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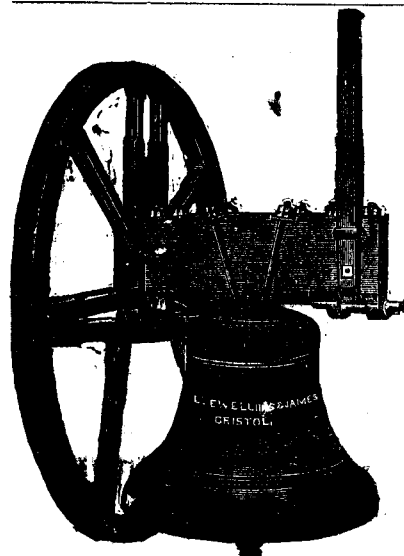
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ROGATE, SUSSEX.

DEDICATION OF A RING OF SIX BELLS BY THE VEN.
ARCHDEACON OF CHICHESTER.

A event of supreme interest to the inhabitants of Rogate, and one which is calculated to excite attention far beyond the bounds of that parish took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 21st, when the new ring of bells were formerly dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chichester. It was only fifteen weeks previous that the important work of altering the bells was, so far as the parishioners generally were concerned, taken in hand. On the 8th September last the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Simpson) called a meeting and explained the details of the scheme which he had mapped out. This was warmly approved and taken up in the parish in a manner that from the first betokened speedy success. The necessary funds were freely subscribed by rich and poor alike, and at the dedication the Vicar and those who have so heartily backed him up in the enterprise had the satisfaction of knowing that there was sufficient money in hand to pay for all the bells, the total cost of which has amounted to about £275. Surely this is an excellent record, and doubtless all concerned—except perhaps the Vicar himself—would agree that this notable success has been achieved very largely by the contagious enthusiasm which the Vicar has displayed in this as in all other parochial undertakings to which he puts his hand. In this particular case his enthusiasm and love for the bells is clearly hereditary. Few bellringers throughout the country, and in this neighbourhood particularly, need any reminder of the valuable work which the Vicar's late father, who for close on a quarter of a century was the Rector of Fittleworth, did on behalf of church bells.

The late Rev. A. B. Simpson, it may be explained, acquired a knowledge not only of the art of ringing, but the science of bell-making and the theory of tuning bells, which has done and is doing so much to improve the harmony of church bells in this country. In the years 1895 and 1896 he published some remarkable papers in the *Pall Mall Magazine* on "Bell Tones," which attracted a great deal of attention, and subsequently these were published in the form of a booklet. The views and information therein contained, based upon his personal observation and experiments, were published with the object, as he said, not merely in order to offer an explanation of the want of harmony observable in peals—and still more in carillons—but also in order to bring public opinion to bear on founders and tuners so as to induce them to bring their bells into a more perfect agreement with the (presumed) intentions of the original designers of the present form of bell than had been thought necessary in the past. He also ventured the confident opinion that existing bells and peals might (generally) be so rectified as to be much more completely in tune both with themselves and with

each other than had hitherto been the case. The importance of the ideas which he advocated were soon appreciated, and several bellfounders took the matter up in a practical manner, with the result that it may now truly be said that the object he had in view has certainly been obtained to a considerable extent and there is every reason to believe that in future the discoveries made by the Rev. A. B. Simpson and the methods invented by him of eliciting and rectifying the tones of the bells will be even more widely accepted and adapted, with what results let the new peal of bells at Rogate testify. The chief aim put forward by the revered father of the present Vicar of Rogate was that every bell ought to be "in tune with itself." He asserted that the three more important notes in the bell, *i.e.* the tonic (which he called the "fundamental"), its octave above (which he termed the "nominal") and its octave below (called by the name by which it is known in English foundries, the "hum-note,") were meant to be in true octaves, whereas it was the exception to find a bell in which any two of them were in accord. This theory, which in reality marked a new departure in bell-founding, has been put into practice in the new peal of bells at Rogate, which is in more senses than one a memorial of the late Mr. Simpson's work. The construction of the new peal has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were the first to tune bells on the lines laid down by Mr. Simpson, and it is interesting to note that the tenor has been recast by Mr. John Taylor in commemoration of his work.

The bells, six in number, have been hung in an iron frame, and now constitute a charming peal. The work in every respect has been excellently carried out by Messrs. Taylor, and the bells were hung under the superintendence of Mr. Billingham, who, it is interesting to note, hung the heaviest ringing bell in the world, at Exeter Cathedral. Three of the bells, *viz.* the treble, 2nd and 3rd, are entirely new bells, and though the others have been recast, it may be conceded that the peal, to all intents and purposes, is wholly new.

At the very interesting dedicatory service on Wednesday afternoon (the festival of St. Thomas the Apostle), the church was packed with a congregation representing all classes in the parish, in spite of the very foggy and unpleasant weather. For a quarter before the service commenced Miss Marshall (the organist) played selections on the organ with her accustomed skill. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "Hark! the sound of holy voices." The procession, headed by the cross, and comprising the choir and clergy in their robes, and churchwardens, reached nearly the whole length of the church. Evensong for the festival was then gone through. The Revs. O. S. Walford and S. M. Campbell read the special lessons. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Tours in F, and the choir rendered the anthem, "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" (Goss), with nice effect. After the anthem the Archdeacon, attended by the Vicar and churchwardens, proceeded to the belfry, and standing there the Archdeacon read a number of

special dedicatory prayers, the people all kneeling, and then he delivered the bell-ropes to the Vicar with these words: "Receive these bells as a sacred trust committed to thee, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be used only in His service and for the benefit of His people." Two courses of Bob Doubles were immediately rung by a party of ringers at Midhurst under the leadership of Mr. A. B. Bennett, and the sound of the bells thus heard for the first time under such solemn circumstances was most impressive and beautiful. The Old Hundredth was then most heartily sung, and it was interesting to note how in tune the hymn was with the bells which had just ceased ringing.

The Archdeacon next delivered a most interesting and appropriate address, chiefly founded on the 33rd, 34th and 35th verses of the 28th chapter of the Book of Exodus, and by reference to the bells of gold upon the hem of the robe of the ephod worn by Aaron the High Priest, drew some helpful lessons as to the messages of church bells to the priest and his people. The service closed with the singing of the Te Deum, the whole of the clergy standing before the altar, and then after the Blessing the congregation departed to the music of the bells.

After the service several touches were rung on the bells, Mr. John W. Taylor, the bellfounder, and the Vicar participating, the former taking the tenor. The Midhurst ringers, Messrs. Lee, Churchill, Stroud, Pressling, Madgwick and Bennett (conductor) tried for a peal, but unfortunately one of the ropes slipped off the bell and the attempt was unsuccessful. The Vicar entertained a large company, between 70 and 100, to tea at the Vicarage, and in the evening gave a dinner at the Vicarage to Mr. Taylor and all the ringers and men who had worked at the tower, and the proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

An interesting function took place at the residence of Mr. Wm. Worthington, Cambridge Road, on Christmas Eve, when the ringers of St. John's assembled to do honour to their respected leader, Mr. R. Clitheroe. Mr. J. Winter, sen., the oldest ringer in point of both years and service, in presenting Mr. Clitheroe with a combined stationery and smoking cabinet on behalf of the ringers, spoke in high praise of the services rendered by Mr. Clitheroe during the many years he had been connected with the church, and expressed the hope that he might long continue to hold his position as leader. Mr. Wm. Worthington also spoke in felicitous terms of Mr. Clitheroe and several other members added a few words of appreciation. The cabinet is of fumigated oak, and bears the inscription: "Presented to Mr. R. Clitheroe, as a token of esteem, by the bellringers of St. John's church, Blackpool. Christmas, 1904." Mr. Worthington entertained the party to supper, after which an adjournment was made to the belfry, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, was rung as a compliment to Mr. Clitheroe.

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WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 506.)

It is evident that a girl like this must have been a moral danger to such a young man as Corder. I do not desire to say an unkind word of her, still less to presume to blame her, but it is necessary to mention this in order that Corder's position may be made clear. It was not he who withdrew Maria from the paths of chastity; that had already been effectually done by others. He being what he was, and she being what she was, their relations, however deplorable, came about naturally enough.

The result of their intercourse was that Maria became pregnant, and Corder arranged for her confinement at Sudbury. He seems to have done all he could for her, for the people of the house where she was gave evidence to that effect at his trial, and that he usually came to see her twice a week. In fact, her confinement seems to have been as comfortable as a confinement of this kind could be made. The child born to them was a weakling from the first, and when, after staying six weeks at Sudbury, Maria returned to her father, she took it with her, and there it shortly afterwards died. It is important to note where the child died, because, according to the account given in "Household Words," Corder was generally suspected of having murdered it. He certainly could not have been suspected at the time; the suspicion could only have arisen later, when he became the object of so much animosity. Yet it cannot be true. Not only is there no evidence in support of it, but there must have been such evidence if it were a fact. With Maria, her step-mother and her brothers and sisters about the place, no one could murder a child a few weeks old and keep it dark. To what extremities of foolishness will not prejudice stretch the mind!

Corder, however, acted very unwisely in taking away the child's corpse and burying it secretly. It was not an unnatural thing to do. Probably the child had not been baptised, and therefore would not be entitled to the burial service of the Church; even if it had been, the parents may well have shrunk from exhibiting themselves publicly on such an occasion, and Corder may easily have thought that he might as well bury his child himself as get anyone else to do it for him. At any rate there was no concealment between Corder and the Martens as to what he intended to do, for we are told that Mrs. Marten herself placed the child's body in the box which Corder carried away. Still, it was an error of judgment, and brought trouble afterwards.

When and how it came to pass that Corder undertook to marry Maria seems wrapped in some obscurity. It may, I think, be taken as certain that he did not in the first instance obtain access to her person by any such promise. Indeed I doubt whether he ever promised her at all in the way in which such promises are usually made. It appears to me that he was worried into it by Maria's step-mother, and that it was rather to her than to Maria that the promise was made. It is a somewhat difficult job to appraise Mrs. Marten, and we will consider her by and bye: but for the present it may be said that she cannot be blamed for merely trying to get her step-daughter married. Still, she must have known that no man in Corder's position of life, of experience of the world, would have married Maria under all the circumstances of the case, however kind he might have been to her in other respects and whatever provision he might have been willing to make for her; and one cannot help thinking

that the step-mother took advantage of Corder in a weak moment to get him to make a promise which she must have known would place him in a very difficult position with his own people in any case—especially in view of the fact that Maria's first seducer was Thomas Corder, William's elder brother. The evidence given at the trial by one of Maria's sisters, informs us that Mrs. Marten was constantly urging Corder to marry Maria, but that Maria herself did not appear at all desirous for the marriage. Corder stated after the trial that he had a respect for Maria, but could not marry her at that time. And this may be so. Like many young men of good prospects he was not yet entirely his own master. His father was dead, but under the terms of the latter's will, the former—according to the only account I have yet seen—was not yet independent of his mother, and his disposition was not one to have stimulated him to begin saving money on his own account. If he had married Maria when urged by her step-mother, what was to be the result? Nothing but disaster, so far as I can see. It cannot be supposed that his family would have received Maria as his wife, and consequently he would have had to take her elsewhere and make a home and start in some occupation on his own account, which he could hardly be then prepared to do.

The fatal mistake made by Corder—made often enough by young men—was that he did not consult someone capable of advising him, for after all he was so far in no greater trouble than has over and over again been straightened out by the intervention of persons of experience. He could not consult his father, but he had his friends at Nayland and elsewhere to apply to, or he might have sought the advice of a solicitor as he assuredly would have done if he had got into a mess with a woman twenty years later. But youth is often shy in fixes of this sort. Corder held his peace, and thereby cut himself off from relief from the perplexities which were about to lead him to become a murderer by accident rather than by design.

I say these last words advisedly, because I take a totally different view of the circumstances leading up to murder from that of the popular accounts. In my belief when Corder started with Maria Marten from her home to the Red Barn, he had no more intention of murdering her than I have of murdering Mr. Editor in his office.

The murder perpetrated by Corder belongs to that class which most revolts the conscience of humanity—the murder by one human being of another between whom the most intimate of human relations have existed—and which consequently arouses more curiosity than the majority of crimes. This was thoroughly understood by Thomas Kelly, a London bookseller of the day. He had already published the Newgate Calender and an account of the murder of William Weare; and the discovery of the remains of Maria Marten and the result of the Coroner's inquest provided him with a subject altogether in his line; and accordingly in July 1828 he despatched a person named Curtis to the scene of action to write the subject up. Curtis was in many ways adapted for the purpose. His book shows that he was indefatigable in making enquiries, and possessed of a style admirably calculated to convey those pietistic platitudes which were so much to the taste of the public catered for by Kelly, and which seem so turgid to us now. But he does not seem to me to have had much insight into human motives below the surface, or any wide grasp of the complexity of human character. He went down to Polstead with preconceived

ideas of the turpitude of Corder, and these seem to have influenced all his conclusions. The result in my opinion is that his picture of Corder is overdrawn, and that in particular he has been misled into the supposition that Corder deliberately planned the murder, which has been generally adopted by subsequent writers. Curtis's style does not impress me as that of a man of very logical mind. What, for instance, can be more absurd than the following? He went from London to Colchester, I suppose by the stage coach, and then went on to Nayland, where he spent the night. On the following morning he walked to Polstead, I presume through Stoke. As he came in sight of Polstead, the beauty of the prospect—the Park, the church, the undulating ground and the village—very naturally impressed him, whereupon he observes: "I could not help exclaiming, Is it possible that in the midst of this little Eden, a village swain has imbrued his hands in the blood of his damsel?" He speaks of the "Episcopal dignity" of Mr Whitmore, the then Rector of Polstead, and of "the Rubicon of the church of which he (Mr. Whitmore) is the Minister"; by which I suppose, if he means anything, he is referring to the Rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer, which, however, have nothing to do with what he is talking about. At Bury, before the preaching of the assize sermon, he tells us that Luther's hymn on the Last Judgment was sung, and in noticing the organist's accompaniment, he describes the musician as "frequently touching his chords so as to imitate a flourish of trumpets, which had a paralyzing effect on the multitude." I have no reason to think Curtis either an ill-natured or intentionally unfair man, but it seems to me impossible to repose much confidence in the judgment of a person who splashes words about in this fashion. While we are obliged to him for his labour we need not be bound by his conclusions.

(To be continued.)

(This account commenced in our number for December 31.)

HAMPTON-ON-THAMES.

A large new clock has just been erected in the parish church, which has four large dials and strikes the hours upon the tenor bell. It is fitted with all the latest improvements and is guaranteed by the makers to keep time with great accuracy. It will be a most useful clock, as it is so well seen from the river Thames. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Our numerous correspondents must please guard against imperfect reports. Writing on both sides of the paper is an evil; and mixing up matters of every conceivable description together is one we cannot recognise at all. We have had to re-arrange several reports this week, a somewhat temper-trying process. Such "copy" will be thrown aside in future.

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REPLY TO MR. CATTERWELL.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Catterwell's query, and claiming a record for one of his band for distance in walking 385 miles to church on Sundays for ringing, although very creditable, I think it is easily beaten by one who was a member of the Truro Guild from 1898 to 1902. He had the same distance, viz. 3½ miles, to walk in the summer, or in dry weather, across fields, but in the winter, or bad weather, having to keep to the road, had farther to go, as the fields were not passable. The bells were always rung for both morning and evening services, which made a ten-mile walk each Sunday, and sometimes more in bad weather. During the last year of his belonging to the band he only missed one Sunday during the whole year, so that during that time he had walked at least 510 miles, besides special ringing on the morning of Christmas-day, Easter Sunday, and Whit-Sunday from 7 to 8. He also missed one practice during the year. It was not only during the last year of his being in the band that he was regular in his attendance, but for the whole of the four years he only missed seventeen times, both for practice and for Sunday ringing too.

When he first started learning he attended practice three times one week and twice the next, and when capable of ringing properly he rung every alternate Sunday, so that during his first year he walked twenty-five miles in one week and ten the next, or seventy miles per month, or about 900 for the year.

For the first year after the bells were hung in 1898 there were two companies belonging to the tower, who rung on alternate Sundays, but soon after the end of the first year one of them broke up, and the whole of the work was done by the remaining company of eleven members. All the work was voluntary except weddings. I might say there were no fines for non-attendance, so that it was purely for the interest he took in the ringing that made him attend so well to it. Therefore I think this record stands far in advance of Mr. H. Catterwell's record for Romford. Most of the distance was accomplished alone along country lanes and fields, as the band was scattered all over the parish, there being only two houses near the church, vicarage, and one small cottage.

A. C.

CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal rung at Ripley, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, December 6th, 1904—viz., a peal of Bob Major—states that it is the first peal by all the band in that method except the conductor. I hope you will oblige me by contradicting that in this week's "BELL NEWS," by saying it is the first peal by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Hoping this will not put you to any inconvenience.

H. DAY.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask for me through "THE BELL NEWS," the correct weight of that majestic ring of bells at Painswick in Gloucestershire. I notice a peal of Stedman Cinques published in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 15th giving the weight of tenor as 24 cwt.; in the issue of December 3rd it is stated to be 26 cwt.

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THE PEAL AT HALIFAX.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to John Jenkinson (Little Jack) on his 65th birthday, he having been a ringer at the parish church over 40 years. After the peal the ringers and several friends adjourned to The Ring o' Bells, where mine host Mr. C. Spencer dispensed hospitalities in the shape of "stew," a pleasant evening being brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens, who kindly postponed service from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

THE PEAL AT ASHBOCKING.—This is the first peal on the bells, which were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Tollemache, of Helmingham Hall, whose funeral was taking place in the adjoining parish of Helmingham while the peal was being rung. Formerly there were only two bells in this tower, one of which was cracked. This has been re-cast, and four others added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, making a handy ring of six, which were dedicated on the 23rd of last month.

THE PEAL AT SOUTH WIGSTON.—This is the longest peal of changes ever rung, and was completed to the satisfaction of hundreds of listeners, trustworthy referees, and well-known ringers from all parts of the country. Umpires: H. W. Abbott (Loughborough) and J. Buttery (Leicester), who checked the courses from copies of the peal in full. Reduced from 21,024 owing to the illness of one of the band. The conductor desires to say that while this peal cuts the Kidlington record in number of changes only, that performance still holds the palm for weight of metal, and remains a monument of ability.

MR. ALFRED BARNES' 50 PEALS.—On Six Bells: Three Methods 1, Six Treble Bob Methods 1; Grandsire Triples 9, Caters 4; Plain Bob Triples 3, Major (1 of 7040) 4, Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Royal 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2; Stedman Triples 3, Caters 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2. On Handbells: Grandsire Triples 3; Plain Bob Triples 4, Major 1. Total, 50. Also 1 false peal of Grandsire Caters and one false peal of Stedman Triples.

After ringing the birthday peal as a compliment to Thomas H. Reeves, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on the 17th ult., the company were hospitably entertained by Mr. Samuel Reeves, at his residence.

Say, is not our life like ringing a bell?

Its dodges and changes not few:

If we keep to the Rule, we shall certainly feel

The pleasure of knowing it's true.

This world is a belfry and we are the bells,

Then aye to be true let us aim,

Till each action and thought, in sweet harmony tells,

In ringing and living the same.

In Doubles and Triples, in Caters and Cinques,

In Minor and Major as well,

In Royal and Maximus often methinks,

This life is like ringing a bell.

Though others around us may clash or break down,

Or try not to live their lives well,

We will not condemn them, but look to our own,

As if we were ringing a bell.

And when our Conductor the last bob shall call,

And bring our life peal to a stand,

Who can tell but that us that blest lot may befall

To ring in some far away Land.

In Doubles and Triples, in Caters and Cinques,

In Minor and Major as well,

In Royal and Maximus often methinks,

There's Heaven in the sound of a bell. E. W.

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Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On Friday, December 16th, for practice, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Carter, G. Dingle, W. Seeley, H. Hawes, E. Hunt, T. Fitzjohn, W. Everett, C. Carter.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Thursday, December 15th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Whitshed, W. Gosling, sen., G. Hardstaff, W. G. Christian, F. May, A. Munks, W. Gosling, jun. conductor, C. Carr.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHATTERIS (Cambs).—Recently, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. McGill, P. Smith, I. Moxon, A. Abrams, H. Moxon.

