a teacher of a young company uses for his purpose call-changes or not appears to us a very small matter indeed. The thing is to make half-pull ringers of his scholars: the means he adopts for this purpose being no object whatever. If he thinks call-changes a good plan to make them lead and strike properly, let him use such an instrument as a means to an end. If it is feared that after tasting such easy-going food as "stoney" the tyros object to swallow anything more solid, we apprehend that the Exercise has lost nothing, for such people as these would never become ringers at all. The youth who is anxious to become a change-ringer will never be hindered becoming one from the fact that he has been brought up on call-changes. Therefore while the practice of call-changes may be very lightly esteemed, and in some cases harshly condemned, we do not think they militate against the progress of change-ringing to any appreciable extent.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are respectfully reminded that subscriptions became due on the 1st inst. I shall be glad to receive them at the earliest opportunity. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made. I shall feel grateful for information at the same time as to any change of elected representatives, or their address, or if any change of Hon. Secretary or of his address. Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 23rd, and Reports of Committees not later than May 7th, so that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of the Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

January 4th, 1904.

CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY, LEEDS.

On Tuesday, December 29th, the members of the above company, together with the choir, the Vicar's warden (Mr. T. Webster), and his wife, were entertained to dinner by the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Cox) and Mrs. Cox in the schools, which were very prettily decorated. After partaking of a splendid repast, the Vicar in a few well-chosen remarks referred to the unity which existed between the clergy, members of the choir, and bellringers. During the evening bagatelle and other parlour games were indulged in, after which followed glees, songs by members of the choir, also pianoforte solos by Mr. Bradley, the organist and choirmaster, who also acted as accompanist. A very hearty vote of thanks passed to Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kindness brought a pleasant entertainment to a close.

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The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. <i>Treble</i> ..	JOHN C. TRUSS 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

Reference elsewhere.

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

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. <i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
MARK WOODCOCK 2.	FRANK SMITH 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	RICHARD BEVAN 8.
ARTHUR JACOB 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 5	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Smith.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. <i>Treble</i> ..	HENRY STUBBS 5.
JAMES SCHOLDS 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
ERNEST V. COX 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

The above was rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. <i>Treble</i> ..	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. <i>Treble</i> ..	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
FRANK TUBE 2.	MARK WOODCOCK 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	ALBERT COLES 9.
GEORGE R. FARDON 5.	FRANK SMITH <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

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BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor.

J. LAST	Treble.	W. BARBER	4.
H. BURCH	2.	W. KING	5.
G. ABLITT	3.	C. KING	Tenor.

Conducted by J. LAST.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

W. KING	Treble.	H. BURCH	4.
F. CRAPNELL	2.	*A. NEWSON	5.
G. PULFORD	3.	C. KING	Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Newson. *First peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S (No. 1). Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER	5.
GEORGE WARD	2.	EDMUND WILLIS	6.
WALTER WALLACE	3.	CHARLES E. HART	7.
SAMUEL MASKREY	4.	HAROLD INCKLE	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS	5.
FRANK BOSWELL*	2.	*SYDNEY SMITH	6.
ERNEST J. GALE†	3.	†WILLIAM FREEMAN	7.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD	4.	FRED WILFORD	Tenor.

Composed by J. HUGHES, and Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

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

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED TULETT	Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN	5.
JOHN PAICE	2.	ARTHUR ARNELL	6.
HARRY EVANS	3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP	7.
ALFRED W. GROVES	4.	FREDERICK LINDUP	Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD EDWARDS	Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5.
HENRY HEAD	2.	THOMAS LINCOLN	6.
ROBERT WOOD	3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY	4.	ARTHUR HEAD	Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Treble.	WILLIAM J. THYNG	5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	6.
FRED. R. KETTLEBORO*	3.	A. KNIGHTS	7.
ERNEST G. BAKER†	4.	J. FLINT	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.
The above was rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the two trebles, also as a golden wedding peal for Mr. Wm. Coupe, father of one of the local ringers.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK WELLS*	Treble.	JOHN HARE	5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	LEWIS J. FLINT	6.
EDMUND C. CHASTY	3.	HERBERT HARLOW	7.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN	4.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN	Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	6.
JOHN STEDDY	2.	*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	7.
HARRY BARTON	3.	LEWIS SILVER	8.
WILLIAM HAIGH	4.	ALFRED PALMER	9.
CHARLES F. TURNER	5.	*HARRY C. CASTLE	Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(WREXHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD ROWLAND	Treble.	THOS. DAVIES	5.
JNO. ROGERS*	2.	S. MEADOWS	6.
JAS. DAVIES	3.	J. WM. DAVIES	7.
ALF. LEE	4.	*D. R. WHITE	Tenor.

Conducted by J. WM. DAVIES.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD	5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON	2.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	6.
WILLIAM TILLET	3.	JAMES MOITS	7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	4.	CHARLES CUTTING	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOITS.

CHARD, SOMERSET.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Sunday, December 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. (reputed weight).

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER.. .. 5.
LEWIS A. WILSON 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	*ARTHUR E. PIKE 7.
ERNEST V. COX.. .. 4.	W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY* .. Treble.	*JOEL HERN.. .. 6.
ROBERT M. HOGG* 2.	*JOHN T. HOGG 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	*GEORGE W. DIX 8.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE* .. 4.	*EDWARD HERN 9.
R. ALDER GOFTON 5.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except the conductor. *First peal of Royal

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR W. ANGEL* .. Treble.	†WALTER S. BURBIDGE .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	JAMES L. WELLS 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 3.	SYDNEY HILLIER 7.
ARTHUR J. WEST* 4.	ALBERT J. KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by JAMES L. WELLS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the departure of the Rev. C. R. Cuttill from the parish of St. Paul's. Messrs. Gardiner and Wright were elected members before starting.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ERNEST V. COX.. .. 5.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2.	*WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE.. .. 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
JOHN E. BAKER.. .. 4.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)*On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
F. A. CASTLE 2.	ALFRED ARNOLD 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 4.	WILLIAM STONE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY HAMMANS* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
ALFRED W. REEVES.. .. 2.	*THOMAS RUSSELL 6.
GEORGE J. WRIGHT* .. 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
JOHN WADHAMS* 4.	*GEORGE E. BROWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

*First peal.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE NORRIS 5.
JOHN PAICE.. .. 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
HENRY MEETEN.. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP.. .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

F. STURMAN† Treble.	*G. LINES 4.
J. PETTIT 2.	†C. ROWLEY.. .. 5.
W. NORTON† 3.	W. B. MEADOWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. B. MEADOWS.

†First peal. *First peal on six bells. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rang by the local band.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BALLARD .. Treble.	HENRY AUSTIN 5.
THOMAS NEVILLE 2.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
FRANK W. HOPGOOD .. 3.	JOHN E. BALLARD 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	*FREDERICK PUNTOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.*On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WILDER .. Treble.	EDWARD BOREHAM 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 6.
ALFRED ANDREWS 3.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 7.
EDWARD T. HOOPER .. 4.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

Rung as a friendly peal. It was intended to have rung Stedman, but meeting one shrot had to result in the above.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED TULETT .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 6.
HENRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS.. .. 4.	REUBEN STANDING .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JAMES BALDRY* Treble.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS 5.
EGBERT BORRETT 2	ROBERT HUTTON 6.
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES 7.
ARTHUR E. FIDLER 4.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

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

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE UNKNOWN BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble.	GEORGE FRENCH 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 6.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH 3.	THOMAS HARFORD 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	*GEORGE HUXLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. T. Durling, for over fifty years a ringer at this church, and was buried on this date.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR,
5040 CHANGES.

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

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5.
ARTHUR J. FARR 2.	GEORGE TOMLINSON 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3.	FRED TOMLINSON Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

First peal by the ringer of the treble who is only fourteen years of age.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED BARDEN* Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
STEVEN PERKINS 2.	EDWARD MANKELOW 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS 3.	WILLIAM LATTER 7.
HARRY GOODWIN 4.	†WILLIAM SPICE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by W. SPICE.

*First peal of Major and first attempt. †First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. E. TAYLOR Treble.	E. W. BEADSMOORE 5.
GEORGE HATTON, JUN. 2.	H. A. WREARICROFT 6.
HERBERT HATTON 3.	GEO. HATTON, SEN. 7.
CHARLES ALLSOP 4.	GEO. THORNTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. BEADSMOORE.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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FREDERICK TINGLE Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER 5.
WILLIAM HORDEN* 2.	DAVID J. NICHOLS 6.
FREDERICK BRIDGMAN* .. 3.	†FREDK. W. SAWFOOT 7.
ALFRED TURNER† 4.	†JOSEPH C. SHATFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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.

GILBERT G. DIANE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM MADGWICK 4.
ERNEST J. PRESSLING 2.	THOMAS STROUD 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by T. STROUD.

*First peal.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 3, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS GRIEVES* Treble.	*JOHN J. HARRISON 5.
THOMAS DETCHEN* 2	*JOHN BALLANTYNE 6.
THOMAS MURRAY† 3.	*JAMES HILL 7.
JAMES O. MURRAY* 4.	*WILLIAM PYKE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. This is the first peal by a Rothbury band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 2.	HENRY HODGETTS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

FRIESTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. CLAYTON Treble.	G. ELKINGTON 4.
A. WEST 2.	*A. SHARP 5.
C. STAFFURTH* 3.	JOHN SHARP Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SHARP.

*First peal.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of London Surprise Major rung at Bristol, has been sent without any time being mentioned.

Handbell Peals.**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

LEWIS L. WATSON..	1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ..	5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT ..	3-4.	*SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ..	7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by S. J. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles. *First peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. WITCHELL,

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

CHARLES DICKENS..	1-2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL	5-6.
FRANK FAY ..	3-4.	HAROLD J. WITCHELL ..	7-8.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Umpire—G. Parsons.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HEPTONSTALL.—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins., being 360 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, 240 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, 95 of Grandsire, and 8 of Bob Minor. T. Robertshaw, W. Ingham, J. Armstrong, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, J. Nowell. Conducted by T. Robertshaw.

Miscellaneous.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

SIDCUP.—On Wednesday, November 11th, for practice at St. John's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Eke, T. Groombridge, A. Murlless, G. W. Evitt, W. J. Browning first as conductor, G. Walter. On November 25th, another 120. G. Eke, T. Groombridge, H. Wilkes, J. H. Preston, G. W. Evitt first as conductor, G. Walter. Also 240. E. Usher, H. Wilkes, G. Eke, T. Groombridge, W. J. Browning conductor, G. Walter. And six 6-scores called differently, conducted by J. W. Browning.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Keates, T. Deal, G. King, A. E. Sharpe, T. Taylor, J. Laws, H. Daynes conductor, T. Clews.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Christmas morning, at 6.30. 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett conductor, C. Baker, A. Wier, E. Borrett, F. Surridge, F. Roope, J. Allen, W. Roope.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Clement Danes, before the fortnightly practice, the usual whole pull and stand was rung for George Turlle, the junior steward and a much respected member, who died on Saturday, January 2nd, after a short illness. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Treble Eight was rung. W. H. Webber, H. Stubbs, H. Cassell, C. F. Winney conductor, E. A. Young, H. Fox, T. Langdon, W. H. Webber, F. Langdon, A. Jacob. Messrs. Hughes sen. and jun. also took part in the ringing.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Thursday, December 24th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. T. Allen, A. Moore, E. Gibbs conductor, C. Gibbs, C. Young, W. Hook. This is the first quarter-peal by a local band.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.—On Sunday evening, December 27th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Coles, A. E. Coles conductor, H. Boobier, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, A. O. Major, G. B. Adams, W. J. Bowden, G. Coles.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Christmas Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd conductor. W. C. Burrough, W. Boundy, J. R. Sandover, F. J. Shepherd, W. Lawton.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGTON.—On Sunday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 840 Grandsire Doubles. E. Gregory, H. Cook, G. Phillips, W. Short conductor, W. Smith, W. Powell. For evening service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. E. Gregory, W. Lewis, E. Phillips, G. Phillips, W. Short conductor, H. Cook.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—Recently, for Divine Service at St. Marie's (R.C.) church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. O. Dixon, T. G. Sarel, G. Bradshaw, J. Evinson, R. Harrison, G. Lewis conductor, J. Dixon, W. Midgley. On Sunday, December 27th, another quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. O. Dixon, T. G. Sarel, G. Bradshaw, J. Evinson, G. Lewis, R. Harrison conductor, J. Dixon, W. Midgley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Dean Dolan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IVER (Cambs).—On December 26th, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Gunn, F. Bowtell, J. Taylor, P. Webb, W. B. Kempton, G. Taylor conductor. And 720 Kent. G. Taylor, Y. Green, J. Taylor, P. Webb, H. Sharp conductor, W. B. Kempton.

SWAVESEY.—On Saturday, December 25th, 720 Bob Minor. J. M. Briars, H. Saunders, A. Drage, J. Briars, J. Taller conductor, J. Per-tims. Also two 360s of Bob Minor.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On October 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1364 changes. C. Coupe, S. Coupe, F. R. Kettleboro, E. J. Baker, S. Wagstaff, W. Lambert, T. Bettison, conductor, J. Flint.

SALISBURY.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. K. Trowbridge, R. P. Knight, C. H. Watts, G. F. Deal, G. Neale, S. Macey, W. W. Gifford conductor, H. C. Asher.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. Hill, E. Wells, W. Watchorn, A. Pye, A. Phillips, H. Humphries, W. Aldridge conductor, A. Bangay. Composed by I. G. Shade.

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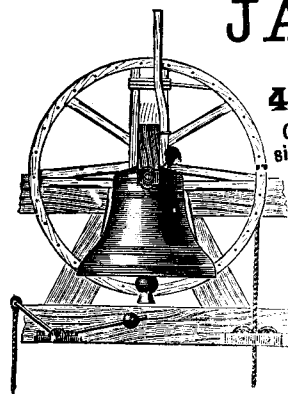
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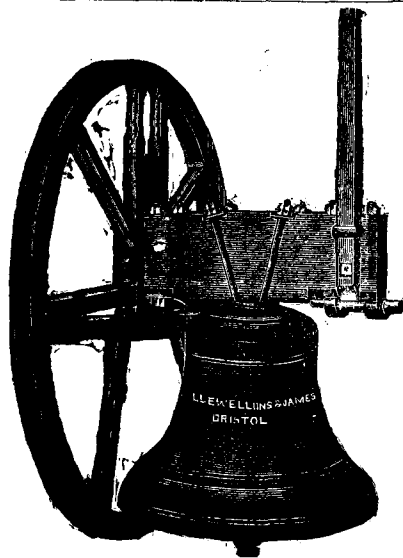
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NEWTON ABBOT (Devon). St. Leonard. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears 1827; the rest by Pack, 1772. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Trebles hung in independent upper frame by Mears, 1887. No repairs required. Ropes new 1895, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. The tower is quite away from the church.

NORTHALLERTON (Yorks). All Saints. Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Eight bells; 7th and tenor by Mears, 1802; the rest by Warner, date not given. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1898. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

NORTHAMPTON. All Saints. Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells. All by Chapman, 1782. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well "for short touches." Repairs only by local men. Incumbent has been asked to have bells rehung, but no reply received. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Darlaston Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 8.15.

St. Edmund. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1884. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung by Taylor, 1884, and none required. Ropes new 1887, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11 occasionally, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30, except during Lent.

St. Giles. Northamptonshire Association. Ten bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1895; the rest by Arnold, 1783. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1895. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 45 minutes for service alternate

Sunday mornings. Practice: summer, Monday, 8; winter, Saturday, 7.

St. Peter. Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1734. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by local firm 1893. Several of the bells badly need quarter-turning. Ropes new 1890, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: only on festivals, 45 minutes before service. Practice: Monday, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the western division of this Association was held at Steyning on Saturday, December 19th, members being present from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Goring, Heene, Henfield, Southover, Lewes, and Steyning. The bells were in motion soon after 4 o'clock, and various touches of Triples and Major were brought round. An excellent meat tea was served at The Norfolk Arms at 5.30, the company present numbering twenty, the Vicar (Rev. A. Pridgeon), taking the chair, and Mr. Gatland the vice-chair. Tea over, the usual business meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being read and approved. Master C. Pridgeon, son of the Vicar (aged 10), and A. Hutchings were elected members of the Steyning branch. The Secretary mentioned that as the last quarterly peal was rung in the southern part of the division, perhaps they had better go north for the next, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Smart, seconded by Mr. Gatland, that it be attempted at Warnham, the method to be Grandsire Triples, and the Secretary to make the usual arrangements.

Mr. Markwell proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells. The rev. gentleman in the course of his remarks said he was pleased to see so many ringers present, and that their belfry always extended a most hearty welcome to visitors. He also thought, that without undue praise, their belfry was one of the best kept in the county, and that matters were in full accord.

On returning to the tower a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, Master Pridgeon ringing the treble. Other touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major followed till 8.30, thus ending a very enjoyable meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A branch meeting in connection with the above Guild was held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 28th. The Rev. R. Greenall (Rector), presided; and Mr. L. Leyland (Hon. Branch Secretary), was also present. About thirty members put in an appearance. The following towers were represented: Daresbury, Warburton, Stretton, Lymm and Grappenhall. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the usual business followed. Ten new members were elected, viz., E. Ryder (Daresbury), and nine members from Lymm, viz., J. Bradburn, W. Leigh, H. Newton, H. Bradburn,

W. Harding, E. Dandy, W. Bradburn, J. Bradburn, and — Warburton. It is with great pleasure that we record this additional tower to the Guild, and wish the Lymm men every success in the Art of change-ringing, the task of instructing them having fallen to the lot of Mr. Spence.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members partook of a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the Rector, to which ample justice was done. A vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality was proposed by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Mainwaring. The members then turned their steps in the direction of the tower where various touches were rang. At the invitation of Mr. Spence the Lymm ringers brought their handbells and gave us a few of Mr. W. Gordon's well-known selections which were very much appreciated. J. H.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 26th. A move was made to Over in the morning, where the churchwardens (Messrs. Robinson and Fowls), had provided a good lunch for all ringers. Mr. Robinson on rising said how pleased they were to welcome the Association to Over. He had been churchwarden forty years, and had never had the pleasure of welcoming such a lot of ringers before, and he hoped now they had tasted Over beef and plum pudding, they would pay them another visit.

Mr. C. Fowls also spoke, and said any time the Association wished to hold another meeting at Over, they would do all they could to make them comfortable.

Before leaving each ringer was presented with a photo of the church, interior and exterior. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donors of the feast for their kindness. A move was then made to Swavesey, where at five o'clock a tea was provided in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting. The Rev. A. C. Vidler presided, and on rising said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Swavesey. It was nice to belong to it, as one felt he not only was a ringer in his own village, but that he was connected with other ringers all over the district. The clergyman's work was chiefly in the church, and those that attended the services could hear him, but the ringers spoke from the top of the tower, where not only the villagers could hear them, but people that lived a long way off in the fields, and who could not always come to church.

New members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Barrington on Whit-Monday. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and to the clergy for the use of their bells during the day. Upwards of forty ringers were present from Cambridge, Swaffham Prior, Great Shelford, Ickleton, Hemingford Gray, Hemingford Abbots, Wilburton, Cottenham, and the local men; also Y. Green, of London. Several touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung at intervals during the day.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, in the schoolroom at 4 o'clock, the Dean very kindly presiding. In opening the meeting he said how pleased he was to welcome once again the members of the Association to Llandaff, and wishing them every success in their work. The hon. sec. then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and duly signed. The question of the division of the archdeaconries was next

discussed, and it was finally decided that the members in each particular archdeaconry were to arrange their own place of meeting. Mr. J. Clutterbuck (Llandaff) was elected Master for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) was elected assistant hon. sec. Llantrisant (Glamorgan) was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on Easter Monday, and the following quarterly meeting it was decided should be at Trevethin (Mon.). New members were made from Penmark and Cardiff, and also the whole of the band belonging to the Llangibby (Mon.) tower. This is a band which decided a few months ago to learn change-ringing, and it is interesting to know that they are getting along in the art well. A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean was carried for presiding, and in reply he said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be there. With his usual generosity he invited all the members present to tea, after which steps were made for the tower, and Triples and Major rung for the evening service, which nearly all the members attended, thus concluding a very pleasant meeting.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Halifax parish church when a good company of ringing members turned up, and the bells were kept going till 6 o'clock. A business meeting was held at The Ring of Bells. The Secretary read the minutes which were passed except No. 2, which was a proposition to have a cup for competition ringing, which was rescinded. It was proposed by Mr. G. Whitaker (chairman), that the rules of the Leeds and District Association be drafted into the present rules, and brought up for confirmation at the next general meeting to be held at Ripponden on April 23rd next.

FESTIVITY.

On New Year's Day the members of the St. Clement's company, Ipswich, were invited by Messrs. Bowell and Sons, bell founders, to visit their works and afterwards sit down to a capital spread, kindly provided at Mr. Bowell's private residence. After dinner the company opened two peals of handbells. One peal was for the company and was greatly appreciated. A very merry evening was spent with selections and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, which was brought to a close at a late hour with hearty thanks to the donors for their generosity.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, TAUNTON.

On Saturday, December 5th, members of this society went to Exeter at the invitation of their old friends Mr. A. Evans and Messrs. E. and F. Shepherd. Arriving at Exeter they at once made for St. David's church, where is a light ring of eight in very good order. Here short touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Thence to the Cathedral, where the bell-camber was much admired. A mile's walk to Heavitree and a pull on the bells followed, then a return to the city for a substantial tea. At St. Sidwell's some Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung with several of the St. Sidwell's company. The visitors thank the Dean, and Vicars of the various towers for giving permission, and the Messrs. Shepherd and Mr. A. Evans for their kindness.

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RICHMOND, SURREY.

On Thursday evening, November 19th, 1903, by kind invitation of Mr. Robert Hughes, foreman of the Richmond company, the ringers of Richmond, Twickenham, Isleworth, and Barnes, met at the Richmond tower, and by the kind permission of the Vicar—Rev. Mark Binney—for an evening's ringing, the above date being the 25th anniversary, or silver wedding, of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. During the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Middlesex Association. Ringing was continued till about ten o'clock, after which a very pleasant hour was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, who had provided refreshments, and a variety entertainment consisting of pianoforte solos, songs, and selections on the handbells. During the evening Mr. Puddy, in a neat little speech, proposed "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes," which was drunk with musical honours, to which Mr. Hughes suitably replied. At twelve o'clock hands were joined, and Auld lang syne was sung, and thus ended a very enjoyable evening.

A LINE FROM THE CAPE.

Our old friend John Priest, now of Woodstock, Cape Colony, sends the following:—

"The ringers of St. Mary's, Woodstock, met on Tuesday, October 26th, to welcome Mr. Withers (of Leytonstone, Essex), who arrived safe and sound on that day, when touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung; also touches on the handbells, by Messrs. Davies, Rock, Green, Oakes, Priest, Withers, and Powell. Mr. Withers on arrival in dock was handed a letter stating that a situation was awaiting him, requesting him to proceed up country at once, but in anticipation of having a pull he stopped with us over that night, and went away next evening much to our disappointment, as we were hoping he was stopping in Cape Town, for he would have been an excellent addition to our company. an addition we so much want. During his stay with us he visited the estate of the late Mr. Rhodes, and other places of interest. He was much taken up with our little peal, and hopes to pay us another visit shortly, and I hope to pay him a visit myself when I take my holidays. I send this letter as I thought Mr. Withers's old friends would like to hear something of him. I have delayed it, as my time is rather curtailed just now. Mr. Editor—we all join in wishing you all a happy Christmas and a bright new year."

THE MAYOR AND THE RINGERS.

The Prittlewall bellringers recently sat down to dinner at the Spread Eagle, Prittlewell, Essex, through the kindness of the Mayor, Councillor J. Berry, J.P., who presided. There was a numerous gathering.

The Mayor proposed "The Bishops and Clergy," the Rev. T. O. Reay responding. Then followed "Success to the Prittlewell Bellringers," also given by the Mayor, who mentioned the deep interest he had always taken in bellringing and the ringers. He was very glad of the opportunity of entertaining them, considering them a very important band of Church workers.

Mr. W. H. Judd, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to see the peal grow until it was, perhaps, the best in the county. All they wanted now were two small bells to make the maximum peal of twelve, which would be the only twelve in Essex.

"The Mayor's Health" was proposed in cordial terms by the Rev. T. O. Reay; and other toasts followed.

TO THOSE CONCERNED.—We have received the following: "Will you please take my name out of the peal of Bob Major, 5184 changes, rung at Guisley, Yorks., on December 12th, as it was false; it was called wrong.—J. W. Boshell (ringer of the 3rd), 10, Recreation Street, Holbeck, Leeds."

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Correspondence.

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

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—Although I believe I was the first to use the above term I am not going to offer any defence against the terrific onslaught of Mr. Drake and Mr. Daniell. Neither do I propose to point out the fallacies which underlie almost every statement in their two letters. Nor yet will I suggest that perhaps it might have been as well for at least one of them to have found out what the term is supposed by us that have used it to mean. Rather would I in the spirit of deepest humility beg of these two gentlemen to provide us with a correct term in its place. It has been written that any fool can find fault. Let us reverse positions. Let them provide the terms; mine is a failure, but I shan't be therefore disqualified for assuming for the time their favourite role of critic.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

"INFORMATION WANTED."—MR. BELL'S REPLY.

SIR,—Since you have indicated that the correspondence on call-changes as an aid to change-ringing must now cease, I hope you will allow me a last word in order to thank those who have replied to my question either personally or through your paper for their kindness and courtesy (except in the case of Mr. Newell), and the trouble they have taken to make the matter clear.

I should be most unwilling to assist Mr. Newell in stirring up strife by replying in detail to his letter, but in justice to the late Vicar of St. Giles, and to others concerned, I feel obliged to explain one or two other points he has raised.

When the present band was formed at Giles's (about two years after Mr. Newell's band was started, not at the same time, as he says), I, well aware of my own shortcomings as a teacher, applied to the Oxford Guild for the services of a qualified instructor. For some time this was refused on the ground that I was myself qualified to instruct. Eventually after some correspondence we gained our point, and one of the best instructors in the Guild was appointed, and it was from him, not from me, that the band received the bulk of their instruction in change-ringing. It is only fair to him to say that there are in St. Giles's belfry several quite competent change-ringers who owe what they know to him.

All that Mr. Newell says about my own deficiencies I gladly accept. I have rung in several peals with him, and I know therefore how far he has a right to criticise such a thing as striking; and I hope that if I take to heart his reminder that I am a novice (in ringing as well as in teaching, compared to him) the time may be far distant when I shall be tempted to make the length of my experience an excuse for my present inefficiency.

H. C. BELL.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Newell's letter in your issue of the 9th instant, perhaps this story will show that the St. Giles's ringers are not so bad as they are made out to be in that letter. Some time ago one of the ringers went for his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Newell was also ringing in the peal, and he made some remarks about the bad ringing of St. Giles's ringers. The peal was scored, after which the ringer from St. Giles's was congratulated by the conductor on having rung better than Mr. Newell.

ONE OF ST. GILES'S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I am ashamed to say that the peal of Grandsire Caters on page 91 is false. I have no excuse to offer, and humbly apologise, for one moment's investigation would have shown it, had I taken the trouble to have looked twice at it.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, January 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8 p.m.; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8 p.m. Business meetings afterwards on January 19th and February 2nd.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

'Frodingham,' *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready at 5.0, meeting at 7.0. Reports now ready.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton to-day, Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 4.0.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

3, *Belmont Place, Garston.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, to-day, Jan. 16th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, to-day, Saturday, 16th January. Bells available 3 to 5.30, and for a short time in the evening. The tower of Christ Church, Blacklands, will also be open from 3 to 5, and be arranged at the business meeting the towers of All Saints' and St. Clement's can be visited in the evening. The Vicar of Christ Church, St. Leonard's, the Rev. Bernard Moultrie, hopes that all members will attend evensong at 5.30, and also accept his invitation to tea immediately following. Secretaries of branches and independent members are respectfully reminded that all outstanding subscriptions for 1903 should be paid at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 16th, 1904, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. The bells will be available 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 p.m. at 1s. per head. I should like to see a good attendance of committee men at this meeting, as we have some important business to bring forward.

10, *Bull St., West Bromwich.* S. REEVES.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nunney to-day, Saturday, January 16th, at 4 p.m.; tea at 5. The bells will be available all day.

A. M. G. DANIEL, *Hon. Local Sec.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt.), by Warner and Sons, in St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, announced for to-day, Saturday, January 16th, is postponed. Date will be announced later.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

62, *Fesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—On account of the Box Supper being held at Carr's Hotel, the practice will not be at St. Clement Danes on Monday next, January 18th, but will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, when all members are requested to attend at 7.45 p.m. A business meeting will afterwards be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, at 9.45.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, on Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at St. John's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. Tea (8d. a head) at 5 p.m., and business meeting after, both in St. John's parish room. Those who are coming please reply by January 19th.

Rev. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*

Ferndale, Devizes.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 5, and a knife and fork tea at 5.30, followed by a business meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year will be chosen, etc., and afterwards a social smoker will be held. It is earnestly hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and send in their names on or before Wednesday, January 20th, to

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, January 23rd. Service at 4 p.m., preacher, Rev. O. S. Laurie, M.A. Local hon. sec., Mr. G. Drake, 8, Old Lane, Brighouse.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

151, *Stanningley Rd., Bramley, Leeds.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Bromley on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting.

T. GROOMBRIDGE,

Oakleigh, Chislehurst. *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of Great St. Mary will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30.

H. J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*

Cemetery Lodge, Bishop's Stortford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, January 23rd. The eight bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., but the tower will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. The committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. will be held in the Church Lads' Brigade room, close to the church. Tea 1s. each. Will those members intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Herbert Day, Station Road, Hillocks, Ripley, not later than Thursday, January 21st.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The London County Association late St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. The tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8 till 9 p.m. Special

ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., with an address by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. Septimus Pennington. The Association's form of service by R. A. Daniell, Esq., will be used. Business meeting in the church rooms at 7 p.m. A social evening will take place at 9 p.m. at the Association's meeting house, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand. All members, ringers and friends will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, *Darwin Street, Southwark.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m., meeting 6.30. Reports will be at this meeting.

W. ASHWORTH.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. Tea in the Church room at 6 p.m., meeting afterwards. Tower open from 4 o'clock. Will members intending to be present please notify Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New King's Road, Fulham, by Thursday, 21st, if possible.

W. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Monday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Blackman's Restaurant, 6 o'clock. Meeting at Mission Room after. The secretary wishes to remind members that subscriptions are now due, and would be pleased to receive them as soon as possible.

J. W. WHITING, *Dist. Sec.*

Fareham, Hants.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting of this Society will be held on Monday, January 25th, at St. John the Divine, Vassall Road, Brixton, at 8.15 p.m. Members please attend.

F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. As there is important business to transact the attendance of all members is earnestly requested. Attention is requested to rule vi. clause 4.

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

61, *Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The meeting will be held at Berkeley on the 27th inst. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m.

C. H. HORTON, *Branch Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Friday, January 29th, at Westminster, at 8 p.m. Members please attend.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*

65, *Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Kidderminster on Saturday, January 30th. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and 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, January 27th. The bells will be available for ringing. Contributions for present year are now due, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors to Rule XI.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staff.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The above Society will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 30th, at the parish church of St. Michael's, Mottram. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.0. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, January 30th. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey (8 bells) on January 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Royal Hotel, Greenside. Business important.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Rd., Armley, Leeds.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meat tea at 7.15. A short service will be held in St. Giles' Church at 6.30.

A. E. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Radstock Rd., Reading.

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, Fearnmond Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Hon. Sec.*

Compositions.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, *Sunderland.*

5152.

23456	I	4	6
34256	-	-	-
42536	-	S	-
254	-	-	-
542	-	-	-
32654	-	S	-
263	-	-	-
632	-	-	-
32564	S	-	-
253	-	-	-
532	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-
236	-	-	-
362	-	-	-
65234	-	-	-
52364	S	-	-
235	-	-	-
352	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
32456	-	S	-
243	-	-	-
432	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, without the 2nd there, and the 3rd never in 6ths place.

The number of changes may be reduced to 5040, without losing the qualities specified, if the following calling is used, instead of the eighth to eighteenth courses in the first part:—

63254 I 4 6

52364	S	-	-
235	-	-	-
352	-	-	-
325	-	-	-
253	-	-	-
532	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-
236	-	-	-
362	-	-	-
56234	S	-	-

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By FRED ROBINSON, *Mirfield, Yorks.*

5000.

23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
24365	I	2	-
34625	2	I	-
43526	2	2	-
64235	2	I	2
62345	I	2	-
25346	I	2	-
34256	I	I	-
52436	2	2	-
23456	2	-	-

This peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6 at six course-ends home without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place, with the 5th eleven times in 6ths place.

BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Chesterfield.*

7488.

23456	W	B	H
52364	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Five times repeated; substituting single for the first bob at w in any two corresponding parts. If the bobs bracketed at w be omitted in two parts the peal is reduced to 7040.

First rung at St. George's, New Mills, on December 12th, 1903, conducted by Edward Reader.

(Date touch compositions next week.)

HANDSWORTH.—On December 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Verry, F. Workman, A. Smith, B. Starkey, R. Faux, T. Westwood conductor, W. Verry, S. Sanders. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Verry.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. A. Tyler, foreman church bell hanger to Messrs. Lewellins and James, Bristol, has removed to 9, Perry Street, Stapleton Road, Bristol.

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As ELECTRICIAN, to take charge of Electric Light Installation. Understands steam and gas engines, accumulators, etc. Excellent references. Can ring all standard methods from 6 to 10 bells, and conduct in any method I can ring.—Apply, E. Reader, 31, Jenning Edgeley, Stockport.

As CARPENTER and JOINER, good general jobbing; used to all house repairs, curtains, blinds, etc. China, pictures and fine art packer. Change ringer. 8½ years last shop.—M., 45, Manor Road, South Norwood, S.E.

As SHOEING and GENERAL SMITH, good change ringer all methods any number of bells and good conductor.—E. Wightman, 56, Brockley Road, Brockley, S.E.

Young MAN seeks situation any capacity, can do carpentering if required. Married. Change ringer 6 or 8 bells.—H. Lee, Maltravers Street, Arundel, Sussex.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1904.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

The bells of Middleham church for the past 25 years have lent their voice only in the undignified humdrum of "stoney," and after so long an absence of method-ringing almost all trace of it has disappeared, consequently the difficulties of a revival of change-ringing are very pronounced. Nevertheless, there is now a "shaking of

the dry bones," and a young band is struggling against the want of a skilled teacher, in an isolated village, to master the difficulties of Doubles. By the invitation of the Rev. H. G. Topham a ringers' Social was held at the Rectory on Saturday evening, the 9th inst. Soon after 7 o'clock the handbell ladies were ringing selections, and until supper at 9.0 bell-music to the tune of Doubles by Messrs. Parrish, Sarginson, Atkinson, Jones and Stokell, and a touch of Minor double-handed by Mrs. Pauli, Miss Anton and H. Pauli. After supper games were indulged in, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fowler and the Rector adding to the enjoyment of the company until 11 o'clock.

Amended Notice.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are respectfully reminded that subscriptions became due on the 1st inst. I shall be glad to receive them at the earliest opportunity. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made. I shall feel grateful for information at the same time as to any change of elected representatives, or their address, or of any change of Hon. Secretary or of his address. Notices of motion and Reports of Committees should reach me not later than Saturday, April 23rd, so that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of the Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

January 4th, 1904.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble.	JOHN W. KELLEY 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4.	FREDERICK J. JEE Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 7, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES'S ODD-BOB COMPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM S. LANGDON ..Treble.	ARTHUR HARDY.. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
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On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

MATTHEW A. WOOD ..Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW* 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. M. A. Wood has now been steeplekeeper at this church sixty-one years.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
HUBERT EDEN† 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Royal.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	FRANK SMITH 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 4.	*HORATIO E. GUMMER Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 10, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. W. BRIGHTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 7-8.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WM. PYE.