DONCASTER.—On Saturday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Stedman Triples, with the bells half muffled, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Bellamy, G. Halksworth, A. E. Ashe, H. Marwood, H. Brock, J. F. Mallaby, C. Armitage conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, J. Hickman, E. J. Oliver, G. H. Johnson, G. Middleton, H. R. Cobbin conductor, F. Knibbs, W. Flinders.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 1260 Stedman Caters. G. Brush, W. E. Garrard, E. G. Stibbons, A. V. Selby, H. Powell, A. E. Bradley, J. T. Kentish, H. G. Miles conductor, A. F. Harris, C. H. Phipps. On Sunday, October 16th, 1259 Grandsire Caters. F. Edwards, W. E. Garrard, T. W. Bonnick, G. Brush, A. Cutmore, A. E. Bradley, E. G. Stibbons, J. T. Kentish, A. F. Harris conductor, G. H. Phipps. On October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. E. G. Stibbons, J. T. Kentish, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, A. W. Brighton, A. Collins, J. Symons, F. Bayley, A. Miles, J. Harding, S. Thomas. On Sunday, August 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harris, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, A. Miles, J. Harding, S. Thomas. On Tuesday, August 23rd, 515 Stedman. W. Lebbon conductor, J. Harris, C. Groves, A. Miles, P. Harnnam, H. Miles, J. Harding, S. Thomas. On August 23rd, 224 Treble Bob Major. A. Miles, C. Groves, J. Harper, H. Miles, J. Harris, J. Harper, J. Symons conductor, J. Harding, W. Lebbon. On September 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. White, J. Harris, J. Symons, J. Matthews, J. Harding, A. Collins, S. Thomas. On September 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman. J. Harper, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, F. Bayley, J. Harding, A. Collins, J. Matthews. On September 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Harper, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Harding, A. Collins, J. Matthews.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, C. Searing, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, 720 Double Court. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. After service 720 Double Oxford, standing as before. On Tuesday, September 6th, 720 College Single. E. Overall, F. Elliot, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence. On Tuesday, September 13, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Phillips, G. Barker, the rest as before. On Tuesday, September 20th, 720 each of College Single and Plain Bob. A. Phillips and G. Carter conductor. On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, E. Overall, C. Gale, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. For evening service 360 College Single. On October 18, 360 Double Oxford and 360 Double Court. On October 23rd, for evening service, 720 College Single.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SKETTY (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Gwyn, D. Williams, R. Morse, C. Morse, E. Chamberlain, W. H. Rice conductor, A. James, H. Williams. On Monday, October 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Blackmore, D. Williams, R. Morse, W. H. Rice conductor, E. Chamberlain, C. Morse, A. James, H. Williams. First quarter-peal by the treble and 3rd ringers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Michael's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise, 1024 New Cumberland Surprise. W. Prior, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. This is the first touch of New Cumberland on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 25th, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Cox, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Millar, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, B. Tilley. On Thursday, September 29th, 462 Grandsire Triples. J. Clutterbuck, W. Millar, L. Brooks, A. Rowley, T. Cox, J. Hardage, W. Biss, T. Dawe. On Thursday, October 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, R. Dadds, H. Day, W. Biss, W. Millar, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 College Treble. John Thackray, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom conductor. And 360 Bob Minor. C. Lockwood, Jno. Thackray, rest as before. On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor and 96 Woodbine. J. Thackray, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, Jno. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom conductor. For evening service 720 Violet. H. Pawson, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, Jos. Thackray, John Thackray, J. Heckingbottom conductor. On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, 720 Armley Pleasure. J. Hey, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent conductor, J. Thackray.

HALESWORTH.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, T. Crane, E. Easter, W. Peirce, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert conductor, A. Took.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 16th, for afternoon service, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Cheshire, W. Webb, A. Cheshire, J. Nicholls, A. Vickers, F. Vickers conductor, W. Jeffs, F. Field. On Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Cheshire, W. Jeffs, A. Cheshire, E. Field, A. Vickers, C. White, F. Vickers.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Thursday, October 27th, 1260 of Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire. L. Hammond, F. C. Lambert conductor, F. Cullum, T. Crane, J. Panchard.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On September 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, G. Cornell, F. Squires, J. Marks conductor, B. Marks. On October 2nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Davis, W. Smith, G. Cornell, A. H. Doherty, J. Marks conductor, B. Marks. On October 11th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. A. Lebbon, A. H. Doherty conductor, M. Black, F. Squires, G. Cornell, W. Smith.

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The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD HIMS Treble.	ARTHUR NEWSON HARDY .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	JAMES EDWARD DAVIS .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAS. E. DAVIS.

Gandbell Peal.**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

IN THE TOWER OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

EDMUND VERE HARVEY	1-2.	JAMES W. DRIVER..	5-6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD..	3-4.	JOSEPH HERBERT ..	7-8.

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

Witness—Arthur Herbert.

The Provincers.**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 22, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON†..Treble.	CHARLES MEE ..	4.
HAWKINS ENGLISH† ..	ERNEST S. GOSTLING ..	5.
GEORGE W. MEE ..	WILLIAM DYE ..	Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

†First peal of Minor. Further reference elsewhere.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,***On Saturday, December 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

W. HOPKINSON, JUN. ..Treble.	J. T. BUTLER ..	5.
J. MILNER ..	T. CLOUGH..	6.
J. THOMPSON ..	W. HOPKINSON ..	7.
W. BUTLER ..	J. P. TARTLTON ..	Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

SHILDON, DURHAM.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 24, 1904, in Three Hours One and ½ Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

WILLIAM SMITH* ..Treble.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON ..	5.
HARRY PEVERELL ..	GEORGE W. PEVERELL ..	6.
WALTER H. METCALFE ..	THOMAS WICK ..	7.
FRANK G. METCALFE ..	JOHN H. LENTON ..	Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HALIFAX, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

DAVID R. SMITH ..Treble.	THOMAS POLLITT ..	6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY ..	JAMES COTTERELL ..	7.
JOE HARDCASTLE ..	RICHARD RYLAND ..	8.
JOHN S. AMBLER ..	FRANCIS BARKER ..	9.
JOSEPH BRAZEY ..	BENJAMIN F. LAMB ..	Tenor.

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

Reference elsewhere.

BEESTON, NOTTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 24, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MARKHAM BOOT† ..Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ..	5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD ..	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. ..	6.
HENRY FLETCHER ..	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. ..	7.
PERCIVAL PRICE ..	ARTHUR J. KNIGHT ..	Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

†First peal. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea and social by the conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ..Treble.	EDGAR HICKS ..	5.
SEADLEY COLLINS* ..	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ..	6.
JAMES DURRANT ..	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ..	7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ..	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

STREET, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

MAURICE STAGG ..Treble.	CRISPIN J. WEBB ..	5.
HARRY PARISH ..	SAMUEL HAWKINS ..	6.
JOSEPH A. BARNES ..	ARTHUR W. WEBB ..	7.
FRED MARSH ..	GEORGE RICHARDS ..	Tenor.

Conducted by H. PARISH.

*First peal as conductor.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES* ..Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ..	4.
JOHN W. ASHTON ..	FRED HOLT ..	5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON ..	EDWARD READER ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOLT.

It had been arranged to attempt Oxford Treble Bob Major, but the somewhat singular event of two of the band selected falling sick at the last moment led to the substitution of the above—a beggarly substitute, certainly, but the best under the circumstances. *Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WALCOT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HILL* ..Treble.	ALFRED RICHARDSON ..	5.
GEORGE TEMPLE ..	CHARLES W. BELL ..	6.
ALFRED MELHUISE ..	FREDERICK SKUSE ..	7.
CHARLES COLLIER* ..	HENRY W. BROWN ..	Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells. *Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Arthur Hill, brother of Mr. G. Hill, tower-master of St. Andrew's and ringer of the treble, which took place in the morning, his brother ringers wishing him every happiness.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING 5.
JESSE ARBON 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2.	*HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	THOMAS JORDAN 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the longest peal on the bells, and was rang on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN .. Treble.	FREDERICK DIGBY 5.
CHARLES RUMP* 2.	JOE GOWER 6.
WILLIAM ROUGHT 3.	GEORGE MOY 7.
JAMES PILCH 4.	JOHN MOY Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by JOHN MOY.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR FOWLER* .. Treble.	R. HORACE HURST 4.
HENRY SWANNACK* 2.	JAMES S. BETTS 5.
CHARLES METCALFE 3.	ALFRED STREET Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

*First peal.

PORTMADOC, WALES.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

SAMUEL ROBERTS .. Treble.	JOHN ERIC THOMAS 5.
CADWALADER WILLIAMS .. 2.	DAVID T. HUGHES 6.
JOHN OWEN 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7.
HABRY WAKEFIELD 4.	WILLIAM H. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

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

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE T. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	HENRY WAITE 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by B. PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band desire to thank the Hillingdon ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. HOPKINSON, JUN.* .. Treble.	W. BUTLER 5.
J. MILNER 2.	J. T. BUTLER 6.
J. THOMPSON† 3.	*W. HOPKINSON 7.
E. BUTLER 4.	J. P. TARTLTON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. P. TARTLTON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER H. WOOD .. Treble.	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 5.
ISAAC ALLEN 2.	JOSEPH CADLE 6.
FRANK WESTON 3.	H. POWDRILL 7.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	THOMAS B. WOOD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EPHRAIM W. RANDS.

First peal by all except the ringers of the treble and tenor. First peal by all in the method. First peal in the method on the bells; also the quickest peal on the bells. T. B. Wood was elected a member previous to starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.]
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the ring of eight.

LURGAN, COUNTY ARMAGH.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE .. 6.
THOMAS GRANT 3.	RICHARD R. CHERRY .. 7.
HAROLD GREENE 4.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure,
Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford
Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	JOHN MAYES 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First 7200 on the bells, and by all the band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	*HARRY HARRIS 5.
F. S. POOLE 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 3.	†ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN.* 4.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor. This was the quarterly peal of the Guildford district, and is the quickest on the bells.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK MEE† .. Treble.	†GEORGE W. MEE 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON† .. 2.	†ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE† 3.	†CHARLES MEE 7.
HAWKINS-ENGLISH 4.	*JOHN GOOCH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal. †Members of the All Saints Society, Spronghton.

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

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.
Tenor 43 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	BENJAMIN FRANCIS 8.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	*EDWARD EVANS 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 10.
FREDERICK HOWCHIN .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.	SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

CHARLES MEE* Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* 2.	*ERNEST S. GOSTLING† .. 6.
GEORGE W. MEE* 3.	*FREDERICK MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE* 4.	HARRY R. ROPER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

†First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell. *Members of the All Saints' Society, Spronghton.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE W. SORRELL† .. Treble.	REGINALD EDWARDS .. 5.
ERNEST DAWSON* 2.	HENRY HEAD 6.
ROBERT WOOD 3.	THOMAS LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

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

*First peal. †First peal of Treble Bob.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 21 lbs.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITH 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	*JOHN HARE 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY SEAR 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 950th peal, and the 100th "first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells" conducted by him.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Ten Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
17,104 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Reference elsewhere.

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

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Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30 p.m. F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Harlington (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, January 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme to-day, Saturday, January 7th. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Sawston to-day, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tea at 4 o'clock. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bosham to-day, Sat., January 7th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. The Secretary wishes to give notice that all subscriptions owing should now be paid without delay. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley to-day, Saturday, January 7th, 1905, at 3.0. Aspley Guise bells (1 mile) also available. Rev. A. RUST } *Hon. Secs.*
J. HILLS }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The first quarterly meeting of the above branch held in the new year will take place at Emerton to-day, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1905, by kind permission of the Rev. Sams, Rector of that parish. A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—It is proposed to have a combined practice monthly, at different towers, commencing at Englefield, Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. ARTHUR STARDIDGE.

Bradfield Rectory.

The Midland Counties Association.—The yearly meeting of the Nottingham District will be held in St. Peter's Belfry on Saturday, January 14th, 1905. REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Brancote Road, Beeston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, Oldham, on January 14th, when a peal-tablet will be unveiled. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Unveiling of tablet at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconsry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at the parish church, Tip-on. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock,

immediately after which a unveiling ceremony will take place. Tea will be provided for all those who send in their names not later than the 9th inst., at 1s. per head, after which there will be a smoking concert in the schoolroom.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, January 14th. Bells at liberty from 5 to 8. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 14th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, January 14th. Tea and Meeting, 4 o'clock. Evensong. Six bells. A. M. G. DANIEL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Taunton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, January 14th. Short service at 5.30, business following. Bells available for the afternoon. W. WHITE, *Hon. Local Sec.*
12, Church Road, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 4. Meeting, 6.30. W. ASHWORTH.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above Society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 14th, when the election of officers will take place. It is requested that there be a good attendance of members, as there is some very important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting. The meeting will be held at The Little Saddle inn, to commence at 5. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—The fortnightly practices will be resumed at St. Clement Danes on Monday, January 16th, at 8 p.m. A meeting for the transaction of important business will take place at 9.45 in the Association room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., when it is hoped as many will attend as possible. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on Wednesday, January 18th. Dinner at The White Lion hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by January 16th. C. E. BORRETT, *Secretary.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the hon. secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1905 are now due. They would save the hon. sec. a great deal of labour at the end of the year if they would only be a little more prompt in this matter at the beginning of it. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

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By THE SAME AUTHOR.

13,440.

23456 W M

43652 -

64235 -

26543 -

42563 -

34526 - s

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The Sketch, Wednesday, March 22nd, 1899, comments upon Mr. Sevier's Year's Standing Prognostications, on page 369: "The very first Law from Creation is fully illustrated there—obedience."

The Seer received congratulations from every part of the world.

Address—WILLIAM J. SEVIER,
10, Park Road, Gloucester.

Obituary.

JOHN F. MARLOW.

(Of Leicester; aged 48 years.)

On Saturday, December 17th, was laid to rest in the beautiful village churchyard of Knighton, near Leicester, John Faulkner Marlow, for many years well-known in local circles as a proficient member of our art. "Jack Marlow" was a man and a brother, and we who knew him best must sadly look back with regret. He was a good ringer in the methods that he knew, and took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Midland Counties Association. His first peal was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on May 27th, 1874, conducted by the late Edward Biggs; his last was on February 13th, 1897, at St. Saviour's, Leicester; a total of nineteen peals of Triples, Major, Caters, and Royal. Being of the Calvinistic creed, he bore his illness and his many misfortunes with stoical fortitude. A most willing and obliging ringer, he filled to perfection the important post of umpire to the silent peals of Stedman Triples to Cinques "in hand." The end

came somewhat unexpectedly, although he had survived a succession of "strokes." It was not known to the writer of these lines until two hours before the interment, though in that time a floral wreath was procured, with an address of sympathy, and was deposited on the coffin as it reached the lychgate of the church. With the aid of Messrs. Biddles, Buttery, and the sexton, the village bells were rung muffled by us as the mourners left their loved one behind, "in the lap of mother earth." No need for further eulogy—Jack Marlow was one of those, in the words of the poet Gray—

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,
This sober spirit never cared to stray;
Along the cool sequestered vale of life,
He kept the noiseless tenour of his way."
W. W.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 31st, Mr. E. A. Ridgway gave a farewell supper to his fellow ringers at The Golden Lion on the occasion of his retirement from the conductorship. Mr. Ridgway has been a

ringer for twelve years and has done much to advance the art of ringing in this and in other towns. It is with much regret but the heartiest well wishes that Mr. Ridgway leaves Leek for London this New Year. Before his departure he will be the recipient of a gold medal from his Leek friends.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes in 56 mins. G. Chestermass, H. Turner, J. Fryer, J. Newman, E. Cassell, M. Woodcock conductor, W. G. Matthews, W. Dean, J. Barber, G. Turner.

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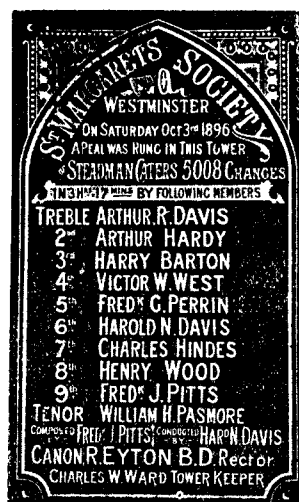
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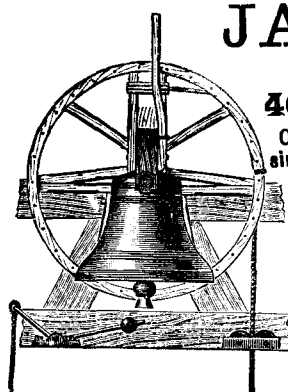
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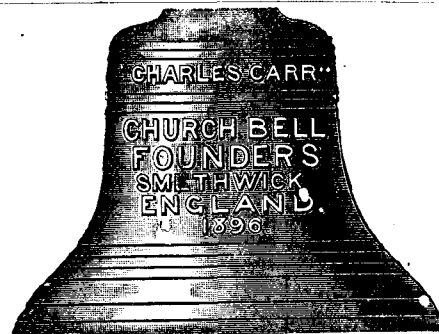
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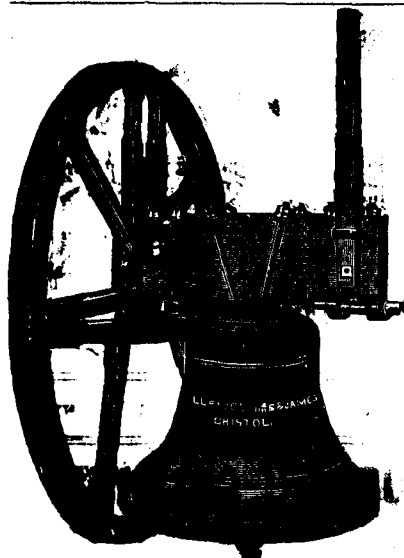
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DEDICATION OF THREE NEW BELLS AT BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDS.

The attractions of this pretty village (a favourite playground for the Luton business folk), with range of hills and health-giving breezes, have been permanently enhanced by the addition of three new bells to the church peal, thus completing the octave. The old five were hung some few years ago by Messrs. Taylor, and the three bells have just been put in by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich. The "go" of each of the eight bells is splendid.

One anonymous donor presented on bell 1 in memoriam; friends who have before been liberally interested in the village subscribed the cost of the 2nd, and the Rector (Rev. J. H. Spokes, M.A.), undertook to raise the cost of the 3rd.

The service of dedication was held on Saturday, December 17th, the Archdeacon of Bedford officiating. The services were continued on Sunday, when the Rev. E. C. Baldwin, M.A., Vicar of Hareton, preached a most appropriate sermon.

The new bells are hung in iron frames. The above services commemorated the tercentenary of Barton bells (1604-1904). The ringers of the peal (recorded in its proper place), take this opportunity of expressing their most hearty thanks to the Rector for the magnificent way in which he entertained them, and to the Barton ringers for the cordial reception given.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26th, the annual meeting took place at All Saints, Newport. Members arriving early in the afternoon, the bells were kept going to Triples and Major. At four o'clock a shortened service, which was well attended, was conducted in the church by the Vicar of the parish (Rev. Charles Bennett, M.A.), who also gave a very able address on ringers and ringing. After the service steps were made for the parish room, and the meeting commenced by the Vicar very kindly taking the chair. After welcoming the members of the Association to the parish, he immediately called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which was done, duly carried, and signed. Arising out of the minutes was a notice of motion that the annual membership subscription be reduced from 1s. 6d. to 1s. After a little discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, seconded by Mr. J. Clutterbuck, that the reduction take place as from January 1st, 1905, and upon being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the next business. Mr. T. Rogers, of Trevethin, Pontypool, was elected Master, and the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary were re-elected. It was decided on the proposition of Mr. D. Thomas, seconded by Mr. A.

Rowley, that the next annual meeting take place at St. John's, Cardiff.

The question of the proposed peal of eight bells for Caerphilly church was next discussed, and eventually it was unanimously decided that £10 be given from the funds of the Association to the scheme. New members were then elected from the following towers: All Saints (Newport), St. Fagans, Penarth and Caldicot.

Subscriptions were then taken. This being all the business, a vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and for his address, who in reply thanked the members for the kind remarks, and then very generously invited all to tea, a capital one being provided.

Tea over, a good many made for the tower, where the bells were again requisitioned for Major and Triples, thus concluding one of the best meetings in the annals of the Association. The next quarterly meeting which had previously been arranged, takes place at Monmouth.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., the ringers of the parish church, together with a few friends, were entertained to supper. Host and hostess Rawling provided an excellent repast and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Vicar, the Rev. A. Pryde, presided, and congratulated the ringers upon the rapid and sound progress they had made under their efficient and zealous instructor, Mr. John Mardell, head gardener at Crimplesham Hall. Though a few weeks ago none of them knew anything about ringing, they had already mastered their bells and a very creditable start had been made in change-ringing. Christmas and New Year's Days were ushered in to the merry sound of the bells, which had been silent for so many years.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Holbeck on October 29th. An attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was successful after ringing 3 hrs. A peal of Stedman Triples was also successfully rung at Shipley.

There was a good attendance of members for the business meeting, which was held at The Spotted Cow Inn at 7.30 p.m., the following towers being represented:—Armley, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Calverley, Gargrave, Huddersfield, Headingley St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Pudsey, Tong, and the local company. The President, Mr. T. Maude wrote expressing his regret at not being able to attend. Mr. J. W. T. Holgate was elected to the chair. The secretary having read the minutes of previous meeting at Tong, they were proposed and passed as read by Mr. G. Boliand, seconded by Mr. E. Wheeler, and carried. Five new members were elected. No other business being forthcoming, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the

local company for their kind arrangements was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. J. Thackray, and unanimously carried.

Mr. H. Tomlinson briefly responded on behalf of the local company. The tower was again visited, when the following methods were rung: Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, etc. Handbell ringing in various methods was also rung, and this finally terminated the meeting.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The tenth annual general meeting of this society was held in the vestry of St. Andrew's church on Monday evening, January 9th, the Rev. Albert V. Baillie, M.A. (Rector, and President of the Society), in the chair. There were also present the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson (Hon. Chaplain to the Society), Messrs. G. E. Over and G. F. Spencer (churchwardens), and Messrs. Coleman, Coales, Watson, Fenton and Dubber (the retiring officers of the Society), and a record attendance of other members, there being only one ringing member and two honorary members absent. The finances and membership were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition, and good progress had been made during the past year in the more advanced methods of change-ringing. Mr. A. J. Coleman was elected Ringing-Master; Mr. A. J. Hessian, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. J. Coales, Deputy Ringing-Master. Messrs. Watson, Dubber and Coales were elected on the committee. Mr. Coleman gave a brief report of the year's work, which also was very satisfactory.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. James George for his past services to the Society. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector for presiding, and to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Coleman) for his services and untiring energy in promoting the welfare of the Society.

Mr. George E. Over moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ringing members of the society for their loyal services to the Church on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby.

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

"Composer" writes as follows:—

"Mr. G. F. Attree and Mr. G. Baker are deserving the thanks of the whole Exercise, as year by year we note small items of value added, so that the Analysis becomes increasingly interesting, and one of these days, without doubt, we shall have the pleasure to note the inclusion of that brain-puzzling mortal, that man of figures, without whom no peal can be rang and recorded, and no points, gained or allotted. I allude to the

COMPOSER."

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Wraxall on Saturday, October 1st, 1904, is withdrawn from the records of the above Association, owing to two members who took part not having complied with the rules of the Association; and, as all who took part in the said peal were bona fide members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, they wish the peal to be included in the list of peals credited to this Association for the year just closed.