Umpire—Harry F. Dawkins.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in the method by all, and first in Bristol.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

ALFRED TULETT Treble.	GEORGE NORRIS 5.
RUBEN STANDING 2.	ALFRED W. GROVES 6.
JOHN PAICE 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
HENRY MEETENS 4.	ARTHUR ARNELL Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

Rung with the bells muffled to mark the closing of the year.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB-ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble.	FRANK K. BIGGS 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	FRANK BOREHAM 7.
EDWARD BOREHAM 4.	WILLIAM GOODCHILD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BOREHAM.

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM TILLET 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2.	EDWARD EVANS 8.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 9.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM WOOD 10.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS 6.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung to welcome the New Year in.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
HARRY W. CATTEWELL† 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
GEORGE JAY 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	GEORGE E. WILSON 6.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2.	JOHN PERRY 7.
CHARLES COLLINS 3.	JOSEPH SMITH 8.
HENRY T. WILSON 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 9.
WILLIAM DOWSETT 5.	JOHN PRIOR Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5085 CHANGES.
Tenor 52 cwt.

HENRY PORCH Treble.	HENRY PRING 7.
FRED G. MAY 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 8.
ALFRED PEARCE 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 10.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	REV. HERBERT A. COCKEY 11.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 6.	GEORGE W. H. CAME .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH C. SHATFORD .. Treble.	FREDERICK TINGLE 4.
ROBERT F. TURNER 2.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 5.
ALFRED TURNER 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor. First 720 of Treble Bob by all the band.

GUISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Plain Bob, three of Oxford and three of Kent.

J. G. HALL Treble.	A. W. BARRETT 4.
F. P. HOWCROFT 2.	R. HASWELL 5.
W. WALAND 3.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Conducted by R. HASWELL.

First 5000 on the bells.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
J. F. HARVEY* 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the 64th birthday of J. Jenkinson, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HARROLD, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT COCKINGS* .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
JOSEPH McGRATH* 2.	*FREDERICK SKEVINGTON .. 5.
CHARLES ORPIN* 3.	†FREDERICK J. BIRD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. BIRD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Barker.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

A. WARD	Treble.	P. O. BIXBY	5.
C. LANKESTER	2.	W. BARBER	6.
A. CLEMENTS	3.	H. SMITH	7.
D. LEGGETT	4.	C. E. FISHER	Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by C. E. FISHER.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	Treble.	ERNEST ATTWATER	5.
BASIL BURTONSHAW	2.	WILLIAM GIBSON	6.
JOSEPH FARMER*	3.	FRANK ATTWATER	7.
ALBERT VAUGHAN*	4.	ALBERT E. MITCHELL	Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR J. SEABROOK*	Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS	6.
ROBERT PICKERING	2.	H. HENRY SOMMERVILLE	7.
JOHN PERRY*	3.	JAMES E. GROVES	8.
WILLIAM FISHER	4.	HERBERT KNIGHT	9.
FREDERICK J. STEELE	5.	*THOMAS PERRY	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ROBT. PICKERING.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD HITCHMOUGH*	Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON	5.
EDWARD CAUNCE	2.	ALBERT LOVEL	6.
GEORGE LUNT	3.	WALTER HUGHES	7.
JOHN ASPINWALL	4.	*SAMUEL MILLERSHIP	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

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

LEESFIELD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DANIEL WHITWORTH*	Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT	5.
ALBERT CLEGG	2.	EDWIN B. SHAW	6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER	3.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD	7.
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH*	4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE	Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

*First peal. G. H. Beever was elected a member of the Association before starting.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HERBERT	Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN	5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN	2.	RICHARD F. LANE	6.
ERNEST ABBOTT	3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT	7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT	4.	*EDWARD HOWE	Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. COLBURN.

*First peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND	Treble.	THOMAS H. ORMOND	5.
THOS. L. MOORHOUSE	2.	ALBERT SCOTT	6.
JOHN T. EASON	3.	DAVID WHITING	7.
GEORGE CHEESEBRO	4.	HARRY BRAME	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung on the light eight, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Ormond, Eason and England.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON	Treble.	*R. ALDER GOFTON	6.
ROBERT HOGG*	2.	*THOMAS HOGG	7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON*	3.	*JOEL HERN	8.
EDWARD HERN*	4.	*JAMES E. GOFTON	9.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE*	5.	*JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by THOS. TEASDALE.

*First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1904, 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 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

THOMAS PAYNE	Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT	5.
HON. A. ERSKINE	2.	WILLIAM FINCH	6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4.	HARRY J. HYDE	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 71st anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 2.	JOHN BURFORD 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8.
WALTER APPERLEY 4.	GEORGE JAYNE 9.
HENRY PRING 5.	JOHN THOMAS J. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT WOOD* Treble.	HENRY W. KIRTON 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN* 2.	*HENRY HEAD 6.
ERNEST J. RUNTER 3.	†WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY* 4.	*ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by HARVEY REEVES, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor in the method. First peal in the method in the neighbourhood by a local company.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN KING Treble.	WILLIAM H. PACKHAM 5.
GEORGE WALDER, JNN. 2.	JAMES NEWMAN 6.
WILLIAM VINCENT* 3.	WARDEN WALDER 7.
GEORGE WHEATLAND 4.	GEORGE PACKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

*First peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLAS J. DREWITT 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Lambert, Drewitt, Calver and Ferrige. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Calver, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER LOTT Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2.	GEORGE G. JENKINS 6.
CHARLES W. BRETT 3.	CHARLES E. SMITH 7.
MORTON W. PIERCE 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob Major by all the band.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 8, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HON. A. ERSKINE 3.	THOMAS PAYNE 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	HAROLD HUMFREY 9.
WILLIAM FINCH 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 8, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. FARR 4.
WILLIAM SMITH* 2.	GEORGE LADD 5.
HERBERT LORD 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY 5.
ROBERT FALCONER 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE 6.
EDWARD ASTLEY 3.	THOMAS MURRAY 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HENRY E. PARKER* .. Treble.	ALFRED J. CARTER 5.
GEORGE COTTIS 2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 6.
D'OILEY S. SIMONS† .. 3.	ROWLAND FENN 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	DENNIS CARRIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. FENN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal and first attempt.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HON. A. ERSKINE .. Treble.	F. V. H. SINKINS 5.
ALFRED ANDREWS 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
T. E. HARWOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. J. PRATT 4.	E. G. HOOPER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method by Mr. Harwood, son of the esteemed Vicar of Old Windsor, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Eastbourne, has been sent without any time being mentioned.

Handbell Peals.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 10, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CHINERY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

ARTHUR E. MOORE* .. 1-2.	JAMES CHINERY.. .. 5.
BERTIE DEBENHAM† .. 3.	†FREDERICK EATON .. 6.
ALBERT PALMER‡ .. 4.	‡HORACE MOORE .. 7-8.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

†First peal. ‡First peal of Major. *First peal in the method as conductor.

Date Touches.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHEASTON.—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. John's church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Hallett, T. Davies, A. Cordery, J. Taylor conductor, O. Dereham, H. Hallett.

ALDMONDWIKE.—On Saturday, January 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Robertson, J. Jenkinson, B. Cowling, A. Armitage, J. W. Nutter, W. Thrith, W. Womersley, J. Littlewood. Composed and conducted by J. Jenkinson. Rung on the occasion of the old folks yearly treat.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 6th, a date touch of Bob Minor. W. Wiseman, A. Howes conductor, T. Sapey, R. Etteridge, S. Daniels, J. Lawrence.

COLNE (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 8th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. Foulds, R. Binns, R. Foulds, jun. conductor, W. Mallinson, J. Goth, J. P. Foulds, A. Lane, W. Heaton.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Wright, C. West, A. Gwinnett, W. Hale conductor, F. Cole, S. Baker, W. Bateman, A. Hanks.

WANSTEAD.—On New Year's Eve, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Cornell, W. Smith, A. H. Doherty longest length in any method, B. Marks longest length in any method, F. M. Bressey longest length with a bob bell, J. Marks conductor. This is the first date touch on the bells, and the longest length by a local band.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ESSENDON.—On December 5th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor, and several 120s Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by Hatfield ringers. A. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, F. Cull, H. Tharby, G. Smith, J. Hollingsworth, W. J. Rumsey, H. S. Reeves. W. Clarke (local) succeeded in ringing his first 120 Grandsire Doubles.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On December 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. B. H. T. Drake, W. Floyd, J. Floyd, C. Golding, H. Golding, G. Warner conductor. "Farewell 1903."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 1097 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. J. Goodwin, H. W. Abbott, T. H. Colburn, W. H. Inglesant, E. W. Abbott, F. Pervin, F. G. Burleigh, J. L. Wells, R. F. Lane, L. F. Taylor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

DUNSFOLD.—On November 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 120 Bob Minor. M. Pullen, E. Smithers, J. W. Harrison, W. T. Cox conductor, T. Squech, A. Smithers. On October 22nd, 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. Smithers, A. Smithers conductor, J. W. Harrison, W. T. Cox, P. Stennig, T. Squech. On December 10th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Pullen, A. Smithers, J. W. Harrison conductor, W. T. Cox, E. Smithers, T. Squech.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E.

Marsh, T. Upshall, C. Fry, H. Garfath, jun., H. Garfath, sen., composer and conductor, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, 1280 Double Norwich in 50 mins. †R. Wood, T. Lincoln, E. Runter, F. G. Radley, H. W. Kirton, H. Head, W. Lincoln, †A. Head. †First quarter-peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—On Saturday, December 12th, at St. George's-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. G. Lucas, W. Pickworth, S. A. Wright, W. Truss, H. F. Hull, F. W. Thornton, A. W. Barkus conductor, A. G. Freeman. It was intended to have rung a peal, but owing to the bad "go" of the 6th, only the above was rung.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Goodacre, G. Balchin, G. Weller, J. Netley, E. Ede, G. H. Lee conductor, C. Blackman, H. Burch.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1264 Stedman Caters. G. Brush, W. E. Garrard conductor, H. Dains composer, J. A. Trollope, S. A. Wright, E. G. Stibbons, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles, F. Dench, J. T. Kentish.

MANCHESTER.—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. John's church, Deansgate, for watch-night service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smethwick, W. Brown, W. Bellamy, J. Hampson, J. Morgan, W. H. Cooper, A. Wolstenholme, A. Diamond. On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Bellamy, J. Morgan, E. Hesford, J. Hampson, W. Brown, W. H. Cooper, A. Wolstenholme, A. Diamond.

WANSTEAD.—On New Year's Eve, 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Smith. And 360 Bob Minor. E. A. Lebbon, G. Cornell, B. Marks, W. Smith, T. M. Bressey, J. Marks conductor. After midnight 720 Bob Minor. E. A. Lebbon, G. Cornell, A. H. Doherty, B. Marks, F. M. Bressey, J. Marks conductor.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 1248 London Surprise. W. Watson, W. Keeble, A. W. Brighton, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins, G. R. Pye, E. Pye, W. Pye. First in the method on the bells, and longest touch by the ringers of 4 and 5.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Saturday, October 31st, 1320 Bob Minor in 1 hr. A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, W. H. Rees, J. F. Clarke conductor, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood. Rang in honour of the marriage of Mr. T. Hope, who is a member of the local band. On Saturday, November 28th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Rees, W. H. Horwood, S. Hope, A. W. Flowers, J. H. White conductor. Also 360 and 660 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, S. Hope, W. H. Rees, J. H. White, W. Maund, W. H. Horwood conductor. At this meeting Mr. Hope was the recipient of a handsome oak coal vase, a gift from the band to mark the occasion of his recent marriage, his brother-ringers wishing him every happiness.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, D. Wright, J. Heath, S. A. Wright conductor, H. J. Selby. For evening service 1056 Bob Major. A. J. Lewis, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, W. G. Grainger, S. A. Wright conductor, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, D. Wright.

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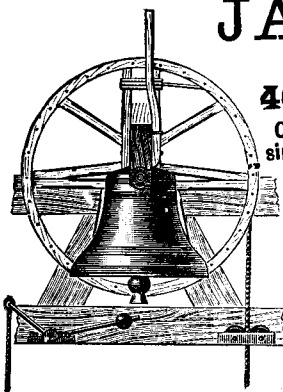
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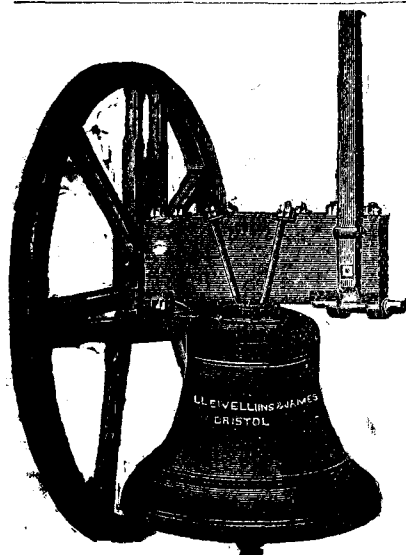
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NORTHAMPTON (continued). St. Sepulchre. Northants. Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1898; 3rd by Russell, 1739; tenor by the same, 1733; 4th and 6th by Bagley, 1681; 5th by Taylor, 1857; 7th by Briant, 1805. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1898. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.15. Owing to clockwork in ringing-chamber, sight of ropes is difficult.

NORTHLEACH (Gloucestershire). Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears 1897, the rest by Carr, 1700. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1897, indifferent. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

NORTHWOLD (Norfolk). St. Andrew. Eight bells. All by Warner (?), 1872. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Augmented from 6 to 8, and rehung by Warner, 1872. Ropes new 1872, bad. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday.

NORTON (Derbyshire). St. James. Old East Derbyshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1896. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Recast and rehung by Taylor, 1896. Ropes new 1897. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.

NORTON-IN-HALES (Salop). St. Chad. Eight bells: 6th by Watts, 1600; the rest by Warner, 1867. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Bells go rather heavily. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing or practice. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30.

TWO OLD OXFORD MANUSCRIPTS.

The late Reverend H. T. Ellacombe refers to two seventeenth century manuscripts at Oxford without setting them out, and so far as I know they have not hitherto been further introduced to the notice of the Exercise. I had long wished to see them, and an opportunity occurring last autumn, I went to Oxford for the purpose.

The first of these is amongst the manuscripts formerly belonging to Narcissus Luttrell, in the library of All Souls' College (No. 119), and through the courtesy of Mr. C. W. C. Oman, Fellow and Librarian of the College, I was enabled to peruse and copy it. It is written in a very clear and neat handwriting of its date, and I set out the heading and first three rules verbatim, but I have not thought it necessary to reproduce the antiquated spelling.

ORDERS

Conceived and agreed upon by the Company exercising the art of ringing, known and called by the names of the Scholars of Cheapside in London, begun and so continued from the second day of February Anno 1603.

IMPRIMIS for that no Society either of profit or pleasure can well stand and continue without form and order, this company having taken unto them the style and name aforesaid, have condescended and agreed unto, that the government of this Company shall be committed unto five persons, as by virtue of these orders and constitutions shall be elected and admitted, under such names and into such places, as by these orders shall be hereafter expressed.

IT is therefore agreed unto, that there shall be yearly chosen of this Company, the principal and Chief officer, who shall be called and styled by the name of the General of this Order, in whose hands these orders shall remain by virtue whereof he shall have the rule and governance of this Company, and of every person thereof in this exercise according to the limitations herein expressed.

IT is also agreed unto, that there shall be yearly chosen of this Company four other officers to be Wardens, whose office shall be to do and perform for the Company such things as by the contents of these presents shall be enjoined and laid upon them.

These rules—thirty in number—were doubtless drawn by some person connected with the legal profession, for not only are they couched in the redundant style of the legal documents of their day, but after the last rule there follow these words:—

IN WITNESS whereof by this our voluntary subscription to these presents we do bind ourselves to our General and to his successors for the performance of the premises. Given this 29th day of September 1610 and in the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, the eighth and in the year from our original, the seventh,

Law writings are sometimes ridiculed for their length and style not altogether justly, for the use of accurate language is not so simple a thing as many persons seem inclined to suppose, and no one would wish important interests to rest upon punctuation; but when the form of diction adopted in legal documents as a measure of precaution is parodied in this way, the result is somewhat ludicrous. Look, for instance, at the third of these rules. It contains forty-seven words, of which twenty-seven are superfluous; for the rule, for practical purposes, might just as well stop at the word "Wardens." Still it cannot be denied that high sounding phrases, which do not necessarily mean very much, have a soothing effect upon the mind, and Mr. Micawber is but a type of many political orators and popular preachers in his knowledge and use of that fact. We can imagine the mental solace it may have been to the Scholars of Cheapside when they heard these rules read out to the company on Michaelmas Day, 1610, and, lest their provisions should be forgotten, it was provided that this pleasure should be repeated every quarter.

The word "Company," appearing in the title of this body, is instructive, because to this day we speak in ordinary converse of the old London Societies as "Companies," although this term does not occur in any of their titles. It shows us how continuous are the traditions of corporate association, that we should still from habit be using a term which, though not strictly officially correct to-day, was in use among the Exercise before any of our present Societies were born.

The twenty-fifth rule reads as follows:—

Item it is ordered and agreed unto that if any person of this Company shall make or accept any challenge to or with any other Company without allowance or consent of the General, or shall by any idle or untrue report give just occasion of offence to any other company, whereby any contention or quarrel may arise, he so offending shall pay such fine as to the General and the Assistants shall be thought fitting.

From this we learn that there were other ringing companies then in existence, though we have no hint as to their names or number.

The election of officers was effected thus:—On Michaelmas Day in each year the General for the time being was directed to present to the Company "the names of four of the ancientest or sufficientest of this Company in his judgment," and out of these the members elected the General for the ensuing year. Then the General for the time being (not the newly-elected one), and "the assistants of this Company"—i.e. those who had in their turn served the office of General—were to "nominate and appoint four persons of the said Company, being freemen, for wardens of this Company for the year ensuing." I shall hope to have a remark or two later on about the social position we may suppose the members of this Company to have occupied, but the word "freemen" in this connection must, I think, mean freemen of the City of London. On the following All Saints' Day,—Nov. 1st,

the Company celebrated its annual feast, and it was upon this occasion that the General and Wardens, elected at the preceding Michaelmas, were admitted into their offices. For to-day, therefore let us leave the Company at supper; and I hope to send some further remarks about them and their doings next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ST. PETER'S, HALLIWELL, LANCASHIRE.

On New Year's Eve the ringers of St. Peter's met at the residence of Mr. W. Pennington to partake of their annual supper. A splendid repast was provided, and as the clock struck nine, "go" was called, and then what many merry changes were rung. I cannot exactly gauge what method was rung most, but I can truly say they set about it in no half-hearted fashion. It was remarked that it was "Grand-sire" to the host, but he said if there was going to be "punning" he would do some "pnn-ching." It was quite as well there was no more. Shortly before ten "finished round" was called, and the tables quickly cleared, and out came pipes and tobacco, and a short time devoted to Lady Nicotine. Songs were next on on the programme by R. Barlow, J. Fleetwood, P. Hargreaves, W. Pennington, J. Greenwood, and E. Fletcher; selections on the dulcimer and violin by W. Pennington and H. Morris, respectively. The next item was the good old Christmas hymn, "While shepherds watch," and right well it sounded, showing at once they could sing as well as ring. "The joy bells are ringing" was the last on the list, and then votes of thanks and good wishes were passed from one to another, and—

"Off to the Church they went,
They were on duty bent,
Over field, and dale, and brook,
Never pausing for to look
To see if all was right behind;
They knew that they'd be hard to find
If to the road they could only get,
They were a happy lot, you bet."

Service commenced at eleven o'clock, and the ringers went into the service, and joined as heartily in the hymns as they had done in the songs in the earlier part of the evening. Ten minutes to twelve was signalled, and out they crept up into the belfry, and shortly afterwards the bells were ringing merrily through the pleasantly situated little village. The old year was fired out, and the new one in.

"Ring out wild bells with all your might,
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out wild bells, across the snow,
The old year's going; let it go,
Ring out the old; ring in the new;
Ring out the false; ring in the true."

A few hundred changes were next rung, and then the bells were fired down, all having enjoyed a splendid New Year's Eve.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Surfleet society held their annual meeting in the Fraiser schoolroom on Monday, January 4th, when the following officers were re-elected: Mr. H. Leverton, Master; Mr. R. Richardson, Secretary; Rev. H. L. James, Treasurer. A. J. Farr was elected a member of the society. Fifty-four 720s were rung on the bells during the past year in seven different methods: Double Oxford 35, Bob Minor 7, Double Court 6, Single Oxford 2, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1. The following ringers took part: R. Richardson 54 (conducted 41, W. Richardson 53, G. Tomlinson 31, A. J. Farr 30, F. Tomlinson 29, R. Marshall 22, Rev. H. L. James 21 (conducted 12), J. W. Flowers 20, R. H. Richardson 18, H. Leverton 2, H. Tomlinson 6. Also the following visitors: G. Ladd 12, J. T. Browne 8, E. C. Creasey 3, J. Wood 2 (conducted 1), J. T. Holmes 1, A. J. Holmes 1, J. Facer 1, R. Staples 1, W. Smith 1, H. Lord 1.

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GLINTON CHURCH BELLS.

The following is taken from the Parish Magazine for Dec. 1st, 1903. It will be a source of pleasure to those who know this famous ring of bells (tenor 16 cwt.) to learn that their re-hanging and augmentation to eight is under consideration:—

GLINTON.—The ringing of the bells has had to be prohibited until such time as they shall have been rehung. The frame becoming rickety, wedges have been thrust in between it and the wall of the tower from time to time; that placed the frame in direct contact with the walls, and in consequence stones are being loosened. The frame ought to rest solely on the beams, and the resultant of the forces set in motion by the swinging bells ought to be expended in the first instance upon the beams, but with a rickety frame touching the walls here and there no one can calculate the consequences or provide for the pressure. I have been told that the cost of re-hanging the bells on a new and modern frame will be about £250, and we have been offered an eighth bell if we will provide a seventh, which will cost about £30 more. This is a matter for the Vestry to take in hand. Perhaps a weekly offertory would be found to be the best solution of the problem.

ST PETER'S, CARMARTHEN.

The thirty-sixth Christmas-tree in connection with St. Peter's, Carmarthen was opened at the assembly-rooms on a recent Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Bath, Alltyferin. The proceeds go to the fund being raised to complete the octave of bells in St. Peter's church tower, the renewal of the belfry, and the erection of a new clock, with Cambridge chimes. One of the new bells is being paid for by Mrs. Reid. Of the old bells, cast at the celebrated bell foundry of Abraham Rudhall, Gloucester, two are inscribed "Prosperity to the Church of England, 1722," the 3rd and 4th bells have the names of the mayor and churchwardens for the same year; the 5th is inscribed "To the church the living call, and to the grave doe summons all"; the 6th has "Abraham Rudhall cast us all 1722." In addition to the improvements stated the promoters are incurring no little outlay in repairing and removing the coping-stones and battlements of the tower, and in pointing the tower walls. It is also proposed to renew the churchyard walks. One of the most earnest churchworkers is Mrs. T. E. Brigstock, who was the general secretary of the Christmas-tree, which, in spite of inclement weather, was well patronized.

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."

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—So far as Mr. Trollope's letter applies to me, I beg to offer a few remarks in reply. I quite recognize his right to challenge me or any one else to suggest a term alternative to that from which I dissent, and I am perfectly willing to meet him by submitting my notions for criticism by the Exercise. But first of all we ought to know exactly what the issue between us is, and this is just what I do not know; for though I have given my reasons in as plain words as I can command, Mr. Trollope says he does not propose to point out the fallacies that underlie my statements. This is hardly fair. Surely I am entitled to as definite a statement of Mr. Trollope's view of actual facts as I have given of mine, for unless I have it, how am I to know that I shall not have to change my opinion? If Mr. Trollope will plainly set out the fallacies he alleges, I undertake either to admit them or, if not admitting them, to propose an alternative term to "Treble Dominated," so that I may be as much open to criticism as any one.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—Mr. Willson's letter in last Saturday's issue is not quite explicit. As others have no doubt discovered, I found that there is no peal of Grandsire Caters on page 91 of the Central

Council Collection. The reference is no doubt intended to apply to peal No. 91 on page 82. It will be observed that this peal comes round at hand one lead before the tenth course-end.

A. B. CARPENTER.

Obituary.

FREDERICK MAY.

The first Sunday of 1904 will long be remembered as a day of sorrow by the ringers of Wantage parish church. Assembling as usual to ring previous to the morning service, they learnt that death had taken from them one who had for many years been their leader and guide in the art of change-ringing. Although signs of ill health had been noticed in him for several weeks, the death of Frederick May was quite unexpected by his fellow-ringers, and many were the expressions of sorrow and regard when the news was received. Heart disease was the cause of death, and the end was sudden.

His connection with bellringing commenced in 1858, and continued without interruption to the end. He did not take part in the recent new year peal, this being the only occasion when he failed to help "ring out the old, ring in the new." For many years he was the recognised foreman of the belfry, succeeding the late John Gregory in that office upwards of thirty-five years ago. He took a leading share in the introduction of half-pull ringing when that system was adopted in Wantage in 1883, and was consistent in the support and practice of the various methods. He was untiring in his efforts to help beginners, sparing no pains to keep the company together. He was by occupation a mason, and for seventeen years had been on the staff of the St. Mary's Home.

Those who were associated with him knew him as an unassuming, conscientious, God-fearing man, stedfast in the faith, and living in charity with all men. He was a man of few words, but the influence of his example will long remain a power for good among all who came in contact with him.

The funeral took place the following Wednesday, the body being borne to the grave by the ringers, followed by fellow-workmen, and members of the Church Working Men's Society. The coffin was covered with floral tributes from many friends, among them being a large bell worked in chrysanthemums, sent by the ringers, and wreaths from fellow-workmen, the sisters of St. Mary's Home, St. Michael's school, the Misses Archer Houlton, Rev. and Mr. Howard, Rev. and Mrs. Bromby, the assistant-clergy, Mr. Jotcham and family, etc. The Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, the Vicar of Wantage, and several other clergy were present and assisted in the service. Immediately after the funeral a muffled $\frac{1}{2}$ -peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's) was rung at the parish church, conducted by A. Mayo.

WILLIAM PYLE.

It is with deep regret that the members of the Manchester Cathedral Company have to announce the death, after a long and painful illness, of the above-named ringer, for many years a member of the company. He had taken part in many peals, and was respected by all who knew him. All promised subscriptions for our late brother-ringer will be gratefully acknowledged by the branch secretary, Mr. J. Smith, 25, Hope street, Pendleton, who will forward them on to Mrs. Pyle.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, January 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards on February 2nd.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at St. John's and St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. Tea (8d. a head) at 5 p.m., and business meeting after, both in St. John's parish room.

Rev. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*

Ferndale, Devizes.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 5, and a knife and fork tea at 5.30, followed by a business meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year will be chosen, etc., and afterwards a social smoker will be held. It is earnestly hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and send in their names on or before Wednesday, January 20th, to C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighouse to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Service, 4 p.m., preacher, Rev. O. S. Laurie, M.A. Local hon. sec., Mr. G. Drake, 8, Old Lane, Brighouse.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

151, Stanningley Rd., Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Bromley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid, if possible, at this meeting. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of Great St. Mary will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. H. J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*

Cemetery Lodge, Bishop's Stortford.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The eight bells of the parish church will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., but the tower will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. The committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. will be held in the Church Lads' Brigade room, close to the church. Tea 1s. each.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The London County Association late St. James's Society.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held to-day, Satur-

day, January 23rd. The tower of St. Clement Danes, Strand, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8 till 9 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., with an address by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. Septimus Pennington. The Association's form of service by R. A. Daniell, Esq., will be used. Business meeting in the church rooms at 7 p.m. A social evening will take place at 9 p.m. at the Association's meeting house, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand. All members, ringers and friends will be made welcome. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m., meeting 6.30. Reports will be at this meeting. W. ASHWORTH.

The All Saints' Society, Pulham.—The annual general meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 23rd. Tea in the Church room at 6 p.m., meeting afterwards. Tower open from 4 o'clock.

W. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Monday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Blackman's Restaurant, 6 o'clock. Meeting at Mission Room after. The secretary wishes to remind members that subscriptions are now due, and would be pleased to receive them as soon as possible. J. W. WHITING, *Dist. Sec.*

Fareham, Hants.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting of this Society will be held on Monday, January 25th, at St. John the Divine, Vassall Road, Brixton, at 8.15 p.m. Members please attend. F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. by the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A. As there is important business to transact the attendance of all members is earnestly requested. Attention is requested to rule vi. clause 4. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The meeting will be held at Berkeley on the 27th inst. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. C. H. HORTON, *Branch Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Friday, January 29th, at Westminster, at 8 p.m. Members please attend. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Sec.*

65, Furley Street, Peckham, S.E.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Kidderminster on Saturday, January 30th. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and 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, January 27th. The bells will be available for ringing. Contributions for present year are now due, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors to Rule XI.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staff.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The above Society will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 30th, at the parish church of St. Michael's, Mottram. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.0. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at The George Hotel. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 27th. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey (8 bells) on January 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Royal Hotel, Greenside. Business important.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Rd., Armley, Leeds.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meat tea at 7.15. A short service will be held in St. Giles' Church at 6.30.

A. E. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Radstock Rd., Reading.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, January 30th. The towers of All Saints, St. Peter's, and St. Gregory's will be open to members. The tea and meeting will be held at The Bull Inn, Ballingdon, at 4 p.m.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *Dist. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Ramsey on Saturday, January 30th. Ringers cordially invited. Tea at 4.30.

G. D. COLEMAN, *Dist. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held in the schoolroom at rear of St. John's Church, Croydon, on Saturday, January 30th. Tea at 6 p.m. Friends can join in this at 1s. 6d. each by giving previous notice to me. Bells will be available from about 3.30 by kind permission of the Vicar.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Rd., Croydon.

Chelmsford.—On and after January 30th St. Mary's tower will be open for all ringers the last Saturday in every month at 7.30 p.m.

WM. ROWLAND, *SEN.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, February 6th, to open the recently rehung peal of bells. Stisted tower will also be available. Tea will be provided at The Black Boy inn at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each for those who give notice not less than four days before. ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Coggeshall.*

Hon. Dist. Sec.

Parish Church, Leeds.—The parish church tower will be open for practice every Wednesday from 8 to 9.20 for ten and twelve bell practice. I hope ringers in the district will avail themselves of this opportunity.

F. WOODWARD.

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.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DARLINGTON.—This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob ever rung in Darlington, and is the first peal of Oxford by all the band except the ringer of the 6th. It was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Jas. Baxter, and was rung at the first attempt. This composition has the 4th 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, with the 2nd never there.

MR. J. SMART'S 100 PEALS.—Minor Methods 4, Grandsire Triples 13, Bob Major 5, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 15, Oxford ditto 1, Stedman Triples 48, Stedman Caters 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 11. Total 100.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Ferris Shepherd has removed to Glenart Estate, Arklow, Ireland.—Mr. W. H. Fussell has removed to 23, Hencroft Street, Slough.

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675324 2

436275 1

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STEDMAN CATERS.

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Start full slow six.

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This grand ring of six, tenor 16½ cwt., have just been re-fitted with new gudgeons and bearings, and are now in first-class ringing order. They were re-opened by ringers from Langham, Ipswich, and the local company, 720s of

Oxford Treble Bob Minor and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles being rung. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, who have given the greatest satisfaction.

Amended Notice.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are respectfully reminded that subscriptions became due on the 1st inst. I shall be glad to receive them at the earliest opportunity. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made. I shall feel grateful for information at the same time as to any change of elected representatives, or their address, or of any change of Hon. Secretary or of his address. Notices of motion and Reports of Committees should reach me not later than Saturday, April 23rd, so that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of the Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

January 4th, 1904.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

At the invitation of Mr. Hopton Williams, one of the Churchwardens, the ringers of the above, together with Mr. J. W. Jones of Newport, sat down at the residence of the aforesaid to an excellent spread on Thursday, December 31st. Previous to the dinner advantage was taken to present Mr. J. W. Jones with a silver teapot, as a recognition of his services as regards teaching change-ringing at Llangibby. The present was an absolute surprise to Mr. Jones, who had not heard as much as a whisper of what was being done. The presentation was made by Mrs. Hopton Williams. In reply Mr. Jones thanked all present for their kindness, and said it had been a very great pleasure to assist them in the Art of change-ringing, and would be pleased at any future time to give them any assistance so far as he could. The teapot, which is a beautiful piece of workmanship, is suitably engraved with Mr. Jones's name, etc.

Dinner over, the usual toasts were indulged in, together with the singing of songs, fox-hunting stories, etc., which were appropriate, as Mr. Williams is the Master of the celebrated pack of foxhounds known as the Llangibby Hunt. An enjoyable evening closed with the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow."

The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, January 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 5.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH 6.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 7.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD

First peal in the method on the bells

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE CHISWICK PARISH CHURCH GUILD.

On Thursday, January 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN P. KENT* Treble.	ALFRED H. BUTLER 5.
HENRY W. WILKES† 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
HAROLD S. BURTON 3.	GEORGE J. WHITE 7.
FREDERICK E. WILKES .. 4.	THOMAS TINKLER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor and at first attempt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	BERTREM PREWETT 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 8.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED CLIFTON MAYNARD* Treble.	†ERNEST S. POLL 5.
ROBERT W. T. MAYNARD† 2.	JOHN H. WILKINS 6.
HENRY J. MAYNARD* .. 3.	WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 7.
FREDERICK RUMENS 4.	*FRANK E. G. FRENCH .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and Conducted by R. W. T. MAYNARD.

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

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH 5.
THOMAS TITCHENER 2.	THOMAS C. LANGDON .. 6.
MARK WOODCOCK 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK PERRIN 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

The Provinces.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, December 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WILLIAM E. BISHOP .. Treble.	ERNEST J. MATTHEWE .. 4.
ALFRED E. BRAIN 2.	JOHN WILCE 5.
JOHN HARPER 3.	JAMES BISHOP Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED E. BRAIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Wm. J. Bennett, for many years leader of the local ringers, and who was interred in the churchyard the same day.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. . 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. . 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. E. Wilkins, brother of the conductor, to Miss Elizabeth Ludlow, of Govan, Glasgow.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

F. E. W. MEADOWS, ESQ. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM LAST 5.
ERNEST LANHAM .. . 2.	GEORGE WHITING 6.
WILLIAM BALLS .. . 3.	HARRY LAST 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. . 4.	JOHN J. CREASEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. E. W. MEADOWS, Esq.

*First peal.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. 4 lbs in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. . 2.	GEORGE WOODISS 7.
ALBERT D. STONE .. . 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
FRANK BENNETT .. . 4.	JAMES HUNT 9.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. . 5.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

This is the first peal of Royal in the county of Hants.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Two Hours Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES CRUNDEN Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. . 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
CHARLES HARFFEY .. . 3.	JOSEPH SHARP 7.
ARTHUR MILES .. . 4.	*ERNEST GOWER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HOWSE.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HART* Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. . 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. . 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. . 7.
GEORGE SMART .. . 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the midnight service.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. . 5.
JOHN HOYLE .. . 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. . 6.
FREDERICK W. CHALLEN .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. . 7.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT SONGHURST .. Treble.	GEORGE TOMSETT .. . 5.
HERBERT TOMSETT .. . 2.	ALFRED TOMSETT .. . 6.
EDWARD DEWEY .. . 3.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 7.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. . 4.	*HARRY EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. KENWARD.

Rung in honour of the seventh anniversary of the opening of the bells. *First peal.

STANSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. . 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. . 3.	THOMAS JORDAN 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. . 4.	*WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jordan.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

A. W. LONG Treble.	C. JACKSON 5.
J. W. SEAMER .. . 2.	P. C. LONG 6.
C. TAYLOR .. . 3.	W. H. HEYHOE 7.
G. T. MARSHALL .. . 4.	A. B. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	†ALFRED P. HENSMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR MOORE .. . 2.	†FRED HOPPER 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	WILLIAM ROBERTS .. . 8.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.	FRED WILFORD 9.
HERBERT RAINBOW .. . 5.	*HARRY PETTITT .. Tenor.

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS, and Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS A. DOICK* Treble.	ERNEST H. HOLDEN 5
STEPHEN STONE 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
JOHN NETLEY 3.	HUGH W. HERRINGTON 7.
JOHN BLAKE† 4.	*WILLIAM EVANS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

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

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES HOARE Treble.	FREDERICK CURTIS 5.
CHARLES MORSE 2.	JAMES HOARE 6.
PHILLIP KNEATH 3.	EDWARD CLARKE 7.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 4.	EDWARD DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

This is the first peal on the bells and first by the Association.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

GEORGE GATLAND Treble.	JOHN SMART 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE PHILIPS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was Mr. Smart's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES GARRATT Treble.	CLIFTON NEWMAN 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY 7.
FREDERICK PALMER 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. PERKINS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-nine and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
ALBERT WIER 3.	JOHN ALLEN 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells, and the band resides in the parish.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
HORACE F. STREET* 3.	*FREDERICK J. STEELE 7.
WILLIAM FISHER* 4.	THOMAS PIGOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

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

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minute,

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, and Plain Bob.

EDWIN MYNARD Treble.	FRED MYNARD 4.
WILLIAM MYNARD 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
JOHN LOVELL 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding day of the Rector, Rev. G. F. and Mrs. Sams.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PATTON Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
GEORGE W. PARK 2.	THOMAS METCALFE 6.
CHARLES TODD 3.	GOULDON J. LUNGLEY 7.
WILLIAM H. PORTER 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. HUNT.

Reference elsewhere.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	*HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
WILLIAM KEBBLE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS* 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

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

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven 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.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	EDWARD SMITH 5.
HARRY SEAL 2.	EDWARD BRIDGER 6.
ALBERT LETTS* 3.	PERCY DENTON 7.
ERNEST EVEREST 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

*First peal. This peal was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, with the tenor open at back stroke, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Yates, of Penshurst, who recently restored the tower of the above church.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DRAYSON GOLDER Treble.	LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE 5.
BEN REED 2.	ALBERT SAYER 6.
JONATHAN DOORNE 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE 7.
BEN REED, JUN. 4.	ALBERT GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Nutting, who attained the age of 101 on that day.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE APPLETON SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 15, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

EDWARD WEBB* Treble.	RICHARD WHITE 5.
FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. 2.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
HENRY WOODWARDS 3.	GEORGE HOLFIELD 7.
CUTHBERT WHITE† 4.	FRED WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WHITE, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sub-Lieutenant F. G. Robinson, R.N.R., second son of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

W. B. KEMPTON Treble.	*H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	*B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 6.
E. H. LEWIS* 3.	F. PITSTOW 7.
F. S. POOLE* 4.	G. TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Braybrooke, Master of Magdalene College, for more than 20 years Patron of the Cambridge University Guild.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATIONS,
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	†DAVID BREARLEY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and the conductor's 10th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
ALFRED B. PECK 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

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

This is H. Eden's 10th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

BANGOR.—THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

(BANGOR BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE D. HUGHES .. Treble.	BERNARD CARTER 5.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2.	*WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER 3.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hughes and Thomas who hail from Beaumaris, this being their first attempt for a peal on eight bells. *First peal with a bob bell.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS .. Treble.	CHARLES E. CARRINGTON .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	*LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
JONAS S. AMBLER 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART 7.
FRED SALMONS 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

*First peal. First peal by the Halifax and District Association.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. KING Treble.	T. STOCKDALE 5.
J. T. WALSH 2.	A. NAYLOR 6.
C. JACKSON 3.	H. FEATHERSTONE 7.
G. T. MARSHALL 4.	T. FAULKNER Tenor.

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DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The umpires in the peal of Bob Major rung on handbells at Bury St. Edmunds on Sunday, January 10th, were H. Turner and F. Ridd.

Date Touches.

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(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, January 14th, a date touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins. R. Potter, C. Norfolk, W. Dyer, H. Evers, J. Sadler, W. Elliott, W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. This was rung on D. Elliott's birthday, who afterwards entertained the band to supper at his house.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL (Kent).—On Saturday, January 16th, 1904, in 1 hr. 4 mins., a date touch of Minor, 1904 changes, in the following methods: 104 Grandsire, 360 Oxford Bob, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. G. Gilbert, J. E. Grenstead, W. T. Hyland, A. W. Gore, C. E. Smith, W. H. B. Wilkins conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH.—On Sunday, January 10th, in 1 hr. 11 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1904 changes. R. Grindley, J. Shone, J. Woods, J. Picken, F. Jowes, J. Dillon conductor, T. Hughes, C. Cliffe. Rung in honour of the Diamond Jubilee Wedding day of the Rector, the Rev. E. Dyer Green.

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STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, December 13th, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Allen, A. Clowes, T. Austin, T. Mountford, G. Woods, S. Churton, H. Page, J. Johnson conductor. On Sunday, December 20th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Allen, A. Clowes, F. Goldstraw, T. Mountford, T. Austin, J. Tittenton, S. Churton conductor, H. Page.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, E. V. Cox, Esq., J. Monk, F. Webb, F. Pounds, H. Judge conductor, J. Richards.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING.—On Saturday, December 12th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 4032 changes in 2½ hrs. A. Payne, W. Horden, F. Bridgman, A. Turner, F. Tingle, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor, J. C. Shatford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—Christ Church, Blacklands.—The following ringing was done at the various services in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Dedication of the church:—On Sunday, November 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, sen., J. Livermore, jun., R. C. Ford, J. Newman, B. Prewett, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker conductor, W. H. Swain. For evening service 252 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, jun., S. Saker, B. Prewett conductor, R. C. Ford, S. F. C. Saker, F. Lock, W. Franks, W. H. Swain. On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., A. E. Quaife, J. Newman, R. C. Ford, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker conductor, W. H. Swain. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples. A. E. Barrow, J. Livermore, jun., R. C. Ford, J. Newman, J. Livermore, sen., S. Saker, F. Lock conductor, W. H. Swain.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Millin, A. Woods, S. Barker, A. Kedwell, C. E. W. Hope, Esq., S. Binfield, W. Seeley conductor, S. Hope, Esq. Composed by J. George of Rugby.

HATFIELD (Herts).—At the church of St. Etheldreda, on Christmas Day for Divine service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. Hollingsworth, H. S. Reeves, W. T. Rumsey, J. J. Powers, R. Shepherd, H. Shepherd, A. Shepherd conductor, H. Tharby.

PETERSFIELD.—At St. Peter's church for Harvest Festival, on October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. Garrett, W. Wilkinson, W. Butler, sen., W. Read, G. Barnes, G. Batts, J. Arthur conductor, W. Downs.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, January 16th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples by G. K. Trowbridge, W. E. Sanford, J. S. Rumming, S. Macey, G. Neale, R. P. Knight, W. W. Gifford conductor, H. C. Asher.

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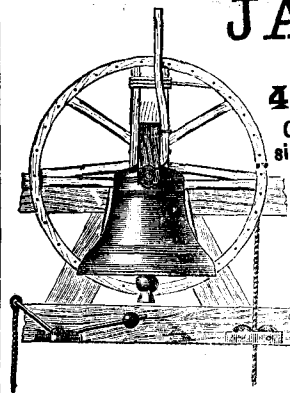
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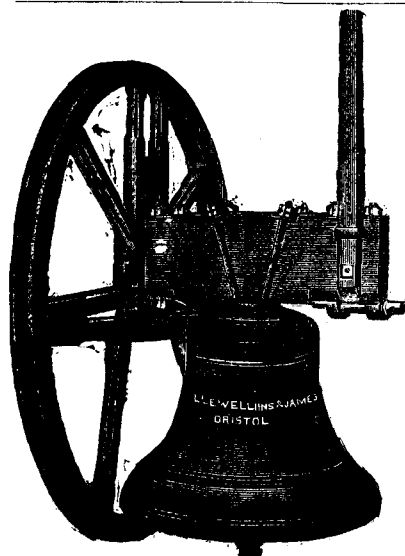
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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*).

NORWICH. St. Andrew. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears 1825; 3rd by Pleasant, 1705; 4th and 9th by Newman, 1713; 5th by Draper, 1634; 6th, 8th, 9th and tenor by Brassyer, from 1617 to 1623; 7th by Darley, 1661. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame in three tiers. Bells unringable. A chiming apparatus has been fitted by Taylor who removed the wheels as the tower was reported unsafe. Nothing has been done since, and there is no money in the parish. All the bells are more or less worn at soundbow.

St. Giles. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Newman, 1738; 3rd probably by Gilpin; 4th by Brend, 1593; 5th by Brassyer; 6th and 7th probably by Baxter. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. by Warner, 1869. Timber frame. Bells go moderately. Clocking permitted. All but tenor shew signs of wear at soundbow. Slight repairs by Skinner recently. Entire rehanging necessary, but authorities, through want of funds are doing nothing. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. No Sunday ringing, and only an occasional practice.

St. Michael. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Stephens, 1726; 3rd and 4th by Tooke, 1676; 5th unknown; 6th by Brend, 1638; 7th and 8th by Brassyer, no date. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go badly. Rehung by Crane, 1887, in an ill-designed frame. Church authorities have no money for repairs. Ropes new 1887, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. No Sunday ringing, and only an occasional practice.

St. Peter Mancroft. Norwich Diocesan Association. Twelve bells. All by Mears, 1775, except tenor 43 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 2 in., 1814. Timber frame. Bells go perfectly. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Day, 1881. Inside painting partly done, but now awaiting funds. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing on festivals only. Practice fortnightly, Thursday, 7.

TWO OLD OXFORD MANUSCRIPTS.

Last week we left the scholars of Cheapside at supper on All Saints' Day, and it may be interesting to consider the feast a little further. The newly elected General was to provide this supper at such place within the liberties of the City of London as he might deem most convenient. Every married man of the company was to pay to the General two shillings and sixpence towards the expense of it; every unmarried man, if a freeman, was to pay two shillings, and every apprentice twelve pence; and every member introducing a guest was to pay a shilling for him. Every member was to pay whether present or not, unless his absence was owing to sickness.

One does not quite see why a married man should have paid more than a bachelor or a widower unless upon the theory that owing to his matrimonial bliss or the reverse his constitution required more recuperation than that of his brethren living in a condition of greater freedom and less responsibility. If the supper cost more than the amount collected under this rule, the General had to pay it out of his own pocket. This was an arrangement not unusually adopted formerly in order to protect Societies and their members. The person appointed to give the feast knew exactly what he had to spend upon it, and he gave his orders to the tavern-keeper accordingly, and, of course, if he was flush of money, and liked to give a supper that cost more than the total amount of the prescribed contributions, there was nothing to prevent his doing so, and whatever he did no further liability was incurred by the Society or its individual members.

How frequently the members met for ringing is not quite clear. Probably they made up bands pretty frequently as seemed to them good. But there were stated meeting times for the entire company under a fine. The General, during his year of office, had to provide four quarterly peals—on the 2nd February, the 1st May, the 1st August and the 1st November; and the Wardens had to provide twelve monthly peals on the last Monday in each month—the senior Warden in November, December and January, and the other three Wardens for three months each in the order of their seniority. It would appear from these provisions that these meetings were not held at any one place, but that these officers had to secure a tower for each occasion. Besides these meetings the company appears to have rung annually on the 17th of November, being the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession, and the General could summon special meetings.

In order that the company might have proper notice of the places of meeting, provision is made for the members being "warned"—an expression in connection with old ringing rules on which I contributed a note to these columns some while since. The General was directed, with the consent of the assistants, to appoint a Warner yearly, who was the messenger and collector of the company. The Warner received sixpence from each new member on election, and besides this, the General and assistants were to make a rate in the November of each year, to be paid quarterly, not to exceed eightpence per quarter by each member. The General wrote the assess-

ment down in a book, and the Warner took the book round and collected the rate. Out of the money thus received he was to "pay at every quarterly and monthly peal by the appointment of the General, to the sexton where every such peal shall be rung, 12d.," and the rest of the money so collected he retained for his wages. Here we have an organized system of steepage.

I hope to conclude this subject next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

YORKSHIRE HANDBELL TUNE-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

This newly-formed Association held its monthly meeting in Huddersfield on Saturday afternoon and evening, January 23rd, at The Old Hat hotel, West Parade. Eighteen bands were represented, each of whom was entitled to send one delegate.

The following is a full list of the bands represented: Almondbury, Birstall (St. Saviour's), Clifton, Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Liversedge, Lightcliffe, Sheffield, Woodroyd (Honley), Barnsley, Brighouse, Darfield (Barnsley), Horbury, Heptonstall (near Hebden Bridge), Low Moor, Roystone, Thurlstone, and the Yorkshire handbell ringers (Sheffield).

The President (Mr. J. H. Dawson, Almondbury), occupied the chair, and he was supported by the vice-presidents, Mr. K. Cooke (Birstall), Mr. W. Jagger (Clifton), Mr. W. Booth (Treasurer, Huddersfield), and Mr. W. H. Giggle (Hon. Secretary, Horbury).

The President in opening the proceedings shortly after five o'clock, extended to the delegates a hearty welcome to Huddersfield, and hoped each one of them would return with a favourable account of their deliberations, and with a good impression of their town of Huddersfield.

Mr. Giggle laid before the meeting all the arrangements which had been so far made in connection with the forthcoming contest at Huddersfield, in the Armoury, on Saturday, April 2nd (Easter Saturday). The Judge whom they had selected was Mr. A. Jowett, Mus. Bac., Yorkshire Training College of Music, who had seen a copy of both test pieces:—"Italiana in Algeri" for first-class bands, and "Recollections of Merrie England" for second-class bands, and that gentleman had marked them exactly as he should judge them. This was a decided advantage to all the bands. They would all know exactly how to prepare their respective test pieces, and he felt sure that the first contest of their newly-formed Association would be a great success.

Trophies and medals were then exhibited from five different firms, and eventually the delegates selected a very handsome silver cup, beautifully chased, and mounted on an ebony stand, from Messrs. Fattorini and Sons, of Bradford. The trophy will go with the first prize band, and be held for twelve months only.

After a few general arrangements for the contest had been fully discussed, it was passed unanimously to hold the next meeting at Barnsley on February 20th.

Nearly £10 was promised by a few of the delegates towards the trophy and other matters in connection with the proposed contest.

Thanks to the president, and host and hostess for their kind hospitality to the delegates, closed a profitable meeting of the Association.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9th, the quarterly meeting of the East Dorset Branch of the above Guild was held at St. John's church, Poole, and proved to be the most successful meeting yet held in the branch, there being an attendance of about forty members representing the majority of the towers in East Dorset.

The chairman (Rev. J. C. Mansell-Pleydell (Vicar of Sturminster Newton), conducted a service in the afternoon, and delivered an eloquent and interesting address, taking as his text—"Arise, shine, for thy light is come."

At the business meeting which followed, the chairman was supported by the Revs. J. Lawson, H. Drake, and C. Phillips, and the officials of the branch, and a large attendance of members. Various matters of local interest were soon disposed of, and the next meeting, viz. the annual meeting of the branch, was fixed for Christchurch on Saturday, April 9th.

At the conclusion of the meeting all adjourned to tea at a neighbouring restaurant, and in the evening the beautiful-toned peal of bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The young band at Poole who have made such strides in the Art under the voluntary tuition of Mr. Arthur Randall, late of Ringwood, expressed themselves to be most pleased at the excellent results obtained from "rubbing shoulders" with their fellow-members, and heartily returned thanks for the assistance offered them on all sides in endeavouring to acquire proficiency in the Art.

THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, December 31st, the members of the above Guild, together with the churchwardens, were entertained to supper in the schoolroom by the Vicar (Rev. Prebendary Phillips). There were also present the Revs. A. S. Thomson, and G. R. Norris (curate). After partaking of the good things provided, the usual loyal toasts were given. The Vicar in a few well-chosen remarks reminded the ringers that the chief object of ringing the bells was to call the people to the service of God, and that the ringers should attend as often as they could make it convenient, and that he was pleased with progress in which the Guild had made during the past twelve months in change-ringing.

A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks for so kindly entertaining the Guild. It now being time to return to ring for the watch-night service, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, and after service with the bells open.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at church room at 5 o'clock and meeting immediately after. The annual subscriptions are now due and the secretary will be glad to receive them as early as possible.
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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

One of the most successful quarterly meetings yet held under the auspices of this Association took place at Portmadoc on Saturday, January 9th.

There was an excellent muster of ringers in the Welsh slate port, and the bells (which are a beautiful ring of eight) were early pealing out their sweet notes in Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major. The meeting was held in the church room at 4.0 p.m. In the absence of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Bangor, and Chairman of the Association (who was indisposed), the chair was occupied by the Rev. J. C. Williams, Vicar of Portmadoc. Mr. S. A. Cullington, Secretary to the Association, was also unable to be present, and Mr. Wilmer Rogers (Wrexham), was elected pro tem.

The chairman in opening the meeting referred to the absence of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, whom he was sorry to say was ill. He felt sure that every one present wished him a speedy recovery. It gave him (the chairman) the greatest pleasure to welcome the Association to Portmadoc, he was glad to see such an excellent gathering of ringers present, especially so when one had come from such a long distance as Wrexham. The Portmadoc ringers were making excellent progress. The first business of the meeting was to make arrangements for the annual meeting at Wrexham on Monday, April 18th.

Mr. Pegler (Bangor) said that Easter Monday would be a much more convenient day for the annual meeting, and suggested that the date should be altered. Mr. W. H. Evans (Portmadoc) also favoured the change of date, and proposed that the date already fixed should be changed to Easter Monday, April 4th. Mr. Midwinter (Bangor) seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wilmer Rogers (Wrexham), referring to the alteration of date, said that as far as he knew there would be no difficulty in the arrangements being altered through the change of dates, and promised that nothing was left wanting to make the annual meeting as great a success as possible.

It was proposed and seconded that the arrangements for the annual meeting be left in the hands of the Wrexham ringers.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. W. H. Evans (Portmadoc) said he would now ask the ringers, on behalf of the Portmadoc ringers, to partake of their hospitality, and also said that when the Association came down for an annual meeting they will endeavour to give them a much greater welcome. The assembly then sat down to an excellent spread, for which the Portmadoc ringers and the ladies present deserved the greatest credit.

Votes of thanks to all concerned for the excellent homage paid to the Association was proposed by Mr. Gayton (Bangor) and seconded by Mr. Roberts (Dolgelly). The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Williams, the curate, the Rev. T. A. Williams, and Messrs. W. H. Evans and John Owen (Portmadoc) responded. During the evening the Bangor ringers rang courses of Caters, &c., on their handbells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning branch of this Guild held its annual festival and meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 9th, and was well attended, eighty members being present. An excellent and practical address was given after evensong at the parish church by the Rev. H. C. Bell, himself an ardent bellringer. Tea was served at St. Paul's parish room, and followed by the business meeting. There was no change of officers, and the chief matter which occupied the attention of members was the question of the financial position of the parent society, its increased expenditure calling for some means of augmenting its income. Various suggestions were brought forward by the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, but none of them seemed to recommend themselves to the favour of the meeting.

The Sonning band received hearty congratulations upon their success in accomplishing a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 28th of December last.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.

Date Touches.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. C. Harding, F. Pestell, J. Godfrey, H. Wright, R. Christian, E. R. Todd, D. Hayward conductor, J. Matthews.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, January 17th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 49 mins. A. Walker conductor, W. H. Godden, T. Reynolds, H. Withers, J. Neal, A. P. Smith, R. S. Story, W. C. Hunt, A. Pegler, S. Jessop. Rung on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Ven. Archdeacon Diggle as Rector of St. Martin's.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon)—On Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, E. V. Cox, Esq., J. Monk, F. Webb, F. Pounds, H. Judge conductor, J. Richards.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING.—On Saturday, December 12th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 4032 changes in 2½ hrs. A. Payne, W. Horden, F. Bridgman, A. Turner, F. Tingle, R. Turner, D. Nichols conductor, J. C. Shatford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—Christ Church, Blacklands.—The following ringing was done at the various services in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Dedication of the church:—On Sunday, November 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, sen., J. Livermore, jun., R. C. Ford, J. Newman, B. Prewett, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker conductor, W. H. Swain. For evening service 252 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, jun., S. Saker, B. Prewett conductor, R. C. Ford, S. F. C. Saker, F. Lock, W. Franks, W. H. Swain. On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., A. E. Quaife, J. Newman, R. C. Ford, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker conductor, W. H. Swain. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples. A. E. Barrow, J. Livermore, jun., R. C. Ford, J. Newman, J. Livermore, sen., S. Saker, F. Lock conductor, W. H. Swain.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, January 16th, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Stedman Triples by G. K. Trowbridge, W. E. Sanford, J. S. Rumming, S. Macey, G. Neale, R. P. Knight, W. W. Gifford conductor, H. C. Asher.

SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Colony, on Tuesday, December 22nd, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. S. A. Davis, H. G. Cock, L. Green, F. C. Oakes, J. F. Priest, F. P. Powell conductor. The first 720 in Africa. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringers of the 3rd.

PETERSFIELD.—At St. Peter's church for Harvest Festival, on October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. Garrett, W. Wilkinson, W. Butler, sen., W. Read, G. Barnes, G. Batts, J. Arthur conductor, W. Downs.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Bristol on Saturday, the 9th instant, when between thirty and forty members were present. Service was held in St. Michael's church at 5.0 p.m., arranged by the Rev. J. Clay (Rector), and the Rev. M. Vickers (curate). After service a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Clay. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the next business was the re-election of officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. H. A. Cockey was unanimously re-elected chairman; Mr. C. H. Gordon wishing to retire from the office of Secretary, Mr. C. H. Horton was elected in his place. It was resolved to hold the next branch meeting at Berkeley on Wednesday, the 27th instant. Six new members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. H. A. Cockey (chairman of the branch) and Mr. C. H. Gordon (retiring secretary) for their past services, and also to the Rev. J. H. Clay and the Rev. M. Vickers for arranging the service, use of the bells, etc.

Several touches of Minor was rung on the bells at St. Michael's church during the afternoon and evening.

Correspondence.

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

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

Re PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—As an officer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and also as one of the ringers who took part in the peal, I beg to point out, that as the greater part of the peal was rung in the old year, the peal will be recorded in the Report for 1903, and not for January 1904 as published. For a precedent a reference can be made to a peal rung in the same tower in 1899, the only difference being that the 1903 peal was finished three-quarters-of-an-hour later than the 1899 peal. Although both peals commenced near about the same time, and as the 1899 peal was published as for December 31st. I claim that the more recent one should also be December 31st, and not January 1st. Trusting this will meet the eyes of Messrs. Attree and Baker, and that these gentlemen will bear it in mind when publishing the analysis for 1903.

F. G. MAY.

THE PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AT GUISELEY, YORKS.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, wish to add our names to J. Boshell's, the ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major rung at Guiseley on the 12th of December last. The peal which was a two-part, contains singles at mid-way and end. At the first single, where the 2nd should have made 3rds place, and the 3rd 2nds, they did the work of a bob, namely the 2nd ran straight in and the 3rd out. This would of course produce a change-course, but the bells were very quickly put back by the conductor. After this all went smoothly as we thought until the end of the peal, where a bob was substituted for a single. Now this would of course cause the 2nd and 3rd bells to do just the reverse to what a single would make them do. Now as this is quite sufficient to prove the performance was false, we should feel deeply indebted to you if you will remove our names from it. Hoping we have not trespassed too much on your valuable space.

P. JOHNSON.
HARRY TOMLINSON.
J. A. TEALE.

"STEDMAN."

The Exercise is under a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Davies and his colleagues for issuing this excellent treatise. It is the misfortune of the historian that new discoveries are frequently rendering his statements not up to date, and it is no wonder that more is now known about Fabian Stedman than when the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon was writing; and I suggest that owners of copies of this work should append to page 135 a footnote referring to "THE BELL NEWS" of November 7th, 1903, where Stedman's will is given. There are also two clerical or printer's errors which need correction. The title of Stedman's book is "CampanAlogia," not "CampanOlogia," and in Ship-

way's work it is correctly spelt. Therefore in the last line but one of the quotation from Shipway, and again a few lines lower down, the vowel between the "n" and the "l" should be altered. I do not believe the statement of Shipway, given on the authority of Parnell, that Stedman presented his principle to the College Youths in 1657. It may of course be true, but it is extremely improbable that if he had invented it so early as 1657 he should have omitted it from the "Tintinnalogia," and I infer from its not appearing in that work that it was invented subsequently to the year 1668.

As Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., remembered Mr. Parnell, it is clear that the latter cannot have had any personal knowledge of the fact alleged, and what authority for it was, there are, so far as I am aware, no means of knowing. R. A. DANIELL.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Will you allow me to appeal through your valuable paper to the Exercise generally on behalf of Mr. Abraham Sykes, of Lindley, Huddersfield, who is dangerously ill, and has also lost his eyesight, which is a very sad affliction for any person to come to. He is seventy-one years of age, and also a widower, which causes him to be without that tender care which only a wife can bestow. If any of his kind friends can help him in his distress, I should be very pleased to receive the smallest donations, which would be thankfully received by

T. HAIGH, 14, George Street, Huddersfield,
or to G. W. SCHOFIELD, Stanley Street, Lindley, Huddersfield.

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell will find my views on this subject in the Council's Report on methods and in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS," especially in a controversy I had with the Rev. H. L. James two or three years ago. There are two great classes of methods, viz., those in which every bell does the same work, and those in which the structure is built upon—dominated by, if Mr. Daniell will allow it—the path of the treble or trebles. We want a satisfactory term for these two classes. I fully admit my term is not an ideal one. But every one that was suggested was worse, and eventually the "Methods Report" was presented without any names at all to these classes.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—I think Mr. Trollope's letter unfair for another reason than the one Mr. Daniell gives; for I gave two alternative terms such as he asks for, and says are not forthcoming. If neither of my interpretations of the meaning of the term, nor yet Mr. Daniell's are what the term is supposed to mean, Mr. Trollope's letter gives a greater condemnation of its uselessness than any we had brought forward. Can Mr. Trollope himself tell us what he intended the term to mean? Or can any one else? Or has it any meaning? At present it seems wrapped in an obscurity, which even Mr. Davies' reference to it in "Stedman" does not clear up.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—A few more meanings would be expressed by "varied" as opposed to "uniform"; or "synchronous" to "iterated"; "polyod" to "monod"; "polymorphous" to "monomorphous"; "polymetric" to "monometric"; or "allometric" to "symmetric"; "harmonic" to "rhythmic"; "correlated" to "sequential"; "affluent" to "confluent"; "mingled" to "pure"; "mixed" to "simple"; with many like pairs. H.D.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will announce in "THE BELL NEWS" that the four following peals, 5040 Grandsire Triples rung at St. Andrew's, Derby, on December 10th, 1903, 5040 Grandsire Triples rung at St. John the Baptist, Whitwick, on December 12th, 1903, 5040 Grandsire Triples rung at St. John the Baptist, Hugglescote, on December 19th, 1903, and 5040 Stedman Triples rung at St. Andrew's, Derby, on December 19th, 1903, cannot be recorded by this Association owing to non-compliance with No. 3 of the Society's rules.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Kidderminster to-day, Saturday, January 30th. The Rev. S. Phillips, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available for ringing. Contributions for present year are now due, and all outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. The hon. sec. desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors to Rule XI.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staff.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The above Society will hold their next quarterly meeting to-day, Saturday, January 30th, at the parish church of St. Michael's, Mottram. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.0. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook to-day, Sat., January 30th. Tower open at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at The George Hotel. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey (8 bells) to-day, January 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Royal Hotel, Greenside. Business important.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Elsworth Rd., Armley, Leeds.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—The next district meeting will be held at Sudbury to-day, Saturday, Jan. 30th. The towers of All Saints, St. Peter's, and St. Gregory's will be open to members. The tea and meeting will be held at The Bull Inn, Ballingdon, at 4 p.m.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *Dist. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at Ramsey to-day, Saturday, January 30th. Ringers cordially invited. Tea at 4.30.

G. D. COLEMAN, *Dist. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held in the schoolroom at rear of St. John's Church, Croydon, to-day, Sat., January 30th. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells will be available from about 3.30 by kind permission of the Vicar. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Rd., Croydon.

Chelmsford.—On and after January 30th St. Mary's tower will be open for all ringers the last Saturday in every month at 7.30 p.m.

WM. ROWLAND, *SEN.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at

The British Workman on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meat tea at 7.15. A short service will be held in St. Giles' Church at 6.30.

A. E. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
20, Radstock Rd., Reading.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, February 6th, to open the recently rehung peal of bells. Stisted tower will also be available. Tea will be provided at The Black Boy inn at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. each for those who give notice not less than four days before. ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Coggeshall.*

Parish Church, Leeds.—The parish church tower will be open for practice every Wednesday from 8 to 9.20 for ten and twelve bell practice. I hope ringers in the district will avail themselves of this opportunity.

F. WOODWARD.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 6th. Service in Church, 5.15 p.m. preacher, Rev. F. F. Penruddock, Vicar of Burnham. Tea at 6.0, at 9d. per head. Business meeting, 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting.

E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Wath, near Melmerby on Saturday, February 6th. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. (members 1s. each). Committee meeting after. The tower of West Tanfield will also be open to members. Subscriptions for 1904 became due Jan. 1st.

Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Stokesley R.S.O.
The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kildgrove on Saturday next, February 6th. Members intending to be present please give notice to Mr. G. Siddons, 68, Liverpool Street, Kildgrove.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
The Royal Cumberland Society.—On and after Monday, February 8th, the usual practice night at St. Martin's in the Fields will be held every alternate Monday instead of Friday as hitherto. I trust members will make it convenient to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*
10, St. Ann's Rd., Hornsey
The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Sarum Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on February 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 6.30. Business meeting to follow in the old Vestry.

GEO. F. DOEL, *Branch Sec.*
The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Gloucester on Thursday, February 11th, particulars of which will be sent by post to all towers affiliated. Will all Life Members who are interested in the work of the Association and who will require a report please send as early as possible to the hon. secretary, F. G. MAY, 96, City Road, Bristol.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, February 13th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. and a plain tea on the usual terms will be arranged in the parish hall at 6 o'clock. Will members kindly notify their intention to be present? Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

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

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Dog and Bear. Sixpence each will be charged for same. Members in ending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, February 10th. Half travelling expenses, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. A. W. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday afternoon, February 13th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 21 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee Meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in the Church Institute at 5; 1s. to members. Intending visitors must notify by Tuesday, February 9th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on February 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. Business important. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn parish church on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. A good attendance requested.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

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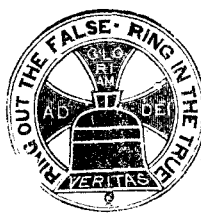
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1904

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are respectfully reminded that subscriptions became due on the 1st inst. I shall be glad to receive them at the earliest opportunity. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made. I shall feel grateful for information at the same time as to any change of elected representatives, or their address, or of any change of Hon. Secretary or of his address. Notices of motion and Reports of Committees should reach me not later than Saturday, April 23rd, so that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of the Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

January 4th, 1904.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, January 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. <i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by JOHN W. GOLDING.

This is F. Dench's rooth peal, a list of which will appear next week.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 21, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. <i>Treble</i> ..	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
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Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH .. <i>Treble</i> ..	CONOR O'BRIEN 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 3.	HARRY R. PASMORE 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by JOHN W. GOLDING.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH .. <i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON
First peal in the method on the bells.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, January 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. <i>Treble</i> ..	MARK WOODCOCK 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	ALBERT COLES 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON 3.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 8.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	FRANK SMITH 9.
WILLIAM TRUSS 5.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1903, in Two Hours Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

T. THORNE <i>Treble</i> ..	J. STRONG 4.
A. W. SULLY 2.	S. BURGESS 5.
A. R. THORN 3.	J. E. HAYDON .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

No conductor mentioned.

First peal by all except S. Burgess.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR W. ANGEL .. <i>Treble</i> ..	†WALTER S. BURBRIDGE .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	JAMES L. WELLS 6.
CHARLES J. GARDNER .. 3.	SYDNEY HILLIER 7.
ARTHUR J. WEST* .. 4.	ALBERT J. KNIGHT .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by JAMES L. WELLS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Messrs Gardiner and Knight were elected members before starting.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

On Monday, January 11, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JESSE SCREEN <i>Treble</i> ..	HORACE SMITH 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES HARES 6.
ALFRED POWLEY 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM HINTON .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. W. STANLEY .. <i>Treble</i> ..	E. WATERS 5.
E. T. GREEN* 2.	C. GOODENOUGH 6.
F. PHILLIPS* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. KERLEY 4.	C. MERRIFIELD .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Stedman. H. W. Stanley was elected a member of the Guild before starting

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1904, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

G. E. HAYWARD* .. <i>Treble</i> ..	T. H. REEVES 5.
T. HORTON 2.	J. SCREEN 6.
S. REEVES 3.	J. HARES 7.
J. S. SIMPSON* .. 4.	R. SPACKMAN .. <i>Tenor</i> ..

Conducted by S. REEVES

*First peal

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

G. WHITE* Treble.	A. F. M. STEWART 5.
T. W. RADFORD 2.	G. PRESTON 6.
J. BENDER* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
E. V. COX 4.	S. M. DODINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Stedman, and the conductor's 500th in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON* 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOHN THOMPSON 4.	LEONARD BULLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 15, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

C. GOODENOUGH Treble.	E. WATERS 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	H. W. STANLEY 6.
F. PHILLIPS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
A. F. M. STEWART 4.	C. MERRIFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

LYMINGTON, HANTS

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, 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 21 cwt.

A. F. M. STEWART Treble.	G. PRESTON 5.
E. WATERS 2.	C. GOODENOUGH 6.
F. PHILLIPS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
H. W. STANLEY 4.	C. MERRIFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST COULSON Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 2.	THOMAS H. COLBURN 6.
FRANK PERVIN 3.	LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 7.
HARRY WHITTLE 4.	JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal and first attempt.

ROUGHTON, MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Holmfirth Surprise, Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Violet, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 4.
JAMES DICKEN 2.	JOHN D. SHAW 5.
OWEN WOOD 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

ASPLEY, GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Woodbine and Oxford, and three 720s of Kent.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT Treble.	WILLIAM BROWN 4.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS 2.	MARK LANE 5.
WALTER SMITH 3.	ERNEST HERBERT Tenor.

Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM RUFFLES 5.
HARRY PERRY 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6.
JOHN BRADY 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM GROOM.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd as it is his first peal for nearly ten years, he being almost blind. He attained his 70th year on New Year's Day, and all the band hope he will live to ring several more peals yet.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WISKENS Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
EDWARD E. DIARER 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND 3.	WILLIAM CHENERY 7.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday January 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER* Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
JOHN NEAL 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal as conductor. This composition has the least number of changes yet obtained with the 6th her extent behind the 9th and 8th.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM EMERY Treble.	HENRY HEAD 5.
REGINALD EDWARDS† .. 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON* .. 3.	THOMAS LINCOLN 7.
HENRY W. KIRTON 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALLEN H. TABER Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 2.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 6.
JOHN HOWES 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	THOMAS BEADLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells since 1824.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE Treble.	WILSON WOOD 5.
JABEZ WHITELEY 2.	CHRIS NIELD 6.
FRED CROSSLEY 3.	JOSEPH HEWITT 7.
JOHN F. PEARSON 4.	HARRY MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by T. THURSTON, and Conducted by G. DRAKE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mayor of Brighouse, Aide-man in S. E. Hirst, J.P.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

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

C. CHESTER† Treble.	J. W. WATSON 5.
J. WELLS* 2.	†T. PYLE 6.
G. FLINTHAM* 3.	J. R. MACKMAN 7.
C. W. P. CLIFTON 4.	†F. PYLE Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. First peal by the society since being reformed.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HAROLD J. WITCHELL* .. Treble.	*ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	†JOHN NEAL 6.
FRANK FAY* 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL.. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from Treble. This was rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of F. Fay, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DENTETH* .. Treble.	*JAMES F. STANTON 4.
GEORGE S. TAYLOR* .. 2.	*R. H. BLAKEY 5.
JOSEPH W. PARKER† .. 3.	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and first attempt for seven methods by a local band.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—THE BALDOCK SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 22, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR BUCK Treble.	GEORGE T. SPICER 5.
JOSEPH CRAFT 2.	ARTHUR H. BRAY 6.
JOHN J. CAWDELL 3.	CHARLES CASTLE 7.
ARTHUR CASTLE 4.	GEORGE GENTLE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CAWDELL.

Rung with the bells fully muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Kewly, wife of the late Canon Kewly, Rector of the above parish for fourteen years, and who took great interest in having the bells rebung and increased from six to eight, and also in the restoration of the above church.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
JOSEPH FARMER* 2.	*ARTHUR CAUSLEY 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. This was the quarterly peal for this division.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. E. WALAND* Treble.	F. C. HOWCROFT 6.
WALTER PICK 2.	A. W. BARRETT 7.
JOHN G. HALL* 3.	WM. NEWTON 8.
JAMES BAXTER* 4.	THOS. HAIGH 9.
A. M. C. FIELD 5.	THOS. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.

*First peal on ten bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

RD. DENNISON* Treble.	W. ATKINSON 5.
JACOB BAXTER 2.	BROWN WALKER 6.
WM. FYSON 3.	JNO. BRAITHWAITE 7.
T. HASLAM* 4.	JAMES SALMON Tenor.

Conducted by BROWN WALKER.

*First peal in the method.

NEW HEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. Treble.	ELI FIELDING 5.
ROBERT DEARDEN 2.	*GEORGE STAFF 6.
JOHN MEADOWCROFT† .. 3.	SAM BRIERLEY 7.
RICHARD THOMPSON 4.	*SAM S. FITTON Tenor.

Conducted by ELI FIELDING.

*First peal.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

T. CHOWN Treble.	R. HARRISON 5.
WILLIS WHITHAM 2.	G. BUTCHER 6.
G. O. DIXON 3.	J. A. DIGGIN 6.
J. EVINSON 4.	W. BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. BIGGIN.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DOUGLASS W. DREWETT .. 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

TOLSON HALL Treble.	*J. LAND 5.
H. DRANSFIELD† 2.	G. H. HARDY 6.
W. H. SENIOR* 3.	W. BYRAM 7.
J. HEWETT* 4.	S. PEACOCK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 3.	HENRY A. HORREX .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
FRED CROSSLEY 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. Treble.	*HARRY RUNHAM 5.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
AMBEROSE OSBORNE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS GWYNNE 4.	JAMES W. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Mr. Gwynne was elected a member of the Guild before the peal was begun.
*First peal of Stedman.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES NICHOLSON, JUN.* Treble.	FREDERICK TURNER .. 4.
JOHN HOYES 2.	ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 5.
HENRY SQUIRES* 3.	CHARLES NICHOLSON, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES NICHOLSON, SEN.

*First peal.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. BARBER .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
HENRY S. REEVES 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE PAICE 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HENRY W. KIRTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5.
HENRY T. WILSON 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	ERNEST J. RUNTER .. 7.
FERDINAND EDWARDS .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

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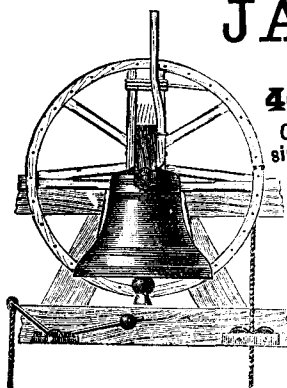
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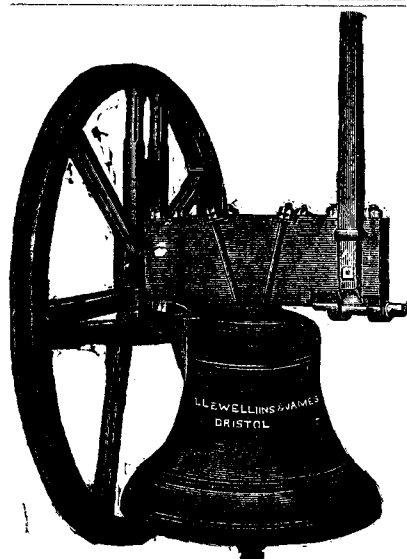
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

NOTTINGHAM. All Saints. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1865. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Taylor 1897. Ropes new 1892. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday 8, in winter only.

St. Mary. Ten bells. No return.

St. Peter. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. All by Pack 1771, except 3rd, recast 1858; founder not stated. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well, but are very false. Rehung by Taylor 1897. Ropes new, 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Treble and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire). St. Nicholas. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. 3rd by Rudhall 1703; 4th by Bryant 1809; 6th, 1703, no founder stated; the rest by Warner 1873. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go very well, but are pealable. Repairs by Warner 1894. Front six require re-hanging. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

OAKFORD (Devonshire). St. Peter. Eight bells. All by Mears; date not given. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Boswell; no date stated. All the bells slightly worn at soundbow. Ropes good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

OLDBURY (Staffordshire). Worcestershire and Districts Association. Eight bells. All by Warner 1887. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since bells were hung. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

TWO OLD OXFORD MANUSCRIPTS.

We have had reason to notice in these columns on previous occasions how early ringers' rules breathe much of the spirit of the medieval Guilds. The Norwich and Bristol rules are instances of this. And so too are those of the Scholars of Cheapside. Their proceedings were regulated by the feast of the Church, as we have seen, and there is another respect in which the reader is strongly reminded of old English custom. In the days of the Guilds not only were their members associated for business and pleasure, but also for religious objects, of which the burial offices for a deceased brother were a solemn duty; and we find the following rule among those we are now considering:—

ITEM it is agreed unto that if it shall please God any person of this company do depart this life, the Company upon lawful warning shall accompany the deceased to his grave, and for a further token of their love shall ring one knell peal either at the parish church where any such deceasing shall be buried or else at the next parish church where conveniently the Company may be assembled and meet together, and every such peal shall be gotten and procured by the eldest assistant or by his means and procurement upon notice given unto him by any person of this Company.

There are other rules dealing with admission of members, defaults, etc., but I think it will be sufficient if I set out the last.

Lastly it is agreed unto that if any person shall willfully break or stubbornly refuse the performance of these orders agreed unto by our common consent for the maintenance of good order in an honest recreation and whereunto he hath subscribed, every such person shall be expulst this Society as unfitting to use his recreation in honest company.

The entries of the names stop suddenly in 1634, and there is nothing to show us why, or how the book came into the hands of Luttrell. "Nat. Luttrell, his book, 1682," written on a fly-leaf, is all the additional matter appearing. Perhaps the book may have been mislaid or lost—it is about the size of the new work on "Stedman"—or the Company may have neglected to keep it up, but there is nothing from which we can infer that the company was wound up at that time. It cannot have been done with a view to reconstruct as the College Youths, for I cannot find a single name in the list of the latter for thirty years, with which I can identify any signatory of the former. All that can be said is that however long the Company of the Scholars of Cheapside may have lasted, it must apparently have become extinct by the year 1682.

On turning away from this glimpse of the Exercise in an age so different from our own that, if the Scholars of Cheapside could to-day revisit the scene of their ringing meetings and suppers, they could hardly believe they had come back into the same world unless someone took them, say, to the steeple of St. Andrew's Undershaft, or St.

Bartholomew's, Smithfield, it seems natural to ask what sort of men may we suppose them to have been? My own impression is that they were in the main well-to-do citizens of London and a few of their 'prentices. We have seen what they had to pay for their supper, and it is instructive to note that a member elected General and refusing to serve the office was fined ten shillings, and for refusal to serve as Warden the fine was half-a-crown. I am told by an authority on political economy that no reliable calculation can be made to shew what these sums are equal to at our present day money value; but it is plain that they were worth more than they are to-day, though we cannot say how much more. Moreover out of all the members joining during the years covered by the book, only three or four were unable to sign their names, and we know from other sources that ringing in the seventeenth century attracted many persons of position and good means. Farewell ye Ancient Scholars of Cheap-side! ye supped well, and rang well, and talked the politics of your period. Ye were dressed in a picturesque manner, which is more than we can say of ourselves to-day. But there is one thing which, probably, we have in common with you—ye were no more Puritans than we are.

In conclusion, a few words about the other Oxford manuscript to which my heading refers. This is among the Rawlinson Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library (A. 315. fo. 216). Unlike that which we have just been considering, it is a large, thick, vellum-bound folio, containing miscellaneous notes of what its author—Peter Mundy by name—who was a man of ready observation, and had travelled largely for his time, considered worthy of recording amongst his experiences. He lived in Cornwall at the time he wrote—or directed some one to write for him—the passage relating to ringing. The interest of this lies in its having been written in the year 1652 or thereabouts, before any of the printed text-books were published. It is not however of any practical value for scientific purposes. He tells us that at his then last being in London he had heard a new method of ringing bells by changes, which deserves notice for three reasons—the art of it; the melody of it: the singularity of it, as being done nowhere else but in England. He has some pricking of a six-score, but there seems a slip in it somewhere, and it is worth notice that this is a plain change six-score, and he gives no hint of having heard any cross-peals. It is quite possible that at that date they had not been invented. Moreover he seems to have heard Walking changes, as he calculates how long extents would take to perform on the basis of each change occupying one minute, and states that the extent on twelve could hardly be written out in 150 years. The whole does not amount to much except as showing the interest that change-ringing in its most elementary form could excite in a man of the world of position, experience and travel. But it appears from what he says that there were in his time ten bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and twelve at Bow Church. This, of course, refers, not to the present buildings but those standing before the Great Fire of London A.D. 1666.

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THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at the Saracen's Head Inn, King's Norton, on Monday, the 18th January, 1904. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. Theodore Pritchett, and there was a full attendance of members. Mr. Theodore Pritchett was re-elected Master, and Messrs. W. H. Sumner and William Palmer, sen. and jun. Wardens, for the ensuing year.

The companp was afterwards entertained at supper by the Master, who gave the toast of "The King," and responded to the toast of "The King's Norton's Guild," sympathetically proposed by the Rev. S. W. Barnard, Vicar of King's Norton. The Master remarked that although only one peal had been rung during the past year, he had never taken part in a peal with so great a satisfaction, as it commemorated the consecration of two daughter churches erected in the parish and consecrated within two years, a record he considered unique in the history of any parish.

In the course of the evening tunes were given on the handbells by Messrs. Betterton, F. W. Sumner and Harry Williams; touches of Kent Treble Bob were tapped by Harry Withers, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung by Messrs. J. Carter, W. Palmer, J. S. Pritchett, W. S. Pritchett, and H. Withers.

The toast of "The Vicar" was enthusiastically drunk, and responded to by Mr. Barnard, who said that he was always glad to hear the bells raised and the ringers get to work. He, when at home, always listened attentively to a peal, and no one in the belfry was better pleased than himself when the bells came home.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a most pleasant evening.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16th, a largely-attended meeting of the Wirral Branch of the above Guild was held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, members being present from most of the churches in union with the Guild in the Wirral peninsula. Ringing commenced shortly after four in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going almost continuously until seven o'clock, touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob being rung. At seven o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where an excellent tea, to which nearly fifty sat down, was in readiness, to which, as usual with ringers, ample justice was done.

The Rev. F. S. Guy Warman (Vicar), presided, and was supported by Messrs. W. H. Edwards and J. Clark (churchwardens).

Tea over, the Vicar addressed a few kindly words of welcome to the ringers, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering, and hoped to meet them, in even stronger numbers, for many years to come, concluding his remarks by wishing the Guild a very happy and successful New Year. The churchwardens also spoke a few words of welcome.

It was announced that the annual meeting of the branch would be held at Weston on February 13th. Messrs. H. J. Samuel and W. J. Battle having been elected members, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for providing the tea. A very enjoyable social evening was then spent, the gramophone selections by Messrs. J. Clark and Son,

change-ringing on handbells by a mixed band of the company, and tunes by the St. Mary's handbell ringers being highly appreciated. The meeting broke up about 10 o'clock.

THE UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD AT HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Andrew's church, Hornchurch, on Saturday, the 23rd January, when a peal board, recording the first peal rung on these bells, was unveiled by the Vicar in the presence of 17 ringers. The Vicar made a very eloquent speech, which left a great impression on all present. He dwelt upon the history of the church and its associations, and remarked upon the bull's horn at the east end of the sacred edifice. He said that he was very interested when this peal was rung, as it was the anniversary of his advent into the parish, and concluded with dedicating this memorial to the glory of God and the Church. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before and after the ceremony, conducted by Messrs. Wightman and Perkins.

An adjournment to The Bull Inn was then made, where an excellent repast awaited all present. Mr. Perkins proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, with a few remarks, which was seconded by Mr. Doran, who in his usual hearty manner remarked on the state of affairs in Hornchurch. He said that now they had got the metal the next thing they wanted was a new frame to bring the bells into circle and also better ringing order.

The Vicar, replying, said that nothing should be wanting on his part to put matters right in due course. He trusted that the local men would see to it and follow the example of those who rang in this peal, and learn change-ringing, as they were members of the same Association.

Several toasts were duly honoured; songs were sung all round. Mr. Dale, the conductor of the peal, was unfortunately absent through business, but turned up later in the evening. A well struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Moule, Wightman, Perkins, Doran and Torble. Those present will long remember the hearty manner in which the Rev. Herbert Dale, the Vicar, entered into these proceedings from beginning to end, all concluding that he was "hale fellow, well met."

FOLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

F. A. Newdigate Newdigate, Esq., M.P., formally started a large chiming clock at St. Lawrence's Church, Foleshill, on the 19th January, which has been erected as a memorial to the late Dr. Orton. The clock has four 5-ft. 6-in. dials, chimes the quarters and strikes the hours, and is fitted with all modern improvements so as to be a perfect timekeeper. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who are also making a large church clock for Chaddesden, Derbyshire.

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PRESENTATION AT HEAVITREE, NEAR EXETER.

On Tuesday, January 12th, at a social meeting of the Heavitree Society in the Church Room, an interesting ceremony was performed, being the presentation to Mr. Ferris Shepherd—who has been instructor to the Society since its formation, and is now leaving England—of a marble clock, subscribed for by members as a mark of recognition of his services and friendship for the past six years.

The Vicar (Rev. T. J. Ponting), in making the presentation, briefly reviewed the progress of the band, showing how much of its success was due to Mr. Shepherd's ability, and how he had come to be regarded as "the father" of the band. Although removed far from them, the memory of him would always be warm in their hearts, and act as an incentive to continue their progress in the Exercise, not in an exclusive way, but as far as possible in touch with kindred bands. In conclusion he heartily wished Mr. Shepherd health and prosperity in his new appointment in Ireland, and improved health for his wife and son.

Mr. Shepherd replied with emotion, and said that he did not need the clock to remind him of his connection with Heavitree, where he could truly say he had spent some of the happiest moments of his life, but although severed from them he hoped still to keep in touch with and visit them occasionally.

Mr. Snow (Withycombe), and Mr. J. R. Nethercott also spoke to the good feeling which had always existed between the members and the father of the band.

The proceedings terminated by a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and the singing of "Auld lang syne." The clock is of chaste design, and mounted with an engraved silver plate, and is intended to be accompanied by an illuminated scroll which is to follow.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

The six old bells in the above church have just been quarter-turned, tuned, and rehung by Messrs. Howell and Sons, Bellfounders, Ipswich. Ringers attended from the neighbouring towers of Beenham, Yattendon, Midgham, and Stanford Dingley, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells.

Correspondence.

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

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

ADDRESS TO THE ARCHDEACON OF MIDDLESEX.

SIR,—I enclose Draft Address which I propose to submit to the Cumberland Youths and the London County Association. I shall be obliged if you will insert it in your columns, because on a previous occasion the central committee of the Middlesex Association insinuated that due notice was not given of certain procedures of the then St. James' Society. It is true there was no foundation for the insinuation, but I am desirous to leave no room for doubt on this occasion.

R. A. DANIELL.

(DRAFT)

TO THE VENERABLE H. E. J. BEVAN, ARCHDEACON OF MIDDLESEX.

SIR,—We, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, established in the year 1747, and having for many years had our headquarters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and the London County Association of Change-Ringers (late the St. James' Society), established in the year 1824, and having for many years had our headquarters at St. Clement Danes, both within the Archdeaconry of Middlesex, beg respectfully

to address you on a matter which has, in our opinion, affected our Societies very unjustly.

1.—At the Annual Meeting of the Middlesex County Association of Change-Ringers held at Fulham on October 10th, 1903, that body, with the assent of the Bishop of London, passed a resolution to add words to its title so as to make it read "The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers."

2.—Our Societies, who are organised bodies of Change-Ringers within the London Diocese, whose members have been and are as actively engaged as those of any other body in parochial ringing, in subscribing annually to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and in sending our representatives to the General work of the Council and to the Special Committee work, have never been consulted about the establishment of a Diocesan Guild, and have been treated by the Middlesex Association (the youngest organised ringing body in the diocese), with as profound contempt as though our Societies were either non-existent or composed of heathens.

3.—We feel deeply hurt at such treatment which we consider both discourteous and unfair, and we feel called upon to address you because the action of the Middlesex Association has placed us in this disagreeable dilemma—that either we must assent to the formation of a Diocesan Guild in the erection of which we have had no voice, or we must respectfully decline to recognise as a Diocesan Institution a body which has obtained the Bishop's sanction to describe itself as such.

4.—As our corporate sense of self-respect is inconsistent with the former alternative, we are regretfully obliged to adopt the latter.

5.—In doing this we do not consider we are in any way disloyal to the Bishop of London, because we do not believe that if he had had more accurate knowledge of the state of organised Change-Ringing in his diocese, he would have been a party to the creation of a Diocesan Guild in so inconsiderate and unhandsome a manner; and we recognise that the duty of a Churchman is precisely the same whether he does or does not belong to a Diocesan Guild.

6.—We leave it entirely to your judgment to decide whether to bring this matter to the notice of the Bishop or not. It is sufficient for us to have placed our views on record with our Archdeacon.

Apologising for having to trouble you,

We are Sir,

Your obedient servants.

OUR CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—As the Schedule of "Our Church Bells" this week contains the Norwich rings it may perhaps be interesting to some of your readers to recall the fine performances accomplished in these four towers. The following list is by no means complete, but contains the most notable: St. Peter Mancroft, on the old ring. The first peal ever rung (Bob Triples). The first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Court Bob Royal, and the longest peal (at the time) of Grandsire Caters. On the present ring of twelve: the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, the longest peals (at the time) of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques. The heaviest peals of Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major. St. Andrew's: the first peal of London Surprise Major. St. Giles': The first peals of Double Oxford Bob Major and Imperial Surprise Major, and the second peal of Superlative Surprise Major. St. Michael's Coslany: the first peal of Double Norwich Major, the second peal of Stedman Triples and the longest peals (at the time) of Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Is there another town that has four towers with a record as good as this? I see that last week the ring at Northwold is given as by Warner. The back six were cast by Dobson, of Downham, in 1818. Warner only spliced the trebles.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—With regard to Mr. Drake's letter my reply to Mr. Daniell printed above it answers it equally well.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—I observe that Mr. F. G. May, on behalf of the company who rang the peal of Cinques at Bristol, proposes to record it as having been rang on December 31st, 1903, although the performance was not completed on that date. Admitted the greater part of the peal was accomplished in 1903, the fact remains that it was finished on January 1st, 1904, and therefore should surely be recorded for the date on which it was brought round.

OBSERVER.

METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

SIR,—As Mr. Trollope now explains what he wants, I would suggest the following classification: Methods in which every

bell does the same work (e.g. Stedman, Duffield, Forward), to be called *Simple*. All others to be *Compound*. The latter to be subdivided into *Plain* (e.g. Plain Bob); *Involved* (involving a second hunt, e.g. Grandsire); and *varied* (e.g. Treble Bob and Surprise Major). It may be objected that then Grandsire would be no longer a "plain" method. So much the better I think.

But if necessary a more symmetrical arrangement would be to divide compound methods into *Plain* (with one or more plain hunts); and *varied* (with a bobbing hunt). The former being divided into: *Pure*, where there are two kinds of duty (e.g. Plain Bob); and *Involved*, where there are more than two (e.g. Grandsire). This would conform to existing practice, but would not be so good in my opinion, or so helpful to beginners.

I am ready to admit that etymologically *varied* and *involved*, should be transposed in the above; but they seem to be clearer as I have arranged them. What do your readers think?

H. DRAKE.

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—On reading Mr. Trollope's letter in your last issue, I think I see that a misunderstanding has arisen. I will therefore explain more fully what my point is; but I am intruding on your space so much this week that I must postpone going into that point till next.

R. A. DANIELL.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Will you allow me to appeal through your valuable paper to the Exercise generally on behalf of Mr. Abraham Sykes, of Lindley, Huddersfield, who is dangerously ill, and has also lost his eyesight, which is a very sad affliction for any person to come to. He is seventy-one years of age, and also a widower, which causes him to be without that tender care which only a wife can bestow. If any of his kind friends can help him in his distress, I should be very pleased to receive the smallest donations, which would be thankfully received by

T. HAIGH, 14, George Street, Huddersfield,

or to G. W. SCHOFIELD, Stanley Street, Lindley, Huddersfield.

A SHORT SERVICE FOR RINGERS.

SIR,—It may have been noticed that a second edition of the above is being prepared. As permission for its use has not yet been required for the dioceses of Peterborough, Gloucester, Wakefield or St. Asaph, I should be glad if any ringer in those dioceses would endeavour to get it sanctioned for use therein forthwith, either by himself or through some official.

I may point out that several societies are taking this opportunity of having a number of copies printed with the society's name on it. If any others are likely to do the same, I should be glad to hear as soon as possible, as it can then be done without extra charge. It is of course useless to write to the publishers for copies at present; but I have still a few which I will gladly send for the above purposes, as far as they will go, on receipt of a postcard.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Verwood, Wimborne.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—I am very sorry to point out to Mr. Lindoff that the three peals of Superlative, 5088 changes, published in the Middlesex County Report for 1902-3, and conducted by Wm. Pye, are false.

F. DENCH.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Triples conducted by me on January the 14th, was not rung at Dorchester, Oxon (where several peals of Stedman have been rung), but at Dorchester, Dorset, where it was the first peal in the method on the bells.

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Parish Church, Leeds.—The parish church tower will be open for practice every Wednesday from 8 to 9.20 for ten and twelve bell practice. I hope ringers in the district will avail themselves of this opportunity.

F. WOODWARD.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bocking to-day, Saturday, February 6th, to open the recently rehung peal of bells. Stisted tower will also be available.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH,
Hon. Dist. Sec.

Coggeshall.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham to-day, Saturday, February 6th. Service in Church, 5.15 p.m. preacher, Rev. F. F. Penruddock, Vicar of Burnham. Tea at 6.0, at 9d. per head. Business meeting, 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting.

E. J. G. FORSE,
Hon. Branch Sec.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Wath, near Melmerby to-day, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. (members 1s. each). Committee meeting after. The tower of West Tanfield will also be open to members. Subscriptions for 1904 became due Jan. 1st.

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

Stokesley R.S.O.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kids Grove to-day, Saturday, February 6th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On and after Monday, February 8th, the usual practice night at St. Martin's in the Fields will be held every alternate Monday instead of Friday as hitherto. I trust members will make it convenient to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.
10, St. Ann's Rd., Hornsey.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Sarum Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on February 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 6.30. Business meeting to follow in the old Vestry.

GEO. F. DOBL, Branch Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Gloucester on Thursday, February 11th, particulars of which will be sent by post to all towers affiliated. Will all Life Members who are interested in the work of the Association and who will require a report please send as early as possible to the hon. secretary, F. G. MAY, 96, City Road, Bristol.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, February 13th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. and a plain tea on the usual terms will be arranged in the parish hall at 6 o'clock. Will members kindly notify their intention to be present? Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

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

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district

will be held at Lenham on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Dog and Bear. Sixpence each will be charged for same. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, February 10th. Half travelling expenses, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. A. W. TAWNEY, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday afternoon, February 13th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 21 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee Meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in the Church Institute at 5; 1s. to members. Intending visitors must notify by Tuesday, February 9th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on February 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. Business important. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn parish church on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DOXBURY, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. A good attendance requested.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Lindley near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock, meeting house The Globe Inn.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing at 4.0. Business meeting at 5.0.

J. MACKAY,
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury. Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Next monthly meeting at Edington on Saturday, February 13th, at 3 p.m.

REV. C. W. B. COBBE, Hon. Sec.
Ferndale, Devizes.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at Parish Room at 4.30, meeting after. All ringers cordially invited.

C. H. PEARCE, Dist. Sec.
Vale Rd., Yorktown, Surrey.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at church room at 5 o'clock and meeting immediately after. The annual subscriptions are now due and the secretary will be glad to receive them as early as possible.

JAMES W. ELKINS, Dist. Sec.
3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, 20th February. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Members

kindly note that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher St., Barking.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Oornhill, on Wednesdays, February 17th and March 2nd, and at St. Magnus on Thursdays, February 11th and 25th.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Anniversary Commemoration Dinner.—This will be held as usual on the evening of Saturday, February 27th next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application not later than Wednesday, February 24th next. Subscribing members who are fully entitled to tickets are also requested to apply for same as early as possible.

W. H. GODDAN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Billenness, late of 39, Hughenden Road, Hastings, and 4, Sydney Terrace, Rye, has removed to Haver-gate Villa, Levington Road, Ipswich.—Mr. E. Reader has removed to Bradshaw Tree Poultry Farm, Mellor, near Marple, Derbyshire.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1904.

Not very long ago some letters appeared in this paper under the heading "steepage." It was found necessary for various reasons to keep this correspondence within bounds, for some of our brethren when rushing into print are apt to wander among matters having little or no relation to the question at issue. But the idea became

established that the position and office of steeplekeeper was one which at the present time is ill-regulated, or not regulated at all—without form or void. There is no actual arrangement worth the name, generally speaking, for the proper and efficient performance of the office—no two persons occupying the post act alike, and the consequence is that among steeplekeepers we meet sometimes with remarkable variety of conduct and character very often the reverse of charming.

It is well known that in some unfortunate instances these officers regard themselves as the sole arbiters of everything connected with the tower and ringing. There acting up to this standard often makes things unpleasant to ringers, and is a bar to any progress. No doubt the fault lies in the mode of election. We have just heard of a church in a large town in Yorkshire where the authorities recognise the society of ringers connected with that church, only. The Vicar or wardens do not choose anyone to act as steeplekeeper or anything else. The ringing company only is recognised by them, and no individual member has any separate authority. The company elect one of their number as steeplekeeper, who is amenable to the general body. A secretary or such-like officer is chosen by this company as a medium of communication between them and the Vicar. The company relieve the steeplekeeper of his office whenever they think proper.

Such a position of affairs as this seems to be the best we could possibly have. It is no use saying there is no alteration required; a great reform in the direction we are pointing out has become necessary. Do we not know that a company of ringers has more than once found their places taken by others and their occupation gone because they did not stand in a similar position to that of this Yorkshire church alluded to? Could not such an important subject as this receive a little consideration at the next meeting of the Council?

AN advertisement appears on another page headed "Ringers' Chairs." The feature is somewhat novel, as will at once be seen. The maker of this useful article of household furniture for the special benefit and delectation of ringers, is Mr. A. Janes, of High Wycombe, a practical change-ringer and a member of the Oxford Guild. We might say that he is a very large manufacturer of chairs, couches, sofas, etc., of the most ornate workmanship. But the ringer's chair is a novelty he has specially designed, and its price is certainly remarkably low. We apprehend Mr. Janes will be well patronised by his brethren of the Exercise in this matter. High Wycombe, as is well known, is the chief seat of this kind of trade, and special precautions are here taken to ensure that all wood used in the manufacture of furniture is properly seasoned and dried by an artificial process previous to manufacture. Mr. Janes has been favoured by many flattering encomiums from several bishops and prominent clergy and churchmen for his work among ecclesiastical art furniture. We recommend all our friends who want good, useful and artistic furniture at a fair price, to communicate with Mr. A. Janes, of High Wycombe.

The Metropolis.

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

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On Sunday, January 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM RD., STRATFORD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.
Umpires—H. F. Dawkins and J. Moule.

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ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HOWARD S. COOPER* .. Treble.	*ROBERT C. KINGS 5.
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HARRY KEMP* 3.	†JOHN CLARK 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	*GEORGE EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CLARK.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four variations of Kent, and three variations of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

R. SATTERTHWAITE Treble.	J. BACKHOUSE 4.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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JOSEPH BLACK Treble.	A. TAILYOUR 5.
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Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Reference elsewhere.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, January 25, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. ..Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
FRANCIS E. WARD 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
HORACE F. STREET 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH* .. 4.	†HARRY WITHERSTenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

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

ROXTON, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-two 6 scores of Grandsire and twenty of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM BARTRAM*Treble.	SIDNEY PECK 3.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 4.
EDMUND C. CHASTYTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLESTreble.	JOHN GARDNER 5.
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EDWARD CAUNCE 3.	THOMAS JENKINSON .. 7.
JAMES MARSH 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONSTenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob,
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Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

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*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods by the local company.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

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HARRY KEMP* 3.	JOHN CLARK 7.
WILLIAM COLWELL* .. 4.	*GEORGE EVANSTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman rung in the county by a local band with only the aid of the Instructor

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM PRICE.. ..Treble.	CHARLES THOMAS 5.
WALTER S. EVANS 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
JAMES THOMAS 3.	CHARLES LAYTON 7.
ARTHUR HADLEY 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTTTenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAKERTreble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
PERCIVAL TURLEY* 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	GEORGE A. CARDTenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Further reference elsewhere.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES H. HORTON ..Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 5.
FRANK K. HOWELL 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL 6.
CHAS. E. D. BOUTFLOWER 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 4.	PERCY W. CAMETenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..Treble.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 5.
HENRY G. HILL 2.	*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 6.
QR.-MASTER-SERG T. A. PYE 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
RICHARD HIMS 4.	†ALBERT N. BANGAYTenor.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHAS. CRUNDENTreble.	ARTHUR MILES 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR GOWER 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 7.
CHAS. HARFFEY 4.	ERNEST GOWERTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

First peal as conductor. Quickest peal yet rung on these bells.

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NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT WILBY* Treble.	WALTER E. AYERS 5.
FREDERICK WILBY 2.	FREDERICK FUTTER 6.
F. ISAAC FUTTER* 3.	WALTER BURROWS 7.
CHARLES T. AYERS 4.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. WEST and Conducted by W. J. HOWSON.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal of Major by a local company since 1840.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	HUGH D. DALL 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by J. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	*THOMAS BETTISON 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON* .. 2.	*JOHN FLINT 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	*ARTHUR CRAVEN 8.
GEORGE HOLLIS* 4.	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 9.
DAVID BREARLEY 5.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Oxford Royal. Ring to celebrate the 50th birthday of Canon Hacking, Vicar of Chesterfield, which occurred on the 29th inst.

OLNEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES* Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
ERNEST J. GALE 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
FRED WILFORD 4.	*ROLAND PERKINS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 2.	ARTHUR GILL 6.
JOSEPH WAITE 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JOHN BODDY 4.	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 4 and 6. T. B. Kendall's 50th peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5400 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	WALTER LAST 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH MOREIS Treble.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN.* 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal of Double Norwich. The band desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. D. Dewar, for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. W. Thompson, steeplekeeper, for his attention.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BUTTON Treble.	SIDNEY BAILEY 4.
CHARLES SAMSON 2.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
CHARLES BAILEY 3.	ALBERT JOHN LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT JOHN LINCOLN.

First 5040 on the bells.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Treble.	ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 5.
ROBERT S. STORY 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 6.
ERNEST E. FERRY 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
ROBERT W. LOVIE 4.	*JOHN STUART Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. Treble.	G. HARRY MYERS 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDS .. 6.
EDGAR MANNING 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
WILLIAM HOPLEY 4.	JAMES JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY* Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	WILLIAM WARD 6.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Major.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN NICHOLLS* Treble.	JOHN BOWER 4.
JOHN WEDGE 2.	JOHN ALEXANDER 5.
JAMES ABERY† 3.	*FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
ALFRED SMITH* 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
ALBERT WIER 3.	FREDERICK SUURIDGE .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	WALTER HENSHALL .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	RICHARD HEALD 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal of Major.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS WATKINSON* .. Treble.	THOMAS BARKER 5.
ARTHUR WALKER 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	FREDK. W. MOODY 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	WILLIAM PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. MOODY.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.—E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

The following peals are the result of six evenings' ringing, one peal being lost after ringing 3 hrs., viz., Stedman Caters at Leatherhead.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN 5.
GEORGE WOODISS 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
ERNEST ALLEN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD RADDON 4.	JOHN EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

BEN CHORLEY Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
HENRY HUTTON* 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR FRANKUM 4.	RALPH WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Heathorn, of Guildford, one of the oldest ringers in the diocese.

SHERE, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

EDWARD RADDON .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 5.
ROBERT ROFFEY 2.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	HARRY FELLOWES Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is Mr. James Hunt's 50th peal of Stedman Triples, and by a coincidence rang on the same peal and bell as he rang his first in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	*ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
JAMES HUNT 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3.	ERNEST ALLEN 8.
CONOR O'BRIEN 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
GEORGE WOODISS 5.	EDWARD RADDON Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Heathorn and Allen, both respected members of the St. Nicolas Society.

RANMOOR COMMON, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	†CONOR O'BRIEN 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

†First peal in the method. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal of Superlative.

Handbell Peals.**ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, January 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpires—H. F. Dawkins and W. Watson, who ticked off every lead as rung. Further reference elsewhere.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1904, in Two Hours Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 1-2.	FREDERICK EATON 5.
BERTIE DEBENHAM 3.	†FREDERICK RUDD 6.
ALBERT PALMER 4.	*HORACE F. MOORE 7-8.

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

*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Major. Umpire—H. Turner.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

LEWIS L. WATSON .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
LOUIS J. FLINT 3-4.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 7-8.

Composed by CHARLES R. LILLEY, and
Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles.

Date Touches.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

CLIFTON.—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. J. Harlow, A. Pratt, A. Daniels, J. Blott, H. L. Harlow conductor, W. Sharp. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Sharp.

Miscellaneous.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, 30th January, at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Truss, M. A. Wood, C. S. Burden, Hon. A. Erskine, J. H. B. Hesse, Herbert Langdon conductor, A. Hughes, L. W. T. Dale.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON (Near Rugby).—On Sunday (after morning service), January 24th, 1904, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. A. J. Hicks, J. B. Fenton conductor, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, H. Sear, J. George.