F. G. MAY.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE RECORD PEAL AT WIGSTON.

SIR,—Will you allow me through your columns to thank the numberless friends about the country who have sent me their congratulations on the long peal of Double Norwich. Not possessing the luxury of a private secretary I cannot answer them all personally, but I feel I ought, on behalf of the band, to publicly acknowledge some of them, and the following are a few abbreviated selections:—

From Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.: "I cannot express my admiration sufficiently for the plucky attempt made to create an entirely new record in length."

From the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Guild: "I congratulate you on your splendid performance. Your kind allusion to Kidlington is both modest and graceful. With best wishes."

From Rev. D. Dewar, Vicar of South Wigston: "Bravo a thousand times for your feat and that of your comrades yesterday. Believe me at any time our belfry will be at your disposal."

From John W. Taylor, Esq., Bell Foundry: "I congratulate you and all the band upon the excellent performance at Wigston. Pity you did not achieve all, but nevertheless a performance to be proud of."

From the Whitwick Society branch of the M.C.A.: "Please accept the congratulations of the Whitwick ringers on the splendid achievement yesterday. We are proud to be members of an Association which embraces such,"—S. WEST, churchwarden.

From the Ancient Society of College Youths: "On behalf of the members of this Society I have much pleasure in sending to you and the others of the band our hearty congratulations on the Wigston performance. When you have another shot at it we wish you success on its completion."—W. T. COCKERILL, Sec.

With all those to whom I am unable to reply kindly take the will for the deed. Their messages are fully appreciated. Another week I hope to write an account of the peal.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

COLLEDGE BOB.

SIR,—I have now been able to visit the British Museum Library and find that I was quite correct in stating that Colledge Bob—figures and all—appears in Stedman's Campanalogia of 1677. It does not appear so far as I see in the London Scholars' book, and the copies in the British Museum appear to be complete. If Mr. Tucker's book is incomplete, it may possibly be that, as all the books are the same size, what he possesses is a binding up together of portions of two distinct books. Anyhow it is quite clear that Colledge Bob is as old as Stedman's time, but I have found nothing to show whether or not Stedman is its author.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE ANALYSIS.

SIR,—Please notify in your next issue that I have found three errors in the Analysis for 1903 in reading over same:—(1) The value in points for peals of Stedman Caters should be 24, not 28. (2) The total number of peals rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild was 24, not 34. (3) The Bedford Association rang one peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major which has been omitted.

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WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 519.)

I am by no means concerned to whitewash Corder. So far I can judge he was just about to settle down and might have done so permanently, but for the murder and its consequences. But as a youngster, he seems to have been singularly destitute of self restraint, except in the matter of alcoholic liquors, in the use of which—even according to Curtis—he was uniformly temperate; and of course he could not have been a good half-pull ringer if he had been addicted to drink. He was a pickle of a boy, somewhat spoiled, according to Curtis, by his mother; and as he was growing up he seems to have had an infatuation for joining in any mischief going, which sometimes carried him to the length of the risk of serious consequences to himself; and though not personally extravagant, he certainly, if we can trust Curtis, imposed rather badly more than once on his father, and was believed to have had a hand in a forgery. His father, we are told, once tried to get him bred for the sea, but though William was a good shot in the field, he had a defective eyesight at close quarters, which incapacitated him for a maritime career.

But there is not only no evidence of his having a cruel disposition, but everything we can gather about him points to an opposite conclusion. The evidence given at his trial, both by witnesses for the prosecution and the defence, unanimously describes him as humane, and the treatment of him by those brought officially into contact with him after his arrest, as distinguished from the bawling of an ignorant mob, testifies that he could not have impressed them as a brutal ruffian.

Before proceeding to consider the circumstances attendant on the murder, I will just allude to some bereavements of the Corder family, because an unfair suggestion has been made about them in the account in "Household Words," as though William Corder might have had some share in the deaths of his father and brothers. Even Curtis will not bear this out. The father, John Corder, died December 18th, 1825, of what disease I know not, but it is impossible that a man of his position could have been murdered in his own house without the fact being known. As to the brothers, Thomas, who died January 23rd, 1827, was accidentally drowned, and James, who died May 22nd, 1827, and John who died July 15th, 1827, were both victims of consumption. Having said this much I will now come to close quarters with the murder.

Murder, in this country—like matrimony—is not to be entered lightly. To deliberately and wilfully scheme a murder when the penalty of a conviction is death, calls for some strong motive affecting the schemer. And consequently when we are asked to believe that a murder has been deliberately planned, the first question that rises to our lips—except in the case of insane criminals—is, what adequate motive can be assigned for the scheme? Applying this to Corder, the answer in my view is "None at all." Maria could do him no harm; their intimacy was a matter of public notoriety already, and nothing she could do could make it any worse for him; for instance no question of black-mail could possibly arise, and it is quite clear that she was not pressing him to marry her, and he could have had no difficulty in keeping Mrs. Marten at bay. And when one looks at the dates I have just given and realises that on the date of the murder—May 18th, 1827—his brother James was on the point of death, and his brother John in rapid declining health, the only conclusion seems to be that Corder could have had no possible inducement for adding to his anxieties at such a time.

The motives that induce a man to deliberately scheme a murder may be, I think, ranked under three heads.

(1) A state of relations between the parties which has made life so unendurable to the murderer that he can only face life if the other party be dead. This of course is absurd in Corder's case; and common experience shows it to be so. Men do not merely because they find themselves situated as Corder was, proceed to "imbrue their hands in the blood of their damsels." If they did, the cases of murder awaiting trial at the Assizes would be increased in number beyond all imagination.

(2) A desire to obtain something of value which can only be obtained by the death of the victim. This may be illustrated by the case of Dougal, in what is known as The Moat Farm murder, who murdered Miss Holland in order to possess him-

self of her property. This motive could not apply in Corder's case, as Maria had nothing, and even if she had anything it would not have devolved on him.

(3) A desire to be in a position to do something to which the existence of the victim is a bar. As in the case of Bennett, who planned the murder of his wife at Yarmouth that he might be free to marry another woman with whom he had fallen in love. This motive obviously could not have influenced Corder, as he did not contemplate matrimony at the time, nor did the existence of Maria put any impediment in the way of his doing so if he could find anyone to accept his addresses.

So far, therefore, as we seek an adequate motive for Corder's compassing the destruction of Maria, we do not find it. We must therefore look elsewhere for an explanation of the murder.

(To be continued.)

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WOODSTOCK, SOUTH AFRICA.—This peal was arranged for Mr. Behan, of Johannesburg, who was visiting Woodstock for a week's ringing, travelling over 2000 miles for that purpose, and was obtained at the second attempt. The former places of residence, etc., of the various ringers may prove interesting to friends at home and are here appended. L. Green, Leytonstone and College Youths; J. Priest, Leytonstone and Cumberland Youths; J. Murray, Glasgow and Edinburgh St. Mary's Cathedral; F. P. Powell, Witney and College Youths, Yorkshire Association, and Oxford Diocesan Guild; E. F. Behan, Melbourne Cathedral, Australia; H. Montgomery, St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, Australia; S. A. Davies and A. G. Cock began their ringing career at Woodstock.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—It is proposed to have a combined practice monthly, at different towers, commencing at Englefield to-day, Sat., January 14th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ARTHUR STARDIDGE.

Bradfield Rectory.

The Midland Counties Association.—The yearly meeting of the Nottingham District will be held in St. Peter's Belfry to-day, Sat., January 14th, 1905.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.

Bramcote Road, Beeston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, Oldham, to-day, January 14th, when a peal-tablet will be unveiled. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Unveiling of tablet at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th, at the parish church, Tipton. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock, immediately after which a unveiling ceremony will take place. There will be a smoking concert in the schoolroom.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh today, Saturday, January 14th. Bells at liberty from 5 to 8. G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Saturday, January 14th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip to-day, Saturday, January 14th. Tea and Meeting, 4 o'clock. Evensong. Six bells.

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

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Taunton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, to-day, Saturday, January 14th. Short service at 5.30, business following. Bells available for the afternoon. W. WHITE, Hon. Local Sec.

12, Church Road, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 14th, at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 4. Meeting, 6.30.

W. ASHWORTH.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above Society will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Saturday, January 14th, when the election of officers will take place. It is requested that there be a good attendance of members, as there is some very important business. Subscriptions are due at this meeting. The meeting will be held at The Little Saddle inn, to commence at 5.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Branch Sec.

2, Estcourt Crescent, Devizes.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—The fortnightly practices will be resumed at St. Clement Danes on Monday, January 16th, at 8 p.m. A meeting for the transaction of important business will take place at 9.45 in the Association room at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., when it is hoped as many will attend as possible.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on Wednesday, January 18th. Dinner at The White Lion hotel at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by January 16th.

C. E. BORRETT, Secretary.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, January 21st. Members intending to be present at Tea, at 5 p.m., are requested to inform Mr. F. Hargreaves, Shireoaks, Worksop, by Monday, January 16th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at the tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, January 18th, at the latest. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend.

C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells ready at 3. Meeting, 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, Branch Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 21st. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local hon. sec.: Mr. J. W. Baxendale, Greentop, Pudsey, near Leeds. For further particulars see circular.

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

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Institute by the kind invitation of the Vicar. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the hon. sec. by Wednesday, the 18th inst.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice. The election of officers of this Society will take place on Monday, 23rd January, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Members are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, January 28th. Full particulars next week.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7. Reports expected to be ready.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, January 28th. The bells

will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Church House (6d. per head) to those sending their names to me not later than first post Wednesday, January 25th. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible. Business meeting will follow the tea.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the hon. secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1905 are now due. They would save the hon. sec. a great deal of labour at the end of the year if they would only be a little more prompt in this matter at the beginning of it.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 28th. The Rev. I. G. Owen, Rector, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those members only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, January 25th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All subscriptions are now due and outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors of peals to Rule XI, so that all peals may be entered in the Peal Book in proper order, without delay, and also hand in correct list of members' names belonging to their Society.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, 1st February. A short service will be held in St. Laurence's church at 6.30. Supper at 7.15, followed by business meeting and smoker.

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HUBERT EDEN* 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5-6.
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Thursday, January 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT 55, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 1-2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS.. 5-6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. 3-4.	CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 7-8.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, January 8, 1905 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT 71, SOUTHESE ROAD, FOREST GATE, E.,****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 NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE ROBERT PYE.

Date Touches.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

BOLSOVER.—On the occasion of ringing the old year out and new one in, a date touch of 1905 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Coupe, W. Lambert, F. R. Kettleborough, E. Baker, T. Bettison, G. W. Moss, R. Coupe, J. Flint. Composed by G. Symonds and conducted by T. Bettison.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On December 15th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Whitted, W. Gosling, sen., G. Hardstaff, W. G. Christian, F. May, H. Allsopp, W. Gosling, jun. conductor, C. Carr.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

BOLSOVER.—On Sunday, December 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 45 mins. C. Coupe, T. Bettison, W. Lambert, G. W. Bemrose, T. Riley, G. W. Moss, R. Coupe, J. Flint conductor.

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DESBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Deacon, S. Burdell, F. Kilborn, F. Kilborn, A. Tailby, H. J. Julian conductor. On Tuesday, September 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Esson, W. Deacon, F. Kilborn, F. Kilborn, A. Tailby, S. Burditt conductor. First 720 on the bells. On Monday, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Esson, F. Kilborn, H. Summerly, F. Kilborn. S. Burditt conductor, A. Tailby. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. S. Kilborn, brother of the ringers of the 4th. On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. C. Esson, F. Kilborn, F. Kilborn, H. Summerley, S. Burditt conductor, A. Tailby.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 30th, 1264 Bob Major, in 49 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, J. Miller, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M. Fensom, W. Pickworth, S. Wade. Composed and conducted by J. Armstrong.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOOD GREEN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Wallater, J. Cooper, T. Cattell, J. Tyler, E. J. Tyler conductor, A. H. Harber, J. Malpass, H. Belcher.

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KINGSLEY.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Bradshaw, J. Moreton, J. A. Moreton conductor, A. Edwards, J. Carr, H. Carnwell. On Sunday, October 23, 720 London Treble Bob. E. Bradshaw, A. Edwards, J. Moreton, J. A. Moreton, J. Carr, H. Carnwell conductor. On Tuesday, October 25, 720 Superlative Surprise, standing as above. On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 720 London Surprise. E. Bradshaw, J. Moreton, J. A. Moreton conductor, J. H. Moreton, J. Carr, H. Carnwell.

BULWELL (Notts).—On Friday, October 21st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Harrison, W. Bellamy, G. Clark, E. Foster, J. Clarke, W. Wadsley conductor.

CHISWICK.—On Thursday, October 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Hunter, F. E. Wilkes, H. S. Burton, C. Caulfield, H. W. Wilkes conductor, W. E. Garrard, G. J. White, T. Tinkler. On Saturday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. V. Hunter, H. W. Wilkes conductor, F. E. Wilkes, C. Caulfield, Rev. A. E. Dudley, W. E. Garrard, G. J. White, T. Tinkler.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, October 26th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. G. R. Simmonds, H. Warnett conductor, H. Barratt, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, C. H. Walker, G. H. Daynes, A. T. Paines. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. Simmonds.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 30th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering. C. Rollason, A. Rowley, A. Round, F. Brodribb, H. Smith, A. Prestidge conductor, J. Baird. Rung with the bells half-muffled, on the 32nd anniversary of the death of Mrs. Blanche Skidmore.

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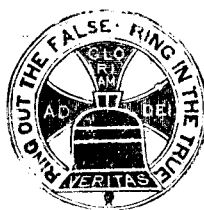
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1905.

THE little village of Wigston in Leicestershire, hitherto by the Exercise almost unheard of, has now become notorious. Perhaps it may be considered remarkable that other places, quite as unknown as Wigston, have at one time or other become historical through the ringing per-

formances that have taken place within them. There is Mottram for instance, and Kidlington also, places which have gained fame from extraordinary feats of ringing. There are one or two towns in Yorkshire practicably uninteresting were it not that they have been the scenes of something formidable in the way of ringing. Leeds in Kent too, may be mentioned, if it is only for the questionable record of a 40,000.

It is a satisfaction to know that no doubts have been expressed with regard to the character of the Wigston performance. Whoever has the pleasure of the conductor's acquaintance would feel sure that the least defect would have induced him to call "stand" without a moment's hesitation. We are very pleased to print on another page, some of the flattering eulogies WILLIAM WILLSON has received. The 20,000 he is determined to ring, we hear, and we all shall wish him that complete success which such intrepidity deserves. The figures of the peal will be published at the first opportunity.

We have been asked several questions concerning the course of training the company adopted, and the particular quality of food they used to give them the required strength both of body and brain—mental and corporeal. Our friend Mr. WILLSON is preparing an account for the gratification of our readers, and perhaps he will tell us the composition of the dietary table which undoubtedly led to success.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th June, 1905. May I remind Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations that subscriptions became due on 1st inst., and that the rights of elected representatives are in abeyance until payment of their quota has been made? I shall be glad to receive them as soon as possible. I shall feel grateful also for kind information at the same time as to any change of *personnel* or address on the part of any Hon. Secretaries or representative members. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 13th May, in order that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of Council. Notices of Motion must be signed by at least two members of Council. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, Jan. 10, 1905.

The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, January 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

WILLIAM CROCKFORD Treble.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
WILLIAM N. HOLLIER 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

This is J. B. Hesse's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNBILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	CHARLES BURDEN 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 10.
ALFRED B. PRICE 5.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11.
ALBERT COLES 6.	THOS. E. GROOMBRIDGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

The Provinces.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 20, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by H. PUTTOCK.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 18, 1904, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	HARRY G. WELHAM 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 6.
WALTER T. FINEDON 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
ALFRED BOWELL 4.	JOSEPH SEAR Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 25, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung for the early celebration.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5248 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY DAINS Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2.	HENRY S. REEVES 6.
GEORGE H. BARBER 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE RADLEY 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES DURRANT Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK JONES Treble.	JOSEPH CLIFFE 4.
EDWIN BREEZE 2.	JAMES DILLON 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 3.	HERBERT E. HOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by H. E. HOUGH.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of James Dillon, jun., son of the ringers of the 5th, the ringers wishing them long life, prosperity and happiness.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 9.
JESSE GILLET 5.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. Tenor.

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

BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	FREDERICK WARREN 5.
ERNEST NEWMAN 2.	ELISHA RADLEY 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE 7.
CHARLES H. HOWARD 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal on eight bells. F. Warren was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Webb, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire and Canierbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	HARRY BROWN 4.
EDWIN LAMBERT 2.	GEORGE HADAWAY 5.
FRANK SHARP 3.	C. HENRY SONE Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

First peal on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt. 10 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
ALFRED J. TURNER 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
SYDNEY F. C. SAKER 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
OLDER WAGHORN 4.	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor.
	CHARLES TRIBE

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

O. Waghorn was elected a member in the tower. These bells were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1772, and this is the second peal ever rung on them, the previous one being Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1774, conducted by the late James Bacham, of Leeds.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

ALFRED PALMER Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HBLMORE .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS 8.
JOHN W. STEDDY 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 9.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM TILLET Treble.	EDWARD SHEPWOOD 5.
EDWARD EVANS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL .. Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
SAMUEL BURT 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

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

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ALFRED ARNOLD Treble.	FRED CASTLE 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
JOB HOWES 3.	WILLIAM FINCH 7.
WILLIAM JEFFKEY 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.
Rung on the thirtieth anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	*A. TAILYOUR 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK 3.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 7.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK 4.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Bob Major rung in Ireland. *First peal in the method.

ELHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. Treble.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5.
CHARLES LEMAN* 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 6.
JAMES W. HINTON 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
WILLIAM STOWELL 4.	URIAH PRAVEN Tenor.

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

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

JAMES C. MORLING* .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 2.	WILLIAM STEED 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major.

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CLARE, SUFEOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW 5.
WALTER PRIOR 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
ARTHUR F. JAMES 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 4.	*GEORGE MORE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal in the method.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM STEED .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was W. Steed's first peal in the method, and his fiftieth peal; also the conductor's 400th, lists of which appear elsewhere.

MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED LAWRENCE .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
THOMAS ROBINSON 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which are a noble ring.

ENSTONE, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

P. BISHOP Treble.	W. HAWTIN 4.
E. CAPES 2.	T. HAWTIN 5.
J. PEARCE 3.	W. HUCKIN Tenor.

Conducted by W. HUCKIN.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the local band. First peal as conductor.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED D. BATES* .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BEINKLOW .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS† .. 2.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	HENRY HODGETTS 7.
ARTHUR W. DIX† 4.	*JOHN S. MACDONALD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

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DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble.	*JAMES H. MAWSON 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 6.
GEORGE T. MARSHALL 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
ARTHUR GILL* 4.	SAM PALFRAMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung on the twenty-eighth anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1904, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN.. .. Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
CHARLES SAMSON 2.	STANFORD WOLFE 6.
SIDNEY BAILEY 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY* 4.	CHARLES BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by A. J. LINCOLN.

*First peal in the method. S. Wolfe was elected a Life Member before starting.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
COX'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. Treble.	†WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 5.
FRANK HILL 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS* 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. PILCHER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 29, 1904, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
THOMAS PAYNE 2.	HARRY JUDGE 6.
REV. C. H. RIDOUT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED FOX 4.	F. W. WOODWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Colonel Blunt, of Dorchester.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1904, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES SAMSON Treble.	NORMAN BAILEY 4.
EDGAR BAILEY 2.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. 5.
SIDNEY BAILEY 3.	*CHARLES BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

*First peal as conductor.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY.. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8.
ALFRED PEARCE 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL 9.
ALGERNON LEWTON 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 29, 1904, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble.	FRED G. BIGGS 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	FRANK BOREHAM 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
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On December 29th, there passed away at the South Devon Hospital, after an operation, Mr. John Steed, aged 60, for many years a ringer at H.M. Dockyard church, Devonport. The deceased was one of Mr. William Banister's pupils, and had rung in several peals of Grandsire Triples, including one which he conducted at the dockyard church, in March, 1903. He was a caulker in the dockyard, and came out on a pension in February last, receiving the gold medal for long service. Deceased suffered from sickness caused, it is believed, by a growth in the stomach. In trying to regain his health he had been to King's College Hospital, London, came out from there and then consulted the eminent specialist, Sir Lauder Brunton, after which he came back and went into hospital, with the above result. We laid him to rest on Sunday, the 1st instant, his ringing comrades acting as bearers. Many friends and workmates from the dockyard were at the graveside, and despite the bitter east wind and wintry weather, dear old Mr. Banister was plucky enough to

attend, and hold up his umbrella to shield himself from the biting blast. The coffin was covered with wreaths, including one from the Three Towns branch of the Devon Guild. On Monday, we rang Charles Church bells half-muffled in some touches of Grandsire Triples (conducted by Mr. Myers), as a mark of respect to his memory. Deceased always held out a willing hand to all young learners, and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

ARMLEY, YORKS.

On Thursday evening, December 29th, there assembled in the schoolroom at Christ Church, adult choristers and ringers, to the number of 25, to take part in a sumptuous repast kindly provided by the Vicar and his wife (the Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Cox). The room, which was artistically decorated in Japanese and Chinese style for the annual sale of work, looked at its best, and presented quite a cheerful appearance. The Vicar and Mrs. Cox, along with curate, the Rev. O. F. Jones, and Mr. F. Webster, churchwarden, partook of the good things along with the

company, while Mr. F. C. Kitson, who was unable to be present, sent an apology in the shape of a box of cigars to be distributed among the assembled guests. After supper the Vicar made a short speech, and said he was once again pleased to entertain the ringers and singers at this festive season, and congratulated both parties on their regularity at their posts on Sundays. He also expressed regret at the impending leave which Mr. Jones was about to take of the parish, having had him as a guest at these gatherings on three occasions. Mr. Webster proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kindness in providing such an excellent repast. Mr. Bradley (organist) seconded, while Mr. Jones also added a few words, the speeches being interspersed with singing and playing, games also being provided. The gathering broke up about 11.30, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

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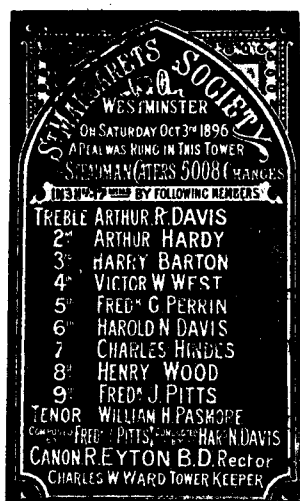
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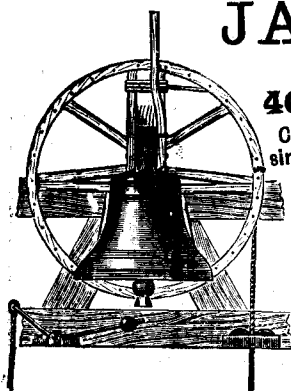
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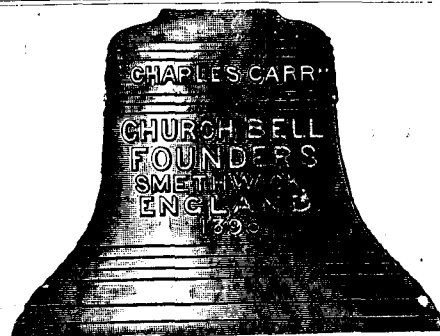
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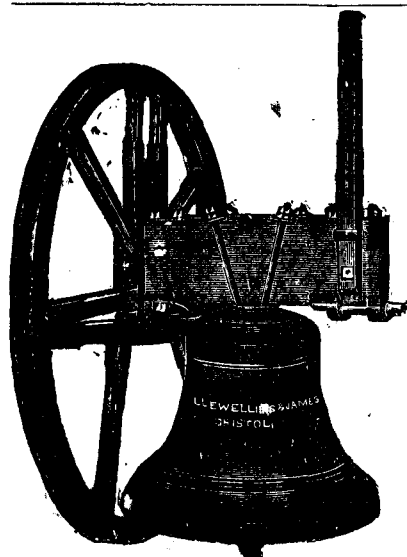
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NEW BELLS FOR RICHMOND, YORKS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF RIPON.

During the past twelve months a determined effort has been made to complete the peal of bells at St. Mary's church, Richmond, and through the munificence of the Marquis of Zetland the liberality of church people in the old borough this end has been attained. As the parish churches of the neighbouring towns of Bedale, Barnard Castle, and Northallerton, and even the adjoining parish of Catterick possessed peals of eight it was felt somewhat as a reflection that the capital of Richmondshire should rest content with six, particularly when the necessary framework and support for eight bells existed. It is interesting to recall that the number of bells was increased from five to six in 1739, the added bell being the gift of the Right. Hon. Sir Conyers D'Arcy, K.B., M.P., of Aske, so that for over 160 years no addition has been made to the peal. It should also be mentioned that one of the original bells is supposed to have come from Easby Abbey, but it does not bear date.

At the beginning of January of last year the then churchwardens (Messrs. F. R. Whittton and W. Lawson) issued an appeal to the inhabitants of the town, pointing out that the Marquis of Zetland had offered to give one of the bells, and inviting subscriptions for the purchase of the other. They met with a ready response, stimulated by the efforts of Mr. A. Morton, one of the ringers, and now one of the churchwardens, and the result has been that Richmond now possesses a very fine peal of eight bells. Those added are the treble and 2nd.

An alphabetical list of the subscribers has been compiled for deposit among the church records, and has been engrossed and illuminated by Mr. W. Sanderson. The volume contains a nicely-executed view of Richmond parish church, and the names of 250 subscribers. Before the list of names the following occurs: "The two new bells were dedicated to the glory of God by William Boyd, Bishop of Ripon, on January 8th, 1905. W. B. Ripon." Then follows the signature of the Mayor (Alderman G. E. Nash). At the conclusion of the list, which is representative of all classes of the community, is the autograph of Lord Zetland, and the signatures of the churchwardens for last year and this. It should be stated that the subscriptions were received by Mr. J. T. Frenchum (hon. secretary of the local ringers). It is proposed to erect a brass tablet in the church, near the base of the tower, to commemorate the dedication of the two new bells, at a cost of about £10.

On Sunday morning the bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon, and the sacred edifice was crowded.

A procession started from the Town Hall, headed by the band of the 19th (Queen Alexandra's own Yorkshire Regiment). Then followed the officers and men from the Richmond depot, under the command of Colonel Bruce, Superintendent Wilson, and North Riding Police, the mace-bearers in their official dress and carrying the maces; the Mayor (Alderman G. E. Nash), in his robes and chain of office, accompanied by the Bishop of Ripon

(also wearing his robes), and the Marquis of Zetland, Colonel Bruce, the Rev. L. S. Robinson, M.A. (Rector), the Aldermen and Councillors of the borough, the borough officials and those holding public offices in the town. The route was by way of the Market Place, King Street, Queen's Road, Dundas Street, and Frenchgate, to the parish church. As the procession entered the sacred edifice the organist played the National Anthem, and the processional hymn was "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven."

The Rev. L. S. Robinson intoned the prayers, and the Rev. T. P. Levett read the lessons. After the third collect the Bishop, clergy, donor and churchwardens proceeded down the nave into the base of the tower whilst the hymn "Come let us join our cheerful songs" was being sung. The Marquis of Zetland and Mr. A. Morton (one of the churchwardens), each took a rope in their hands, and the Marquis of Zetland addressing the Bishop, said: "Right Reverend Father in God, I request you to dedicate these bells to the glory of God for the use of this church." The Bishop receiving the ropes, offered up suitable prayers.

As the procession returned up the nave the well-known Epiphany hymn, "As with gladness men of old," was sung.

The Bishop took for his text, "Whether it is greater, the gift, or the altar which sanctifieth the gift." St. Matthew xxiii. 19.

During the taking of the offertory the hymn "When morning gilds the Skies" was sung, and as the recessional "The Old Hundredth." The offertory realised about £9. After the service the bells rang out a merry peal, and the ringers were augmented for the day by Messrs. T. Metcalfe, Alcock, and W. E. Waland, Middlesbrough.

The two new trebles were supplied by Messrs. Warner. After the dedication service a touch of Bob Major was rung by the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association: R. H. Alcock, J. J. Kinchin, J. J. Phillips, J. J. Peake, W. E. Walland, J. T. Frenchum, R. Borrows, T. Metcalfe. For evening service 784 Bob Major. R. H. Alcock, A. Morton, W. E. Walland, J. T. Frenchum, F. Brand, R. Borrows, T. Metcalfe.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham, on Saturday, January 7th, this being the first meeting of the Association held here. The visitors having arrived at the church at 3.30 were soon joined by some of the local band, and some 120s of Grandsire Doubles were brought round, a few touches of Minor and some Stedman Doubles being rung till 5.30, when a move was made to The Anchor inn for tea. Afterwards the usual business meeting was held, the minutes being read and approved. Mr. Bennett proposed, and Mr. Tompkins seconded, the election of the Bosham band as members of the Association, which was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. Tompkins it was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning. A vote of thanks

was given to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells.

The rev. gentleman replied, and said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Bosham. The belfry was again visited and the bells kept going till 7.30, a social hour being afterwards spent at The Anchor.

It may be added that these bells have recently been restored and hung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank, and much local interest is taken in them, the Vicar and one of the churchwardens being members of the band, and with the assistance of Messrs. Blake and Ticehurst, of Chichester, are making good progress.

ST. WOOLLO'S, NEWPORT, MON.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Woollo's parish church Guild was held in the tower on Tuesday, January 10th, the Rev. B. Lloyd, Vicar, presiding.

The rev. gentleman congratulated the ringers on their attendance, and also extended a hearty welcome to the several ringers who have during the year come to live in Newport. He then called upon the Rev. E. L. Richardson, hon. Secretary, to read the minutes, which were adopted. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and five new members were made.

The next important business was a proposition brought forward by Mr. Attwell—"That the present ring of eight bells be augmented by the addition of two trebles, making a ring of ten." The proposer said he thought the time had arrived when Monmouthshire should have a ring of ten bells, and that no time had been more appropriate than the present for the contemplation of such an object, the matter having been in view for several years.

This was ably supported by Mr. Richardson, but although in favour of the scheme, he was afraid that the churchwardens would object for the present, seeing that other things were more pressing.

The Vicar said although he was not a ringer, he thanked the members for bringing the question forward, and said he thought that in a parish like theirs there should be no difficulty in raising the money, and he would take steps at once with those interested to raise funds. He would also publish the same in the parish magazine for February, and after seeing the churchwardens with a view to making arrangements, another meeting would be held.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and other officers concluded the meeting.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The twenty-fourth annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 14th, and passed off most successfully. Although no peal can be recorded during the past year, yet the ringers are progressing very favourably. Out of the 105 ringing members only three were returned as probationers at the close of 1904.

A very striking address was given at Evensong in St. Paul's church by the Rev. B. Long, himself a peal-ringer. After a substantial tea in St. Paul's parish room, attended by eighty members, including six clergy, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis took the chair for the business meeting. The accounts were passed, with a small balance of £2 16 3 in hand, and the officers elected for 1905. One or two questions were discussed regarding the financial position of the branch, and the possibility of rendering the occasional meetings for ringing practice of greater utility to the members. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly before 8 o'clock, with the usual votes of thanks to all who had taken part in arranging and managing another very pleasant and helpful gathering.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting of the above branch held in new year took place at Emberton, on Saturday, January 7th. The bells were available at 2 p.m., and some very useful Minor ringing took place in sundry touches of Plain and Treble Bob. A short service was held in the church at 3.30, when an address was given by the Rector, after which an adjournment was made for tea in the parish room. It seems a pity that of all the enthusiastic ringers in this branch, numbering some 140, only twenty-eight could sacrifice the half-day on Saturday to attend the meeting. It seems and is very disappointing to those who make all arrangements that so few should appear. It is hoped that a much larger number will turn up at the next meeting to be held at Linslade on April 1st next.

Many thanks are due to the Rev. — Sams, who, in the absence of the chairman of the branch (Rev. C. Leslie Norris), so kindly and ably filled that office.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday, January 7th, at Aspley Guise, the bells of Crawley not being available on account of a funeral taking place, but the meeting was well attended by members from Aspley, Bedford, Crawley, Dunstable and Woburn. An excellent tea was provided at The Bell, to which about twenty-five sat down, presided over by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Charles Herbert (vice-presidents), supported by the Rev. — Rust and I. Hills (Hon. Secretaries). The usual business meeting followed, tea and the minutes of previous meetings were read.

Aspley tower containing only six bells, the ringing was divided between tower and handbells, when some excellent ringing was done on both by mixed companies in various methods, and a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent amongst old and fast friends in the cause of change-ringing.

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

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's kind letter, let me say that I know very little of the history of bellringing, and am only a humble student of the Middle Ages. Doubtless some person of greater learning will be able to answer his questions.

But such information as I have upon the subject I ought to give. The earliest passage in which the words "chime" and "ring" are contrasted, so far as my reading goes, occurs in Chaucer's *Reeve's Tale*, Group A, line 3896 (Skeat), but this is very unhelpful. It may be dated between 1360 and 1400 A.D. An interesting entry occurs in the accounts of St. Edmund's church, Salisbury, in 1652, when "some strangers" pay an extraordinary fee of 1s. "for ringing for pleaser," but in the course of the year this was forbidden on the ground of necessary repairs.

More information may be found on the subject of Bells in the "*Liber Niger* or *Lincoln Black Book*" (Cambridge, 1892.) I have not a copy by me, but the references are pp. 273, 286, 292, 295, 364, 387. Also in the "*Statutes of Lincoln*" (Cambridge, 1897) vol. ii., 461, 414, 415.

Strange to say, I can find no information in Migne's *Lexicon Medial et Infimae Latinitatis* under the heading *Pella* ("peal:"); nor is any help given under *pulsare* (to ring), not *pulsatio* (ringing).

As for the names of the bells themselves, Hieronymus Magius gives the following in his work *De Tintinnabulis, Tintinnabulum* or *Tinniolium*, a small bell for refectory or dormitory: called by Durandus *equilla*. *Petasius*, a large bell with a broad brim. *Codon*, a Greek handbell. *Nola*, a small bell used in choir (named from the town Nola in Campania). *Campana*, a large steeple bell (named from Campania in Italy.) *Squilla*, a shrill little bell. *Cymbalum* and *campanella* for the cloister; *nolula* and *dupla* for the clock; *signum* in the tower.

It has been maintained that church bells were first introduced in 604 A.D. by Pope Sabinianus. In 680 St. Benedict Biscop brought them into England for his twin-abbey of SS. Peter, Wearmouth, with St. Paul, Jarrow, where still exist some very ancient bells with inscriptions, which I knew well during my work at St. Paul's, Jarrow, from 1899 to 1902.

The first regular peal of bells in this country was sent in 1456 by Pope Callixtus III. to King's College, Cambridge, which was for 300 years the largest peal in England. In the beginning of the 16th century sets of eight bells were hung in a few large churches. In 1668 appeared White's famous *Tintinnalogia*, in which we find change notation, with our modern terms, such as hunting, dodging, bob, Major, Grandsire, Cator, etc.

With many apologies for the scrappiness of my information, and in the hope that some one else will throw more light on the subject.

EDWARD J. G. FORSE, M.A.

Boyne Hill.

A SHABBY TRICK.

SIR,—I wish to draw the attention of your readers to a shabby trick that I fear is only too common amongst a certain class of ringers, namely that of allowing themselves to be nominated in the tower for election with an Association before starting for a peal, and afterwards refusing to pay up their subscription. Especially is this the case when the peal in question is lost. It may be said that the remedy is simple, namely to insist on payment at the time of nomination. But if this was always enforced there are those who may think implied a doubt of their good faith, or to whom it might be inconvenient to pay up at the moment. Still I think all true ringers will agree that such evasion of payment is both mean and shabby, and it should be beneath any real lover of the Art to resort to such a practice. I should like to see the names of those that act so dishonourably exposed in your paper, that other companies may be warned not to ring with them. I have been constrained to write this letter, because two such cases have occurred in our own tower. In one of these the peal was scored, and the other members of the company now have the choice of either having the peal struck off the Association's books, or paying the subscription of

the defaulter, and this unfortunately amounts to rewarding his meanness by presenting him with a life membership of the Association in question. Could not all the large Associations combine to put an end to this practice as far as possible by refusing to allow such a man's name to remain on their books, if he has previously joined any of them. Or is it not a question for the consideration of the Central Council? E. A. GOSTLING.

Henley.

THE WIGSTON RECORD PEAL.

"Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll deserve it."—ADDISON.

Long peal-ringing has always held a fascination for me. It grew, I suppose, from the time when, having accomplished my first 5000, two peals of 6048 and 7008 were taken in hand and safely secured. After that, one object was always in view. It seemed very remote in those days, but that goal was ever before me. When I commenced "bob calling" it was to qualify by degrees for the position of conducting some day—the longest length. Call it ambition or what you will, it was ambition, and I do not envy the man with no object or ambition in life—the desire was there and it grew with years. Once we rang in a long peal attempt and broke down at 10,400. It damped one's spirits, but was excellent training for the future. John Buttery, one of our umpires, rang in this. In 1901 we met at St. Thomas's, South Wigston, a mixed band, not one of whom had ever seen the church before, and attempted Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob Major. It was pulled off at the first attempt in six hours and twenty-six minutes, Mr. H. W. Abbott, our other umpire, ringing the 7th. This was followed by a peal of 7001 Caters, rung at Loughborough, in five hours, and after several peals of Double Norwich had been accounted for the writer felt that he was justified in making a bold bid for something much greater than hitherto.

"With a view to a record peal of Double Norwich, will you meet me on August Monday for a 10,000 or 11,000 in the method, as a trial trip?" Such was the private intimation conveyed to a number of M.C.A. men, and a band was fixed after some difficulty. The arrangements were complete, when within twenty-four hours of its attempt I wired the men that the peal was off—for one of them had cried "peccavi."

Thus it lay in abeyance until the spring of last year (1904) and then it was again on the tapis. This time there was no fiasco, for on Easter Monday, April 9th, we again met at St. Thomas's and rung 11,008 Double Norwich without a hitch. We were coming nearer the goal. That peal was rung by the same men who now hold the longest length. In my opinion the 11,008 was a better peal than the 17,104, for there was no crisis, and consequently no excitement, although the composition had the tenors parted for the first 3000, and finished with the last 8000 of the 21,024. This success gave us every confidence—confidence which never left us until—but I will speak of that critical moment hereafter. At midnight, after the 11,008, a group of hilarious ringers might have been seen in Leicester Market Place, toasting one another's health with bottles, some full some empty, but it all ended with one injunction—"Get the long 'un on now as soon as possible."

It was considered best to attempt the record length on some Monday in October, but as that time drew near several found it impossible to leave their employment, and ultimately Christmas Tuesday, December 27th, was definitely decided upon. Each man was enjoined to go into strict training for the event, and above all, no smoking allowed. The writer commenced with swimming in the open river, which he did every morning for four months, and the result was that he became as "hard as nails." In his opinion swimming is the finest exercise, nothing excepted, every muscle being brought into play.

When within one month of Christmas, I sent a note round to the men after this fashion: I am about to publish the attempt for the long peal. If there is any cause or just impediment why this should not be, you are to declare it by Sunday next. This is the last time of asking." There were no defaulters, and the notice appeared. The sensation it caused is of course known to readers of "THE BELL NEWS," but a P. A. man got hold of a copy, and the Press Association flashed it all over the country, the forthcoming "great peal" being the topic of the day. It was a good thing, for we ringers live far too much secluded from

the public in a world of our own. Our ringing career is simply spent in seeking "the bubble reputation," and our life's work is gone in sound with nothing tangible to shew for it. Let the public know that the pursuit in which we engage requires muscle and brain.

About three weeks before Christmas, a retired champion athlete said to me in conversation—"Do you feel all right for the big job?" I said "yes, I think so, why?" He replied: "Well, you just take my advice and finish on "Phosferine," its effect is marvellous." Now let me say here that I have no interest in mentioning this unless it be to do some reader good. I took the advice, and whatever "Phosferine" is made of I don't know, but a fortnight's use made me feel ten years younger. It kept the body right. It is a King of Tonics, and I don't wonder at its patronage by all the Royalty of Europe. Henceforth I am done with Scourem's pills or fruit salts and all their progeny. I stand on "Phosferine." It is absolutely food for the brain. And conductors of peals, long or ordinary, should know this pleasant fact.

Our programme was arranged for us to meet on Boxing Day at 2.30 p.m., and at that hour eight doughty men met outside Leicester M.R. station, with stern resolution on their visages to do their duty. How they did it is now a matter of ringing history.

W. W.

WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 531.)

It appears from the evidence given at the trial that a rumour got about Polstead that Baalham, the Constable, had received a warrant to take Maria into custody on account of her having had illegitimate children. It was, of course, false, and it has been suggested that Corder invented it for some purpose of his own, though what that purpose could be I fail to perceive. If he had really wanted to murder Maria he could certainly have got her into his power without inventing any such fiction. And his own interest clearly was to let sleeping dogs lie. My own belief is not that he invented it, but that he heard it and believed it. As I have observed, he was a young man, and he took no advice from more experienced persons, and what follows seems to me only explicable on the assumption that he did believe the rumour. Ill though his brothers were, and trouble though there was in his family, such a scandal as the arrest of Maria, must, he felt, be prevented at whatever inconvenience to himself. And consequently he arranged that Maria should go, dressed in male attire above her underclothing to the red barn, and he would leave her there and return in the evening in the gig and drive her off, Ipswich being their ultimate destination: where, as I understand the matter, Maria was to reside to qualify for obtaining a marriage license. Whether Corder would have married her as soon as he could or not I do not attempt to guess, but that was the arrangement proposed, and accordingly Maria, disguised in male costume, set off to the red barn on the morning of the 18th May, 1827.

Now unless Corder had believed the rumour mentioned, why should he have acted in this way? It is perfectly intelligible if he believed her liable to be arrested, but otherwise it is not. The theory of a planned murder involves that, while intending to destroy Maria in the barn, he deliberately made such an unnecessary fuss about getting her there that her relatives would have the circumstances of the case especially impressed upon their minds. This is not what a man does who plans a murder.

Again the theory involves that, as there was no concealment of resorting to the red barn, this man who intended to kill her there, practically told them where to go and look for her remains. This is not what a man would do if he had planned a murder. It was a most dangerous place for such a purpose, to say nothing of the fact that there was nothing to prevent the Marten family from keeping watch on the barn in order to be posted up in the movements of Corder and Maria. Corder had weapons on him, but he did not disguise the fact, and indeed there was nothing unusual in his carrying them.

The main thing a man who plans a murder has to bear in mind is to dissociate himself from the human remains, for a human body no more vanishes into thin air after being murdered

than after a natural death. Both Dougal and Bennett thoroughly understood this and took very ingenious pains, in their different ways, to carry it into effect. But Corder had not made one single preparation for disposing of Maria's body. Not only had he prepared no grave in the barn, but he had no means of making one. He was obliged to leave the corpse while he went to borrow a spade from a neighbour, and the spade not being efficient for his purpose he was compelled to leave the corpse a second time while he went home to get a pick—and all this in the middle of the day in the merry month of May!