RUGBY.—The following touches have recently been rung at St. Andrew's church: December 25th, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. O. White, A. J. Hicks, O. Throssell, A. J. Hessian, A. G. H. Newman, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, R. Clarke. On January 4th, 672 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, A. J. Hicks, A. G. Newman, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. Coleman. On January 10th, 672 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, R. Watson, F. Sear, A. J. Hicks, A. G. H. Newman, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. Coleman. On January 11th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Hicks, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, A. G. H. Newman, A. Dubber, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. George conductor. On January 22nd, 704 Kent

Treble Bob Major. O. Throssell, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, A. G. H. Newman, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, On January 24th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, H. Sear, A. G. H. Newman, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, January 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Head, T. Lincoln, E. Runter, R. Edwards, H. Head, H. W. Kirton, W. Lincoln conductor, N. Edwards.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, January 13th, for practice at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. W. Smith, J. Siddal, H. Gregory, A. E. Wright, J. W. Derbyshire, W. Taylor, H. Gregory, H. Derbyshire.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 24th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Holman, J. Powell, W. Golby, W. Humphrey, A. Holman, H. R. Thorpe conductor. And 180 Oxford Bob, standing the same as before.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Herbert conductor, W. Brown, D. Harris, M. Matthews, S. Avis, W. Smith, E. Herbert, M. Lane. On Monday, January 11th, a course of Superlative Surprise. W. Smith, Cyril Herbert, D. Harris, M. Matthews, S. Avis, M. Lane, E. Herbert, W. Chibnall.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PUTNEY (reported last week).—This was F. Dench's 100th peal, made up as follows: on six bells 4 (three in 7 Treble Bob methods; Grandsire Triples, 2; Court Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples 8, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 1; Alliance Major, 1; Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Double Norwich Royal, 4; Treble Bob Major, 4; Treble Bob Royal, 4; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise 45, conducted 1 (including 9312); Cambridge Surprise 6, conducted 1; London Surprise, 9; Westminster Surprise 2, conducted 1; New Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; total 100; conducted 5.

THE PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT ROMFORD.—This is the first peal in the method ever performed upon handbells double-handed, and was rung at the second attempt, the first one failing after ringing two parts out of three. The band have practised at every opportunity for the last nine months, and every time they met the distance walked averaged five miles a man, in addition to railway travelling, as the distance between them is nine miles, making the total number of miles walked about 1000.

THE PEAL AT SPELDHURST.—This was Mr. Spice's 50th peals, made up as follows: on six bells in one method, 1; in four methods, 2; in seven methods, 3; Grandsire Triples 24, conducted 9; Bob Major 8, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7. Total 50; conducted 10.

THE PEAL AT ARKLOW, IRELAND.—This composition is now rung for the first time, and is produced by four bob sets throughout, and six singles, which are not attached to the sets. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Earl of Carysfort, K.P., the donor of the church, tower and bells. J. W. Washbrook, jun., is only eleven years old, and it is his first peal in the method. F. Shepherd had previously been elected a member of the Association.

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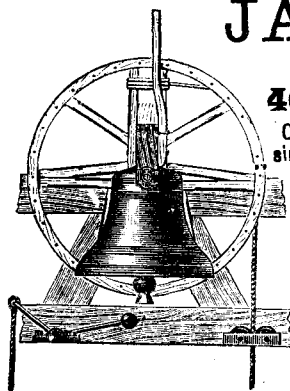
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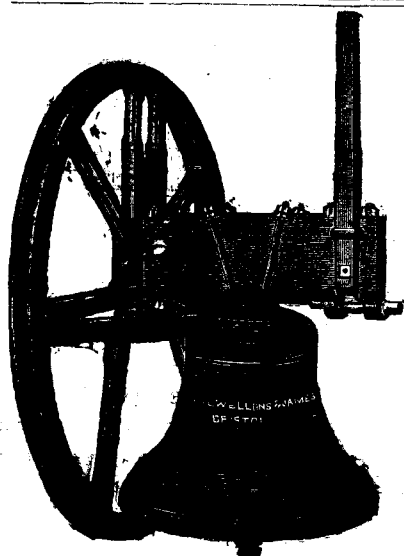
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

OLDHAM (Lancashire). St. Mark. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1876. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung in 1876. Ropes new 1897. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Twelve bells, all by Mears, 1830. Tenor 34 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Mears, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.45.

St. Thomas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1873. Tenor 18 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs since hung in 1872. It has been requested that the bells should be rehung, but there are no funds. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire). Holy Trinity. Eight bells. All by Taylor about 1880. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Barwell, date not given. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of the above Association was held at Wymondham on Thursday, January 14th, the Vicar (Rev. Hon. Archibald Parker), having given a cordial invitation to try the newly-augmented ring of eight in the noble abbey tower of the parish church. Travellers on the main line from Norwich to Cambridge can but admire as they pass the splendid church, with its octagonal tower at the eastern end and the huge square tower at the west, which form such notable landmarks.

Members attended in excellent numbers to hear one of

the latest additions to the eight-bell rings of the diocese, and also to view the great works of restoration which have been carried out in the church during the last few years at a cost of nearly £25,000. Ringing was started early in the day, and at 1.30 p.m. dinner was served in the assembly room of that delightful old hostelry, The Green Dragon. Fifty-two members sat down, the President (Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes), in the chair, supported by the Rev. the Hon. A. Parker, Revs. C. L. Kennaway (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), E. C. J. Bowen, H. J. Coleman, and J. C. K. Mackenzie, Messrs. C. E. Borrett (Secretary), F. Day (Eye), G. Moy (Aylsham), H. Hopson (Beccles), F. Thompson (Kelsale), W. Ireland (Diss), D. Hayward (Great Yarmouth), and representatives from Norwich, Diss, Pulham, Thornham, Soham Toney, Quidenham, Blofield, etc.

At the conclusion of dinner the President briefly proposed the loyal toasts, and also thanked the Vicar of Wymondham for his great kindness in welcoming the Association.

The Vicar, in reply, expressed his thanks to the Association for the grant of £10 from their funds towards the restoration of the bells; and to the officers for the arrangements made at the dedication and opening in September last. He wished to propose "Success to the Association," coupling with it the names of the Rev. C. L. Kennaway and Mr. C. E. Borrett. This was cordially received, and Mr. Kennaway briefly replied.

Mr. Borrett gave some particulars of the progress of the Association during 1903, and said they might feel proud of the continued advance shown in all parts of their organisation. The list of members nearly totalled one thousand, of which over 800 were annual subscribers, and the meetings had been well attended. They had again beaten their own records by scoring no less than 153 peals during the year, ranging from Doubles to Maximus. He believed no other Association had ever approached anything like this total in a single year, and many of the performances were noteworthy. He would like specially to bring to their notice the 5040 in fourteen Minor methods, accomplished by the Wickham Skeith band, and which he felt deserved the praise of all members of the Association. Their balance sheet would also be found satisfactory, when the heavy expenses, which the Association now had to meet, were taken into consideration.

Thirty-one new members of all grades were then elected, and the members again visited the tower and kept the bells going until a late hour.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the north-western division was held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, January 23rd. The bells of Great St. Mary were at the disposal of members from 4 p.m., and the day's proceedings were opened by a touch of 252 Stedman Triples, followed by one of 504 in the same method, both conducted by H. J. Tucker. An adjournment was then made to the Church House, kindly

lent by the Vicar (Rev. H. A. Lipscomb), for the business meeting. The chair was taken by the newly-elected Master (Mr. W. Prior), supported by the District Secretary (Mr. H. J. Tucker). The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed. A discussion arose about the next meeting, and it was resolved that the next district meeting be held at Harlow on Saturday, May 7th. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells (which are one of the finest peals in the county), and also for the use of the Church House. An adjournment was then made to the tower again, when the bells were soon set going in the following methods: New Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. The ringing was brought to a close at 8.30. During the evening members were present from Bishops Stortford (3); Harlow (1); Stansted (7); Sawbridgeworth (4); Buntingford (1); Enfield (1).

THE ST. MARY ABBOTT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

The members of this Guild had their annual dinner at the Kensington Restaurant, on Wednesday, January 27th. Mr. R. A. Daniell, in the absence of the Vicar, (whose engagements would not permit him being present), took the chair, supported by the Rev. J. W. Harold Brown (the Guild's chaplain), the Rev. A. B. Berry and H. S. Burton, Esq. (hon. members). The visitors included Mr. Cockerill (College Youths), Mr. H. Dains (Cumberland Youths), Mr. H. W. Wilkes and Mr. G. J. White (Chiswick). The Master of the College Youths and Mr. A. Jacob were unfortunately prevented from attending. A very substantial repast was provided, to which twenty sat down. After dinner an adjournment was made to the room placed at their disposal in the school, where a very enjoyable musical programme was carried out. During the evening the usual toasts were given, and touches of Stedman Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT RIPLEY.—This peal was rung to celebrate the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Wright, whose marriage took place on January 20th at Christ Church, Clifton, and have been spending a holiday in Cornwall. Mr. Cedric Wright is the son of Mr. Philip Wright, of Mellington Hall, Montgomeryshire, and Miss Catherine Marriott Bosanquet, daughter of Mr. Edmund F. Bosanquet, of The Court, Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. Samuel R. Bosanquet, D.L., J.P., of Dingestow Court, Monmouthshire, and of Major Marriott, of Avonbank, Worcestershire. The bridegroom is a Captain in the 1st V.B. Sherwood Foresters (Notts. and Derbyshire Regiment), and was on service with the Derbyshire Regiment in South Africa for two years, being mentioned in despatches by Lord Roberts for distinguished conduct on the field.

THE PEAL AT LIGHTCLIFFE.—After the peal had been rung the ringers adjourned to The White Horse and held their annual dinner. After a capital repast Mr. Lawson was appointed to the chair. The guests included the Rev. W. Shaw Stewart, Mr. Robertshaw (organist), E. Barsdorff, Esq. (President), G. Haigh, Esq., Donald Walker, Esq., D. Woodcock, Esq., and several others. The evening's enjoyment opened with a selection on the handbells. The chairman then made some very appropriate remarks. After congratulating themselves on the success of the peal, he spoke of the kind feeling existing between the ringers and the church officials. Several toasts, songs, recitations, and a selection on the handbells brought a most successful evening to a close.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, January 4th, the members of St. Martin's society met at the Church House, the residence of one of the local ringers, where a good substantial supper had been provided, consisting of roast beef, plum pudding, etc., and to which full justice was done. After the withdrawal of the cloth, Mr. W. R. Small (leader of the society), was voted to the chair. The toast of "The King and Royal Family" was duly honoured. Songs, recitations, tunes on the handbells, and a few courses of Grandsire Triples enlivened those present. This is the first time in the history of the society that they as a band had ever met on such an occasion, but a very strong desire was expressed by the members that it would not be the last, hoping that this was the beginning of a better state of things, and that ere long they would be able to get the church officials amongst them on these social occasions. A code of rules for the regulations of the band were adopted, and also a prayer to be used in the belfry before commencing to ring. Votes of thanks to Mr. Small for presiding; to the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine, Vicar, M.A., R.D., for being present, and also to Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith for serving up the good things provided in such a creditable manner, brought the meeting to a close.

On Tuesday evening, January 12th, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Small gave an "At Home" in commemoration of Mrs. Small's 60th birthday. A capital repast was provided, and much enjoyed by a few very intimate friends who had received invitations to be present and partake of their hospitality. During the convivial meeting afterwards courses were rung upon the handbells, and a few songs and recitations were rendered. A very pleasant evening was spent, Mrs. Small receiving the usual compliments—"Many happy returns of the day." A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Martin's parish church on Monday evening to celebrate the event, a record of which appeared in its proper place.

A RINGERS' FUNERAL.

On Tuesday, January 12th, there was interred at St. John's church, Hey, Oldham, Mr. Samuel Thomas, a young man 23 years of age, for many years a member and ringer at St. Mary's church, Oldham. He had been bed-ridden during the past twelve months. He was followed to the grave by a number of his brother-ringers, who rang a course on the handbells at his home before the funeral cortege left, and they also began a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at the church, but after ringing 30 mins. one of the ropes broke, and it was postponed until Saturday, when the following members rung a muffled quarter-peal of Triples in 54 mins. D. Whitworth, S. Elson, J. Priestley, S. Stott conductor, I. Schofield, E. B. Shaw, M. Newton, H. Wright.

Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Sec. of the Midland Counties' Association, writes:—"Will you put a notice in 'BELL NEWS' to the effect that the peal of Bob Major on handbells at Southwell on October 8th, conducted by H. S. T. Richardson, and published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of October 24th last, is to be a Midland Counties' peal. The name of the Cambridge University Guild was put first in mistake. This is the conductor's request."

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The belfry of Exeter Cathedral was on January 11th the scene of the formally offering and accepting of a record framed in oak of the ringing on October 6th, 1902, of the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung on the bells under the auspices of the Devonshire Guild. Mr. F. Shepherd was the only member of the peal party who could attend the proceedings. Among those present were the Bishop of Crediton, Revs. Prebendary Bird, Maitland Kelly (President of the Guild), G. E. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), and A. D. Culley, Messrs. H. B. Kindersley, H. Hems, the Cathedral ringers and members of the Exeter bands.

The ceremony was preceded by a short service, at the close of which, the donor—Rev. M. Kelly—asked the Bishop of Crediton, representing the Dean and Chapter, to unveil and accept the peal-board. The peal itself was, he said, a very great achievement, and that was the reason why he asked permission to erect a suitable record. All peals required skill, endurance and application, however light the bells on which they were rung; but a peal on the Cathedral bells involved a great increase in the exercise of those qualities, because the Cathedral bells formed the heaviest set of ten used for ringing throughout the world.

The Bishop of Crediton after unveiling the board, said it was a real pleasure to accept the tablet, which the Dean and Chapter would value and guard. Ringers were deserving of much sympathy from members of the Church, for they had to give up a great deal of time, and exercise skill, patience, perseverance and self-discipline in order to ring successfully. He rejoiced that the first peal had been rung in connection with the Devonshire Guild, but suggested that a record might be provided under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and that in course of time the belfry might be enriched by memorials of local and other achievements which would demonstrate that bell-ringing was taken up as an art by Englishmen with an earnest desire to put the best spirit into it, and offer the best performances they could accomplish for the glory of Jesus Christ the Head of the Church.

The Bishop then gave the Benediction, and the proceedings closed with a few touches on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The heroes of the two London Surprise peals rung in New castle on Boxing Day, celebrated their victories in the good old English fashion by having a supper and musical evening to follow. The visitors included the Rev. H. Greene (Vicar of St. John's), Messrs. E. Parker (Gateshead), R. C. Hudson (Sunderland), G. Potter, E. Astley and E. Ferry (Gosforth). The Vicar of All Saints (Rev. O. C. Carr), sent his congratulations, and would have been present had he been at home. Regrets for absence were also received from Messrs. S. O. Ferry (who also sent a nice letter of congratulation), W. Holmes, J. Stuart and H. Dall, and a congratulatory message from the good Master of the Oxford Guild—Rev. F. E. Robinson.

In presenting the toast of "The Vicars of the two churches," the chairman (Mr. S. Story), said the Association had much to be thankful for in having such staunch friends as the Vicars of All Saints and St. John's; they were always ready to place their bells at the disposal of peal-ringers unless something serious came in the way. He begged to thank the Revs. H. Greene and O. C. Carr personally and on behalf of the Association for their many past favours in that respect.

The Vicar of St. John's said he was only too glad to let the ringers have the use of his bells whenever possible, in fact he was proud they should be so popular in the neighbourhood, and congratulated the ringers present on their recent successes. Years ago he had been given to understand that ringers and singers were the *bête noir* of an incumbent's life. He was thankful to say his experience had been the opposite. He had no trouble at all with his belfry, and it was in good hands and in good order.

Mr. C. L. Routledge gave the toast of "The band who rang the first peal of London Surprise by the Association." He said it was a great victory, and reflected great credit on Mr. Tom Goffton and his band who generally came out on top in most of

the performances they essayed. Though they (Mr. Routledge's band had been beaten) and that by only a very short head, they were not going to be meagre in their meed of praise to the victors who had scored a sound and good peal. He coupled the names of Messrs. T. Goffton and R. S. Story with the toast.

Mr. Story was pleased such excellent feeling existed as to prompt the pleasant gathering they were then at, and the kindly speech of Mr. Routledge. The rivalry had been hot enough, but he was sure neither band had ever wished the other a break-down when once away with a good start. He had heard the St. John's peal, and he did not remember having heard better striking in that tower before. How different from the old days of rivalry in Norwich as detailed in the book "Stedman."

Mr. W. Story toasted "The Opposition Band" (the good seconds), in a warm congratulatory speech, and coupled the names of Mr. Hillier and Mr. Routledge. The latter in replying promised to supply a peal-board for the first peals of Superlative, London and Cambridge rung in St. John's directly a 5000 of the latter method was scored. He also thanked the Sunderland men who had helped in both peals, for coming so to assist.

The President gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Mr. Parker (Gateshead), responded.

Songs were given by Messrs. E. Ferry, W. Story, G. Potter, E. Parker and C. L. Routledge; a recitation by Mr. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and three leads of Treble Ten on the piano by J. A. Goffton; also courses of Stedman Caters and Triples by the Messrs. Goffton (4), G. Holmes and C. L. Routledge. A most enjoyable evening closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and everyone went away with the fixed intention of beating the other's record whatever that might be.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A marble peal-tablet, recently erected in the parish church tower, Todmorden, was unveiled by Mr. W. Crowther, the donor, on Advent Sunday afternoon, November 29th, 1903, and dedicated by the Vicar, Canon Russell, M.A. After the dedication, a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 14 mins. The tablet bears the following inscription in letters filled with lead.

"On Saturday, March 21st, 1903, a peal of Grandsire Triples (John Holt's ten-part) was rung in this tower in 3 hours 14 minutes, being the first peal by the ringers of this church. Charles Barker, Treble; James Richards, 2; James Whitehead, 3; Heyworth Barker, 4; John E. Rowland, 5; Luke Suthers, 6; William Crabtree, 7; John Crowther, Tenor. Steeplekeeper—William Greenwood. People's Warden—John Barker. Vicar's Ward—William A. Sutcliffe; Vicar—Canon Russell. Erected by Willie Crowther, Clerk. Conducted by James Richards."

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF HANDBELLS AT SOUTHWOLD.

On Saturday, January 16th, the ringers attached to St. Edmund's church, with the churchwardens, were entertained at Sunset House by the Mayor (E. A. Holmes, Esq.), on the occasion of the opening of a new set of handbells, when various touches were rung, in which the Mayor took part. The bells, fifteen in number, are of full size by Messrs. Shaw and Son, of Bradford, and were supplied by Mr. W. Taylor, whose health was proposed by the Mayor and briefly responded to. The tone and quality of the bells are fully up to the standard of Messrs. Shaw's productions, and were much admired by all.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16th, the members of the St. Vincent's society journeyed to Bottesford to try the recently augmented peal, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 54 mins. W. Cragg, 1; J. P. Paley, sen., 2; P. J. Stokes, 3; T. Cragg, 4; A. Codd, 5; F. W. Stokes, 6; J. Cragg conductor, J. Paley, sen., 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

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

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—The misunderstanding to which I alluded last week is one which I infer from Mr. Trollope's language, in that he refers me to a committee's report to the Central Council in which he says the above term does not appear, and to some correspondence between himself and Mr. Law James, which to the best of my recollection is not to the point, because I do not understand anyone to have disputed the existence of a specific difference between methods with what the old writers call a "whole hunt," and those without. The point is what terms should be used to mark this difference? Now Mr. Trollope tells us that the former species are built on, or if I will permit him to say so, dominated by, the whole hunt. No, Sir, I won't permit him to say the latter if I can help it, because I agree with the former. It is not the foundation which dominates. That is precisely my point.

If Mr. Trollope instructs Mr. Dains to build him a private dwelling-house, and Mr. Dains does so, will he send in his bill in this form—

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or whatever the price may be? No, because he knows that the foundation does not dominate—so far as it goes it is immaterial what may be placed upon it which it is capable of supporting—a private dwelling-house, or a public-house, or a warehouse, or a mad-house, or a washhouse, or any other kind of structure, and the dominating attributes must be among those which are superimposed upon the foundation so as to make the whole the particular thing it is.

Now, it is well-known that when Mr. Dains is not engaged in building houses, he retires into the bosom of his family and builds methods; and if he is to "found" his method on a whole hunt, what has he to do first, after deciding what form of whole hunt to adopt? Why, to "dominate" it by places to be sure, for he cannot get anything beyond a hunting-course unless he does, and a hunting-course is not a method either within the definition in the Glossary, or within, what seems to me, the common sense of the matter. You may have a method either with or without a whole hunt, but you cannot have a method without place-making, therefore in either case the dominating factor is, I contend, the place-making. But if the place-making is the dominating factor in whole hunt methods, it is totally inconsistent to call such methods treble-dominated.

The argument that the whole hunt dominates because the place-making cannot interfere with its course seems to me refined beyond reason. Surely, as we are not omnipotent, whatever we make use of we have to use subject to limitations, and all are doing this every day and all day long. You cannot, Sir, shave yourself with the frying pan; but do you deem yourself dominated by that instrument because you cannot use it in some way of which its nature does not admit? And take the case of a musical composer—if he is to compose a bass solo or a violin solo, he must have respect to the limitations of the voice or the instrument. No doubt the cold light of figures renders the whole hunt on the surface more unbending than many other things with which we have to do, but my contention is that the difference is not one of kind—only of degree.

As then, I am not pleading guilty to propagating fallacies, it remains for me to adopt the alternative presented to me by Mr. Trollope, and suggest other terms for criticism by the Exercise. We are concerned at present with two species of methods (a) those with a whole hunt, (b) those without. I suggest for species A "Huntful," and for species B, "Huntless." I don't think you will find either of these words in an English Dictionary, and I have the fear of Mr. Papillon before my eyes as I write, but if the terms should be considered suitable for the purpose in hand, it is possible that even that eminent philologist will not condemn them an outrage on our mother tongue.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—Almost all Mr. Drake's proposed terms were considered and rejected three or four years ago. Does he think really that

an ordinary ringer would know what he meant when he called Stedman "simple" and Grandsire "compound"? Your ringer would say what he said before, that the words were all right only they ought to be reversed. Besides, "compound" has been used of methods in a totally different sense. Then Mr. Drake's classification is hopelessly superficial and incorrect. Clearly he has not grasped the most elementary lessons of the methods report. Why does he think that it would be much better if Grandsire were no longer considered a "plain" method? I hardly know exactly what he means by a "plain" method, but he ought to know that Grandsire and Plain Bob are constructionally identically the same method, one for odd and the other for even numbers. The other terms are simply meaningless and unnecessary.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF STEEPLEKEEPERS.

SIR,—On perusing your editorial of the 6th instant I could not help feeling a sense of satisfaction that you had put before the Exercise the only practical solution of the question of steeple-keeper and its attendant steeples.

I should like to state that in our little town, situate on the banks of the Medway, some thirty miles from London, we have put your practical suggestion to the test for many years, with results that any visiting ringers can testify. Briefly it is as follows: the steeplekeeper is appointed by the local society; the society is recognised by the authorities as responsible for the ringing and the proper care of the bells and ropes, the secretary making any communication necessary between the society and the authorities.

The bells are well looked after in every respect, and what is almost as important, the ropes are shifted when necessary, thus getting the maximum of wear out of them.

The steeplekeeper is paid a small salary by the authorities, and if a visiting company cares to offer him a small remuneration in recognition of his contribution towards giving them the pleasure of a good ring, all well and good, it is in no sense conditional, or looked upon as a fee.

G. H. S.

Obituary.

CHARLES FISH.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, after a very short illness. He was born at Bungay, Suffolk, on the 7th of May, 1835, and died at this residence adjoining The Black Lion hotel, Lavenham, on Friday, January 22nd, 1894. Deceased had no knowledge of ringing till he came to Lavenham about 1865, and did not advance far in the art, owing, no doubt, to the want of a proper teacher at the beginning. He only scored one peal—Taylor's variation—in which he rung the treble. The interment took place on the following Thursday, the remains being conveyed to their last resting-place by four of his fellow-ringers—Messrs. Boby, Moore, Smith, and Symonds. The coffin was covered with floral tributes from his family and friends. He had been a member of the choir for over 30 years. As the funeral cortege left the church for the cemetery, the organist played the funeral march by Dr. Fowle. Curiously enough deceased, who appeared in good health at the time, called on the writer only a few months ago, and asked him to see that the tenor was deeply muffled for his death and funeral. This was carried out, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the local company. Deceased leaves a widow, seven daughters, and three sons to mourn their loss.

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Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE.—On Monday evening, February 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, A. Shufflebotham, H. E. Hammond, S. Hayes, F. Rudkin, W. Steel.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY.—On Monday, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. B. Stevens, O. G. Howe, F. J. Barham, J. W. Chapman, D. W. Slade, W. J. Goss conductor.

BOSTON.—On Monday, February 1st, at St. Nicolas church, a date touch of 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., in the following twelve methods—Stedman's Slow Course, Sunshine, Hudibras, Plain Bob, Lincolnshire Singles, Dream, St. Dunstan, Grandsire, Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, Old Doubles and April Day. J. Colman, A. Palmer, A. Gale, H. Palmer conductor, J. Kirk.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 31st, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Eajor, in 1 hr. 14 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M. Fensom, J. E. Miller, Wade conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, January 31st, for Confirmation Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. King, H. Barrett, C. H. Walker, A. E. Sharpe, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, H. Warnett conductor, F. Brett. Another quarter-peal was rung for evening service. W. Keates, C. Walker, H. Barrett, T. Taylor, G. King, T. G. Deal, H. Warnett conductor, F. Brett.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Coles, A. J. Sweet, H. Boobier, A. O. Major, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, G. B. Adams, J. P. J. Bowden conductor, J. Evans.

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STOKE EDITH.—On January 15th, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. R. Griffiths, A. Longville, J. Edwards, E. Calver, C. Layton, H. Young.

YARRINGTON.—On January 16th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Griffiths, A. Longville, J. Edwards, E. Calver, C. Layton, H. Young.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON.—On Tuesday, December 22nd, for practice, 288 Kent. G. Wilson, J. Avis, G. Thompson, N. Bailey, C. Bailey conductor, A. Lincoln, S. Bailey, J. Button. On Saturday, January 2nd, for practice, 672 Double Norwich. A. Button, G. Wilson, E. Bailey, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, C. Sampson, J. Button, A. Lincoln conductor.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, January 3rd, 350 Stedman Triples. E. G. Byolin, H. G. Lunn, G. J. Taylor, H. Jones, W. R. Stockdale, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin conductor, W. R. Dolman. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. H. G. Lunn, T. J. Bratton, H. Jones, G. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, G. Byolin, F. W. Taylor conductor, L. C. Jones. On

Friday, January 15th, at St. Chad's church, on the back eight, 300 Grandsire Triples. H. G. Lunn, G. Byolin, T. Burd, T. J. Bratton, W. R. Stockdale, F. W. Taylor, G. J. Taylor conductor, L. C. Jones. And 336 in the same method. H. G. Lunn, G. J. Taylor, G. Byolin conductor, T. Burd, W. R. Stockdale, T. J. Bratton, F. W. Taylor, L. C. Jones.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service at St. Oswald's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. A. Hardwick, S. B. Norfolk, J. Waite, B. Barrett, F. W. Dixon, M. Busfield, J. B. Jackson, C. Knipe.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

PORTMACOC.—On Friday, January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Roberts, C. Williams, E. Thomas, J. Owen conductor, H. Wakefield, D. J. Hughes, R. Roberts.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday, January 24th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins. A. Walker, W. Walker, T. Faulkaer, M. Smither, J. Edridge, A. Martin, G. Martin, J. Richardson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEBBING.—On Saturday, January 16th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Young, A. Shufflebotham, H. C. Ruffell, H. Emery, F. Rudkin, E. Claydon conductor. Another 720 in the same method. A. Shufflebotham, E. Hynds, H. C. Ruffell, E. Claydon, F. Rudkin conductor, J. T. Barker. On Sunday morning, January 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Barker, E. Hynds, J. T. Barker, H. Emery, H. C. Ruffell, E. Claydon conductor. For afternoon service 720 Double Oxford Bob. A. Barker, E. Hynds, H. C. Ruffell, H. Emery, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon conductor.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Thursday, February 4th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, T. Jordaa, J. Luckey, W. Watts, H. J. Tucker conductor, W. T. Prior.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Robinson, J. Powell, A. Holman, W. Humphrey, F. Sanders, H. R. Thorpe conductor.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, January 13th, for practice at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. W. Smith, J. Siddal, H. Gregory, A. E. Wright, J. W. Derbyshire, W. Taylor, H. Gregory, H. Derbyshire.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, 1299 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd conductor, F. Davey, W. Mogridge, C. Carter, W. Drake, W. Richardson, F. Murphy, T. Mudge, J. Moss, W. Acreman.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 1024 London Surprise Major. W. Foreman, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, I. G. Shade, H. Hoskins, W. Berry, W. Shimmans, E. Wightman conductor.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M. Fensom, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Dodson, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor, G. Bester.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

WILLIAM J. SOMERVILLE Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	HERBERT P. MARMAN 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 63 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING 10.
HENRY S. ELLIS 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

Rang to commemorate the 85th birthday of Dean Gregory.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN E. JONES* Treble.	EDWARD J. WEBB 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	†SIDNEY FARMENTER 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 8.
HENRY TORBLE 4.	EMANUEL HALL 9.
YORK GREEN 5.	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor.

Composed by HENRY C. HALEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Three Hours & Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE COFFEE POT, WARWICK LANE, E.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 7-8.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 9-10.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 11-12.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpires—W. T. Cockerill, and F. Smith of the Cumberland Youths. Witness—C. S. Burden.

The Provinces.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
HARRY S. BROCKLEBANK .. 2.	JOHN W. EVANS 6.
SIDNEY BARNES 3.	WILLIAM HUGHES 7.
ROBERT BIRCHALL* 4.	SAMUEL MOSTON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 2, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE STAFF Treble.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 5.
ROBERT BUCKLEY 2.	ROBERT DRARDEN 6.
JOHN FITTON 3.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY 7.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4.	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by A. SIDEBOTTOM.

First peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal as conductor.
First peal of Major on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 2, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. S. WRIGHT Treble.	R. SMITH 5.
J. T. BROWN 2.	R. MACKMAN 6.
G. MACKMAN* 3.	J. W. JARVIS 7.
W. BENNETT† 4.	H. ELEY Tenor.

Conducted by R. MACKMAN.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rang as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is 77 years of age.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS GUILD, RIPLEY.)

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PILCHER Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	FRANCIS H. KAY 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	JAMES PAGETT 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	ALFRED CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

Reference elsewhere.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minute,

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM FORD Treble.	ERNEST W. MARSH 5.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 2.	JAMES JORDAN 6.
WILLIAM HOPLEY 3.	EDGAR MANNING 7.
WALTER H. MARSH 4.	G. HARRY MYERS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten 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.	†ERNEST WRIGHT 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 6.
HENRY HEAD 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
GEORGE NEWMAN* 4.	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. LINCOLN.

† First peal. * First peal in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM MOORE* Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	*FREDERICK WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal. It is worthy of note that the ringer of the treble attained his 13th year on January 26th last.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

WILLIAM H. BEAUMONT* Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY 5.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 2.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6.
WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON* 3.	JOHN W. KELLEY 7.
THOMAS BEADLE 4.	*FREDERICK GARRETT ..Treble.

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bell's.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

CHARLES GILES.. ..Treble.	CHARLES STONE 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHNSON E. HERN 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 8.
FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD 9.
HON. A. ERSKINE 5.	*REUBEN DOWSETTTenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Reading Branch.

BRADNINCH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(OTTERY ST. MARY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRED H. STUCKEYTreble.	HENRY R. CHANNON 5.
WALTER H. GODFREY 2.	JOHN E. BAKER.. .. 6.
JAMES ELSWORTHY 3.	JOHN H. GODFREY 7.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 4.	JAMES LOVERINGTenor.

Conducted by J. E. BAKER.

First peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE BLENCOETreble.	HERBERT CURE 5.
TIMOTHY CURE 2.	W. F. HARTSHORNE .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. 4.	JAMES F. CLARKETenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

BRISTOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE.. ..Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRYTenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.—E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSTreble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY 6.
JOSEPH FARMER* 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	HENRY STALHAMTenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ..Treble.	E. C. O'BRIEN 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 2.	REV. J. F. HASTINGS .. 6.
HON. A. ERSKINE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.. 4.	*B. CHARDTenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

BARRINGTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, February 5, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON ..Treble.	E. H. LEWIS 4.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY* 2.	*REV. H. J. ELSE 5.
F. S. POOLE 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER.. Tenor.

Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Minor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. GALE*Treble	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
WALTER FINEDON* 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of T.B.M. on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HERBERT MARTIN 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
HERBERT BAKER 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAMUEL EVERSON* Treble.	FREDBRICK J. FRENCH .. 5.
ROBERT BRETT 2.	*HENRY SIMMONDS .. 6.
EDWARD R. EVERSON .. 3.	HERBERT J. CASTLE .. 7.
GEORGE CULLUM 4.	GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT J. CASTLE.

*First peal. Mr. Taylor was elected a member previous to the start.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. COX Treble.	W. VEAL 5.
S. WRIGHT 2.	*A. SMITH 6.
T. MANSFIELD 3.	C. LYES 7.
A. MANSFIELD 4.	W. TOWNSEND Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by A. SMITH.

*First peal as conductor.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS BENTLEY Treble.	JOHN PERRY 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS 2.	ALFRED TURLEY 6.
ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES RUMBLE Treble.	FRANK HOLDER 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	ALFRED TRAPPITT .. 7.
THOMAS TALBOT 3.	JOHN FLOWMAN 8.
CHARLES E. MALIM 4.	CHARLES GORDON 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	ARTHUR BUNDLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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

Composed by J. GEORGE, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major.

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EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

TOLSON HALL Treble.	PATRICK LARVAN 5.
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD .. 2.	GEO. H. HARDY 6.
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3.	GEORGE McHALE 7.
JOSEPH HEVETT 4.	ROBERT BINNS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. HARDY.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Messrs. E. and F. G. Burden and W. H. Lambert were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting.

HAVANT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble.	*WILLIAM J. READ 5.
HARRY PRIVETT* 2.	JAMES ARTHUR 6.
FREDERICK BURNETT 3.	WILLIAM LEBBON 7.
ARTHUR CLARK* 4.	*HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the second quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDWARD EVANS 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM PELLING Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
SYDNEY C. F. SAKER* .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES N. FROSELL Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal in the method.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

JOSEPH BLACK Treble.	A. TAILYOUR 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN... 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK 3-4.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	ALBERT JAGGER.. .. 5.
JESSE RUSHWORTH 2.	THOMAS H. GELDER .. 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	WILLIAM SHERWOOD.. 7.
ELI BARBER 4.	EDGAR WILLIAMSON.. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by J. LAWSON.

Reference elsewhere.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

LEWIS SILVER Treble.	ALEX. OSBORNE 5.
WILLIAM EASTER 2.	JAMES TULLETT.. .. 6.
WILLIAM BATE 3.	*WILLIAM WALKER .. 7.
CHARLES WINSER 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

*First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 7, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

PETER TYLER Treble.	GEORGE HUGGETT 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. W. RICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Williams and Short.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON .. 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN WOTTON 7.
J. W. CUNDALL.. .. 4.	BEN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to the memory of the late J. H. Hardcastle, whose remains had been interred that afternoon.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Superlative rung at Bushey on January 23rd and recorded in last week's issue, should have been entered under the Hertfordshire Association as well as that of the Middlesex.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

EDWARD HIND*.. .. Treble.	*HARRY LENTON 5.
JOHN SMITH* 2.	†EDWIN J. TITT 6.
JAMES BAXTER 3.	*THOMAS WICK 7.
ROBERT B. ROBINSON* .. 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

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

RAMSEY, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE RAMSEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HILL Treble.	*DAVID W. SLADE 4.
OLIVER G. HOWE* 2.	*JOHN W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
FRED J. BARHAM* 3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the coming of age of the Hon. Coulson Fellows.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE SWANN 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 2.	HARRY WITHERS 6.
JOHN NEAL 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 4.	ALBERT FORD Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	FREDK. A. FAIRBEARD .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Bocking Treble Bob, College Exercise, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY E. HAMMOND .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEELE 4.
WILLIAM MOORE 2.	FREDERICK RUDKIN .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES 3.	*WILLIAM GRIMWADE.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMWADE.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung and the front four quarter-turned by Mears and Stainbank, at the sole expense of the Very Rev. the Dean and Mrs. Carrington.