No, I assert that the circumstances will not fit in with a planned murder. It so happens that we have an account of the murder from the only person who could give it. The confession made by Corder to the Governor of the gaol on the night preceding his execution is entirely consistent with these circumstances. It is as follows:—

"Bury Gaol, August 10th, 1828. Condemned cell, Sunday evening, half-past 11. I acknowledge being guilty of the death of poor Maria Marten by shooting her with a pistol. The particulars are as follows: When we left her father's house we began quarrelling about the burial of the child, she apprehending that the place wherein it was deposited would be found out. The quarrel continued for about three quarters of an hour, upon this and other subjects. A scuffle ensued, and during the scuffle and at the time I think she had hold of me, I took the pistol from the side pocket of my velvet jacket, and fired. She fell and died in an instant. I never saw even a struggle. I was overwhelmed with agitation and dismay; the body fell near the front doors on the floor of the barn. A vast quantity of blood issued from the wound, and ran on the floor and through the crevices. Having determined to bury the body in the barn (about two hours after she was dead), I went and borrowed the spade of Mrs. Stow; but before I went there I dragged the body from the barn into the chaff-house and locked up the barn. I returned again to the barn and began to dig the hole; but the spade being a bad one and the earth firm and hard, I was obliged to go home for a pickaxe and a better spade with which I dug the hole and then buried the body. I think I dragged the body by the handkerchief that was tied round her neck—it was dark when I finished covering up the body. I went the next day and washed the blood from off the barn floor. I declare to Almighty God I had no sharp instrument about me, and that no other wound but the one made by the pistol was inflicted by me. I have been guilty of great idleness, and at times led a dissolute life, but I hope through the mercy of God to be forgiven.—(Sd.) W. CORDER."

I know not whether it may not be said to be a testimonial to the truth of this document that Curtis does not accept its truthfulness. Of course if it be true, it upsets his theory, but as Curtis's arguments are pettifogging and illogical and his style canting, and he exhibits a mind the horizon of whose outlook is very restricted, I attach no importance to what he says in face of the fact that Mr. Orridge, the Governor of Bury Gaol, a man of great experience and common sense, and who had Corder in custody for a considerable time and had frequent conversations with him, was satisfied of its substantial truth.

The result therefore is, that I consider Corder to be a maligned man, and to be indebted to the cant and prejudice of Curtis for a much worse reputation than he deserves.

NOTE TO PEAL.

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HENRY HODGETTS* .. 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by HENRY HODGETTS.

Umpires—Arthur W. Dix and Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Friday, January 13th, for practice, a date touch of 1905 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Moulton conductor, F. Milton, J. Hatchwell, T. Hogg, T. Hughes, J. W. Davies, A. White, C. Davies.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

BURY.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Woodcock, C. Bradbury, C. Viggers, W. Beswick, W. Cass, S. Greenhalgh, W. Mitchell conductor, J. Ramsbottom.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THIRSK.—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Watson, H. Brown, J. Wrightson, J. Neesman, E. Neesam, G. Neesam, J. Stott, D. H. Burton.

Miscellaneous.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHESTER.—On Saturday, January 14th, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Sperring, J. Moulton, A. White, T. Hogg, T. Hughes, F. Milton, J. W. Davies conductor, C. Davies.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Friday, December 30th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sargison, H. Parrish, T. Sargison, G. Handley, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli conductor. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sargison, G. Handley, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, H. Jones, H. Pauli conductor. On Sunday, January 1st, 360 Bob Minor. W. Sykes, 1; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Sykes, H. Parrish, G. Handley, T. Atkinson, H. Jones, H. Pauli. On Thursday, January 12th, at Askrigg parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Peacock, G. Handley, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli. A plain course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. G. Handley, H. Parrish, H. Jones, H. Pauli. A plain course of Grandsire Caters. T. Sargison, H. Parrish, G. Handley, H. Jones, H. Pauli.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SPRINGFIELD.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. M. Windley, E. Dawson, G. Waterman, W. Sharpington, W. Hawkes, H. Sharpington. For morning service 108 Plain Bob. F. Ward, D. Dawson, M. Windley, W. Sharpington, E. Dawson conductor, W. Hawkes. And 360 of Kent. F. Ward, G. Waterman, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, M. Windley, H. Sharpington conductor.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. J. Steele, A. Shuffebotham, T. Churton conductor, A. Clowes, F. Goldstraw, W. J. Collison, J. Titterton, H. Page. On Sunday, September 17th, for evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob, in 44 mins. G. Woods, A. Latham, L. Churton conductor. F. J. Steele, F. Goldstraw, A. Clowes, T. Austin, H. Page. And 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Rose, F. Goldstraw, G. Woods, F. J. Steele conductor, J. Titterton, T. Austin, T. Churton, J. Timister.

BREWOOD.—On Monday, August 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T.

Rose, A. Latham, F. J. Steele, E. King, F. Goldstraw, J. Perry, T. Churton conductor, J. Simister. And 336 Grandsire Triples. E. King, A. Shuffebotham, A. Latham, F. Goldstraw conductor, G. Woods, J. Perry, J. Titterton, J. Simister.

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WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, H. Miles, T. Bull, Rev. C. Jenkyn, J. Richards. Arranged for H. Miles, of Oxford. On Christmas Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, A. Clayton, J. Monk, T. Bull, J. Brooks, Rev. C. Jenkyn, J. Richards. On Thursday, January 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Richards, A. Brooks, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, J. Monk, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Nicholas' church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. F. G. Perrin, E. H. Nixon, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, T. Taylor, J. E. Davis, F. W. Thornton conductor, F. H. Gooch. After service 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins. E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, J. J. Lamb, F. G. Perrin, T. Taylor, H. Warnett, J. E. Davis conductor, F. W. Thornton. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells for thirty-two years. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Thornton.

GRAPPENALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, at St. Wilfred's church, for evening service, 588 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, Councillor F. T. Spence, A. Kinsey, W. West, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, J. Hughes conductor, W. Leigh.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, January 9th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Hall first 720, W. Shaw, G. Machattie, R. S. Russell, E. A. Hern, J. T. Hogg conductor.

KNUTSFORD.—On Tuesday, January 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Webb conductor, J. Hamman, F. H. Cockran, J. Johnson, F. Potts, S. Hough. First 720 by all except J. Hamman and S. Hough.

LYMN (Cheshire).—On November 10th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Warburton, W. West, H. Bradburn, H. Newton, J. Bradburn, J. Hughes conductor, W. Ardern, J. Nagle.

LEE (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, at St. Margaret's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. G. R. Simmonds, C. H. Walker, T. G. Deal, T. Groombridge, H. Barratt, J. Crowder, H. Warnett conductor, G. H. Dayaas.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Monday, December 26th, at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holiday, J. Hare, J. Nicholls, F. Vickers, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. Webb.

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In a letter on another page a correspondent alludes, with no small amount of honest indignation, to a practice which is far from novel. Developments of the kind he mentions, cannot be always avoided, unfortunately, and there only seems one remedy for their non-occurrence. This is to do away with the custom of proposing members in the tower. There will be found many to object, we have no doubt, to the abolition of the custom, but it is a relic of the past which can be well amended or ended. In many cases there is no reason whatever for the plan. Those who are so impatient to ring peals should curb their restlessness a little if they can. For it ought to be remembered that the great amount of peal-ringing we have in the present day has a tendency to dispel that

glamour which at one time the ringing of a peal engendered. We have got familiar with peal-ringing, and the natural result has followed, in a measure. Such occurrences as the one in question is not calculated to restore to us the great honour and satisfaction felt at one period in securing a peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th June, 1905. May I remind Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations that subscriptions became due on 1st inst., and that the rights of elected representatives are in abeyance until payment of their quota has been made? I shall be glad to receive them as soon as possible. I shall feel grateful also for kind information at the same time as to any change of *personnel* or address on the part of any Hon. Secretaries or representative members. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 13th May, in order that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of Council. Notices of Motion must be signed by at least two members of Council. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, Jan. 10, 1905.

The Metropolis.

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ERNEST G. STIBBONS 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

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

This is J. T. Kentish's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

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JOSEPH SMITH Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
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†First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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JOHN PAICE 2.	HARRY MEETEN 6.
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Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

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HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE STUART Treble.	A. TAILYOUR 5.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 2.	I. MYERS 6.
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FERRIS SHEPHERD 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN., aged 12 years last September.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	HENRY CORBETT 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Duke of York, New London, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

CHARLES ROSE* Treble.	*WILLIAM ROSE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS* 2.	*JOHN MAYES 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal of Treble Bob, and first peal on the bells.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

*First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 5th. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

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On Saturday, December 31, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 5.
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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DENNER Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
WILFRID J. MOSS* 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 4.	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOSEPH A. GOFTON Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE† 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal in the method in the county of Durham. †First as conductor in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7.
CHARLES GORDON 2.	JOHN HOLMAN 8.
ALFRED PEARCE 3.	JAMES HINTON 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 10.
HENRY PRING 5.	FRED G. MAY 11.
CHARLES TOMKINS 6.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Rung on the birthday anniversary of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, with wishes of many happy returns from the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN* Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
GEORGE LEWIS* 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
FRED COATES 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 8.
FRANK BURGAR* 4.	WILLIAM BURGAR 9.
JOHN THORPE* 5.	*GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters

DUNDEE, FORFARSHIRE.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD STEEPLE,

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

WILLIAM B. SAMPSON .. Treble.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 5.
NORVAL C. WILSON* .. 2.	RICHARD WHITSON .. 6.
EDMUND F. PRICE 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
JAMES R. ROBERTSON .. 4.	WILLIAM R. FYFE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

*First peal on tower bells. First peal of Stedman Triples by all except Messrs. Barber and Ellis; also first in Scotland. Reference next week.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, January 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIEFEN Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, January 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	JOHN TOM HOGG 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE† 2.	JOEL HERN 6.
ROBERT M. HOGG 3.	†JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
EDWARD A. HERN† .. 4.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Composed by T. A. TEASDALE, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

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

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
GEORGE LADD 2.	RICHARD SMITH 6.
TOPHAM CUTFORTH* .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 7.
C. WILLIAM SMITH† .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

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

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

F. G. METCALFE Treble.	J. SMITH 5.
H. PEVERELL 2.	T. WICK 6.
H. LENTON 3.	R. B. ROBINSON 7.
W. H. METCALFE 4.	†G. W. PEVERELL Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

†First peal as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	FRANK WEBB 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS PAYNE 4.	HARRY JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 72nd anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED WHIGHT Treble.	†HENRY F. COOPER 5.
HENRY HEAD 2.	REGINALD EDWARDS 6.
HENRY RICHELL† 3.	HENRY W. KIRTON 7.
G. FREDK. MARGETSON† .. 4.	THOMAS LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

†First peal of Major. It is also worthy of note that the last peal previous to this in which Mr. Margetson took part, was one of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, with the bells half-muffled for the late Lord Beaconsfield in the year 1880.

WARWICK.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EMSCOTE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble.	WILLIAM MALE 5.
WILLIAM COLLETT† 2.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6.
THOMAS MALE* 3.	GEORGE ELLIS 7.
QR.-MR. SERGEANT PYE .. 4.	*JOHN CASTLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLLETT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. B. Dickens, LL.D., Vicar of All Saints.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	KEITH HART 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM ALLFREY 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
PHILIP J. ALLFREY 4.	*THOMAS STRINGER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT GREEN† Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6.
JOHN BODDY 3.	†JAMES MCGOWN 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT 4.	†JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

†First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT† Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 6.
WILLIAM BELLAMY* 2.	BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 8.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	JOHN FLINT 9.
SAMUEL WESLEY* 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Royal. †First as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REGGIE DYSON Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
CLEMENT GLENN† 3.	†JOHN THORP 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER† 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

†First peal of College Single Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. John Bell, formerly Incumbent of this parish, who died on January 10th, 1892, and to whom the bells are dedicated.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, January 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART (7TH THE OBSERVATION.)

ALF PADDON SMITH Treble.	†SAMUEL GROVE 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES† 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†First peal of Stedman Triples.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM JONES* Treble.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
WILMER ROGERS 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
HARRY MORRIS† 3.	ABEL HAYES 8.
JOHN BARBER 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS 9.
ROBERT JONES 5.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by E. ROWLAND.

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

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Forest Gate on handbells, and published in our last issue, the umpire's name is omitted. It should have been—Umpire—H. F. Dawkins.—The number of changes in the peal at Tunstall, Kent, should read 5040, not 7200 as published.

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

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Notices.

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The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks to-day, Saturday, January 21st.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore to-day, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 21st. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local hon. sec.: Mr. J. W. Baxendale, Greentop, Pudsey, near Leeds. For further particulars see circular.

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

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Seaford to-day, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Institute by the kind invitation of the Vicar.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice. The election of officers of this Society will take place on Monday, 23rd January, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Members are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7. Reports expected to be ready.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, January 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Church House (6d. per head) to those sending their names to me not later than first post Wednesday, January 25th. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible. Business meeting will follow the tea.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, the hon. secretary will endeavour to make arrangements for a plain tea on the usual terms. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1905 are now due. They would save the hon. sec. a great deal of labour at the end of the year if they would only be a little more prompt in this matter at the beginning of it.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 28th. The Rev. I. G. Owen, Rector, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in

church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those members only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, January 25th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All subscriptions are now due and outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors of peals to Rule XI, so that all peals may be entered in the Peal Book in proper order, without delay, and also hand in correct list of members' names belonging to their Society.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted on Saturday, January 28th. Business meeting at the parish room at 6 p.m.

N. J. PITSTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, January 28th. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. D. Shaw, Vicar of Wycombe and Rural Dean. Tea in school-room at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting. The number from each tower that will be present should be sent as soon as possible to the Rev. E. J. G. Forse, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

E. J. G. FORSE, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Midlands Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, January 28th. The eight bells at Mansfield, and six at Mansfield Woodhouse will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., excepting the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 in St. Peter's schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 1s. each for all those who send their names to Mr. W. Gosling, sen., 52, Union Street, Mansfield, not later than Thursday, January 26th. It is proposed at this meeting to alter rules vi., vii. and viii. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive particulars as soon as possible of any necessary alterations or additions to the new report now being prepared, particularly with respect to practice nights and the addresses of Life Members, or notice of their decease. He will also be obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1904 will kindly do so at once.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at the Institute, Leatherhead, on Saturday, January 28th, after tea, which latter will commence at 6.30 p.m. The bells (ten) will be open from about 3.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at the tea, which can be provided to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head, must acquaint the Assistant-Secretary not later than Wednesday the 18th inst.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon

JOHN C. JACKSON, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

12, Tabor Grove, Wimbledon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts. Archdeaconry.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, January 28th. Tea at 4.30. All ringers invited.

G. D. COLEMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—On Monday, January 30th, after the practice at St. Clement Danes, a special general meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, to appoint auditors for the past year, and decide the date

of the annual general meeting. It is hoped as many as can make it convenient to attend will do so.

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

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is particular business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is drawn to rule vi., clause 4.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, 1st February. A short service will be held in St. Laurence's church at 6.30. Supper at 7.15, followed by business meeting and smoker.

A. W. H. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

31, Henry Street, Reading.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 5. Members intending to be present please send word by February 1st to

WALTER HUGHES.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting after. Will those intending to be present kindly notify their intention to Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New Kings Road, Fulham, not later than February 2nd.

WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTICE.

All communications concerning the Shere band of ringers, must in future be addressed to Mr. M. Sanders, Shere, near Guildford, Surrey.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. G. Denne, *Hon. Sec.*, Canterbury District, Kent County Association, is now 61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

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Obituary.

JOHN STAPLES.

Mr. John Staples, of Havant, Hants., who on the 4th instant had reached his 71st year, died on January 8th, and was laid to rest on the 12th instant. Deceased, who had been in business as a builder for about 40 years, was much respected. He took a great interest in Church matters, especially in bellringing, acting as leader for a number of years. He was also clerk of the mission church at Brockhampton from its first opening until his death. The funeral took place at Havant cemetery, the Ancient Order of Foresters (Court 3864), of which deceased was a member, being represented, also the Portsmouth district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who sent a beautiful wreath. In the evening eight members of the Portsmouth district intended going for Holt's Original, but meeting one short was obliged to obtain the services of Mr. Irish, one of the local men, who rang the tenor to a quarter-peal (with bells half-muffled) in good style, considering he is nearly 70 years of age. Those taking part were J. Harper,

J. Harris, C. Groves, W. Lebbon, J. Harding, G. Instrell, J. W. Whiting (conductor), W. Irish. Time 45 mins.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Horley branch of the Sussex County Association held their Annual Dinner on Monday evening, January 2nd, at The Six Bells inn, which has been the scene of so many of these familiar and friendly gatherings. The Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey (curate of the parish church) presided, and was supported by Mr. F. E. Glover (churchwarden). About 26 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The King," remarked on the absence of the Vicar, who wrote expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and wishing every member a bright and prosperous new year. In proposing what he termed the toast par excellence—"The Bellringers," he said Horley was extremely lucky in having such a fine peal, and such an energetic body of ringers.

Mr. W. Edwards (the foreman) replying

on behalf of the ringers said he was glad to see that they were more appreciated.

The musical portion of the programme was contributed to by the Horley handbell ringers; Messrs. A. Songhurst, S. Kenward, I. Kenward, P. Etheridge, and A. Etheridge. Some songs and glees brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, December 22nd, a presentation was made of a cow-hide kit bag to Mr. Walter Smith, conductor, in appreciation of his consistent attention to the formation of a new company of ringers at the parish church, Beckenham.

The presentation was made by the Rev. — Heazel, on behalf of the company, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung to confirm the same.

Mr. Smith's brother-strings all wished him a happy Christmas.

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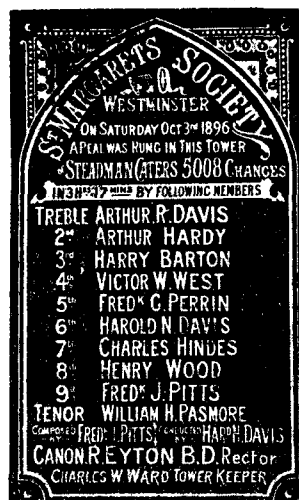
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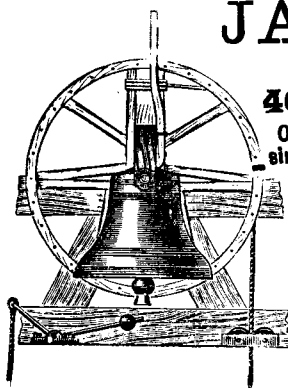
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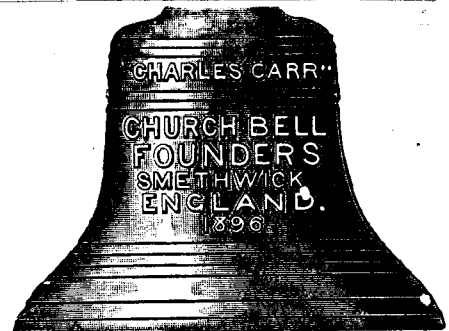
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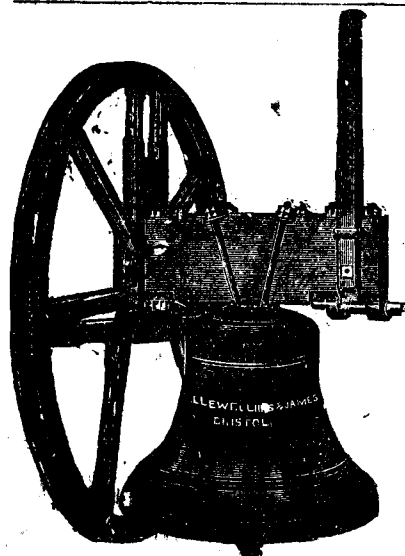
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EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A PEAL BY DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

There was a notable performance on the bells of Exeter Cathedral on Saturday evening, January 14th, when a peal was accomplished by members of the Devonshire Guild resident in the county. It was not actually the first peal on the bells—one was rung shortly after the restoration, about two-and-a-half years ago, and another was scored last year. In both these cases, however, the parties consisted of ringers drawn from various parts of the kingdom, and was in no way representative of the shire, although one peal was rung under the auspices of the county Guild.

The Committee having charge of the ringing arrangements at the Cathedral for the Devonshire Guild decided that for the purposes of Saturday's effort—which was the first of its kind—six representatives should be selected from Exeter and district by independent voting, and five supplied by the Three Towns branch of the Guild. One of the original six for Exeter was a very well-known ringer, Mr. J. Moss, but, owing to temporary disablement, he could not take part in the peal, and a substitute was secured. The peal will be found recorded in its proper place.

The party had never previously rung together, and there were, naturally, some faults in striking in the early stages of the peal, but the striking became very accurate subsequently, and judges who were outside the belfry expressed very high opinions upon the success of the achievement. Numerous well-wishers assembled outside the Cathedral, and when the peal party emerged offered hearty congratulations. The effort required skill and endurance, and success reflects credit not only upon the ringers who rang the peal, but upon the Exercise generally in the county as being able to find men who can at least equal some of the performances of strangers.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Devonshire Guild) came to Exeter to hear the start and wish the party success, while Mr. J. Edworthy, who has charge of the bells, made the usual arrangements for the convenience of the ringers.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 14th, a quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Tipton. Soon after 3 p.m. ringers began to assemble from various parts of the Archdeaconry. The bells of the parish church were soon set in motion, and were kept going with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, etc., until 5 p.m., when between eighty and ninety members wended their way into the beautiful old church for service. The Rev. Wilson T. de Vine, M.A., Vicar and rural dean, intoned the prayers, the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, M.A., Vicar of Wednesbury, and clerical secretary of the Society, read the lesson.

During the singing of the first three verses of "All

people that on earth do dwell," the choir and clergy proceeded down the centre aisle to the west-end of the church, where a beautiful marblette tablet, by Caspar and Co., had been erected recording a muffled peal of Stedman Triples rang upon the bells of this church, as a tribute of loyalty and respect to the late Queen Victoria. Reaching the tablet, which had been presented by Mr. W. Rock Small, the rural dean called upon the Rev. T. W. Wilkes to unveil the same. In doing so the rev. gentleman said: "I herewith unveil this tablet to the greater glory of God, and in grateful memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The choir and clergy retraced their steps to the stalls, singing the last two verses of the hymn.

The pulpit was occupied by the rural dean, who gave a hearty welcome to the members assembled, and a most practical and encouraging address. He remarked that such a service as the one now taking place, with such a body of ringers present, would have been out of the question some years ago, but through the zeal and energy of Diocesan Associations a good work was being accomplished. He urged his hearers to solemnly bear in mind that when they entered their different towers and rang the bells for service to do so to God's glory, remembering that they were ministers of His Church, and he hoped the day was not far distant when all ringers would be communicants of the Church Militant.