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.

Parish Church, Leeds.—The parish church tower will be open for practice every Wednesday from 8 to 9.20 for ten and twelve bell practice. I hope ringers in the district will avail themselves of this opportunity.

F. WOODWARD.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. and a plain tea on the usual terms will be arranged in the parish hall at 6 o'clock. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lenham to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Dog and Bear. Sixpence each will be charged for same. Half travelling expenses, not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. A. W. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street this Saturday afternoon, February 13th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 21 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee Meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in the Church Institute at 5; 1s. to members.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Roehead Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, to-day, Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30. Business important. All ringers invited.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn parish church to-day, Sat., February 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. A good attendance requested.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Lindley near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock, meeting house The Globe Inn.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing at 4.0. Business meeting at 5.0.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Next monthly meeting at Edington to-day, Saturday, February 13th, at 3 p.m.

REV. C. W. B. COBBE, *Hon. Sec.*

Ferndale, Devizes.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hersham to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at Parish Room at 4.30, meeting after. All ringers cordially invited. C. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*

Vale Rd., Yorktown, Surrey.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Alton to-day, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at church room at 5 o'clock and meeting immediately after. The annual subscriptions are now due and the secretary will be glad to receive them as early as possible.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

3, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, 20th February. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Members kindly note that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher St., Barking.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in All Saints' Belfry on Saturday, February 20th, at 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards from 6 to 7. Members cordially invited.

JOHN HICKMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Holy Trinity, Barking Road, open at 7. Plain tea, 6d. each, to those who send notice by Wednesday previous, at 5.30. Meeting after. Members kindly note that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse Inn at 7.30 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The London County Association, late St. James' Society.—A meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. Tower open from 5 till 9. Members and others are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesdays, February 17th and March 2nd, and at St. Magnus on Thursday, February 25th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Anniversary Commemoration Dinner.—This will be held as usual on the evening of Saturday, February 27th next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 prompt. Chair will be taken by R. A. Daniell, Esq. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application not later than Wednesday, Feb. 24th next. Subscribing members who are fully entitled to tickets are also requested to apply for same as early as possible. There will be ringing on the 12 bells at St. Martin's at 3.30 p.m.

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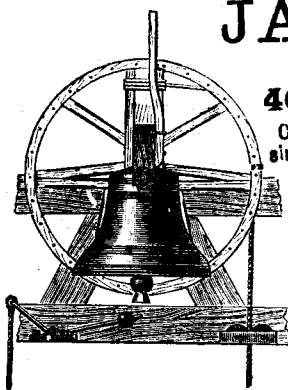
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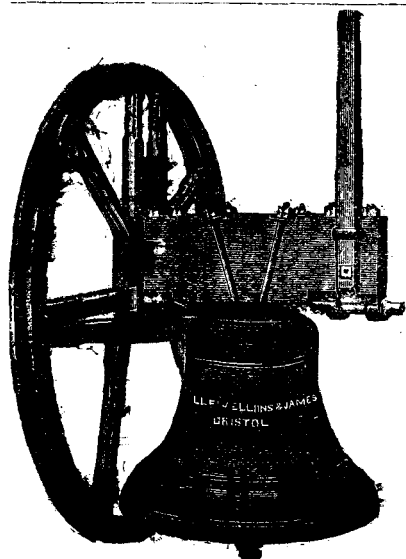
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire). SS. Peter and Paul. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. Founder and date not given. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells do not at all go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1881. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Union. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday 7.45, in winter only.

OSPRINGE (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1891. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. A new ring hung 1891. Ropes new 1891, worn. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month; no time stated. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

OSSETT (Yorks). Holy Trinity. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor 1865. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw 1889. Ropes new 1896. No statement as to what methods, if any, are rung. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. No practice.

OSWESTRY (Salop). St. Oswald. Eight bells. Treble by Taylor 1880; 5th by Mears 1846; the rest by Rudhall 1717, except 7th, 1747. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fixed. Rehung by Taylor 1880. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday.

OTLEY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Chapman 1781, except 6th by Shaw 1888. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung in old frame by Shaw 1888. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5 to 6. Practice: Thursday, 8.15. Chiming apparatus fixed.

OTTERY (Devon). St. Mary. Devonshire Guild. Eight

bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner 1887; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th by Pennington, 1670, 1680, 1652, and 1671 respectively; 7th by Bilbie 1790. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. by Wroth, 1727. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Stokes, 1887. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing for evening service. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

OUNDLIE (Northants). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

OXFORD. Christ Church. Twelve bells. No return.
St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30th, a quarterly meeting of the above was held at Kidderminster, most of the companies in union being represented. Services were held in the grand old church of St. Mary and All Saints, which was well-attended. The Rev. F. F. Monahan, curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Phillips, the much-respected Vicar, through illness, delivered a suitable address from the words, Psalm cxliv. 1. Service being over, tea was served in the school, about 80 members partaking of the good things with which the tables were laden. After satisfying the wants of the inner man an adjournment was made to another portion of the school, where the business meeting was held, presided over by the above rev. gentleman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read by the Secretary from the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, resigning the office of Hon. Clerical Secretary, owing to an appointment he had accepted in Devonshire. A resolution was passed accepting the same with regret, the secretary being authorized to forward the same to him, and at the same time thanking him heartily for the kind interest he had always taken in the work of the Association.

The Rev. Arthur H. Phillips (Worcester Cathedral), was elected an hon. member, and about twenty performing members, including the Curate from Oldswinford, who is a practical ringer. The draft annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The annual meeting was fixed to take place at Worcester on Easter Monday. Two instructors were appointed, one for Sedgley, Staffordshire and the other for Upton-on-Severn, Worcester.

Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. gentleman for his practical address at the service in church and for presiding over the business meeting, to the Vicar for so kindly allowing them the use of the school-room, tower and bells and a hope expressed for a speedy recovery from his illness, which was detaining him from his duties in his parish, also to those kind friends who had undertaken to get such a bountiful tea provided, much to the enjoyment of those present, and for which they were deeply thankful. During the afternoon and evening ringing was indulged in on the beautiful peal of bells, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob being accomplished.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Ripley, on Saturday afternoon, January 23rd, when representatives were present from Alfreton, Chesterfield, Colston-Bassett, Cotgrove, Darley Dale, Derby, Duffield, Heanor, Ilkerton, South Wingfield, Wirksworth and Ripley.

Tea was provided in the church lads' brigade room, by the following ladies:—Mrs. Pegg, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Parker, Miss Moore, Miss R. Moore and Miss Goodwin.

At the subsequent meeting Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ilkeston, Rev. G. Irvine, curate in charge of St. John's, Mr. J. W. Taylor, junr., Mr. E. D. Taylor, of Loughborough, and others.

The Vicar welcomed the Association, whilst Mr. Chas. Ellson (churchwarden) also spoke, making particular reference to the interest and hard work displayed in campanology in Ripley by Mr. Henry George.

The president read a list of peals rung during the past quarter, numbering twenty-six, and remarked that this was a very satisfactory achievement, and he was pleased to see that a new method was included, viz.: Yorkshire Surprise. In addition four peals had been rung and published as Association peals which he was sorry to say could not be recorded, as they were not in accordance with Rule 3.

The Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford), and the Rev. M. H. Pimm (Colston-Bassett), were elected auditors.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, as well as compliments to the ladies for their kindness in providing tea, and to the chairman for presiding.

During the afternoon and evening numerous touches were rung on the parish church bells in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first successful meeting of the year in the Eastern Division was the one held at Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Saturday, January 16th. The Rector, Rev. Bernard Moultrie, entertained the visitors to a most excellent tea, very tastefully laid in the school room adjoining the church. Forty-one members accepted the invitations, representing the following towers: Christ Church Blacklands, St. Clement's and All Saints, Hastings, Christ Church and All Saints, Eastbourne, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, Brighton, St. Mary's, Battle, and Hellingby.

At the commencement of the usual short business meeting which followed the tea, the Rev. B. Moultrie, in a short appropriate address expressed a very hearty welcome to the Association, reminded the members of their privileges and duties as church workers, and related some of his early experiences in connection with church bells. The formal part of the business meeting was then gone through. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected. A lengthy discussion took place as to the next quarterly peal, and a resolution was eventually carried that the method should be Kent Treble Bob, to be rung at Christ Church, Blacklands, and conducted by G. Williams.

The members attended evensong at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, which preceded the tea. Some good prac-

tice was had at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, during the afternoon and evening, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The other towers were also visited in the evening, viz.: All Saints (6); Christ Church, Blacklands (8); and St. Clement's (8). Everyone seemed fully satisfied and greatly appreciated the arrangements which were made chiefly by Mr. George Watson, and carried out by other members of the Association and friends.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Hersham on Saturday, February 13th. At 3 o'clock several representatives had met at the tower from Hersham, Kingston, Weybridge, Yorktown, Farnborough, etc., and kept the bells in use until 5 o'clock, when they sat down to tea in the parish room. The business meeting was held immediately after tea, presided over by the Rev. W. F. Fagan, Vicar of Thorpe, supported by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (General Secretary of the Guild). The idea of splitting the district into two was again gone into, and adjourned until the next quarterly meeting. Sixteen performing and four hon. members were elected.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Hawley on Saturday, May 14th. Several well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble-Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, February 4th, there was held a dinner in Trinity College to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Guild, February 4th, 1879. The following non-resident members were present: Rev. W. W. C. Baker, H. E. Glover, Esq., Rev. H. J. Elsee, R. A. Daniell, Esq., Rev. W. W. Covey Crump, Rev. H. B. Woolley, Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Rev. H. E. Munby, C. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rev. R. J. Morrice.

Regret at inability to be present was expressed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson (founder of the Guild), Sir A. P. Heywood, Revs. H. Law James, E. B. James, J. H. Pilkington, C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. W. Carpenter, C. A. Clements, G. E. Woodhouse, Esq., and many others.

The dinner was followed by the usual toasts and a few speeches, after which the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, on behalf of the Guild, presented to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey a small silver salver, inscribed as follows:—

C.U.G.C.R.—25th Anniversary, Feb. 4, 1904.—Presented to the Rev. A. H. Boughey, in recognition of his long and valuable services as President.

Mr. Boughey has been President from within six months of the foundation of the Guild, and is wholly responsible for its continued existence. Touches on handbells concluded the evening. It was intended to start for a tower peal earlier in the day, but owing to some of the band being unable to come at the last moment, a handbell peal of Bob Major was rung instead.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading, on Wednesday, February 23rd. During the afternoon a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Laurence's church, conducted by the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson).

At 6.30 p.m. a shortened service was held in St. Giles' church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt).

Tea was partaken of at the Old Abbey Restaurant, 56 members sitting down to an excellent spread. The company included among others, the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), Gen. Hon. Sec. (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Hon. A. Erskine, W. Newell, P. Hickey, A. E. Reeves (Branch Hon. Sec. &c.), and representatives from nearly all the towers in connection with the branch. Tea over, the business meeting commenced, the Master in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting together with the branch secretary's report and balance sheet for 1903 were duly read and passed.

The balance sheet showed nearly £5 in hand, and the report spoke of increased members, 131 names being registered, against 123 in 1902. There had been six peals scored during the year. J. M. Routh, Esq. was again elected chairman of the branch for the ensuing year.

Mr. Ambrose Osborne was unanimously elected to the post of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. in the place of Mr. A. Reeves, who resigned office on account of his increased work as assistant hon. sec. to the General Guild.

Mr. H. Goodyer proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. sec. which was carried unanimously.

The following were selected to serve on the general committee of the Guild: Messrs. C. Chapman, A. Osborne, J. M. Routh and A. W. Pike.

Business concluded, and glasses charged, the chairman gave the toast of "The King;" duly honoured, and also that of "The Diocesan Oxford Guild." Mr. A. Pike gave "The Master," and Mr. A. E. Reeves gave the toast of the gen. hon. sec. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis responding gave some interesting statistics regarding the number of members, the finances, and list of peals rung, in 1903. Songs and handbell ringing brought another meeting to a close.

Obituary.

JOSEPH HENRY HARDCASTLE.

It is with regret that we report the death of Joseph Henry Hardcastle, which sad event took place at his residence, 29, Lady Lane, Bradford, on Friday week last. There is little need here to recapitulate Mr. Hardcastle's career as a ringer. He has been for many years past a prominent figure in the North, equally as composer, conductor, contest judge, and other capacities, while his predilection for good striking was proverbial. His portrait and biography appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" some years ago. Some time afterwards, a contraction of the nerves of two fingers compelled him to relinquish active ringing, much to his own regret, alike with that of so many others who had hoped to join with him in the circle for many years to come. Then he lost his life-partner, a blow which only those who have actually sustained it can realise its force. Mr. Hardcastle never seemed to recover from that blow; and in his bereavement clung all the closer to his many friends, who were never slow in reciprocating and respecting his lonesome grief. The ultimate came a few weeks ago in the shape of paralysis, which affected the whole of his left side. This left no uncertainty as to the final result, and he himself realised it, while uttering not a single word of repining, and so he passed away on Friday leaving the Exercise all the poorer by the loss of one of its brilliant exponents.

Mr. Hardcastle was a native of Halifax, where for generations the name had been a "household word" in ringing matters, and "Joe" fully maintained the traditions of his name. At fourteen years of age he was at his rope in the belfry of the grand old Parish Church of Halifax, where his grandfather had piloted the tenor through Treble Bob—Major, Royal, and Maximus—for so many years. He was a true Hardcastle, and even while

in his teens had won his spurs as a ringer, and made himself known throughout the counties of the white and red roses. He joined the Yorkshire Association in its early years. A dispute between his band and the committee with reference to the validity of a peal caused a secession. He was loyal to the men he rung with, and so bowed to the majority rule, and left the County Association. This, however, was a only for a short time, better counsels soon prevailed, and he led his men loyally back to the fold which he had so reluctantly left. And then, once back, he commenced making up lost time by increased activity. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree, in 1883, Mr. Hardcastle was elected on the committee, and on the retirement of Mr. W. Whittaker from the post of hon. sec. in 1889, and the appointment of Mr. B. T. Copley to that position, he replaced the latter as one of the stewards, a position the duties of which he faithfully and zealously performed for many years, until through continued ill-health he retired in favour of a younger man.

Leaving Halifax some thirty years ago, owing to the exigencies of work, he settled in Bradford, and at once attached himself to the Parish Church society. Needless to say that here his well-known abilities were fully recognised, and he was cordially welcomed. A little over a quarter of a century ago, he was appointed conductor, a position he held till compelled to retire from active ringing last year, owing to physical infirmity, and, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, last October, his services in this direction were recognised by a number of presentations in the belfry where he had served so long.

His remains were interred in the family vault at Scholemann Cemetery on the following Monday, amid many marks of respect. On the previous Sunday the bells of the parish church told in their muffled tones of his departure. On Monday there came from far and near brother-strings to pay their last mark of respect. The firm of Millar, Dennis & Co., brass founders, where he had been foreman for so many years, closed at noon, and the men who had worked under "Joe" were prominent in the funeral procession. At the cemetery, the burial service was read by the Rev. J. Leighton, M.A., Vicar of Great Horton, at the close of which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by James Angus, 1-2, Joseph Broadley, 3-4, James Cotterell, 5-6, W. Cundall, 7-8. In the evening as recorded last week, a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the bells of St. James, Bolton. The reason of this peal being rung at Bolton, it should be explained, was in deference to a request from the churchwardens on behalf of the organ builders who were engaged from early morn till midnight, getting the new organ ready for dedication on the following Wednesday evening.

GEORGE GODFREY CUNNINGHAME.

B.A. OXON, Advocate.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, which took place on 6th February, at his residence, Liberton House, Midlothian. To many of our readers his name no doubt, was not familiar, but to those who have had the privilege of visiting the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, if they have not come personally in contact with him, will have had the opportunity of admiring much of his work. For many years he took the keenest interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Cathedral, and especially was this so in connection with the tower. The magnificent casts of some of the important bells in Scotland which form such a striking feature in the ringing chamber were mainly the result of his labours. The room also bears many other examples of his skill and generosity. For years he was a most regular attendant at all times when ringing took place and though he never scored a peal, no man had a more thorough interest in and few a better knowledge of the theory of change-ringing, while his acquaintance with the historical and antiquarian side of campanology was unique.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., prior to the interment of the body on the following day in the family burial ground at Windermere, a touch of 917 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the following: W. R. Fyfe, N. C. Wilson, J. G. Thom, W. H. Barber (conductor), W. C. S. Heathcote, C. C. Ellis, E. F. Price, R. Whitson, J. R. Robinson, J. H. Kerr,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the South and West district of the above was held at All Saints church, Isleworth, on Saturday, January 23rd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill), the tower being open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Soon after that time members began to arrive, and among the first were the Hon. Secretary of the North and East district and several members of the young band of ringers from St. George's-in-the-East, whom we were pleased to welcome. The bells were soon going, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung.

At 5.30 an adjournment was made to the Mission Room when by the kindness of the Vicar an excellent tea had been provided, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. Tea being over the business meeting was held, the Vicar being elected chairman, supported by Mr. J. J. Pratt, Hon. Secretary of the South and West district; Mr. J. Basden, Master of the Association; and A. T. King, Esq. In opening the meeting the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome them all, and expressed his pleasure that so many had attended to test the newly-rung bells. He also spoke on the advantages of change-ringing.

Mr. King, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, referred to the great improvement he found in the tone of the Isleworth bells, and the ease in ringing them. They were, he declared, second to none in Middlesex, and were indeed excellent.

Five new members were elected, the tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 9 o'clock, thus ending a most enjoyable gathering.

T. B.

BELL-RINGING AT BENFLEET, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, some of the Prittwell ringers journeyed to Benfleet to meet the local men for a friendly pull. *Pull* is the word; they wanted it (the bells, not the ringers). The tenor is quoted a ton in the Essex Association list, but perhaps 14 cwt. is nearer the mark; diameter 3 ft. 5 in., note G. What with enormous wheels, short ropes, and various fearsome lubricants, about ten tons is the pulling weight. The tower is said by antiquarians to be much about the same as at the Reformation. Perhaps the bells are also. Net result of the excursion—two 6-scores of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob. The ringers were W. Hunt, W. Dudley, the brothers Wilson, and W. H. Judd. Thanking the local men for their courtesy, and after spending a pleasant hour with them and the Mayor of Benfleet (Alderman G. Land), they arrived safely home, tired.

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."

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell's terms are a great improvement on any previous suggestion. If he can improve "Huntful" he will have hit the mark. So long as he gets a term short and readily understood of the people, he may treat the correct etymology as Mr. Mantilini did the odd half-penny. J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—The hunting course course is certainly a "method" according to all rules, Mr. Daniell notwithstanding.

SIR,—Though without any intention of entering into a con-

troversy as to the merits of the term "Treble-dominated" as applied to the large class of methods having a treble hunt, may I record the impressions received by a mere ringer with no pretensions as composer or method-builder, from the correspondence proceeding between Messrs. Daniell and Trollope, more particularly from the former's last letter. In method classification the first evident fact is that all methods at present known group themselves naturally into two main divisions (1) those having the characteristic distinction of a treble hunt, and (2) those having no such regularity in the treble's work. This peculiarity of group (1) should be recognised by the inclusion of the word "treble" in its designation. Can the word "dominated" be justly attached to "treble" as satisfactorily emphasising the property possessed by group 1? I think it can. In composing a new method to fall into this group, the composer takes the treble work as his foundation, and the place-making which constitutes the individuality of the method must conform to the treble's regular path. The treble is the only bell invariably in the same position when a call is made. Again, in practical ringing, the treble is supreme as a guide to the other bells, more especially perhaps in the most intricate methods. These reasons are strongly in favour of granting the dominating influence of the treble in methods of group 1. Mr. Daniell's argument to the contrary in last week's issue are hardly convincing. He is particularly unhappy in his first metaphor, as he apparently loses sight of the fact that the foundation is generally considered a necessity for "all" houses, and were the treble hunt equally necessary to "all" methods, it would be absolutely valueless as a means of classification. In his second argument it may be allowed that the place-making is certainly characteristic of any particular method as contrasted with another, but that is equally true of methods with a treble hunt and those without, so cannot possibly be used as a characteristic of either group.

As a great admirer of Mr. Daniell's many interesting contributions to "THE BELL NEWS," I hope he will pardon me if I say that his second metaphor is hardly a valid argument. The frying pan is obviously subject to a limitation as regards shaving power, from which the razor is free, similarly the working bell is subject to limitation in method compiling, from which the treble is free.

F. S. BAYLEY.

TREBLE DOMINATED v. DOMINATED TREBLE. (1902)

SIR,—Mr. Daniell has in his last letter suggested to my mind the above heading. The two titles he gives us under which to classify methods are excellent, especially the one for Stedman and kindred methods—huntless. But I should prefer hunting for huntful. From hunting we get plain hunt, dodging hunt mixed hunt, and none hunt if you will, and so I submit for species A hunting, and species B huntless, remain of course.

I admire the elaborate references to building methods and otherwise, and I am sure he will allow me to point out the fact that there is a little difference between house and method building. It is in the super structure which dominates the foundation of a church, be it of Gothic or Classic design. In fact the foundations are made to suit the building. Now in method building the foundation as Mr. Daniell terms the path of the hunt, is already laid, and the method builder or architect has to design and construct accordingly, and if the treble or hunt do not dominate she at least demands a clear passage. Consequently the builder has to resort to dodging, snapping, place-making, etc., as best he knows how, and within the specified conditions.

H. DAINS.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I can but express my deep regret at the unfortunate circumstances regarding the three peals pointed out by Mr. Dench in a previous issue, and offer each ringer my sincere apology.

G. LINDOFF.

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The compositions of Superlative Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by myself at Tottenham on January 24th, 1903, Southgate on April 30th, 1903, and Lewisham on June 20th, 1903, all being false, I withdraw all claim to them, and apologise to the unfortunate persons who took part in them.

WILLIAM PYE.

Date Touches.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

LIVERSEDGE.—On Sunday, January 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Knott, J. Knott, J. W. Lang, S. Goodall, H. Brook, W. Walker, F. Robinson composer and conductor, B. Robinson.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON.—On Wednesday, January 13th, a date touch of 1904 Grand-sire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 9 mins., C. W. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, J. H. Owens, R. Birchall, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, S. Moston. Arranged and conducted by G. R. Newton.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 464 Plain Bob. F. Pestell, W. A. Arnott, J. Godfrey, G. Orford conductor, E. R. Todd, D. Hayward.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 1120 Oxford. F. Borrett conductor, A. Roope, A. Smith, A. Wier, C. Roope, F. Roope, J. Allen, F. Surridge. On Sunday afternoon, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. F. Borrett, D. Ruth, jun., W. Roope, jun., F. Roope, A. Smith, E. Borrett. On Tuesday, February 9th, for practice, 1024 Oxford. F. Borrett, A. Smith, F. Surridge, W. Roope, jun., C. Baker, F. Roope, J. Allen, W. Roope. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 576 Oxford. F. Borrett, A. Roope, A. Smith, W. Roope, jun., C. Roope, F. Roope, E. Borrett, W. Roope.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Monday, February 15th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. E. Oldfield first 720, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, A. Croft first 720, J. R. Pritchard conductor, M. Oldfield. And 360 in the same method, E. Stubbs, E. Oldfield, the rest as before.

MILES PLATTING (Lancashire).—On January 12th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Hall, W. G. Hargreaves conductor, R. Morris, H. Barlow, first 720, H. Hall, J. E. Gilchrist. First 720 by a local band. On February 16th, another 720 (twenty-six singles), by the same band.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK.—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 26 mins. T. Taylor, J. Taylor, J. Snolicar, G. Prescott, J. Pilkington, W. Fairclough, W. Bentham conductor, J. Watts.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday, February 1st, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, in 29 mins. F. Sear, A. Newman, A. J. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Monday, February 15th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, three 6-stores of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Stedman Doubles. A. Moore, C. Gibbs, P. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, C. Young, H. Salisbury, T. Allen.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, January 10th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. R. Chamberlain, W. Davies, J. G. Buchanan, J. J. Jones, A. Williams, W. Short, T. Lewis conductor, W. Greenleaf.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Wednesday, January 20th, a 1008 Bob Major. C. J. Watson, F. Costar, W. Ward, S. Smith, T. Barber, W. Lobley, J. H. Blakiston conductor, G. Hicks. Rung in honour of the

birth of a son to Sid Smith, his brother-strings wishing him much joy. This is the longest touch of Major by the local band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON EAST (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Peddle, J. J. Pratt, W. Odell, H. Gosden, H. H. Chandler, E. Hancox conductor, W. Honor, F. Weeden.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

"KELLY HOUSE BAND."

LIFTON (North Devon).—On Tuesday, February 16th, on hand-bells, a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Ursula Kelly, 1-2; Margaret C. Kelly, 3-4; Agnes M. Kelly, 5-6; Dorothea Kelly, 7-8; Rev Maitland Kelly, 9-10; Mary E. Kelly, 11-12. First course of Grandsire Cinques by all the band.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. Babbage, E. Munday, J. Grater, B. Grater, R. Grater, J. Elsworth conductor, J. Hart, H. Ware. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 24th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 503 Grandsire Cinques. F. G. Newman, E. Wagborn, E. Spiller, R. Simmonds, A. Tawney, J. Bonny, F. Willard, E. Elliott, T. Mannering conductor, A. Burridge.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, October 11th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. Stone, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, J. Heath, W. Granger, D. Wright conductor, H. Gilder. Also 1152 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Lewis, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, R. Stone, W. G. Granger, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, D. Wright conductor. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. H. J. Selby, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, J. Heath, W. G. Granger, D. Wright conductor, H. Gilder.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Howard, F. Whiteman, J. West, S. Goodall, A. Howard, F. V. Sinkins, W. H. Fussell, F. G. Healey.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Leader, W. Wilder, T. Leader, W. H. Fussell, E. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, R. Flaxman. The above is by an entirely local band.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, January 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Preston conductor, E. Leigh, J. Leigh, N. Jenner, J. Heasman, G. Malpass, A. Belton, H. Knight.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Floyd, W. H. Newell, W. Floyd, J. Floyd, H. Golding, C. Golding, G. Worner, G. Sells. First quarter-peal by H. Floyd.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Keates, H. Walker, G. King, A. C. Sharpe, T. G. Deal, H. Warnett, T. Taylor, T. Clews.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 14th, at St. Edward's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Vyse, A. J. Perkins, H. Holgate, B. Cousins, G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson, A. Sorrell.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A well attended quarterly meeting was held at South-over on Saturday, January 30th. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., the bells being kept going in short touches till service time at 5 p.m. The service, commencing with the well known "Old Hundredth," consisted of prayers and a short address by the Rector, the Rev. D. Lee-Elliott, from the words, "With goodwill doing service, as to the Lord and not unto men."

At 5.30 a company numbering 41 sat down to an excellent tea in the Mission Room, kindly provided by the Rector, who presided. The company included Mr. S. Saker, Mr. H. Evans and Mr. G. Williams, hon. secre-

taries of the Eastern, Western and Central Divisions respectively, Mr. Rickman, and representatives from the towers of Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Lindfield, East Grinstead, Steyning, Heene, Eastbourne (Christ Church and All Saints), Christ Church St. Leonard's, Christ Church Blacklands, Pevensey and Southover.

The Rector, in addressing the members at the tea table, gave them a most hearty welcome to Southover, remarking how pleased he was to be able to entertain them that evening, and hoping on the next visit of the Association for a quarterly meeting to be able to do so again in a more commodious room, as they were anticipating the building of a new church room this year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Five new names were then elected as additional members of the Association. Proposed by Mr. Tomsett, seconded by the Hon. Divisional Secretary, it was carried that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Southover, the method to be Bob Major. Mr. S. Saker, on behalf of the company present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his cordial welcome to Southover, and for the excellent spread they had just partaken of. He was sure the Divisional Secretary, Mr. Williams, must feel gratified at such a large muster. Speaking for himself, as a Divisional Secretary, he always felt much more encouraged when these meetings were as well attended as the present one.

The Rector having responded, the tower was again visited, and plenty of short touches in various methods from Bob Major to Bristol Surprise brought round till 9 p.m. The Secretary as well as other members of the Central Division were pleased to see such a strong muster from the Eastern as well as Mr. Evans (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. G. Gatland of the Western Division present, thus shewing that these meetings are quite as interesting and helpful for practising the various methods that one is not always able to do in their own tower.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,

ON THE ALEXANDRA RING OF BELLS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 8.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON 9.
HON. A. P. F. ERSKINE .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Princess Alice of Albany to Prince Alexander of Teck.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble.	JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	JAMES SAXBY 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE PAICE 4.	† WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

† First peal as conductor in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE COTTIS* Treble.	* ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ALBERT C. HARDY 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
DENNIS CARRIER* 3.	CALEB FENN 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ROWLAND FENN.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th. Rang to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Eisdall.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CALEB FENN Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	J. R. SHARMAN 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK NORRIS Treble.	HARRY GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 2.	CHARLES GOLDING 6.
WILLIAM FLOYD* 3.	GEORGE WARNER 7.
JAMES FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal of Triples as conductor. It is fifty-nine years since a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in this tower, when it was rung by the College Youths in 1845.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

F. PESTELL Treble.	D. HAYWARD 4.
W. A. ARNOTT 2.	J. GODFREY 5.
E. R. TODD 3.	G. ORFORD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD LEIGH Treble.	JACK PRESTON 5.
ERNEST LEIGH 2.	GEORGE MALYAN 6.
JOHN LEIGH 3.	ALBERT BELTON 7.
WILLIAM LEIGH 4.	HENRY KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by J. PRESTON.

First peal by all except the conductor, and was rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the Rev. Walter John Nesbitt's induction as Vicar of this parish.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR FARRAR* Treble.	FRED W. HERBERT 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
JOHN BUTTERY 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS TOWNSEND .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURROUGH .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 7.
WILLIAM YOULDEN* .. 4.	WILLIAM NETHERCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.

*First peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, KINGSTON.)

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

HARRY LAST Treble.	ALBERT STRUTT 6.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
JOHN HOWES 3.	GEORGE STRUTT 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	JAMES W. DRIVER 9.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 5.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alice of Albany and H.S.H. Prince Alexander of Teck. Further reference elsewhere.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

THOMAS HORTON Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

COLSTON BASSET, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Treble.	REV. A. D. HILL 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	*WALTER WHITE 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 4.	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

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

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	ALBERT G. WARNES 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This the heaviest ring of bells upon which a peal of Double Norwich has been accomplished, and was rung at the second attempt. At the conclusion the band congratulated Mr. Knights on the superb way he had handled the tenor throughout the peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HENRY W. KIRTON 5.
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON† .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	ROWLAND E. VYSE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Norman.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	CHARLES GORDON 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.	FRANK GOODING Tenor.

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

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Evan Lewis, trustee of this church.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALLAN RHEAM Treble.	EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
EDWARD SEARLE 2.	JAMES HOARE 6.
WILLIAM GREENSLADE .. 3.	WILLIAM RICE 7.
CHARLES MORSE 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING* .. Treble.	FENTON THOMPSON 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON 2.	GEORGE BERRY 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	WILLIAM DREW Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

ARMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At Christ Church, Upper Armley,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE .. 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN.* 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, SEN. .. 3.	JAMES BETTS 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.

REGINALD G. FURSLAND Treble	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 4.
ERNEST J. FARTHING† .. 2.	SIDNEY M. LOXTON 5.
WALTER J. BOWDEN .. 3.	*JOHN WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER J. BOWDEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Challice, sister to the ringer of the 4th.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 5.
WILLIAM ALLEN 2.	JOHN F. FOSTER 6.
FRANK FURR 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FRANCIS R. BACON 4.	*WILLIAM EBBES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Warner.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
DANIEL REDHEAD 2.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 6.
FRANK KIRK 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
GEORGE LINES 4.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

First peal as conductor.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal in the method by the Association on the bells, and in the county of Somerset.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3.	*FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Brame. First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Stedman.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD Treble.	HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. 5.
FRANK FAY 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN 6.
ALBERT E. WARD* 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	GEORGE PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the donor of the bells.

WALSALL STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN Treble.	*HENRY H. SOMERVILLE .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE 8.
JOHN C. ADAMS 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
JOHN PERRY 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES NEAVEYSON* .. Treble	*THOMAS BAINBRIDGE .. 4.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES 2.	CHARLES NEWHAM 5.
NATHANIEL MOXON 3.	THOMAS MURRAY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

*First peal. The ringer of the treble had never rung a 720 before.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DOUGLAS HARRIS Treble.	SIDNEY AVIS 5.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 6.
WILLIAM BROWN* 3.	ERNEST HERBERT 7.
WALTER SMITH 4.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRIS.

*First peal on eight bells.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	RICHARD RYLANDS 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
THOMAS POLLITT 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD MANKELOW .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
SYDNEY C. F. SAKER .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
WILLIAM SPICE* 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

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

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Treble.	EDWARD EVANS 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Nevard and Brighton. The band wish to thank Mr. Nevard for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HORACE FLOYD* Treble.	HARRY GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 2.	CHARLES GOLDING 6.
WILLIAM FLOYD 3.	GEORGE WARNER 7.
JAMES FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NEWELL.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells by a local band.

(Several peals are unavoidably held over till 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 Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in All Saints' Belfry to-day, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards from 6 to 7. Members cordially invited.

JOHN HICKMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham to-day, Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. *Holy Trinity, Barking Road, open at 7.* Meeting after tea. Members kindly note that subscriptions for 1904 are now due.

GEO. W. FAULKNER.

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse Inn at 7.30 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The London County Association, late St. James' Society.—A meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. Tower open from 5 till 9. Members and others are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin St., Southwark, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesdays, February 17th and March 2nd, and at St. Magnus on Thursday, February 25th. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Anniversary Commemoration Dinner.—This will be held as usual on the evening of Saturday, February 27th next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 prompt. Chair will be taken by R. A. Daniell, Esq. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned by application not later than Wednesday, Feb. 24th next. Subscribing members who are fully entitled to tickets are also requested to apply for same as early as possible. There will be ringing on the 12 bells at St. Martin's at 3.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 4. Tea kindly provided by the local band at 5.30. As a special favour the bells of St. Paul's, Hounslow, will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Members kindly note this is not for practice but to endeavour to interest the officials in change-ringing.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hillingdon.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULFITT } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM }

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, 27th February.
J. SHEPPARD, *Dist. Sec.*

CORRECTION.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Pickworth has removed to "Fairview," 12, Frobisher Road, Hornsey.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—This is the first peal of Royal by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 9th, and the first peal of Bob Royal by all except J. W. Driver, and was rung at first attempt. It is 100 years since a peal in this method has been rung upon these bells. The following is a copy of a peal board in the tower recording the performance:—"A Compleat Peal of Bob Magor Royal, was rung in this steeple on Tuesday, January 10th, 1804, in 3 hours, 30 minutes. Geo. Ivey Treble, Joh. Clark 2, Zeph. Puttock 3, Thos. Mofseuw 4, Thos. Emmerton 5, Richd. Laming 6, Thos. Wright 7, Edwd. Briggs 8, Robt. Collins 9, Wm. Cook Tenor. Called by Wm. Cook.

WRAGBY CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

The members of this band, with the adult members of the church choir and other officers of the church, to the number of 25, were entertained to a sumptuous supper, given by the Right Hon. Lord St. Oswald, of Nostell Priory, at The Spread Eagle inn, Wragby, on the evening of the 20th January.

The Vicar, Rev. G. E. Badeley, was at the head of the table with his workers, showing the good feeling existing amongst them. When all seemed to have satisfied the cravings of the inner man with the good things provided by the host, Mr. C. Hepworth, and before leaving the supper table, Lord St. Oswald's health was proposed, and he was thanked for his generosity in providing the needful for this feast of good things.

The company then retired to another apartment, reserved for the occasion. The Vicar taking the chair, Mr. H. Butterfield, the organist, was asked to preside at the piano, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in the singing of songs, duets, recitations, speeches and touches on the handbells.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. J. Haigh, choir master, proposed the health of the church workers, alluding to the bells and their ringers. He said he was very sorry to say that there did not seem to be the same enthusiasm and interest taken in the art of change-ringing to-day as there used to be some years ago, which he very much regretted, church bells being so keenly associated with our national rejoicings and local occasions. Their sounds seem to appeal emotionally to our better natures. What more pleasing sounds could be heard on a calm Sunday morning than the distant music of church bells pealing forth and calling worshippers to the House of God. He for one would be very sorry if the bells were silent.

Other speeches followed, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought this happy gathering to a close.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Horley Branch of the Sussex County Association held their annual supper at The Thorns inn on January 7th, when a good company of ringers and friends sat down to a capital tea, provided by host Cornwall. The Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Lewis, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, the

curate. Mr. F. E. Glover, people's church-warden, occupied the vice-chair.

The Vicar proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured. Mr. H. J. Swan then proposed the toast of the church officials. Mr. F. E. Glover, responding, said in spite of what they had heard he assured the bellringers that their services were thoroughly appreciated.

The Vicar, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Horley Bellringers," said they had a band of ringers who were exceedingly popular with the parishioners. Mr. W. Edwards, foreman of the ringers, heartily thanked the parishioners for their kind support during the year. Mr. A. Songhurst, also responding, said the Horley band had been very successful during the year, having completed three peals of 5040 with three recruits.

Songs by Messrs. Swan, W. Wood, Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, and Edwards, and tunes on the handbells by J. Kenward, D. Etheridge, A. Etheridge, A. Songhurst and S. Kenward brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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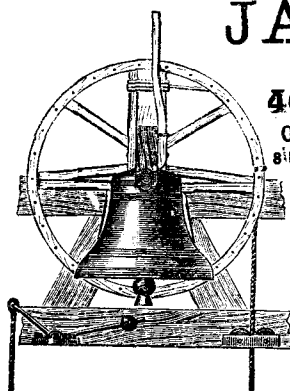
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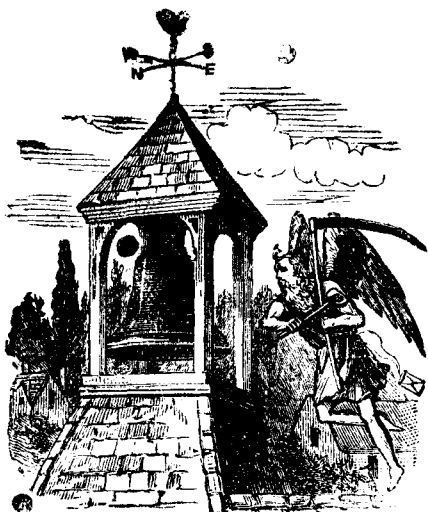
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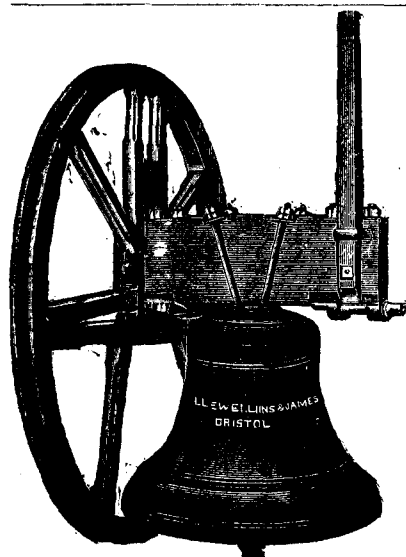
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

OXHEY (Herts). St. Matthew. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1887. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

OXTON (Cheshire). St. Saviour. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1895. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire). Gloucester and Bristol Association. Twelve bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1887; the rest by Rudhall, 1731. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1908. All repairs at once attended to by the church authorities. A chiming apparatus fitted. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 10.15 to 11; 2nd, 4th and 5th, 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

PATTINGHAM (Staffordshire). St. Chad. Eight bells. The trebles by Mears, 1864; the rest by Smith, 1724. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Mears, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. No half-pull ringing, but call-changes "according to method." No Sunday ringing except on festivals. Practice: alternate Thursdays from October 29th to February 2nd.

SHIPWAY'S ART OF RINGING.—The publisher has on hand a few copies of this great work. Price to clear—5s. per copy (nett). The whole bound in cloth.—E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, London.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at Bocking on Saturday, February 6th, to open the recently rehung peal of six bells. This beautiful ring (tenor 19 cwt. in E flat), had for some years past gone rather shaky, and a few months back it was decided that they could no longer be rung in safety. On this news reaching the ears of the Dean—who although 90 years of age still takes great interest in his bells—he at once sent a cheque to cover the total cost of rehanging them. The work was entrusted to Mears and Stainbank, who found it necessary to replace all stocks and fittings, but were able to use the frame again after bolting it. The work has been carried out in the usual efficient way for which the firm is noted. The only necessary improvement now to this grand ring of six is its augmentation to eight, and the suggestion was heard on all sides that next year being the sixtieth anniversary of the present Dean's incumbency, no more fitting appreciation of his life's work amongst them could be given by the parishioners than by adding two trebles to complete the octave. The tea, which was held at The Black Boy inn, was given by the kind Dean and his churchwarden, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

During the afternoon and evening 720s of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung, and at the social evening which followed the tea, touches in various methods, and tunes were rung on the handbells, and several songs sung by those present. In addition to the local company ringers were present from Braintree, Rayne, Coggeshall, Feering, Maldon, Stisted, Great Bentley, Stebbing, and Writtle.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Merrow and Clandon on Saturday, February 13th, and was well attended, members being present from Guildford, Godalming, Farnham, Dunsfold, Shere, Merrow, Haslemere, Shalford, etc. The quarterly tea, at which fifty were present, took place in the West Clandon schoolroom, under the genial chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Dalton. At the business meeting afterwards it was decided to hold meetings at Chiddingfold on May 14th; Seale and Puttenham, August 20th; and the annual district meeting at Guildford on Wednesday, November 16th. The Vicar then addressed the local ringers, and urged the advantages of the Guild upon them. The Secretary (Mr. Jones) also spoke, and removed a few misapprehensions of the objects and work of the Guild, and the band and Vicar were then formally elected amidst applause.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was accorded musical honours, and in response the rev. gentleman said their thanks should really be given to Mr. Goacher who had done the work in providing the tea, which was no small undertaking in a little village like theirs. The musical rings of six at both churches were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

A quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Shifnal on Saturday afternoon, and there were many members present from Shrewbury, Wellington, Bridgnorth and other parts of the archdeaconry. The Hon. Secretary of the Guild (the Rev. J. Mackay, Shrewsbury) having read the office, ringing was begun and continued without intermission until about five o'clock, when the members were invited by the Shifnal-ringers to an excellent tea. The Rev. J. Mackay occupied the chair during the meal, and upon its conclusion, thanked the Shifnal-ringers, on behalf of the Guild, for their kind hospitality and hearty welcome. The ringers again repaired to the belfry, and made a good use of the bells until late. The ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and other methods, and the members spent a very pleasant time.

EXETER RINGERS CYCLING CLUB.

The first annual supper of the members of the Club was held on February 14th, at their head-quarters, 5, Catherine Street, when the City Marshal, S. Herbert, Esq., presided over a happy company of twenty-five ringers. "Go" was called at 7.30 to some excellent viands provided by the genial host, Richards, and justice was done can be assured as there was not a false blow struck. Letters of apology were read from H. Hems, H. B. Kindersley, Esq., H. Stokes, bellhanger, Woodbury, J. Ridler, Thorverton, R. Davey, Woodbury, W. G. Marsh, also from the Secretaries of the Exeter Rovers and Towers Cycling Clubs and others.

Kindred societies were given by W. Acreman, (St. Sidwell's), who express the benefits that would be derived by being in touch with other bands, and was suitably responded to by T. J. Stokes, St. Thomas.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club," said it afforded him very great pleasure to be present and assist in any way he could the efforts of a band of ringers. He congratulated the Club on the strides it had taken and the progress they had made, for although only in its infancy it had visited several country towers and given exhibitions of change-ringing. He thought nothing could be more healthful or enjoyable than a spin of a few miles in the country, a pleasant ring and home again. It was good for the members and for our country ringers, and he was sure good would ultimately come of it. Country ringers would begin to realise that there was an art as well as a science in ringing, and would want to be taught to do the same. He threw out the suggestion that perhaps the lady ringers and cyclists would join the Club, so as to strengthen and help each other in ringing.

The Secretary, in acknowledging the compliments paid the Club, said their thanks were due to the various clergy who had given permission to ring their bells.

The evening was then spent in harmony, including some excellent songs and duets, Mr. A. Stokes with his mystic rod, and lantern pictures of the Club excursions.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

The annual meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 23rd, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The tower was open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. when touches in various methods were rung. The special service was held at 6 p.m., and

was well attended, especially considering what a foggy disagreeable night it was in London. Moreover, owing to the length of time men make their engagements in advance, it will probably be well to give more previous notice on future occasions, but taking all these into consideration, the service for a first attempt of its kind at St. Clements was a distinct success, and it is a great pleasure to say that this was the view of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, the Rev. J. J. H. Septimus Pennington, M.A., who has kindly consented to be the Honorary Chaplain of the Association, and of whose ready sympathy and cordial help no words can express too high an appreciation, and with him we must also thank the Rev. W. Earle, B.D., his assistant-curate, and Mr. Marchmont, the organist, and the gentlemen and boys of the choir, who gave ungrudging sympathetic assistance.

The order of service was the special form adopted by the Association, with the approval of the Hon. Chaplain, as lessons Ecclesiasticus xlv. to verse 15, and Romans xii. and the *Te Deum*. The J. J. H. Septimus Pennington addressed the congregation, impressing upon them that everything that stood the test of continuous progress and development must be of a kind to receive the blessing of God, or else it could not continue, and therefore he felt sure that change-ringing had the approval of the Almighty. He spoke of his warm sympathy with ringing, dating from the time of his boyhood. He congratulated the Association on having decided on a special order of worship at the outset of their work, and impressed on his audience the teaching of the second lesson, that men should from the highest motive put the best they had into all they did.

The Hon. Chaplain's words were listened to with the greatest attention and respect.

The members then went to the parish house, Clare Market, for the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed as correct, the election took place of Miss Amy Jacob as an honorary member, and Mr. C. Carew Cox as a ringing member. It was proposed and carried that the peals that had been rung be entered in the grand peal book.

The secretary reported that during the past year an extraordinary amount of business had been disposed of. They had reconstituted the Association for the purpose of teaching young and local ringers; they had held a Grand Concert according to rule, that of social purposes, which was an immense success; excellent united practices had been held on alternate Mondays at St. Clement Danes, though he should like to see more present to ring on the first Sunday in the month for morning service. Bands had been arranged for Sunday service ringing at different churches, including St. Michael's, Cornhill, where Stedman Cinques was rung; St. James's, Bermondsey, where Stedman Caters and Treble Ten had been rung; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Luke's, Chelsea, and several others. Ten peals had been rung, being three of Stedman Caters, five of Stedman Triples, and one each of Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich. Forty-six ringers had taken part in these peals, some had rung their first peal, and they were called by seven different conductors. They had elected forty-three new members, which was a record. The balance-sheet could not be finished in time for the meeting, but it showed a balance in hand of £9 2s. 3d., which was the largest sum ever held by the Association. They regretted to say that death had taken away a most enthusiastic member and officer, the junior steward, Mr. George Turl, one whom all respected; but considering all they had had a year of complete success, one that they could congratulate themselves on.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year. It was proposed and carried that Mr. Arthur Jacob be the Master, Mr. Challis F. Winney, to be hon. treasurer, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, be hon. secretary; Mr. Thomas Langdon (P) be senior steward and Mr. Frank Smith junior steward; Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. Mark Woodcock trustees; and the following gentlemen as the committee: Mr. J. Pryer of Chelsea, Mr. C. Carew Cox of Hammersmith, Mr. Richard Bevan of the North, Mr. E. Wallage of Whitechapel, Mr. A. B. Peck of Bow, Mr. H. Stubbs of Stoke Newington, Mr. F. G. Perrin of Newington and Mr. T. Langdon of Walworth. The members then adjourned to the Association meeting-room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, where the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner. Mr. W. Sear presided at the piano, and with his brother-string from Chelsea, Mr. J.

Pryer, who always carries the room, gave the crowded company some excellent songs. Mr. Tom Walker manipulated the gramophone, Billy Weatherstone trolled out the terrible 'crocodile,' Mr. William Truss sung Tom Tolliday's 12,000 of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, which it is worthy to note was rung by this society, and at the time was the greatest number of changes rung on ten bells; and a course of Stedman Caters on handbells by T. H. Taffender, H. Langdon, C. F. Winney, T. Langdon and W. S. Langdon. Mr. Daniell gave a selection, but the hours of midnight was fast approaching so rounds had to be brought up. The company dispersing, brought to a close a most successful annual meeting.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting was held January 2nd, 1904, at St. Peter's, Bramley. Tower ringing commenced during the afternoon, touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, &c., being rang.

The business meeting being announced for 7.30 p.m., an adjournment was made to The Cardigan Arms. Previous to the meeting, an excellent luncheon was provided and served by members of the Bromley company, and was heartily enjoyed by all present. The business meeting now took place, Mr. George Barraclough in the chair, Mr. T. Maude, vice-chair, and upwards of forty members being present from the following towers:—Burley, Holbeck, Pudsey, Headingley S. Chad's and S. Michael's, Huddersfield, Tong, Leeds and local company. The meeting now being opened, the Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of previous meeting. Having been read, no discussion being forthcoming, they were proposed as read by Mr. G. Backhouse, seconded by Mr. P. Johnstone, and carried. Other business having been brought before the meeting, the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells was proposed by Mr. T. Maude, and seconded by Mr. G. Gay, and carried. A special vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent luncheon provided, was proposed by Mr. H. Lockwood and seconded by G. Bolland, and unanimously carried. Mr. J. T. Holgate, in reply to the vote of thanks, said it had given him great pleasure to see so many present, and also to thank the members on behalf of the local company for so hearty a vote of thanks. One new member was elected, Selections on the handbells by the Headingley St. Chad's company of handbell ringers during the evening were greatly appreciated. Methods on handbells rung were Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, &c.

The meeting closed at a late hour, everyone present having thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the first meeting in the new year.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at The Gresham hotel, Gloucester, on Thursday evening, January 11th. Previous to the meeting there was a special service in St. Michael's church, at which the Rev. G. F. Coleridge preached, the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) read the lessons, and the Rev. E. B. James read the service. The Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) presided at the meeting, and was supported by the Venerable Archdeacon Hayward, the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, H. C. Courtney, E. B. James, and C. E. D. Boutflower. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Venerable Archdeacon Sheringham was proposed from the chair, Mr. Davies also expressing the great loss the association felt at the death of one of their vice-presidents. The Rev. E. B. James seconded, and the motion was carried in silence. The branch reports were read and ordered to be embodied in the annual report. The Gloucester report regretted a falling off in peal-ringing. The election of branch reports and new members (84 in number) was unanimously confirmed by the meeting. In the course of the twenty-sixth annual report it was stated that they had 350 performing members, 126 life members, 50 hon. members, and 13 out-diocesan members. In 1905 the annual meeting will be held at Cirencester. The Chairman detailed the number of peals rung last year, making a grand

total of 604. The report was adopted. The financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £32 3s. 2d., despite 100 subscriptions still owing, was adopted. Election of officers followed. Earl Bathurst, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and Sir John E. Dorrington were elected vice-presidents. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected Master, Mr. F. G. May, hon. secretary, and Mr. F. E. Ward, hon. treasurer.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed the rescindment of a resolution passed in 1885, debarring the Master from more than two consecutive years' service, and proposed that the election be annual, and with no restriction as to the length of time of office, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman referred to the division of the association into three archidiaconal branches, which he regarded as good, but possessing one drawback, namely, that it had practically cut the association up into three. He asked their consideration of this, that they might evolve a scheme to cement the association together. They only had one joint meeting in the year. Archdeacon Hayward suggested a joint committee representing the three archdeacons. The Rev. H. A. Cockey thereupon proposed that the officers of the various branches be requested to meet at least once before the annual meeting, which was carried.

It was proposed that a special meeting be held at Stroud on Easter Tuesday to consider the question of changing the date of the annual meeting from the winter to the summer. The Chairman referred to the clashing of meetings and to the necessity for conductors to send to the Master a record of their peals. Discussion followed, and it was decided to embody those suggestions in the report.

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."

TREBLE DOMINATED—OR DOMINATED TREBLE?

SIR,—However gratified I ought to feel that my last letter has interested some of your correspondents, I am somewhat embarrassed in replying, because besides the three letters from Mr. Trollope, Mr. Bayley and Mr. Dains, appearing in your last issue, Mr. Dains has written me one, and Mr. Trollope two private letters on this subject. The consequence is that it is difficult to avoid dealing with one or two points which have not been plainly brought forward in your columns, and if therefore I fail to make myself clear, I trust your readers will make what excuses they can for me, and hurl their maledictions at Mr. Trollope and Mr. Dains.

Now, first of all, what is a method? Mr. Trollope, in the p.s. to his public letter says that the hunting course is certainly a method according to all rules, myself notwithstanding. Mr. Bulwer, Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dains, and Mr. N. J. Pitstow tell us, in "The Glossary," that a method is "any special way in which continuous changes on five or more bells are produced by the regular and orderly movement of all, without repetition of any one change, which is also capable of yielding either the full possible number of distinct changes, or not less than 5000." The italics are mine, and I use them to draw attention to the difference between Mr. Trollope's statement and the Glossary definition; and as the hunting course does not comply with the Glossary's conditions, I reply that it is *not* a method, Mr. Trollope notwithstanding. If then, the hunting course is not a method, how is it to be made into one? By interfering with it by place-making, and it certainly seems to me that the place-making is the dominating factor, because that, and that alone enables, nay more compels the whole hunt to run into a method. Still, whatever view individuals may take of this question, the terms I have proposed appear to cover the case, subject to any objections that may be raised; for it is evident that the specific difference between the two groups of methods we are considering is the same whatever the dominating factor may be.

Now Mr. Trollope in his public letter criticises "Huntful" without saying why; in his private letter No. 1 he asks me how a method is more "full" of a hunt than it is dominated by a

hunt? and in the p.s. to his private letter No. 2 he says that my huntless methods are *all* hunts, and my huntful methods are *not* full of hunts; and Mr. Dains both in his public and private comments recommends the substitution of "Hunting" for "Huntful."

With regard to Mr. Trollope's first question, he surely knows that the suffix "full" signifies nothing more than possession. If you say that a man is grateful you only assert that he is possessed of gratitude, as distinguished from a man who is not, and you do not thereby assert anything about what other qualities he may or may not have, or about what may be his dominating characteristic. So "Huntful" only means possessed of a hunt, and no inference can be drawn from such a term as to any other qualities or any dominations. It is simply the contradictory term to Huntless. As regards Mr. Trollope's second objection, it must be remembered that I was only dealing with "whole hunts," and I have no objection to "whole huntful" and "whole huntless," if he would prefer the longer terms, but as "whole hunt" is treated in the Glossary as obsolete, I thought it might appear pedantic to suggest those terms, though it is clear that this so-called obsolete term is a most convenient one for use in such a discussion as this.

But Mr. Trollope's second objection is fatal to Mr. Dains's suggestion, for I conceive that in all methods there is hunting of some sort—thus running in and out quick in Stedman is clearly plain hunting—and what has to be emphasized is the presence or absence of a bell engaged in an *unvarying* hunt. The consequence is that "Hunting" and "Huntless" are not contradictory terms, and mutually exclusive as "Huntful" and "Huntless" are; these latter, so to speak, dividing the universe between them.

So far as the terms go I think this is all I have to say, merely adding that I have no wish to urge them upon the acceptance of the Exercise. I set them out simply as the best I can do in answer to Mr. Trollope's challenge.

I hardly appreciate Mr. Dains's distinction about foundations. More than twenty years ago a scheme was started for constructing an opera house on the Thames Embankment, near Westminster Bridge. The foundations were laid, and the walls carried up a few feet above the ground, and then the enterprise collapsed, I suppose from failure of funds. After remaining for some years in this state the property was acquired for the new headquarters of the Metropolitan Police, and a large superstructure of red brick with stone dressings was raised on these foundations, quite regardless of the original architectural design. Now what difference as regards domination by the superstructure does it make that the foundations were ready laid? I ask Mr. Dains this because he has not only built a method on the ready laid foundation of the plain hunt, but in the case of "Alliance" he has laid a new foundation to build on, and what could he do with either beyond a hunting course without dominating each of them with place-making?

I thank Mr. Bayley for his letter, and will only notice those points in it which are not incidentally referred to elsewhere. I hardly see the need of using the word "Treble" in the name of what I have called Huntful methods, for if all the whole hunts are treble, it seems no more necessary to use the word than, in pricking, to mark the figure, and besides, suppose some ingenious method-builder should build one on some hunt other than the treble, our terms in that case would not fit. I quite agree as to the practical use of the treble in ringing, but that is not the point: the classification of a thing, as it actually is, is a totally different process from the application of the thing in practice. As regards what Mr. Bayley calls my first metaphor I am afraid I must have expressed myself obscurely. Of course all houses must have foundations and so must all methods. But I was only dealing at the moment with those founded on the whole hunt, and by the word "if" in the third line of my third paragraph, I meant "if Mr. Dains elects to found on a whole hunt instead of on the foundation of every bell working alike, which is the alternative open to him, what is he," &c. I did not say that place-making was characteristic of either group—I said it dominated both groups. With regard to the frying-pan, I entirely agree with Mr. Bayley that working bells are subject to limitation—like everything else with which we have to do. The question is—Having a whole, all of whose component parts are subject to their appropriate limitations, which of

these component parts is the strongest? Agreeing the facts, conclusions from them may naturally differ. Mr. Bayley says the hunt, I say the place-making.

Now, a closing word to Mr. Trollope. In his letter in your issue of the 13th inst., he says that Mr. Drake "ought to know that Grandsire and Plain Bob are constructionally identically the same method, one for odd and the other for even numbers." Well, if Mr. Drake ought to know it, I suppose I also ought to. But I don't, and up to the time of writing I am unable to believe it. Grandsire is an extension of three-bell work, Plain Bob of Minimus. This is how Grandsire gets its thirds place, and thereby lets in the second plain hunting bell. This is how Plain Bob gets its second place, which does not let in a second plain hunting bell. It seems to me, therefore, a strong thing to say that these two methods are constructionally identically the same. Will Mr. Trollope kindly tell us exactly what he means by these words as applied to these methods? The classification in The Glossary (page 52 and thereabouts), shows these two methods and their off-shoots as distinct groups. Is or is not this reconcilable with Mr. Trollope's statement? R. A. DANIELL.

TREBLE DOMINATED.

SIR,—I agree with Mr. Daniell that *Huntless* would be a good term: though I should prefer *Hunted* to Mr. Dains's suggested *Hunting*.

Mr. Bayley forgets that it is not necessary to a method that the reble should be the hunt. His argument about "dominated" would prove that it is the compass which dominates the ship, as it is "supreme as a guide," or in Mr. Dains's words: "demands a clear passage."

All these terms seem to me superficial: they simply classify according to a symptom instead of going down to the cause. I am not, as I said, going to defend my own suggestions very heartily, but I should like to hear more well-founded objections to them than Mr. Trollope raises.

He says that Grandsire is simple rather than Stedman; that is only because we have been accustomed to take Grandsire as one criterion. If we adopted that excellent suggestion of Mr. Davies in "Stedman," and taught that method first, we should see that it was really the simplest essentially. But Mr. Trollope appeals to the ordinary ringer. As it happens I have during the last few months been teaching Stedman to a number of those who had already learnt Grandsire. They all of them expressed their pleasure in it in different ways, but one term was common to all their opinions: namely, the word "simple." These ringers I may say are of several companies, and vary much in their education and position in life.

He also says *compound* has been used in "a totally different sense:" if so, this will therefore *not* interfere with its use in this sense. But I do not find it in the index to the Glossary.

As for the Grandsire and Plain Bob system, my nomenclature would display its structure completely. It would be a principle which employed a "Plain" method on even bells and an "Involved" method on odd bells. H. DRAKE.

STEEPLEAGE AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

SIR,—Possibly it may interest many of your readers to know that at the adjourned annual meeting of the ancient society of change-ringers connected with the above church, which was held on Tuesday, February 16th last, the question of Steepleage was duly debated. A compromise being arrived at, the worthy steeplekeeper (Mr. Palmer) withdrew his claim to the recently-established fee of 2s. 6d. Visitors in future attempting a peal on these bells (the only 10-bell ring in the Diocese of Chichester), will be invited to deposit a sum equivalent to the fee in the offertory box for church expenses within the sacred edifice. Owing, unfortunately, to the exigence of a rule, peal-ringing at St. Nicholas is limited to one peal a month being attempted.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTSFILL (Somerset).—On Wednesday, February 10th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. G. Sellick, jun., F. Iley, J. Baker, H. Parkhouse, E. Lane, C. Hancock, F. Iley conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On Tuesday, February 2nd, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, taken from T. Thurstans' five-part, in 1 hr. 14 mins. H. Ling, C. E. Parnell, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, E. Poppy, E. Etheridge.

HOLBECK.—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Tomlinson, J. Boshell, H. Howland, W. Burns, J. Matthews, C. Moss, J. A. Teale, W. Bittles. Composed and conducted by Harry Tomlinson.

Miscellaneous.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WOODBURN (Bucks).—On Friday, January 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Leader, T. Leader, W. H. Fussell, E. Hooper, F. V. H. Sinkins, R. Flaxman.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING.—On Thursday, February 11th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. T. Martin, H. Hammans, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams conductor, W. Hands, J. Sumner, T. Russell, G. E. Brown.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St Laurence, 840 Grandsire Triples in 27 mins. A. Holliday, J. Fuller, G. Hope, E. Holloway, H. Runham, W. Newell conductor, E. Denham, R. Dowsett. On Sunday evening, February 14th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters in 25 mins. H. Glanville, A. Holliday, G. Hope, J. Fuller, E. Denham, E. Holloway, H. Runham conductor, T. E. Glanville, W. Newell, R. Dowsett.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Friday, February 12th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. Hall, W. Hayward, G. Jones, G. Case, W. Rudd conductor, W. Short. Also some 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday morning, February 14th, before Divine Service, 180 and 120 Bob Minor. And before evening service 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., conducted by W. Short.

BRECON.—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Mary's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, F. Stedman, W. Short, W. Hargest, R. Moy, S. Brooks, W. Evans, D. Price. Also a 336. E. Williams, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 5th, two 336s. W. Hargest, W. Short, G. Hardwick, E. Williams, R. Moy, S. Brooks, W. Evans, F. Stedman. On Thursday, January 7th, 812 Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, W. Short, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, R. Moy, S. Brooks, W. Evans, D. Price. Also a 420. W. Hargest, E. Williams, R. Moy, F. Stedman, S. Brooke, W. Short, W. Evans, D. Price. On Friday, February 8th, a 434. S. Watkins, R. Moy, W. Short, W. Hargest, E. Williams, S. Brooks, W. Evans, F. Stedman. On Saturday, January 9th, a 1260. W. Short, E. Williams, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, R. Moy, S. Brooks, W. Evans, D. Price. This is the longest touch on the bells by the local band. On Sunday morning, January 10th, for Divine Service, a 630. S. Watkins, E. Williams, W. Short, W. Hargest, R. Moy, W. Evans, G. Hardwick, D. Price. For evening service a 640. S. Watkins, W. Short, E. Williams, W. Hargest, R. Moy, W. Evans, S. Brooks, D. Price. After service a 532. S. Watkins, W. Short, E. Williams, W. Hargest, R. Moy, W. Evans, S. Brooks, D. Price. All the above touches were conducted by W. Short during his visit as Instructor to the Guild.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SEELY OAK.—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. A. Cole, J. Eaton, F. Withers, W. Mumford, J. Withers, J. Dowler conductor, A. Chambers, S. Grove.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM.—On January 10th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Griffiths, T. Goff, A. Mason, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, E. Fisher.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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BURNLEY.—On Sunday, January 3rd, 576 Kent. T. Howarth, N. Townend, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. And 640 Kent. T. Howarth, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, January 10th, 608 Bob Major. T. Howarth, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, January 17th, 1280 Kent. T. Howarth, N. Townend, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, January 31st, 640 Kent. T. Howarth, W. Walton, T. Burrows, S. Cornish, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, February 7th, 672 Kent. N. Townend, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, W. Walton, S. Cornish, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Howarth, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, February 14th, 688 Bob Major. T. Howarth, T. Burrows, W. Walton, S. Cornish, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, December 14th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Privett, C. Privett, G. Graham, Rev. W. H. Gordon, A. Coghlan, G. Passingham, J. W. Whiting conductor, G. Grant.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine Service, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. O. Masters, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Aldridge, E. Wells, W. Watchorn, H. Hill, A. Pye, R. Carter conductor, H. Humphries, A. Bangay.

BUCKLEY (Flintshire).—On Monday, February 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Jones, T. J. Price, H. Hughes, Herbert Hughes, J. Usher, W. Short conductor, E. H. Griffiths, W. Bellis.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Oswick, W. Rowland, sen., H. Richell, B. Thompson, W. Newman, A. Whight, H. F. Cooper conductor, R. H. Rolfe.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 10th, after evening service, 1008 Bob Major. H. Curtis, H. Thompson, A. Richardson, B. Francis, O. Evan, W. Atkinson, W. Dains, G. More conductor.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Highfield, F. Merrison, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson, G. T. Miller, A. Naylor, J. W. Dale.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 4th, at the church of St. Peter and Paul, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. H. Symonds, E. Simpson, F. Parker, J. Moore, T. King conductor, H. Smith, L. Leeks, A. Symonds. Longest length in the method by a entirely Lavenham company.

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TOTHAM (Essex).—On January 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Newman, T. Hammond, H. Brown, P. Sayers, E. C. Lambert, F. Chalk conductor.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1904.

OUR contemporary, *The Daily Chronicle*, is what may be called an up-to-date newspaper. It has among its regular daily contributors a writer who is something akin to our "Plain Speaker," and the following paragraph emanated from this gentleman one day this week:—

"Spain is not a progressive country; but the Municipal Council of Bilbao has set us an example in prohibiting, under pain of fine, the ringing of church bells. It is a public nuisance, thinks Bilbao, and no longer necessary in a modern city. Church bells are among the most superfluous noises of London. They are usually by no means attractive to the hesitating wayfarer; few Londoners believe that they exorcise the Evil One; and few church-

goers are without a watch or a possible glance at a public clock."

Newspapers like the one from which the above extract is culled, are generally abreast of the times, and the editors are aware of the nature of almost every movement going on around them. But on matters appertaining to Church bells they are extraordinarily ignorant. The plea that there is no difficulty in these days of ascertaining the hour of the day because every one possesses a watch, or public clocks are plentiful, is childish, absurd, and puerile. The time of day could be known centuries ago easily enough. People who scribble their paragraphs about Church bells should know that they are a national institution of the growth of centuries; and those gentlemen responsible for the appearance of such tirades as we read of now and then should acquaint themselves with some of the facts and un-legendary lore connected with them, and then they would be competent to use efficiently a revisory power before allowing such nonsense to appear in print.

We would recommend Editors, sub-editors, and others who have the ordering of their news columns, to become acquainted with some more data about church bells than that which they already possess, or else refrain altogether from referring to the subject. Change-ringing is a mathematical science, requiring great ingenuity and skill. It is known in the United Kingdom and a few of the colonies only, though it is making some progress in the United States. Its peculiarly British habitat demands the greatest sympathy; that is more than can be said for the walks of jockeydom or any other thing called "sport."

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, February 15, 1904, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
CHARLES C. BURDEN 2.	FRANK SMITH 6.
ALBERT COLES 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
JOHN W. GOLDING 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of John Porter, Esq., late churchwarden at this church.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) SOCIETY.

On Monday, February 15, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble.	*JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
ARTHUR JONES 2.	*WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3.	*WILLIAM T. ELSON 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich by the Fulham Society.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES KENNEDY Treble.	DANIEL F. GIBBONS 5.
ALBERT COLES 2.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 6.
THOMAS LANGDON 3.	HENRY C. ALFORD 7.
ARTHUR COLES* 4.	EDWARD C. EWER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

*First peal with a bob bell. Further reference elsewhere.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 2.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 6.
HERBERT LANGDON 3.	MARK WOODCOCK 7.
FRANK SMITH 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

The Provinces.

CASTLEMORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, February 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOODWIN* .. Treble.	RICHARD PENDRY 4.
CHARLES YOUNG* 2.	CHARLES PRICE 5.
WILLIAM E. PENDRY .. 3.	*GEORGE GILLIAM Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE ARCHER Treble.	WILLIAM WISKINS 5.
WILLIAM IRELAND 2.	ELLIS HAYWARD 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	WILLIAM CHENERY Tenor.

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS MAYNARD Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
HENRY HUTTON 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
GEORGE GUNNER 3.	BEN CHORLEY 7.
ARTHUR FRANKUM 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ALFRED J. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the return from South Africa after four year's service of Lieut. H. A. Grant, of the Leicestershire Regiment, eldest son of the Rector of this parish.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN LUCKEY Treble.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 5.
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW† .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	THOMAS J. JORDAN 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER* 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

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

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND* .. Treble.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
DAVID WHITING 2.	THOS. L. MOORHOUSE .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3.	THOS. H. ORMOND 8.
GEO. CHEESBRO.. .. 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD.. .. 9.
ALBERT SCOTT 5.	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

*First peal of Caters.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	FREDK. A. FAIRBEARD .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

This is W. H. B. Wilkins' fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

SIDCUP, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING* .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	JOHN H. PRESTON 5.
HENRY WILKES.. .. 3.	FRANCIS FRASER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal, only having rung one 720 of Minor previously. It was intended to ring seven methods, but one of the band failing to appear, Mr. Browning stood in at the last moment. This is the first 5040 on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to F. Fraser; also the son of the conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FRED SEAR.. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
HARRY SEAR 3.	RICHARD NICHOLS 7.
WALTER SEAR 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung in memory of the wife of the Rector (Rev. W. Bennitt), the bells being rung open, the deceased lady's wish being that no muffles should be used.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

LEWIS CHAPMAN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN 2.	JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

*First peal in the method.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1904, 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.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	SAMUEL FERNLEY 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	FRED HOLT 6.
EGBERT STAMPER 3.	MATTHEW G. BENNETT .. 7.
JOHN W. ASHTON 4.	TOM MARSHALL.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

A. E. PITSTOW Treble.	H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
F. J. PITSTOW 2.	G. TAYLOR 6.
E. H. LEWIS 3.	F. PITSTOW.. .. 7.
F. S. POOLE 4.	*F. MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 2.	HARRY WALLS 6.
J. B. TAYLOR 3.	J. T. WRIGHT 7.
LAWRENCE TAYLOR 4.	J. W. ORMEROD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven 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.

CHARLES ROSE* .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	HARRY SYMONDS 5.
CHARLES NUNN.. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Clifford. *First peal in seven methods.

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

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND.. ..Treble.	JOHN R. GREEN 5.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2.	THOMAS B. WOOD 6.
ARTHUR J. FARR 3.	JOHN T. HOLMES 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4.	JOHN W. WOOD.. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

First peal as conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK C. UPHILL*..Treble.	FREDERICK W. CHALLEN.. 5.
D. SNELLING† 2.	F. A. HOLDEN 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3.	WILLIAM SEARING 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	*ALBERT COLEMANTenor.