Service over, a committee meeting was held in the vestry, several new members being elected, and it was also decided to hold the next meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at Cannock. A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to the Clerical Secretary for unveiling the tablet, and he having suitably replied, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where a substantial meat tea was found to be in readiness, and to which full justice was done. Tea being over, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes for the magnificent spread that had been so generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens of Tipton; also to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tables, which greatly added to the comfort of those present. This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Godden, and supported by Mr. H. Mason, and carried with acclamation. During a short interval the room was prepared for a smoking concert, the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine presiding, a very good programme being successfully carried out.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding, also to all those who had given their services so gratuitously to make the evening such a pleasant one.

Mr. H. Knight on behalf of the handbell ringers, and Mr. T. Wearing on behalf of the Glee Party, suitably responded. The quartette, of whom special mention should be made for the accuracy and splendid manipulation of the handbells during the evening, now played "God save the King," the audience rising and joining in singing the first verse, bringing to a close one of the most pleasant meetings ever held by the Society.

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We cordially welcome this publication, and strongly recommend a perusal of a copy by each of our readers, and we hope they in their turn will induce clergy and churchwardens and other intelligent persons in their respective neighbourhoods to read an account so excellently written.

We have long wanted some publication on these lines which we could recommend to the general public, but up to now in vain. The reliable information has been only to be found in a dispersed state, mostly in scarce and expensive books and scattered about in the press; and the smaller books dealing with bells are in general written by well enough meaning people, no doubt, but without personal experience, and are consequently frequently misleading. The great advantage of the pamphlet under consideration is that it is from the pen of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, Master of the Essex Association, and a member of the Cumberland Youths; who is himself a half-pull ringer and takes his place amongst the band in the ringing chamber in his own eight-bell tower. The consequence is that we have now for the first time a cheap publication, eminently suitable for its purpose, by an author who combines with scholarship and learning the practical experience of a member of the Exercise. Some points of detail may be open to differences of opinion, but there can be no doubt that in its own line Mr. Papillon's contribution to our literature is of the highest value.

The first of the articles in this pamphlet is on the history of bells, and excellent it is. There is, however, one point on which we feel in some doubt. Of pre-Reformation bells we are told, "Change-ringing being as yet unknown, grandeur and dignity, rather than musical sequence," were aimed at by bell-founders. The words shown in quotation are so in the pamphlet, so that it is clear they are not those of the writer, and he has borrowed them from some other source. But we respectfully doubt. Such still existing pre-Reformation rings as we know of are described as being in tune, and there is certainly nothing in Dr. Raven's account of the five bells at King's College, Cambridge, tenor 46 cwt., which, alas, have been

sold away, to suggest that they were not in musical sequence. Rather the contrary. Stow's account of St. Michael's, Cornhill, in his "Survey of London," certainly seems to indicate the existence of round-ringing before the Reformation. Of course it is readily understandable that pious offerings of single bells from time to time may have resulted in a tower holding a very odd lot.

When speaking of the causes of the disappearance of early bells the writer makes no reference to the puritan troubles in the middle of the seventeenth century. In this he is perfectly correct, for in the spoliation of church ornaments the bells did not participate. Indeed there was a slight increase owing to the growth of early change-ringing. But there is such a widely spread popular error to the contrary that we cannot help wishing our author had gone to work to kill it by positive statement.

The second section, on Ringing Customs, is certainly the most concise and literary exposition of them we are aware of, and makes most interesting reading. We may just remark that we think the practice of chiming the bells, or several of them, for funerals obtains more widely even to-day in some country districts than our author suggests.

The third section is on "Chiming, Rounds and Call-Changes and Change-ringing," and is a very lucid explanation for the man in the street, and not only that, but we think it summarises what the Exercise at large would say in all essentials; though of course individuals can not always accept details as of equal force to themselves as to others whose cast of mind leads them to grasp the same truths by other tracks.

Of the fourth and fifth sections, dealing with Belfries and Ringing Chambers, Repairs, Modification of sound, and miscellaneous topics we will only say that they are thoroughly comprehensive and practical.

We consider that the publication of such a pamphlet is a great benefit to the Exercise, the members of which will be inexcusable if they do not take advantage of it. We understand that some of the London companies have already laid in a supply of copies, and we hope this example will be widely followed. We conclude by offering on behalf of the Exercise our thanks to Mr. Papillon.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

CHOIR AND RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Rector and churchwardens of the parish church entertained the ringers, choir and sidesmen to supper in the schoolroom on Thursday, January 12. After doing justice to an excellent repast a free and easy followed.

The Rector thanked all who had in any way helped to make the Church in Norton the success that it was, for perfect harmony prevailed, and he hoped for a continuance of the help and support that he had received hitherto. He regretted the absence of Mr. S. Dale (rector's warden), and Mr. W. Warburton (organist and choirmaster) through illness, but he was very pleased to announce that both gentlemen were improving nicely.

Mr. W. Jack proposed that a glass mosaic be placed in the church in memory of the late Rev. T. H. B. Fearon, Vicar of Leek, who was for nineteen years Rector of Norton, as it would give his old parishioners an opportunity of shewing their appreciation of one who had done so much for the improvement of the old parish church.

Mr. E. B. Wain supported the idea, which was agreed to by all present.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the ringers, thanked

the Rector and churchwardens for the kindness shown to them in the belfry, and everything that they (the ringers) could do for the Church they were willing to do it.

Songs were rendered by various members of the choir, and selections of music were given on the Rector's gramophone, which gave a variety to the proceedings.

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."

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—Mr. Forse's letter in your last number is very interesting. I am particularly pleased at his reference to Chaucer, as I have long had an idea of reading the Canterbury Tales again in the hope of finding some allusions to ringing, and I will look up the *Reeve's Tale* as soon as I can. We are also much indebted to Mr. Forse for his handy collection of mediæval terms concerning different kinds of bells.

May I point out to Mr. Forse that he has come across an error with regard to the *Tintinnalogia*? The book of that name published in 1668, is not White's, but Stedman's, and has been reprinted by yourself. White's book bears no date, and is of no real value; the only instruction it gives is about plain changes. The book also treats of artificial fireworks and the art of gardening, "to which is added an excellent recipe to make a valuable liquor agreeable to all constitutions." I am sorry I have not a copy of this last to send you, as perchance Mr. Willson would find that Phosferine is nothing to it.

Mr. Forse's statement that the King's College five was the first regular peal of bells in this country is rather rash. How does he propose to prove that there never was a peal here before? I do not think that the specialists on county bells would endorse this statement. What says the Venerable Dr. Raven?

R. A. DANIELL.

ANCIENT WORKS ON BELLS.

SIR,—I do not wish to dispute the statements of the Rev. E. J. G. Forse on this subject, as he has evidently studied the matter more than I have; but I think he will find that in Latin documents relating to bells the word *pulsare* means to *chime*, and the word *circumagere*, to ring. That is, in the sense of what was understood by "ringing" in early times. J. R. JERRAM.

OLD BOOKS ON RINGING.

SIR,—As Mr. Daniell seems to think that my old book is an incomplete one, and possibly a binding of two distinct parts put together, I beg to remind him that I have one complete book printed in 1753, separate from the one which is incomplete, and if he doubts my word I shall be pleased to show them to him any time he likes to call upon me.

H. J. TUCKER.

Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, January 14th, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. R. Sperring, J. Moulton, A. White, T. Hogg, T. Hughes, F. Milton, J. W. Davies conductor, C. Davies.

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STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SAD DEATH OF A RINGER.

On Saturday evening, January 14th, Mr. Thomas Rose, steeplekeeper at the parish church, met with his death in a shocking manner. It appears that he went on Saturday as usual to clean the belfry and oil the bells, taking with him his two little daughters aged 7 and 8 respectively. Leaving them in the ringing chamber he proceeded to the upper part of the tower to oil the bells, but as he was a long time away they got frightened, and called to him but got no answer; so they went home. What they told their mother caused her to go towards the church, accompanied by one of her sons, and meeting Mr. Weaver, the verger, she asked him to go up to the tower and send Tom down. The verger obtained a light and hurried up to the bell-chamber, where he found Rose standing inside the pit of the 4th bell, his back against the frame and the bell resting on his chest, his head and hands inside the mouth of the bell. He was quite dead, his chest being completely crushed in. He had evidently slipped off the frame, and grabbed at the bell to save himself, and the bell being up it crashed down upon him, no doubt killing him instantly. The verger taking in the situation at a glance sent at once to the police station for help, and also for Mr. Churton, the leader of the ringers, and under his direction the body of the poor man was released. Deceased, who was 44 years of age, had been a ringer at this tower for 22 years, fifteen of which he had been steeplekeeper. He was an excellent tenor ringer, always doing his duty faithfully and well. His death has been a sad blow to his brother-ringers and to all connected with the church, and the deepest sympathy is felt towards the bereaved widow and children which he leaves. His funeral took place on Thursday, January 19th, at Hartshill, the first part of the service being held at the parish church. The Rector, the Rev. H. V. Stuart, who officiated, spoke of the excellent qualities of the deceased, and said he had died fulfilling his duty to his Church and to Almighty God. The choir sang "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and the Dead March was played by the organist. The bells were rang deeply-muffled, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the grave-side by his brother-ringers of Stoke tower. A large number of ringers followed him to his last resting place, most of the towers in the district being represented. At a meeting of ringers at the Church Institute after the funeral Mr. D. Preston, Secretary of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, proposed a vote of condolence with Mrs. Rose and family in their bereavement. It was seconded by Mr. Wade, of Longton, and carried in silence, all standing, and duly forwarded to the heartbroken family.

WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 544.)

It is certain that there is a wide difference between a murder deliberately planned and one which is the result of the heat and loss of self control of the former. Corder has been represented as guilty of the moment. I submit that everything points to his having been guilty of the latter. But though his guilt was less than has been generally represented the immediate results to himself were the same as if the theory of Curtis were true.

From the moment he left the red barn he was doomed, while he remained at Polstead, to the most demoralising life a man can lead—a double life—a daily lying in act and word. It is needless to detail his shifts and evasions to the Martens, for as he could adopt no other course unless he admitted his crime, it is useless to blame him. He only acted as the majority of us would have done in the same position. It may be heroic to confess our crimes regardless of consequences, but the instinct of self-preservation is strong in us all, and as a rule it is not until that instinct has been broken down by protracted mental torment, that a man will deliver himself up to a speedy and certain death. Still, it must be remembered in judging his subsequent conduct that, as regards his own conscience, Corder had not to charge himself with the greater offence. Bad as it was to have Maria's death on his mind, he had not to bear the additional burden of having compassed it.

From May, then, to September, he remained at Polstead,

working on the farm and assiduously looking after his mother's interests and he seemed to onlookers to be settling down to a steady and useful life. It is very probable that but for the secret in his mind he might have done so. His mother, supposing after the disappearance of Maria that Corder was keeping her somewhere, asked Mr. Chaplin, an old friend, to speak to him about the matter and persuade him to terminate the connection on making a proper provision for her. This Mr. Chaplin did, and Corder of course could give no definite reply. But what an irony! How bitterly he must have regretted that he had not at an earlier period taken this old friend into his confidence. But it was too late now, and he went on as best he could working and ringing, and it was during this period that he attended the wedding of Mr. Challis Winney's grandparents. But he could not stand the strain for ever, and in September, 1827, he set off to the south coast, on the advice of a Nayland medical practitioner, and quitted the scenes of his childhood and youth, to revisit them only once, and then as a prisoner. He went among other places to the Isle of Wight, and as the autumn was growing he came to London and advertised for a wife. This action has been, not unnaturally, much criticised, but at least it demonstrates that Corder desired to settle down, and if so, he probably did not see his way to obtain a wife otherwise. He obviously could not go to seek one in his own part of the country, and it does not appear that he had any friends of his own in town. He received a large number of replies to his advertisement, and the result was, strange as it may seem, that this unsentimental way of wooing brought him one of the noblest women that any man could desire to call his wife. The following is a copy of the entry of the marriage in the parish register, and his own name in the acknowledgment of the marriage is, of course, in his own hand writing.

"Marriages solemnized in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, and in the county of Middlesex, in the year 1827, page 60. William Corder, of this parish, bachelor, and Mary Moore, of this parish, spinster, were married in this church by license this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, by me, F. P. Hoole, curate. This marriage was solemnised between us William Corder, Mary Moore. In the presence of Charles Moore, Geo. Hicks, No. 178." This couple went to live at Brentford at a place called Grove House Academy, where Mary Corder kept a school. The place was in Ealing Lane, now called Ealing Road, and though I am not certain, I believe the house to be one of a group of three still existing in Ealing Road, on the right hand side of the way going from Brentford, shortly after crossing the railway bridge. Here Corder seems to have led a quiet and domesticated life during the few months that he was left to live with his wife, and the only trait in his character at this time that I have seen recorded is his special kindness to children.

But all this while the question with the Martens was what had become of Maria? The last thing positively known about her was her setting forth for the red barn, and no satisfactory explanation had come to hand of their having received no communication from her. Ultimately, on the 19th April, 1828, the floor of the red barn was examined—an opening made at a point where the ground appeared to have been disturbed, and human remains discovered which were identified as those of Maria. Thereupon the Coroner was notified, and a warrant obtained for the apprehension of Corder.

How it came about that the red barn was searched is a question which has contributed to the sensational surroundings of this case. Dreams have been lugged into them. These dreams are stated by Mrs. Marten to have occurred to her in a form which assured her that Maria's body would be found in the barn, and it certainly was owing to Mrs. Marten's assertion of these dreams that the barn was searched. Needless to say Curtis could not miss such an opportunity as this to make himself ridiculous. Not only does he write as though he had some special information from the Almighty—talking of the finger of God for instance—but he seems to think dreams are evidence in a court of law. Now it is clear that dreams are not subjects capable of proof or disproof. For instance, if any one tells another that he has had a certain dream which he describes, the other may believe or disbelieve, but neither can the narrator produce any evidence beyond his own assertion, nor

can the other disprove what he is told. This is so obvious that I am induced to set out the following passage from Curtis in order to show what a goose he was:—

"It has been a subject of frequent remark, and we cannot help reiterating it, that at the trial of Corder, no allusion was made by the counsel on either side to the dream of Maria Marten's mother, which imparted that the corpse of her unhappy daughter would be found buried in Corder's red barn, and which, as the sequel shows, proved a sure prediction. We understand that the learned gentlemen on both sides abstained from making any enquiry or remarks upon this subject, because they would not encourage superstitious feelings among the lower orders of the people. This is the reason which they assign for their silence, and we cannot help observing that to us the reason is absurd. If the Counsel for the prosecution supposed that the statement or proof of such a circumstance, as Mrs. Marten's dream, would have helped to establish the prisoner's guilt, he neglected his business by failing to adduce it; if, on the other hand, the dream had been such as would have raised for Corder one particle of scepticism or gleam of compassion in the minds of those who sat in judgement upon his life, the prisoner's counsel would have been equally culpable to suppress it. Forensic gownsmen care about the superstitions of the people! Fudge. With due deference to the learned declaimers, and with great respect for their transcendent knowledge in legal lore, we cannot suppress our opinion that cares like these never lurk beneath their gracefully curled wigs. Supposing that the subject of this dream had been enquired into before the petit, as we know it was before the grand jury, is it to be imagined that a belief in the preternatural origin of dreams would have found a single convert from the most active use that the most ingenuous advocate could have made of the poor woman's prepossession, when it was so naturally and palpably ascribable to the course of her waking suspicions?"

Now it is not strictly correct to say that these dreams were inquired into before the grand jury. Witnesses for the prosecution go before the grand jury and tell their tale, and in that way the dreams may have come in. But they were utterly irrelevant, and would not be admitted at the subsequent trial. The questions then to be decided were—were the remains those of Maria Marten? and if so, did Corder murder her? And it is obvious that thousands of statements of dreams would fail to afford the smallest assistance to answer these questions. There are not wanting traditions that the dreams were a mere invention, and that Mrs. Marten produced them when, having been aware of Maria's death and blackmailed Corder on the strength of it, he failed to cash up; but it is right to say that I know of no foundations for them, and so far as I can judge, I doubt them. Mrs. Marten may not have been a person of a very high moral standard, but she seems to me to have done the best she could for her step-daughter according to her lights, and it is quite possible that her thoughts by day may have produced in her sleep that unconscious cerebration which we call a dream. In other words, if Mrs. Marten experienced these dreams they may be accepted without recourse to the marvellous.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 5.0. Meeting at 7. Reports expected to be ready. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, January 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible. Business meeting will follow the tea.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Oakleigh, Chislehurst.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., January 28th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Allwork. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 1905 are now due. They would save the hon. sec. a great deal of labour at the end of the year if they would only be a little more prompt in this matter at the beginning of it.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Oldswinford to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th. The Rev. I. G. Owen, Rector, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All subscriptions are now due and outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. The hon. secretary desires to call the attention of local secretaries and conductors of peals to Rule XI., so that all peals may be entered in the Peal Book in proper order, without delay, and also hand in correct list of members' names belonging to their Society.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Business meeting at the parish room at 6 p.m. N. J. PITSTOW, Dis. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, January 28th. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. D. Shaw, Vicar of Wycombe and Rural Dean. Tea in school-room at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting.

E. J. G. FORSE, Hon. Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, January 28th. The eight bells at Mansfield, and six at Mansfield Woodhouse will be available for ringing from 2 p.m., excepting the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 in St. Peter's schoolroom. It is proposed at this meeting to alter rules vi., vii. and viii. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive particulars as soon as possible of any necessary alterations or additions to the new report now being

prepared, particularly with respect to practice nights and the addresses of Life Members, or notice of their decease. He will also be obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to the end of 1904 will kindly do so at once.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at the Institute, Leatherhead, on Saturday, January 28th, after tea, which latter will commence at 6.30 p.m. The bells (ten) will be open from about 3.30 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

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JOHN C. JACKSON, Asst. Hon. Sec.

12, Tabor Grove, Wimbledon.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts. Archdeaconry.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Yaxley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tea at 4.30. All ringers invited.

G. D. COLEMAN, Dis. Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Royal Hotel (Greenside Station) at 7.30 p.m. FRED. A. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

Erdington Parish Church Society.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th, at 8 p.m. in the Club House, Erdington.

J. PRESTON, Secretary.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—On Monday, January 30th, after the practice at St. Clement Danes, a special general meeting will be held at The Cheshire Cheese, Millford Lane, to appoint auditors for the past year, and decide the date of the annual general meeting. It is hoped as many as can make it convenient to attend will do so.

T. H. TAFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Durwin Street, Southwark.

St Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31st, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is particular business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested, and particular attention is drawn to rule vi., clause 4.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at The British Workman on Wednesday, 1st February. A short service will be held in St. Laurence's church at 6.30. Supper at 7.15, followed by business meeting and smoker.

A. W. H. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.

31, Henry Street, Reading.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 5. Members intending to be present please send word by February 1st to

WALTER HUGHES.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting after. Will those intending to be present

kindly notify their intention to Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New Kings Road, Fulham, not later than February 2nd.

WILLIAM T. ELSON, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, February 4th.

E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The next combined meeting will be held at Theale on Saturday, February 4th, at 6 p.m.

ARTHUR STANDIDGE.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, February 4th. Members intending to be present must give notice not later than Thursday, February 2nd, to Mr. W. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice of the above Guild will be held on Monday, February 6th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, at 7.45 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.

D. ELLINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of Holy Rood Church will be available at 3 o'clock, and St. Michael's at 6 o'clock. Tea at Fanconi's restaurant at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, Dist. Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, February 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 prompt.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Castle inn. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. If desired, arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst station to convey members to and from the meeting at a charge of 6d. per head each way. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, February 15th, stating also whether they wish to be met at the station, and if so, by what train they intend to come, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Half-travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending the meeting. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1905.

ST. MARK'S PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION OF E.C.U., SWINDON.

Preceded by choral evensong at St. Mark's church, the third meeting of the winter series was held in St. Mark's Parish Room on Monday, December 12th, 1904, at 7.45 p.m. The Warden, the Rev. A. G. Gordon Ross,

presided, and the Secretary gave a lecture on "The History and Uses of Church Bells in Wiltshire," showing what an important part they played in Church life from the eighth century to the present time. Some remarks followed, and some questions were put and answered, after which the meeting was closed with the office.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PENARTH.

A large clock with two illuminated dials, striking the quarters, is to be erected on the tower of this new library. The order has been given to Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th June, 1905. May I remind Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations that subscriptions became due on 1st inst., and that the rights of elected representatives are in abeyance until payment of their quota has been made? I shall be glad to receive them as soon as possible. I shall feel grateful also for kind information at the same time as to any change of *personnel* or address on the part of any Hon. Secretaries or representative members. Reports of Committees and Notices of Motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 13th May, in order that they may appear in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting of Council. Notices of Motion must be signed by at least two members of Council. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, Jan. 10, 1905.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

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

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	WM. F. HARTSHORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	†WILLIAM STONEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

†First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 1). Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. 4.	†ALBERT DARVILL .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

†First peal.

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The Provinces.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, December 30, 1904, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

A. WALLETT* .. Treble.	†H. BELCHER .. 5.
E. UNITT .. 2.	W. SMITH .. 6.
T. LOWE .. 3.	W. DEVEY .. 7.
J. ADAMS .. 4.	*J. RAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. BELCHER.

Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frank Yardley, second son of Mr. J. Yardley, chairman of the Darlaston Urban District Council.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS .. Treble.	JOHN NEAL .. 5.
ALBERT WALKER .. 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 7.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge. London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT GOFTON .. Treble.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 4.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 2.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS THOMPSON GOFTON.

Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. Thomas Thompson Gofton, grandfather of the brothers Gofton.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. Treble.	*CHARLES HAYNES .. 5.
JOSEPH ATKIN* .. 2.	*SYDNEY F. PALMER .. 6.
FRANCIS WARD* .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH* .. 4.	*CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS CRAGG .. Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD .. 5.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 2.	GEORGE SCOTT .. 6.
PERCIVAL J. STOKES† .. 3.	†JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. 7.
JOHN P. PALEY, SEN. .. 4.	JOHN CRAGG .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

†First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 5.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 2.	SAMUEL SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN, JUN. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

H. YOUNG* Treble.	*H. EMERY 4.
E. HYNDS 2.	J. T. BARKER 5.
H. C. RUFFEL* 3.	E. CLAYDON Tenor.

Conducted by E. CLAYDON.

*First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM .. Treble.	JOHN M. ANDREWS .. 5.
WILLIAM BURGAR .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 3.	WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

It was intended to have rung Caters, but meeting one short the above was substituted.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	ALBERT HUMPHREY .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM SPICE .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING .. 7.
ROBERT BREIT .. 4.	ARCHIE W. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JAMES E. GOFTON .. Treble.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 3.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of London Surprise in the county of Durham. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Story.

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KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOE HOWES Treble.	ALFRED FOX 5.
HENRY MILES 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
FRED CASTLE 3.	HENRY JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN BROOM* Treble.	GEORGE HAYES 5.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY .. 2.	*WILLIAM LANE 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. 7.
FREDERICK RING .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

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

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

WILLIAM PAGE Treble.	REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS .. 5.
JAMES H. HILL* .. 2.	HENRY WILKES 6.
ALBERT HILL 3.	†GORDON CHECKETTS .. 7.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 4.	THOMAS MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by GORDON CHECKETTS.

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

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
EDWIN LAMBERT† .. 2.	WILLIAM LATTER .. 6.
OLDER WAGHORN .. 3.	CHARLES TRIBE .. 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 4.	*JAMES WEEKS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

†First peal of Triples. *First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lbs. in F sharp.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE HOWSE .. 2.	THOMAS PRICE 6.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. 7.
GEORGE WATSON .. 4.	ERNEST GOWER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was the quarterly peal for the Eastern Division.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

E. CHEESEMAN Treble.	HARRY BARTON 5.
S. WALTER† 2.	E. TRENDLE 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	H. C. CASTLE 7.
A. KEDWELL 4.	HARRISON SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

†First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. The band wish to thank the Rector (Rev. R. D. Eves), for the use of the bells, and Mr. Tanton (steeple-keeper), for having everything ready.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 72 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD .. Treble.	JOHN BAKER 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS .. 2.	EDGAR MANNING .. 7.
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 3.	FRANK DAVEY 8.
ERNEST W. MARSH .. 4.	HARRY MYERS 9.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD .. Tenor.
	FRANK MURPHY

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Arranged by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (ONE-PART).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. HOLLOWS* Treble.	*S. HOLT 5.
J. ARROWSMITH* .. 2.	*J. JACQUES 6.
J. H. BASTOW* 3.	†A. SIDEBOTTOM .. 7.
J. LEIGH 4.	*T. WELLES Tenor.

Conducted by A. SIDEBOTTOM.

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

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY WOODLEY* .. Treble.	ERNEST BUTLER .. 5.
THOMAS EAST 2.	*MORRIS CAUDWELL .. 6.
ARTHUR YATES* 3.	†JOSEPH BUTLER .. 7.
JOSEPH NAPPER, JUN.* .. 4.	*GEORGE WARWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Butler, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	HARRY SYMONDS .. 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the occasion of the presentation of the old Regimental Colours of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, by Brigadier-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker to the church.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(HEAVITREE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM HANCOCK .. Treble.	*WILLIAM LETHBRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM YOULDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM BOUNDY .. 6.
RICHARD HAMILTON* .. 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 7.
THOMAS LAVER 4.	WILLIAM LOWTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.

*First peal.

The following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Northampton and district, specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FRED HOPPER Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	†HERBERT C. LAWRENCE .. 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS 4.	†WILLIAM ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM FAREY 4.	*JOHN FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
FRED WILFORD 2.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 6.
WILLIAM ROGERS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	WILLIAM ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

FRED PALMER Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 5.
DAVID J. NICHOLLS* .. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
JOHN J. MAVEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	*HARRY PETTIT Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN.. .. 5.
FRED PALMER 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

The following three Surprise peals were rung during the "Horsham Week-End" in less than twenty-four hours. See peal-note.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5124 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	KEITH HART 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	KEITH HART 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band commenced this peal at 7.40 a.m.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 15, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	KEITH HART 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

The above band is the first to score two peals of London Surprise in one day.

Handbell Peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 3-4.	†FREDK. W. BRINKLOW.. 7-8.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Harry A. Horrex. †First peal as conductor.

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

Date Touches.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a date touch of Stedman Triples in 59 mins. T. Ward, G. Parsons, A. Ward, F. Fay, G. Swann, H. Wittchell, B. Wittchell conductor, P. Finity. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

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Miscellaneous.

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READING (Berks).—On Friday, January 6th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Hope, E. Holloway, J. F. Tarrant, J. Swain, W. P. Routh, W. Newell, A. Osborne conductor, F. Hopgood. Rung after the consecration service of St. Mark's church, a branch church of St. Mary's. On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Swain, N. Cox, A. W. Reeves, E. Denham, C. Cox, C. Giles, A. Osborne conductor, H. Osborne. For Divine Service in the evening 504 Stedman Triples. J. Swain, N. Cox, A. W. Reeves, A. E. Reeves, W. P. Routh, C. Giles, A. Osborne conductor, J. Goodenough.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Tomlinson conductor, J. Boshell, H. Harland, W. Burns, J. E. Matthews, C. Moss, J. A. Teale, W. Betties.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Rogers, H. Blundell, J. Metherell, J. S. White, J. Mackay, E. Haxley, W. Farey conductor, T. Haddon.

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RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening, the 10th instant, after the usual weekly practice, the ringers of the Abbey church, Sherborne, were very kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Childs, of Long Street.

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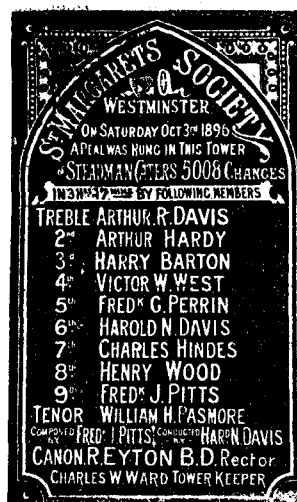
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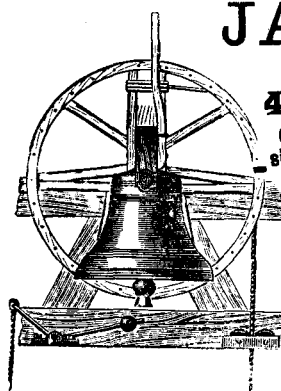
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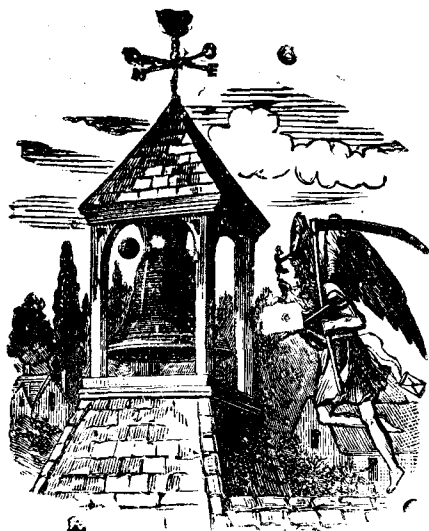
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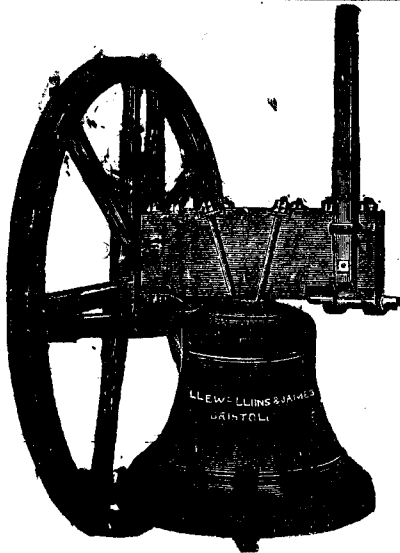
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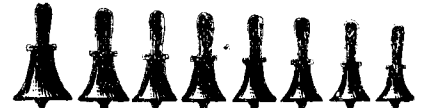
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

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

SCHEDULE (continued).

TOTNES (Devon.) St. Mary. Eight bells; 4th by Warner 1897; 5th by the same 1863; the rest by Rudhall 1732. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex). All Hallows. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Warner 1881; the rest by Wightman 1696. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Repairs by Mears a few years ago. Ropes new. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.55. Practice: Tuesday, 8.30.

TREVETHIN (Monmouth). Eight bells. No return.

TRING (Herts.) SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. No return.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts.) St. James. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. by Blews 1879; the rest by Wells 1800. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Blews 1900, good. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing mentioned. Practice: Saturday, 6.30.

FOUND IN A VICAR'S LETTER-BOX.

The Rev. Philip P. Goldingham, Vicar of Buckingham, has found twenty sovereigns in a loosely-tied packet in his letter-box, with a note stating that the money is to be devoted to the fund now being raised for the purpose of restoring the tower of the parish church. There is no clue to the identity of the giver.

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

PRESENTATION OF A PEAL-BOOK TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

After the 12,000 at Shoreditch, in 1784, some disagreement arose between Gross and the Cumberlands, the details of which I do not know. But it resulted that he and his son established a rival company which they called the Junior Cumberland Youths. After ringing a few years with this, they went back again to the old Society, and after their departure the Young Cumberlands appear, according to Osborn, to have become rather a shady lot. They lasted on, however, till 1824, when they died out. They had a fine Peal Book—large folio, gilt-edged, and bound in red morocco, with silver plates attached—in which are recorded eighty-one peals, including Noonan's Stedman Triples at St. Giles's-in-the-Fields in 1799, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Spitalfields in 1806. The booking, however, is irregular, and the book itself was more than once in pawn. On the last of these pledging occasions it was redeemed by a ringer named Hall and afterwards sold by him to the then steeplekeeper of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and ultimately came into the possession of the old Cumberland Youths, where it has been for many years.

The Cumberlands requiring a new peal-book, and the Young Cumberland book taking up too much room in the safe in view of the necessary addition to the Society's records, it was decided to approach the Trustees of the British Museum and, if they would accept it, to offer this old manuscript peal-book to them for preservation. The result is that they have kindly accepted it, and the reference number to it is "Additional ms. 37023." Both in the book itself and in the catalogue it is mentioned to be "Presented by the Society of Royal Cumberland Yourhs, 20 January, 1905."

R. A. D.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, STAINES.

On Saturday, January 21st, this flourishing young Society emphasised their existence by a double event, during the afternoon ringing the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on St. Peter's bells, and in the evening sitting down with friends and visitors to their annual dinner at The Packhorse hotel, kindly provided by Sir Edward Clarke, K.C. A report of the physical part of the day's proceedings will be found in the peal columns, while the social side of the evening is as follows:—

The chair was taken at 7 p.m. by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hall, M.A. and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Wicks, late of the St. Mary's Society, Staines. The menu provided by mine host received every attention, and a most jovial evening's programme terminated at the modest hour of 10.30 p.m.

On the removal of the cloth, and after honouring the

toast of "The King," several others followed, given by the chairman in forcible happy style, and suitably responded to, viz., "The donor of the new church and its bells," Sir Edward Clarke and Lady Clarke, given and received with acclamation and musical honours; "The St. Peter's Ringers and Mr. A. J. Redman." Mr. Bennett referred to the sister services of the Army and Navy, and spoke of the choir and ringers being similarly coupled when spoken of by churchmen; at any rate that was the case at St. Peter's, and he wished the society success.

"The Visitors and Mr. W. H. Fussell."

Mr. Fussell remarked that many towers were represented by the company present, and several counties, and thanked the clergy and churchwardens of St. Peter's and Sir Edward Clarke for their reception of the visitors. Though one of the most modern churches with eight bells in this neighbourhood, the governing body of St. Peter's shewed their appreciation of the ringers in a manner which he would like to see emulated by those of many older parishes throughout England.

At intervals some excellent songs were given by Messrs. Blarney, Barrett, Redman, Parker and Sadler, those of the former being an unexpected treat, owing to his professional training. The accompaniments were kindly played by Mr. D. Willard. That sound old ringer, Edgar Collins (a 16,000 Kent Treble Bob Major hand), lent his peal of eight handbells (cast by W.R. about 150 years ago), and upon them courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Butler, Wicks, Howes, Woodiss and Fussell.

The evening was completed by the singing of "God save the King," and the company separated, thoroughly well pleased with their half-day out.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, OF BIRMINGHAM.

At the usual quarterly meeting on Tuesday the 31st ult., the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.L., in the chair, in addition to the ordinary routine business it was unanimously decided to hold the annual "Henry Johnson Commemoration" on Saturday, March 4th next. Full particulars of this will be announced in our notice columns later on.

Much regret was generally expressed at the departure of the late Rector (the Bishop-designate of Carlisle), and as a record of the members' feelings towards him, it was decided to place the following resolution in the minute-book, viz.:—

"That we respectfully thank the late Rector for all his kindness to the Guild during his residence in Birmingham, and earnestly desire that he may be spared for many years to worthily fill the great office to which he has been called with such unanimity of approval throughout the country."

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ESTABLISHED 1637.)

On Thursday, January 26th, the whole pull and stand funeral peal, followed by a touch of Stedman Caters, was rung at the church of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, an old and highly respected member of this Society. C. F. Winney conductor, E. P. O'Meara, C. S. Burden, E. G. Stibbons, H. S. Ellis, F. Shepherd, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. T. Cockerill, J. W. Golding.

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Correspondence.

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

A STRANGE ALLEGATION.

SIR,—I am a member of the Lancashire Association, and have for the past five or six years been a ringer at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall; but in consequence of my connection with the choir of a neighbouring church I have been dismissed the belfry of St. Mary's. I have broken no rule and have been the most regular of all the band in attendance at the belfry. The reason of my writing this letter is to make it known to readers of "THE BELL NEWS" that fair play is not to be obtained for ringers at St. Mary's, nor will the authorities there trouble themselves to see that even-handed justice is administered, even though the facts of the case are in their possession. I have been a bellringer for twenty-five years.

ALGERNON NEWMAN.

OLD BOOKS ON RINGING.

SIR,—I am afraid I have misunderstood Mr. Tucker. Of course I don't dispute his assertion that he has a 1753 edition of the London Scholars' book. It was the other book to which I was referring in connection with Colledge Bob.

R. A. DANIELL.

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—I am grateful to Mr. Jerram for his giving the word *circumagere*, and to Mr. Daniell for his various information. He is doubtless correct as to White's book; my authority was the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, but I fear its statements are only too likely to be out of date. As for the bells at King's College, Cambridge, clearly the only disproof of the traditional statement is to be found in producing evidence of an earlier peal of bells elsewhere.

Since writing my last letter I have come across a most interesting and early eulogy of Bells in an old anonymous *Revelation made to a Monk of Evesham*, whose date Professor Arber puts at 1196 A.D. It was first printed (by William de Machlinia) about 1482. The passage is so interesting that I translate it in full. In the vision the Monk had been conducted by St. Nicholas throughout the realms of Purgatory and Paradise. Chapter 57 begins; "And while the holy confessor St. Nicholas this wise spake yet with me, suddenly I heard there (at the gate of Heaven), a solemn peal and a ringing of a marvellous sweetness, and as all the bells in the world (or whatsoever is full of sound) had been rung together at once. Truly in this peal and ringing brake out also a marvellous sweetness, and a variant mingling of melody sounded with it. And I wot not whether the greatness of the melody, or the sweetness of sounding of the bells, was the more admirable. And to so great a noise I took good heed, and full greatly was my mind suspended to hear it. Indeed, as soon as that great and marvellous sounding and noise was ceased, suddenly I saw myself separated from the sweet fellowship of my prince and leader St. Nicholas. Then was I returned to my self again." And so he woke up.

And the original writer of the story adds at the end of the book: "Full delectable it was to him, as he said, from that time forth, as oft as he heard any solemn peal of ringing of bells, because then would come to his mind again the full sweet peal and melody which he heard when he was among the blessed souls in paradise."

I have also come across a very early notice of the *passing bell* in Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, which was first issued in 731 A.D. from the old Abbey at Jarrow, where he spent his life (still standing and in use). The passage is under the date 680 A.D. (book v. ch. 23).—"This nun on a sudden heard the wellknown sound of a bell in the air, which used to awake and call them to prayers when any one of them was taken out of this world." (It was the occasion of the death of the world-renowned Abbess, St. Hilda of Whitby).

A complete and scientific history of bells from the earliest ages is much to be desired. The use of bells of various forms goes back to the most immemorial antiquity. They seem to

have been in use in Egypt in the days of Moses; and in the Museum at Naples may be seen ancient Roman handbells of our modern shape.

EDWARD J. G. FORSE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should feel very grateful if you would through the medium of your valuable paper inform me whether dumb practice apparatus affixed to church bells are to be relied upon to give satisfaction. My reason for making this enquiry is that we are expecting to have a ring of bells in our new church in the course of the next year or two, and as the church is situated in a populous part of the city, I am afraid the bells may be an annoyance to people residing near by, especially as there is almost certain to be a dearth of change-ringers out here, which as you know means teaching fresh hands, and consequently some rough striking. Should dumb bell apparatus not be satisfactory, would it be a good plan to brick up the insides of the windows where the bells hang, and how high should the brick-work extend, and what should be the thickness.

R. S. SWORDER.

P.O. Box 322, Johannesburg, South Africa.

CORRECTION.

SIR,—I see your correspondent who sent the report of the Surprise peals rung at Warnham claims to be the first band to score two peals of London Surprise in a day. I wish to inform your correspondent that this feat was accomplished on April 14th, 1903, by a band of the Essex Association, both peals being rung within eight hours, in two different towers, and two of the band rang their first peal in the method.

W. PYE.

THE PEAL AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—Is it not a pity the Devonshire Guild did not announce their intended peal at Exeter Cathedral in "THE BELL NEWS?" Their name seldom appears among the other Associations.

OLD RINGER.

WEIGHT OF TENOR.

SIR,—I beg to say that the weight of the tenor at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is 31 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs., and not 36 cwt. as published with the peal of Treble Bob Maximus rung on January 14th.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

Mr. J. Groves's letter will appear next week.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

RINGERS' FUNERAL.

Following close upon the sad and untimely death of their steeple-keeper, the Stoke St. Peter's company have sustained another loss through the death of their esteemed colleague Mr. Thomas Allen, of Hartshill, who died of consumption January 21st, at the age of 30, having been a ringer at the above tower fifteen years. He was interred at Hartshill Cemetery on Wednesday, January 25th, the Rector of Stoke and the Vicar of Hartshill officiating. There were about a dozen ringers present, and four of his brother-ringers (Messrs. A. Blewes, T. Austin, J. Titterton, and F. Goldstraw) bore him to his last resting place. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the grave-side by Messrs. G. Woods, W. Wheeldon, F. Goldstraw, A. Blewes, T. Austin, J. Titterton S. Churton and J. Simister. There were a number of beautiful wreaths, amongst which was one from the Longton ringers, and one in the shape of a bell from his brother-ringers of the Stoke tower. Deceased, who was a first-class inside ringer, was well respected by all the band, who feel his death very keenly, and great sympathy is felt towards the bereaved widow and family. The Stoke bells were rung half-muffled during the evening, the visiting ringers also taking part.

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THE WIGSTON RECORD PEAL.

We met on Boxing-Day as arranged, and according to the programme proceeded to a photographer's for a group picture. Two new bellropes were taken along to hang in the studio and give it a belfry appearance. Although firm of visage we had our comedian. The volatile "Taffy," our London friend, was the life of the party. If Thomas Taffender had only managed to have been born during the lifetime of the late Charles Dickens, the said C. D. would not have had to travel far from the G.P.O. for his Dick Swiveller. Anyone acquainted with Dickens's works can easily recognise the types portrayed as they walk along the street, and the writer is just longing to see his friend from "tahn" in a "stovepipe" and knee breeches.

We got to the studio, and according to pre-arrangements, entered. The artist, a fussy dapper little man with a habit of wringing his hands, or washing them with invisible soap; proceeded to fix us in position. He was soon ill at ease, for Taffy was seen scowling at him furiously. "Look here," he said; "this screen's in the wrong place, put that here and this here, I'll shew you how to take 'photographs.' No; that won't do, I'll stand here and you stand there." The photographer was bewildered, and was marched round and round until he developed an attack of the "spring halt." "Oh dear!" said he, and nudging me by the elbow he whispered "Who is he?" He meant our Dick Swiveller. "Don't you know?" said I, "he is the Duke of Clement Danes!" This was enough, and he became as docile as a lamb in the hands of Taffy, and a picture was ultimately obtained after two hours' finessing, but it is still doubtful who was the photographer.

We dined—or rather took a meat tea—as the next item. Several of the band appeared to think that this was the night before the execution, and ate accordingly. Anyway, roast chicken was scratched out of all engagements on the bill of fare, when we took our departure for South Wigston, where sleeping arrangements had kindly been made by steeplekeeper Thompson, of St. Thomas'. It was arranged the band should walk to Wigston for the benefit of the exercise, and accordingly each man, carrying his bag or brown paper parcel, went trudging along the road. We left the electric cars with about 2½ miles to walk in front of us. I say 2½ miles advisedly. One of our party—the 7th man, Arthur Aldham—insists that the distance is not less than six miles, and he wants to meet the man who says it is. Therefore his friends who read these lines will please make a note and NOT ask him (?) how far it is to Wigston. Perhaps it seemed farther because it was a foggy night, and Arthur Aldham, while not aspiring to 'the Aldham-anic bench, has certainly developed his corporation and is none too "horny on the hoof." Every light we espied along the country road ought to have been Wigston, but when the said lights passed us on wheels, unearthly groans were heard on the night air, and the climax came when someone offered to run him 100 yards.