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Moore.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

W. H. HOLLIERTreble.	ALLAN H. TABER 5.
EVERED J. WALSON.. .. 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 6.
EDWARD I. GRIFFIN 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	THOMAS BEADLETenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Basden, Goddard, and Hollier.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ..Treble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
BOBERT PEAKE 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
ALBERT WIER 3.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 7.
EDWIN CALVER 4.	WILLIAM ROOPETenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Silent Peal.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRIGHTTreble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
WILLIAM POWELL 2.	GORDON CHECKETTS 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES 3.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 7.
ALBERT HILL 4.	HENRY WILKES.. ..Tenor.

Umpires—G. Hinton and J. Perry. This is the first peal rung by the Association and in the county non-conducted.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUBERT EDENTreble.	CONOR O'BRIEN.. .. 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON.. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 6.
JOHN W. GOLDING 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	HARRY R. PASMORE.. ..Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

BERTRAM PREWETT ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMANTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS CARDTreble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW.. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
WILLIAM STEED 4.	WILLIAM SPICETenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Mankelow, Turley and Spice, who received the usual congratulations from the rest of the band.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLISTreble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE* .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
JOHN FLINT 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 4.	SAM THOMASTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal in the method.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS SHARMANTreble.	GEORGE WHITEAKER 4.
JAMES E. CARTER 2.	JAGGER RUSHWORTH.. .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	FRED WHITELEYTenor.

Conducted by F. WHITELEY.

First peal by ringers of 12 and 4.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGAR Treble.	*ALFRED WINDSOR 7.
JOHN HENRY BOWER 2.	GEORGE HOLMES 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	EDWARD WOODWARD 9.
FRANK BURGAR* 4.	SAM SEED 10.
JOHN MULLIGAN 5.	*FRANCIS WOODHEAD 11.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY 6.	*SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 49th birthday of the conductor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
R. JOHN WILKINS 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

This is the 50th peal by John Burford in the Association.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE* Treble.	FRED HOPPER 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 2.	*ARTHUR MOORE 6.
HERBERT RAINBOW* 3.	*WILLIAM ROBERTS 7.
ALFRED P. HENSMAN* 4.	†FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells. †First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung in the town by an entirely local band.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of College Pleasure, City Delight, College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Oxford.

ALFRED CHAPMAN Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

EZRA KEIGHLEY Treble.	HENRY ODDY 5.
CHARLES PRATT 2.	TOM LATIMER 6.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.	FRANK BIRKS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. BOLLAND.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble.	CHARLES BROOKS 5.
DANIEL JAMES 2.	JOSEPH MALONEY 6.
WILLIAM HARROP 3.	SAMUEL KNOTT 7.
HENRY COOPER 4.	JOHN PYE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL KNOTT.

Rung in commemoration of a 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob rung by the same band, and in the same positions, eighteen years ago.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT 5.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 2.	†GEORGE STAFF 6.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
JAMES BASTOW* 4.	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM.

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

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Armley, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse Inn at 7.30 p.m. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
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The London County Association, late St. James' Society.—A meeting for united practice will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. Tower open from 5 till 9. Members and others are requested to attend.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be paid before February 29th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday March 2nd.

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The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Johnson Anniversary Commemoration Dinner.—This will be held as usual this evening, Saturday, February 27th next, at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 prompt. Chair will be taken by R. A. Daniell, Esq. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, to-day, Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 4. Tea kindly provided by the local band at 5.30. As a special favour the bells of St. Paul's, Hounslow, will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Members kindly note this is not for practice but to endeavour to interest the officials in change-ringing. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hillingdon.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens to-day, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Rev. W. T. BULPIT } *Hon.*
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The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth to-day, Saturday, 27 February. J. SHEPPARD, *Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. W. ASHWORTH, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Swanscombe Branch.—The Bishop of Southwark will dedicate the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, March 5th, at 3.15 p.m. After service the bells will be available for ringing. All are welcome. F. J. RING, *Secretary.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day at the following towers: Curry Rivel (8), Drayton, one mile (8), Langport (6), and Huish Episcopi (6), two miles. Service at Curry Rivel church at 4 p.m. Tea, kindly

given by E. C. Trevilian, Esq., at Middelney Place at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Members intending being present at tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, March 2nd. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

Bridgwater.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's church, Manchester, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 5th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. W. Wade, 40, Ashwood Longton, by Thursday, March 3rd. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

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Bob-caller not his course can change,
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No matter what the method be,
The Treble is the King you see;
Except in Stedman, Duffield too,
There may be others, one or two.
Even then he's just as good as they,
And always bound to have his way;
They cannot start till he says "go,"
And when rounds come he's first you know.
And then the Treble is the bell
Which all the others has to tell
When they should dodge, or places make,
And keep the bob-caller awake.
And when the Treble straight would go,

The others clear the way you know;
Or stop and just fill up a space,
But on he goes in any case.
All other bells may have to change,
To make a great or lesser range;
But Treble—No! no change he needs,
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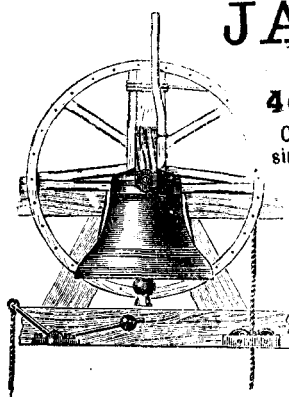
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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).

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire). Christ Church. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1867, except 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1865. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1890. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

PENDLETON (Lancashire). St. Thomas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; 4th, 1850; tenor, 1830; the rest 1844. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well; the soundbows are all worn. Recasting and rehung has been recommended, but there are no funds. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

PENKRIDGE (Staffordshire). St. Michael and All Angels. Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1831. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1893. Ropes new 1902, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice. Bells readily obtainable for peals.

PENRITH (Cumberland). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

PENSHURST (Kent). St. John the Baptist. Kent County Association. Eight bells; 3rd by Phelps, 1701; 5th, founders and date unknown. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by Hatch, 1619; the rest by Mears as follows: treble, 2nd and 6th, 1896; 4th and 7th, 1802. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn, 1896. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Occasional Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

PENTRE (Flintshire). St. Peter. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1889. Tenor

26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. Ringers are stated to be novices, no method is mentioned. Sunday ringing: alternate Sunday, 10 to 11, and 5 to 6. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Brighouse on Saturday, January 23rd. This annual meeting is always welcome to our Yorkshire friends, as the official report is then presented to them. An item of great interest this year is their record number of new members, and as the Society has no probationers, it follows that this record is the more encouraging. To quote from the report, the Committee point out that they are able to call attention to the great increase of new members. "In the first year of the Society sixty-five ringing members entered their names with us, and this remained our record for ten years, viz., until 1885. In that year our recruits went up to seventy-nine, and three years later that figure was beaten by one, so that our record stood in 1888 at 80. This by no means insignificant number has since held its own until this year, when it has been beaten by the magnificent number of ninety-two new enrolments. But this is not all. In addition to these ninety-two ringing members we have added to our list of patrons the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, of Halifax, whose sermon of last year at our annual meeting will long be remembered, and also our kind friend Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, who has joined us as an hon. member."

A band started for a peal at Brighouse parish church in good time in the morning, but after some half hour's ringing the bells had to be stopped on account of very serious illness near the church. This untoward event is we believe the first that has happened at a meeting during the twenty-eight years' experience of the Society. The disappointed band however moved to Lightcliffe parish church, where the peal, already recorded in our columns, was successfully brought round under the conductorship of Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull. This, as the day wore on, proved to be the only important ringing, as the Brighouse bells had to continue their silence. Meanwhile the auditors, Messrs. David Brearley and Thos. McKegg, were busy at headquarters, the schools being kindly lent by the church authorities for the day. The accumulated funds now amount to £250, and this would appear to an outsider to be "riches beyond the dreams of avarice." But when the Treasurer, Mr. Stainthorpe, of Birstall, owns to the honour of having 613 members who are free from all subscription for life, the actual state of affairs is greatly altered, and is pronounced by the experts to be satisfactory and no more. The full number of members is 1181, made up of seven patrons, thirty-seven honorary, and 1137 performing members. Hence more than half the Society are non-contributing, relying on the annual interest of the funds. The problem of life membership after a ten years' payment (amounting in all to 11s. 6d.) is an interesting one, and our Yorkshire friends say that with careful management they are just holding their own. Peals to

the number of sixty-seven have been rung during the year, distributed over forty-six different churches, and this distribution is again a record. Two are of Yorkshire Surprise Major—a new method by Mr. Arthur Craven, of Leeds and Chesterfield, secured by a well-chosen band, which included a clergyman.

There was a good attendance at the annual service at 4.0 p.m., when the sermon was preached by the Vicar the Rev. O. S. Laurie, from the text—"In that day there shall be upon the bells . . . Holiness to the Lord," Zechariah xiv. 20. In a friendly and sympathetic discourse after referring to the born love of bells which seemed to animate the nation, the preacher referred to the genuine pleasure given to those who had long resided abroad on returning to their native land and hearing the bells ring in the true English fashion; little wonder then that their rhythmic music opened up the echoes of the past. For all this they had to thank the ringers. Yes, indeed, to be a good change-ringer was an honour and a privilege, and he was one of those with a strong hope that the work now being done by the various Associations was rousing the individual members to more fully consider and realise their responsibilities as good sons of the Church. He was pleased to hear of the continued success of their County Association, and of those who gave up so much of their time to such a splendid piece of work. He knew from his experience as a clergyman what a help it was for a man to be able to say to himself in the hour of temptation, "this won't do for me, I am a churchman," the very recollection of his joint responsibility tending at once to pull him up in his downward career. So let it be with all, ringers included, set up a high standard, and seek to live up to it, glorying in your work and Art both as ringers and churchmen. During the address the Vicar made sympathetic reference to the very serious case of illness—life and death being evenly in the balance—and expressed great sympathy with those present who had naturally been looking forward to a hearty ring.

Tea followed in the schools, some 200 sitting down, after which the business meeting was commenced, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar, Mr. Churchwarden Wood, and the leading officers of the Association. The minutes of the previous meeting (Doncaster), having been read and passed, the President paid a well-deserved compliment to the members then present on the patient way in which they had met the disappointment arising out of the enforced silence of the bells, adding that he had never felt more proud of the Association than under the restraint under which they had to place themselves.

On the motion of Mr. David Brearley (Bolsterstone), seconded by Mr. McKegg (Wortley), Hon. Auditors, the report of the Committee was accepted, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet was passed.

The President then declared the following officers re-elected without opposition: Mr. W. H. Howard (Vice-President); Mr. Thomas Hattersley (Steward); Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Hon. Treasurer); and Messrs. Cottrill, Abbshaw, Pearson, and Joseph Radcliffe (Saddleworth), Committee-men. In this matter the President referred to the pleasure they all had in seeing their re-elected veteran Vice-President among them, and also expressed the Association's great approbation of the constancy with which their Hon. Treasurer held his post.

Mr. McKegg proposed Wortley as the place of next meeting, and this was seconded by Mr. D. Brearley. As an amendment Mr. G. H. Wilson (Drighlington), pro-

posed that place, and this was seconded by Mr. J. B. Lamb (Haliar). The voting went in favour of Drighlington, the chairman voicing the meeting's appreciation of the kindness of their Wortley friends in putting forward their invitation notwithstanding the other choice made.

On the motion of Mr. Rew (Sheffield), seconded by Mr. Schofield (Lindley), a vote of thanks was passed to the auditors and the officers for their year's work.

On the motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Howard, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his sermon and the use of the schools, and also to Mr. Pearson, the organist, for accompanying the service.

The Vicar, in replying, hoped that on some other occasion the disappointment of that day would be atoned.

Mr. Churchwarden Wood added a few kindly words, in which he stated the wish of their church to befriend the ringers in every way possible.

The roll-call of the officers showed twelve out of a possible total of nineteen, and this, when the size of the county is considered, proved a very fair muster.

The President moved the following alteration of rule, which being seconded by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Holgate, is ready for voting upon at the next meeting—"As soon as convenient after the May Meeting (the old rule here read September) a notice will be sent to each member whose subscription is unpaid, members thus notified will not be entitled to receive the annual report."

The President explained that the intention of the alteration was to save time by bringing the dilatory members to book at an earlier period, and so expedite the official work.

On the motion of Mr. George Bolland, vice-president, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Brighthouse branch, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, to which Mr. Drake, local hon. secretary, suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Mr. Holgate, and seconded by Mr. Lawson, brought the meeting to a close.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

The ringers of this parish church held their annual festival on New Year's Day. Ringing commenced shortly after 11 o'clock with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. Ringing over a move was made to The Royal Oak, where dinner was provided, the Rev. E. F. Randolph taking the chair. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the King, Queen, and all the Royal Family," which was duly responded to. Six o'clock brought on tea time, after which the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs and games, thus ending a most enjoyable day.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held in Chester-le-Street on Saturday, February 13th, and was attended by members from Sunderland, Shildon, Darlington, Newcastle, Cramlington, Gateshead, Gosforth, North Shields, Stockton, Whitley, and the home branch. By kind permission of the Rector tea was held in the Church Institute and was followed by a short meeting in the same room, at which votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells and of the vestry for committee work, and of the Institute for tea. The local branch was also thanked for so kindly making all the arrangements. Replies followed from the Rector, the Rev. A. B. de Moleynes, and Mr. W. Sheraton. Ringing was kept up till eight o'clock, the striking being excellent. 720 Kent by C. W. Clarke, F. Naisby, O. Simm, R. Story, J. Leighton, L. Routledge conductor. Another 720 Kent. J. Smith, T. Wick, F. Sheraton, A. M. Field, A. Hillier, J. Keen conductor. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. O. Simm, C. W. Clarke, C. L. Routledge, F. Sheraton, R. S. Story, A. Myers conductor. Another 720 Kent. J. Anderson, C. L. Routledge conductor, G. Potter, A. M. Field, E. A. Hern, O. Simm. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, J. Stuart covering.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, January 19th, the ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, were hospitably entertained by the Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Woods at their residence in Oxford Road. After supper a very happy evening was spent, songs being rendered by the Rev. S. Woods, the Misses L. Banner, D. Greenwood, F. Greenwood, A. Greenwood, W. Smith and F. Wood. Mr. L. Banner proposed, and Mr. A. Dale seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Woods, and needless to say it was carried with enthusiasm.

The Rev. S. Woods responding on behalf of himself and his wife, said it had been a pleasure to them to have the ringers at their house, and to have spent so jolly an evening.

At midnight hands were joined in Auld lang syne, and the happy party then broke up.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Three Towns branch of the above Guild paid a visit to Plympton on a recent Saturday in connection with the renovation of St. Maurice church bells. In 3 hrs. 8 mins. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. E. W. Marsh. The bells bears the dates of 1735, 1768, 1833, and 1895 respectively, and the tenor which weighs 15 cwt., bears the inscription:—"Both day and night I measure time for all; to mirth, to grief, to church I call." The family of the late Colonel Henry Buller placed the treble and 2nd in the tower nine years ago. They weigh respectively 5 cwt. and 5½ cwt., and bear the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of Colonel H. M. Buller, Commandant Central India Horse; died at Simla, October 3rd, 1892; erected by his wife, brother and sisters."

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Paul's, Wood Green on Saturday, January 16th. Notwithstanding the severe and wintry weather, the splendid number of fifty-three ringers attended. Ringing took place in St. Paul's tower (8 bells), and the parish church (10 bells), and Darlaston parish church (8 bells), some excellent ringing being done in each tower. The service was held in St. Paul's church. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Elwell) took the service, and preached an excellent sermon, full of good advice in the text inscribed on Great Paul: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." After the service a Committee Meeting was held—thanks to the Vicar—in his study. The Vicar of St. Paul's presided. The Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Rector of the parish church, expressed the deep sorrow he and the ringers felt at the resignation, through illness, of their President, the Archdeacon of Stafford, and much sympathy was felt for the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson and his family in their trouble.

The Secretary then announced that owing to his having taken up work at St. Bede's College, Durham, the Rev. Donald Jones had resigned his work as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Association. A letter was read in which the Rev. D. Jones said how hard it was to part after they had worked so long together, and bidding them all good-bye.

Mr. W. Small expressed on behalf of his fellow committee-men and ringers, their great regret on losing one who for some fourteen years had taken the greatest interest in the work, and had done so much for bell-ringing in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. There was a genuine sorrow on the news being imparted of the severance of one who had gained not only the esteem but the affection of the members of the Association. Many and sincere were the good wishes which follow the former Secretary in his new sphere of work.

The Rev. J. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury, has undertaken the work until June 24th, the end of the Association year.

An excellent tea was partaken of in the schools at the close of the meeting. Good appetites quickly attacked the many good things provided by Mrs. H. Elwell and her lady friends.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the church and tower, and his sermon, and to the ladies for providing the tea, and the Vicar in responding said that he would be glad to become an honorary member. Then the ringers went back to the various towers, and beautiful bell music filled the air, and a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting closed.

DISS, NORFOLK.

The seventy-first anniversary of St. Mary's church bells was held on January 6th (Old Christmas Day), when some musical touches of Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung in fine style. At 1.30 twenty-five members and friends sat down to a splendid dinner at The King's Head hotel, the chair being taken by S. L. Cocks, Esq., supported by the Rector (Rev. C. U. Manning), and his curates (Revs. —. Mahon and Evans), the churchwardens and six of the leading tradesmen of the town. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. The healths of the Rector, churchwardens, chairmen and subscribers concluded the best meeting that the society has ever held.

Obituary.

WILLIAM BURKIN.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of William Burkin, of Nutfield, Surrey, which sad event took place on February 13th at his residence after a trying illness. The deceased, who was only 42 years of age, had long been connected with Nutfield parish church as a member both of belfry and choir, and of late years held the office of vergers. His demise is all the more sad on account of his only recent settlement down to married life, and much sympathy is felt therefore for the young widow and little child. As a token of respect the bells were rung muffled on the Sunday. The funeral took place on the following Thursday, amid many manifestations of regret. The portion of the service performed in the church was fully choral, the choir singing the beautiful hymns, "Brief life is here our portion," and "On the Resurrection Morning," and Psalm xc. in a most impressive manner, and as the cortege left the church the organist played the Dead March. Besides the principal mourners most of the villagers joined the sad procession to the cemetery, where the service of committal was read by the Rector (Rev. C. Hartwell Jones). Many wreaths were sent, among which was a beautiful floral bell from the Nutfield company, also from the Reigate society and Nutfield church choir, and many others. The deceased was a native of Nutfield, where he learned the art on the ring of six at his native village, but later years saw him in London, where he became a prominent member of the College Youths, and held the post of Master of that society for two years in succession. He was a member of the Surrey and Sussex Associations, and an hon. member of the Reigate society. He had taken part in nearly 100 peals, on all numbers of bells, and in nearly all methods. May he rest in peace.

The bells of Nutfield parish church were rung muffled in the evening, and at Reigate a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung muffled as a token of respect. H. R.

CHARLES DEMPSEY.

With feelings of regret is recorded the death of this ringer, which took place on February 16th last, aged 61. He was not so well known in the ringing world as some, although in his young days he learnt to handle a bell at the church of his native parish—Spitalfields; but in those days young men were not so much thought of in the Exercise as now, hence he gave up all connection with it until some few years ago, when he came to reside at West Ham, Essex. He soon became acquainted with some of the ringers there, and by them he was introduced to the local company at St. Mary, which he joined, also the College Youths. After ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples he made up his mind to master the treble, which he succeeded in doing, on account of advancing years never progressing any further. He rang several peals of Triples and Major. He was a member of the Essex Association and the West Ham local company, and with the latter rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters, which is recorded in the tower of All Saints, West Ham.

The funeral took place at West Ham cemetery on February 23rd, the ringers representing the above societies at the graveside being S. Hayes, W. Doran, and F. Searle. Muffled peals were rung in the evening: that at Bow in connection with the College Youths and Bow societies being the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples by S. Hayes, S. Bird, R. Turner, Y. Green, E. Hall, J. Jones, A. Peck, and H. Torble; that at West Ham in connection with the Essex Association and the local company being also the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters by W. Doran, J. Bradley, W. Keeble, J. Moule, R. Searle, G. Potter, F. Searle, E. Clayton, G. Pearl, and G. Hayden.

EDWARD WATKINS.

The sudden death of the above-named ringer, which took place in the early hours of Sunday morning, February 14th, at Temple Street, High Wycombe, at the age of 68, is very much regretted. He had occasionally received medical attention of late, but feeling so much better on the day previous, and being

a lover of sport, he witnessed a local football match. On retiring to rest in the evening nothing unusual was noticed with him, but in the early hours of the following morning the household was suddenly awakened to the fact that he was in a serious condition, and before medical aid could be procured he passed away, death being due to syncope. Deceased had been connected with High Wycombe belfry between 50 and 60 years, when change-ringing took a firm hold there some five years ago, by the amalgamation of the then voluntary society with the old band, he was one of the few round ringers who continued their connection with the belfry, although at his age it could not be expected of him to master the art of change, yet he was a regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights, and was ever willing to take a rope when short-handed. The last occasion on which he rung was on new year's morning, immediately after the midnight service.

On Monday evening, February 15th, and again on Wednesday, the bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled, and on Thursday, the 18th instant his remains were laid to rest in High Wycombe cemetery, followed to the grave by children and grandchildren, ringers past and present, and members of the Foresters' Court of which order he had been a member for some 30 years. Among the many floral tributes was one from his brother-ringers, who in the evening rang touches of Grandsire with the bells fully muffled.

J. W. LONG.

It is with heartfelt regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. W. Long, of Thirsk, who died on February 19th, in his 28th year, after a long illness. He was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, having one peal to his credit. His remains were interred on Monday, February 22nd, in the Cemetery, Thirsk, being borne to their last resting-place by the ringers of the parish church, of which he was a ringer for many years. The Rev. F. L. Perkins was the officiating clergyman. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to their departed brother-ringer by F. Kettlewell, E. Neesam, J. W. Neesam, J. Stott, G. Neesam, D. H. Burton conductor, H. Brown.

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You deem it a triumph, you men of the tower,
To handle *one* bell through a difficult peal;
What then of a *couple*? when hour by hour
The mind is beclouded and senses reel.
Do you know what it means when you pilot a pair?
Of the strain which a two-fold task demands,
Have you rang thro' a coming-home course with fear
And a *frightful suspicion* you've changed your hands!
No? Nor if you had would you think it strange
To speak of the hopes that rose and fell;
How the nightmare flees as you homeward range,
And the glorious thrill at the final change,
Those who have been through the mill can tell.

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Only to think of it! then let us drink to it,
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Date Touches.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

ABERAVON (Glamorganshire).—At St. Mary's on Friday, February 5th, a date touch, 1904 changes, of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Bartlett, R. Clarke, C. Frankham, W. Greenslade, W. Williams, H. Perry, E. Clarke conductor, W. Wethersley.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffs).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, 1904 changes, in the 7 following methods: 104 London Surprise, 240 each City Delight, Duke of York and Violet, 360 each Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. F. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, W. A. Tabbernor conductor, B. Pegg, J. R. Wheeldon, A. E. Ryles.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. S. Wright, J. T. Brown, H. Eley, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, G. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis.

FAR HEADINGLEY.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. F. Barraclough, A. Stokoe, D. Swift, J. Bennett, L. Stokoe, J. C. Walker, G. Barraclough, W. Child conductor.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 6th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 18 mins. H. Smith, F. Parker, J. Moore, E. Simpson, L. Leeks, T. King conductor, A. Symonds. Composed by J. P. Bradley. Rung for the first time.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON.—On Wednesday, February 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Wilson, E. Bonnett, A. King, jun., A. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Lawrence conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On January 1st, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. On Friday, January 8th, 350 ditto. W. Law, E. G. Johnson, C. Noakes conductor, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp. Also 504 standing as above conducted by C. Noakes. On Friday, February 5th, 1400 Grandiire Triples as above, conducted by E. G. Johnson, this being an attempt for a peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG ASHTON.—On Friday, January 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Watts, S. Moore, G. Yeo, W. Apperley, H. Bridle, F. Price, J. Thomas conductor, G. Jayne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, a 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Cherrington, J. T. Brown, J. Wright, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, G. Mackman. On Monday, January 25th, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Wright, J. T. Brown conductor, G. Mackman, W. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, H. Eley. On Tuesday, February 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Bennett, J. S. Wright, G. Mackman, R. Smith, J. T. Brown conductor, J. W. Jarvis, R. Mackman.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral on December 31st, 528 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. Newman, W. Powell, A. Hill, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On January 4th, 1298 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, A. Hill, W. Powell, C. Jones, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On January 18th, 396 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. Newman, C. Jones, F. Dunaway, W. C. Jones conductor, A. Hills, H. Wilkes, G. Checketts, W. H. Johnson,

T. Malin. On February 1st, 572 Grandsire Cinques. G. Hinton, J. Hill, W. Bright, J. R. Newman, W. Powell, C. Jones, W. C. Jones, A. Hill, G. Checketts conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, February 3rd, for practice at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Cinques. W. T. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, E. G. Lampard, J. W. Elkins, W. H. Laveland, W. Andrews, W. T. Tucker, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, D. Frome. Also a course of Stedman Triples. J. W. Elkins, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, W. Loveland, W. C. Lampard, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, D. Frome.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, for Divine service at the Abbey, 224 Bob Major. B. Paskins, A. White, J. Ckalk, W. T. Tucker, J. Walker, F. Russen, W. G. Fowler, W. H. George conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. W. Doran conductor, C. Hopkins, W. Keeble, H. Tarble, J. Rann, S. Hayes, J. Moule, E. Clayton, G. Hayden, J. Jones. Composed by J. Bradley.

CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand).—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Carter, J. Sheppard, J. S. Wilde, W. Wreight, J. Biddle, T. Biddle conductor, J. Maples, W. Jones. On December 26th, on handbells, several courses and touches of Grandsire Triples, and several plain courses of Grandsire Cinques and Bob Major double-handed by the brothers Biddle and Messrs. Wreight, Dunkerley, Maples and Wilde. On Sunday, December 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Wilde conductor, A. Dunckerly, J. Sheppard, W. Wreight, J. Biddle, T. Biddle, J. Maples, W. Jones. On Monday, December 28th, after meeting rather too late for an attempt for a whole peal, the first half of Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 31 mins. J. S. Wilde conductor, A. Dunckerly, J. Sheppard, W. Wreight, J. Biddle, T. Biddle, J. Maples, W. Jones.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, January 31st, for service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Everson, J. Wheadon, R. Brett, E. Everson, F. J. French, H. Simmonds, H. J. Castle conductor, G. Taylor.

EPSOM.—On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. F. Uphill, W. Challen, A. Brown, D. Snelling conductor, T. Self, A. E. Bassett, W. Gearing, A. Coleman.

HASLEMERE (Surrey).—On January 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Combes, W. Young, T. Mack, G. Goodchild, H. Mullard conductor, R. Hayes. Also on January 24th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Combes, J. B. Bridger, R. Hayes, G. Goodchild, T. Mack, W. Young conductor.

KELSEALE (Suffolk).—At St. Peter's, on Saturday, January 30th, an attempt at a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins. W. Fleming, C. Thompson, H. Smith, W. Drew, G. Barr, F. Watling, J. Avis, W. Fisher, W. Drew conductor.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Symonds, T. King conductor, F. Parker, J. Moore, E. Simpson, H. Smith, A. Symonds, L. Leeks.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 20th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday morning, January 25th, 180 in the same method. W. Mundy 1, the rest as before. On Wednesday, February 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Mundy, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, E. Dumper, W. Tucker conductor. Also another 720. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

- SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1904.

A CORRESPONDENT—Mr. W. WILLSON, of Leicester—in another column sings the praises of the company who successfully rang a peal of London Surprise double-handed so recently. Such a performance is one of the highest merit, and reflects a great weight of credit upon

the four ringers who achieved it. The time was when the idea of attempting such a feat would have been laughed out of countenance, but in these days ringers are to be found courageous enough to attempt the apparently impossible. Mere courage would of course be of no avail in the absence of the requisite ability and skill, and those completing such a task as the one we are alluding to must be possessed of qualifications of extraordinary calibre, and of great intellectual powers.

Another kind of prowess obtains just now: that of ringing peals of Major on heavy back eights. Our Norwich friends have done this once or twice lately, but the largest job of the kind is recorded this week at St. Saviour's, Southwark. The tenor in this peal was rung by the same ringer who has just "turned-in" St. Paul's tenor in a peal of Treble-Twelve—Mr. H. R. NEWTON.

Do these heavy-bell performances point to an attempt upon still heavier metal?

* * Some correspondence is left over till next week. Towards the end of the month we shall issue an illustrated double number. Further particulars will appear in due course.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 52 cwt.

ARTHUR G. ELLIS Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 5.
HENRY S. ELLIS 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 6.
FREDERICK DENCH 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7.
ALFRED B. PECK 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This is the heaviest peal of Major ever rung.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, 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.

ALBERT PITTAM Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB 6.
HENRY DAINS 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 7.
JOSEPH W. CATTLE .. 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	HENRY STUBBS 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. Tenor.

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

Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE,

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

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 4, 1904, 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. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	JOSEPH SLADE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble.	HUGH R. THORPE 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 3.	ALBERT COLES 8.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	HENRY REEVES 9.
JOHN ANSELL 4.	HENRY HOAD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR HUBBARD, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. Burkin, who was interred at Nutfield Cemetery on that date.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

J. C. TRUSS Treble.	G. MARTIN 5.
F. V. H. SINKINS 2.	F. BOREHAM 6.
W. H. FUSSELL 3.	J. EVANS 7.
E. BOREHAM 4.	B. PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS).

On Saturday, February 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

H. F. MOORE Treble.	G. LILLEY 4.
A. E. MOORE 2.	J. CHINERY 5.
B. DEBENHAM* 3.	H. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by H. F. MOORE.

*First peal on tower bells.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE SIMPSON Treble.	JACOB BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	FRANK H. KAY Tenor.

Conducted by H. GEORGE.

Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. E. T. Pegg, M.A., to the benefice of Ripley.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Two Hours Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	FREDK. A. FAIRBEARD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. GILBERT .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. G. METCALFE* .. Treble.	G. W. PEVERELL .. 5.
H. LENTON .. 2.	J. G. GREEN .. 6.
W. H. METCALFE* .. 3.	*W. KINGDON .. 7.
F. CHARLTON† .. 4.	H. PEVERELL .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by H. PEVERELL.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Kingdon.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM NEWTON .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.
THOMAS R. SCOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. 5.
FRANK YORK .. 3.	FREDERICK WELLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(STANFORD BRANCH)

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK HARDY .. Treble.	*JOHN YATES .. 5.
GEORGE WILSON .. 2.	JAMES WILSON .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE .. 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
CHARLES H. HARRIMAN .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Atkins and William Loseby, both farmers of this village.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1904, in Three Hours Five and ½ Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER* .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP .. 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 3.	GEORGE WATSON .. 7.
FRANK MEDHURST* .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

*First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY* .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS .. 2.	THOMAS J. JORDAN .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. 3.	†WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. 4.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method by an entirely local band.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD CLAYTON .. Treble.	HARRY BISHOP, SEN. .. 4.
CHARLES F. W. SKELTON* 2.	ERNEST SELLERS .. 5.
CRISS STAFFURTH .. 3.	WILLIAM BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.

*First peal.

WATTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK KIRK .. Treble.	WALTER GILBERT .. 4.
JAMES M. NICKERSON† .. 2.	†REGINALD LOVEDAY .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

†First peal in seven methods.

ELMDON, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 6-score of Stedman, four 6-scores each of London, Canterbury, Oxford, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day, eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FRANCIS BOWTELL .. Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY .. 4.
EUSTACE WEBB .. 2.	JESSE WEBB .. 5.
PERCY WEBB .. 3.	FREDERICK CRICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB.

First peal on the bells.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK Treble.	FREDEFICK W. DIXON .. 5.
JOHN B. JACKSON 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
JOHN BODDY* 3.	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN .. 7.
ARTHUR GILL* 4.	*FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY .. 6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung in honour of F. G. Brett's birthday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. Treble.	†ARTHUR BEVAN 5.
WILLIAM HALFORD 2.	FRED BRACE 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	ALBERT J. SKELDING .. 7.
CHARLES F. WHITE* .. 4.	RICHARD JAMES Tenor.

Composed by J. PIGOTT, and Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

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

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. GALE Treble.	*JOHN LOVELL 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	WILLIAM J. FREEMAN .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	†FREDK. JAS. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Mynard, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	*WILLIAM B. FRITH .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW 6.
JOHN F. PEARSON 3.	THOMAS POLLITT 7.
ARTHUR CROSSLAND .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

*First peal.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

JOSEPH TARRANT .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.
EDGAR HICKS† 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal on six bells.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN PEDDLE Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD* 2.	WILLIAM H. JOINER .. 6.
HENRY WAITE 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
EDGAR HANCOX 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. G. BIRD.

*First peal as conductor.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD .. 4.
GEORGE GILBERT, JUN. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CHINERY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HARRY R. MOORE 1-2.	*HARRY A. TURNER .. 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE 3-4.	HORACE F. MOORE .. 7-8.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire—J. Chinery. *First peal of Major on handbells. This is the first peal of Major rung double-handed in Bury St. Edmunds.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Giles, Northampton, reported in last week's issue, was the first peal in the method rang in the town by an entirely local band.

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. James's church, Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. **W. ASHWORTH, Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Swanscombe Branch.—Owing to pressure of work, the Bishop of Southwark is obliged to abandon his proposed visit, so Archdeacon Cheetham will dedicate the new ring of eight bells to-day, Saturday, March 5th, at 3.15 p.m. After service the bells will be available for ringing. All are welcome. **F. J. RING, Secretary.**

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel to-day, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells available all day at the following towers: Curry Rivel (8), Drayton, one mile (8), Langport (6), and Huish Episcopi (6), two miles. Service at Curry Rivel church at 4 p.m. Tea, kindly given by E. C. Trevilian, Esq., at Middelney Place at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Members intending being present at tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, March 2nd. **A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.**

Bridgwater.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Longton to-day, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. W. Wade, 40, Ashwood Longton, by Thursday, March 3rd. **D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec. pro. tem.**

The Royal Cumberland Association.—On Monday, March 7th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's in the Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Members are requested to attend, as important business has to be transacted. **A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.**

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's church, Manchester, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. **J. SMITH, Branch Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Holmfirth. Meeting house, The Friendship Inn. Meeting to commence at 5.30 o'clock. **WALTER IDLE, Sec.**

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Herts Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, 12th March, when the newly augmented ring will be open for ringing. Further particulars next week. **W. H. LAWRENCE, Dist. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers invited. **J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12th at St. Leonard's the Less, Samlesbury. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. **R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, 12th March.

Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Bentley on Saturday, March 19th. Tea will be provided at The Lion inn, and business meeting will follow. Members intending to be there should give three days notice.

ERNEST W. BRCKWITH, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Coggeshall

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, March 19th at Ormskirk. Bells ready at 4. Members are requested to attend. **WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, March 10th and 24th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday the 15th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday the 30th. Business meetings after the two latter.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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

A WITHDRAWAL.—Mr. W. Pye writes:—"I find that the 5088 of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Bridgewater by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by myself, on September 15th, 1903, is false. I therefore withdraw all claim to the peal and apologise to the unfortunate persons who took part in it."

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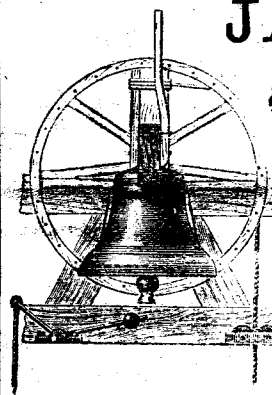
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