Wigston at last, and soon we were in the tower. We had arranged that the bells should be pulled up, a touch rung for practice, and everything left right for morning. This occupied us until 9 p.m. when the belfry was closed, we three Leicester men returning home to sleep, the remainder to negotiate beef-steak to the tune of three quarters of a pound per man.

The rations for breakfast were the same with bacon added, and topped off in belfry with "Oxo" sandwiches. Events proved that the latter, which is fully described as "liquid beef," would have been quite sufficient. My diet was one cup of "Oxo" and two slices brown bread thickly spread with the fluid. For endurance there is no nutriment like it. I could have rung fifteen hours that day I veritably believe. Breakfast was at 5.30 a.m., the next meal was at 10 o'clock at night.

At seven a.m. we ascended the tower to try our luck, and while it was yet dark "Go, Double Norwich" sent us on our eventful journey. The pace was moderate at the start, and not too fast. As daylight shewed itself the centre lights were lowered by the treble man who stood handy by the gas tap, leaving two lights only burning throughout the day. I had no means of knowing the time, but the tenors came together about 12.30 I believe. Just about here was an awkward trip. It happened after I had called the 6th out of 7th place and had put the 4th there. I cannot just now call to mind how it occurred, but the near place from behind bell came a bit too low down. Wigston bells are very loud in the belfry, and two bells

clipping jars terribly on the ear. Outside this is not so noticeable, but for two or three blows I feared for the result. The bells involved cleared all right however, and the course-end came up correct. From the sixth up to the ninth hour the pace improved, and that three hours I think the striking was as fine as anyone could wish. I estimate the time by the distance we had travelled in the peal. I have no intention of cloaking anything, and must say about the tenth hour the striking was not so good as before that time. Dodges were late or partly missed by all of us now and then, and it was about this time when I noticed that all was not well. One member of the band, as safe and trusty a ringer as anyone would wish, was hanging out signals of distress. I believe I saw them long before the band was aware of the position. The pallor of his face made me feel uncomfortable, and conductors know what that means. Our intention was not to stop at less than 18,000 if it could be helped, but when our comrade leaned back to the wall for support, and with a face as white as chalk said "Bring 'em home," I don't mind confessing that it required all the resolution I possess to concentrate my thoughts on my calling. In such a crisis the bob-caller's life is not a happy one. I had passed one of the "landmarks" in the peal and had called the bob at 1. The 6th was now coursing the 7th, and at the fourth lead I asked our friend "what is it to be," meaning should I go on? He shook his head. I called the bob at 5 and the 6th was home. Shortly after, noticing that the excitement was affecting the striking, he appeared to rally. But the die was cast, and when we came round I was not sorry, for I was afraid he might drop his rope and lose all! Cheers went up outside from a hundred throats, hands soon grasped ours, the worthy Vicar held a meeting and gave thanks, and a dozen press reporters were fighting for a few words, afterwards magnified into columns. Our best thanks are due to our umpires, the Vicar and wardens for their kindness, and the steeplekeeper. There was no adverse criticism, but ringers present very thoughtfully, and I think kindly, made every allowance for the striking of the longest length.

W. WILLSON.

WILLIAM CORDER.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 544.)

Corder was arrested at his house at Brentford and taken a prisoner to Polstead. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against him, and he was committed to Bury gaol to await his trial.

Maria Marten's remains were duly interred in Polstead churchyard, a large number of persons, needless to say, being present at the ceremony. A proposal was started to erect a tombstone at the grave, which is situated in the south western portion of the enclosure, but Mr. Whitmore refused his consent to it on the intelligible ground that it would be an object more of curiosity than reverence. Curtis of course thinks him in the wrong, but how right he was is shown by the state of the stone the erection of which he must have been subsequently induced to permit. There are now only a few inches of it above the ground, the remainder having been chipped away in the course of time by relic hunters.

Corder bore the interval between his committal and his trial with a dignity that we should not perhaps have expected, and which he certainly could not have shown unless he had possessed a solid foundation of character.

Curtis has preserved some ten letters written by him during this period to his wife, his relations and friends, and also letters received by him from them, and the whole correspondence shows that he was by no means destitute of those who really cared for him and were honestly sorry for the disgrace he had brought on himself. He on his side also shows that he was not buoying himself up with much hope of escaping with his life, and though his letters contain many of those religious phrases of the day which can so easily be used to cover hypocrisy, the genuineness of his endeavours to prepare himself for that crisis from which human nature shrinks seems to me to be evinced by the thoughts of and for other people—his wife, his mother, his sister and his friends—his consciousness of the wrong he had done them all, and his desire to do all in his power to make such amends as he could.

His wife, as soon as possible, came to Bury, and by arranging for his comforts, writing to him and seeing him as often as the rules of the prison allowed, did everything which a devoted woman could possibly do for him, and when we consider what a shock her husband's arrest on such a charge within a few months of their marriage must have been to her, I think no one will refuse to her the description of heroic. She stayed on in Bury all the weary waiting time before the trial, through the agony of the trial itself, and during the brief time intervening between the trial and the execution she cared for, consoled and strengthened him.

The trial excited great curiosity. Crowds came. The interior of the Court was a scene of turmoil long after the trial ought to have begun, owing to its congested condition, and those who could not get in did their best to hear and see everything they could. Some pressed against the windows, several of which were broken, others climbed on to the roof and looked down through the skylight, and others again thronged the steps leading to the Court so that they broke down. The heat and discomfort were intense. All day long on Thursday, the 7th August, 1828, up to eight o'clock in the evening, and again on the forenoon of the next day the excitement lasted. I do not propose to go through the evidence. It was absolutely conclusive, and notwithstanding the careful and impartial summing up of Lord Chief Baron Alexander, it is difficult to see why the jury were absent from the Court for thirty-five minutes before returning their verdict of "Guilty." Sentence of death was then passed, and the execution took place on the following Monday.

I am not going to describe the execution. Several thousand people of all classes, including many ladies, were witnesses of it. Corder received great kindness from the Governor and Chaplain of the gaol, took a farewell of his fellow prisoners and met his death with fortitude, and just before the final act Mr. Orridge, the Governor, informed the spectators that Corder acknowledged his sentence to be just, and died in peace with all mankind.

Thus died a member of the Exercise, whose character has in my opinion been badly treated, mainly as it seems to me owing to the acceptance by succeeding writers of the perversions of Curtis as though they were truths. We of the Exercise may be pardoned for thinking that there is a truer view than his.

In accordance with the custom at the time Corder's body was handed over to the hospital authorities for dissection. Curiously enough the dissection was effected by John Dalton, M.D., who was himself a ringer. The skeleton is in the hospital at Bury. The skin was tanned, and I suppose there are still portions about. The only one I have seen is in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, where it resides in the same drawer as a wooden toothcomb formerly belonging to King Henry VIII. Corder's *Shipway*, as we have seen, is now the property of Mr. Pearson. The Red Barn was burned down at Christmas, 1842. Mr. Walter Winny, of Stoke, and Mr. Baalam, of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, who in his boyhood lived at Boxford, remember the circumstance.

(Concluded.)

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The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's church, Hyde, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWER.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room to-day, Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting after.

WILLIAM T. ELSON, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Pewsey to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th.

E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The next combined meeting will be held at Theale to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 6 p.m.

ARTHUR STANDIDGE.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Longton today, Saturday, February 4th.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice of the above Guild will be held on Monday, February 6th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, at 7.45 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, the 9th and 23rd, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.

D. ELLINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of Holy Rood Church will be available at 3 o'clock, and St. Michael's at 6 o'clock. Tea at Fanconi's restaurant at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, Dist. Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, February 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 prompt.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business Meeting, 6.0.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, Secs.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Middleton parish church on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9.

R. CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that all ringing is suspended until further notice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, through illness near the church. The business meetings will be continued as usual, the next being Monday, February 13th, at 9.45. Members are requested to note that the annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, February 25th, and be held with the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at the Cathedral church of St. Saviour, Southwark. Further particulars will be announced later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—The next district meeting will be held at Sudbury on February 18th. Tea and meeting in The Green Dragon at 4 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Rector of Sudbury. The towers of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints will be open for ringing during the day.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available all day. Tea at 5 o'clock, with meeting to follow at The White Horse Inn, price 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present must give at least three days' notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

Coggeshall.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Castle inn. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. If desired, arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst station to convey members to and from the meeting at a charge of 6d. per head each way. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, February 15th, stating also whether they wish to be met at the station, and if so, by what train they intend to come, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Half-travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending the meeting. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

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5024.

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32564 S I

32645 - I

42653 - I -

52634 - I -

52346 - I

42365 - I -

62354 - I -

62543 - I

24563 - - - -

26534 I -

26345 I -

24356 I -

25364 I -

25643 I -

24635 I -

23654 I -

23546 I -

23465 I -

26453 I -

25436 I -

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*192.

23456 I 4 5 6

63254 -

23456 - -

224.

I 4 5 6

54326 S S

23456 S S

320.

I 4 5

36452 - - -

43265 -

Repeated.

336.

I 6

24356 S

54326 S

23456 - -

384.

I 4 5

63452 S

45236 S -

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320.

I 4 5

36452 - - -

32465 - -

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1905.

A name that will be handed down to posterity, so far as the Exercise is concerned, is that of "WASHBROOK." No one will question that the first bearer of that name among us has proved himself to be as skilled an exponent of the Art of change-ringing as any one. Now we find that his genius and cleverness are hereditary. The other week

we read that one of his sons, a lad only twelve years of age, called Holt's ten-part peal; and we find among the records this week that a still younger scion of the house, only 10½ years old, has also rung the treble in a peal of Triples. We have heard of young phenomenons in peal-ringing ere this; but we imagine that the two instances here mentioned surpass anything of the kind before. We compliment the two lads very heartily, and the best wishes the Exercise can give them is theirs. If they continue to persevere in the same way as their father has done, they will become as eminent in the Exercise as he has. Our last word now is to point out to them that they should try hard to accompany their progress with discretion, and with becoming modesty, and then they will not fail to gain the highest respect and esteem of their ringing brethren.

Our obituary notice this week includes also a well-known name, that of a much-beloved ringer—MR. THOMAS HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, who has been called hence somewhat suddenly. He was a man of known worth, one who generally made an impression upon those whom he met with as being a capital fellow, a good companion, pleasant in society, and an excellent ringer to boot. The decease of such genial men as he is emphatically a loss. He was well-known in the metropolis—especially at the Bethnal Green centre, to which quarter he always found his way when visiting London. Here in days gone by he could be seen in company with the late HENRY BOOTH discussing the intricacies of composition of Grandsire Major and Caters; or having a sober and quiet discussion with MATT. WOOD, interspersed with some humorous remarks addressed to other members of the company present. The sexagenarians of the London Exercise will remember these times, and will blend their regrets with their Yorkshire brethren that such a well-known figure as TOM HATTERSLEY has passed away. May his genial and cheery manner be deemed worthy of imitation.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James Baxter has removed to 16, St. John's Crescent, Darlington,

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES H. WALKER .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	HARRY BARRETT Tenor.

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Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR MORTIMER Treble.	WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 4.
CHARLES MORTIMER 2.	JOHN MAXEY 5.
WILLIAM MILLS 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILBY HAZELL Treble.	JOHN HARRINGTON 5.
W. J. NEVARD 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREW .. 6.
EDGAR H. MARCHANT .. 3.	PHILIP O. BIXBY 7.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

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

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

G. HARDY Treble.	J. W. AVIS 4.
G. F. THOMPSON 2.	W. DREW 5.
G. BERRY 3.	F. WATLING Tenor.

Conducted by F. WATLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE,

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS GUILD, RIPLEY.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HARDWICK .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
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This peal is in five parts produced by bobs only, and is now rung for the first time.

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On Thursday, January 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. SINKIN Treble.	E. UNITT 5.
W. SMITH 2.	H. BELCHER 6.
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On Thursday, January 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ERNEST FISHER* Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
ALFRED MANN 2.	THOMAS TUTT 6.
ALFRED E. BASSETT 3.	WILLIAM GEARING 7.
THOMAS MILES 4.	†ROBERT HETHERINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GEARING.

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

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST GOWER.. .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5
ARTHUR GOWER.. .. 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
JOSEPH SHARP 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 4.	THOMAS PAICE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by G. WATSON.

Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells, seventeen years ago, three of the present band, Messrs. Harding, Howse and Sharp having rung in that peal which was a seven method peal of Minor.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TERRY* .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN 5
THOMAS HARFORD 2.	†WILLIAM SMITH 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
ERNEST A. RIDGWAY† .. 4.	*WILLIAM LAW Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE JAMES* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HARFORD 5.
JAMES THOMAS 2.	WILLIAM PRICE 6.
WALTER S. EVANS 3.	CHARLES THOMAS 7.
CHARLES LAYTON 4.	*WILLIAM HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES THOMAS.

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

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD.. .. 2.	HERBERT LANGDON 6.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 3.	ARTHUR HUGHES 7.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Treble.	THOMAS G. SAREL 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	†GAD BUTCHER 6.
EDWIN JAMES* 3.	CLEMENT GLENN 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. James' eldest daughter. Quickest peal on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILFRED MATTHEWS .. Treble.	J. MATTHEW DAVENPORT.. 5.
JOSEPH HANKINSON 2.	T. MOTTERSHEAD 6.
ANDREW B. LOMAS* 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
HERBERT DAVENPORT† .. 4.	FRANK STONELY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH NORBURY.

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

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7168 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	FRED HOLT.. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 6.
ALFRED BARNES.. .. 3.	WILLIAM MARSHALL .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

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Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the King's Accession. Longest peal in the method by the Guild.

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On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BANNISTER .. Treble.	RALPH HOUGH 5.
THOMAS DALTON, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN ASHCROFT, SEN. .. 6.
THOMAS BANNISTER 3.	WILLIAM WALTON 7.
WILLIAM SUMNER 4.	WILLIAM DALTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.

ELTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BROWNING* .. Treble.	FRANCIS FRASER 4.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5.
HENRY WILKES 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal in seven methods, and rang as a birthday compliment to same, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY.. ..Treble.	CHARLES TOMKINS 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4.	JAMES HINTON 9.
ALFRED PEARCE 5.	WILLIAM STOWELLTenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

This is R. J. Wilkins's 100th peal for the Association; W. Stowell's 50th peal; and the conductor's 100th peal, lists of which appear elsewhere. Rung on the occasion of the twenty-eighth birthday of Miss Fanny Sheppard, who is the only lady member of the Association.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

W. R. WASHBROOK† ..Treble.	J. BLACK 5.
A. TAILYOUR 2.	I. MYERS 6.
A. SHEPHERD 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 4.	R. PRESTAGETenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

†First peal, aged 10½ years. Rung for the King's Accession, and also as a birthday compliment to the Earl of Carysfort, K.P., the donor of the church and bells. W. R. Washbrook was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE..Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4.	†ERNEST S. GOSTLING ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

†First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED WRIGHTTreble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
ERNEST J. RUNTER 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
REGINALD EDWARDS.. .. 3.	ARTHUR HEAD 7.
GEORGE WATERMAN* 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDDTenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

*First peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..Treble.	EDGAR COLLINS.. .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	†ALFRED J. REDMAN 6.
JOHN HOWES 3.	†WILLIAM E. BUTLER 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	GEORGE WOODISSTenor.

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

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was G. Woodiss's fiftieth peal.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST TUGWOOD* ..Treble.	†GEORGE ADES 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	FREDERICK MORRIS-BACON .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
HERBERT RANN.. .. 4.	KEITH HART 9.
WILLIAM PALMER 5.	†FREDERICK STEELETenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE TURLEYTreble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
GEORGE A. CARD 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
STEPHEN PERKINS 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW 4.	THOMAS CARDTenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Rung to celebrate the Rector's completion of twenty-five years work in the parish.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON*Treble.	*H. RICHARDSON.. .. 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD* 2.	*ALFRED H. WINCH 7.
FRANK BLONDELL* 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 8.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 9.
J. RICHARDSON 5.	*ALFRED H. PULLING ..Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the King's Accession.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. MORLEYTreble.	A. LATHAM 5.
W. FITCHFORD* 2.	E. SMITH 6.
A. MILLER 3.	H. ROBERTS 7.
F. MARTIN 4.	C. MORLEYTenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

First as conductor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in G.

ALFRED MONKLEY* ..Treble.	†EDMUND SARGENT 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 6.
THOMAS LAVERS 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 4.	JOHN RICHARDSTenor.

Conducted by FRANK DAVEY.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal by the above club.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 5.
CHARLES LEMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 6.
PERRY J. PAINE .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the King's Accession and J. Balaam's birthday.

WILLINGTON, BEDS. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH CHURCH .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLS .. 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	DENNIS CARRIER .. 5.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER BROWN .. Treble.	ALFRED POTTER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 2.	JOSEPH POTTER .. 6.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. 3.	WALTER C. HUNT .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW .. 4.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. Tenor.

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Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

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QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Two 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 H. INGLESANT .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	WILLIAM PERVIN .. 6.
JAMES GOODWIN .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
ERNEST ABBOTT .. 4.	ERNEST HOWES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 10). Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER .. Treble.	THOMAS BARKER .. 5.
FREDERICK W. MOODY .. 2.	JAMES JACKSON .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON .. 7.
SAMUEL BROOK .. 4.	*THOMAS HOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PEARSON.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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WILLIAM J. FLOWER .. Treble.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 5.
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2.	†WALTER J. EAMES .. 6.
ALFRED RICHARDSON .. 3.	CHARLES COLLIER .. 7.
HERBERT E. LEWIS .. 4.	RICHARD WHATLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER J. EAMES.

†First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. F. J. R. Wingfield, who is leaving the parish for the living of Fiddington, Somerset.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Street, Somersetshire, on January 2nd, and published in the issue of January 21st, should be accredited to the Bath and Wells Association.

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM.—On Saturday, January 21st, at St. John's church, a date touch of 1905 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 105 Stansted Bob, 120 Violet, 120 New London Pleasure, 120 Woodbine, 120 Merchants' Return, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford Single, 120 London Single, 120 Grandsire, 120 Canterbury Pleasure, 120 Plain Bob, and 120 College Single. C. H. Kerr, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. Arranged and conducted by E. Tipping.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Friday, December 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Williams, J. Davies, T. James, J. Rogers, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, S. Meadows conductor, J. Kendrick.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Monday, January 23rd, at the parish church, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 90 mins. C. Williams, F. Edwards, T. James, J. Davies, J. W. Bailey, T. Davies, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Saturday, January 28th, the day of the funeral of the late Bishop of Llandaff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect. R. Corbin, J. Bullen, J. Jones, M. Lewis, A. Thomas, B. Millard, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Barber, H. Turner, W. Dean, E. Cassell conductor, W. G. Matthews, G. H. Newman, J. Baker, G. Turner.

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Obituary.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

It is with feelings of much regret that we record the death of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, which sad event took place on January 23rd last, at the age of 67. He had been a member of the parish church company of Sheffield for 45 years, and by his death the company lose the last link which connected them with the old ringers of the Sheffield churches. We find on a peal-board in the belfry that Mr. Robert Daft rang a peal in 1811; we also find that T. Hattersley rang a peal with the said Robert Daft in 1863. Another rather remarkable thing is that the late Mr. John Lomas conducted Thoms Hattersley's first peal, and that Mr. W. Lomas (son of John) conducted the last peal that it was our lamented brother's pleasure to take part in. Mr. Hattersley was a well-known member of the College Youths, who deplore by his decease the loss of a much-respected brother. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1877, and that association's report shows 103 peals to his credit, many of his own composition and calling. He was at his usual place in the

belfry on the 15th ult., but was suddenly taken ill on the Thursday following, and died as above without regaining consciousness. He was borne to the grave on the 26th ult. by six of his brother-ringers: R. Harrison, F. Willey, C. Jackson, A. Brearley, G. Holmes, and S. F. Palmer. The Rev. J. St. Leger Blakeney, senior curate of the parish church, a close friend of the deceased, conducted the service. Ringers from Leeds, Hull, Staveley, Norton, Bolsterstone, Rotherham, etc., and the four towers in Sheffield attended the funeral. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Jackson, G. Holmes, J. Mulligan, W. Bugar, and F. Bugar. The parish church bells were also rung in the evening deeply muffled for a short time, there being illness in the neighbourhood which prevented a peal being attempted. The other churches in the town also had their bells muffled as a token of respect to the deceased.

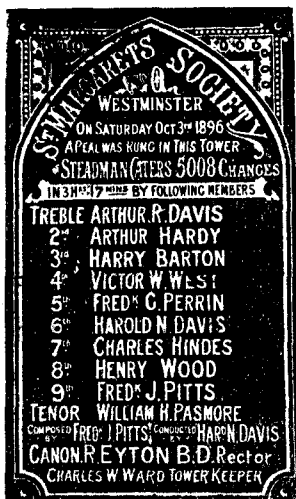
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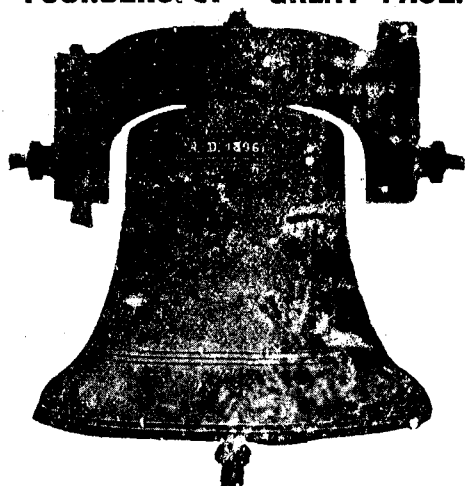
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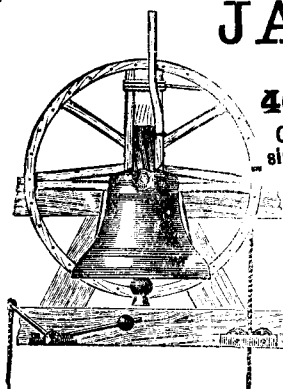
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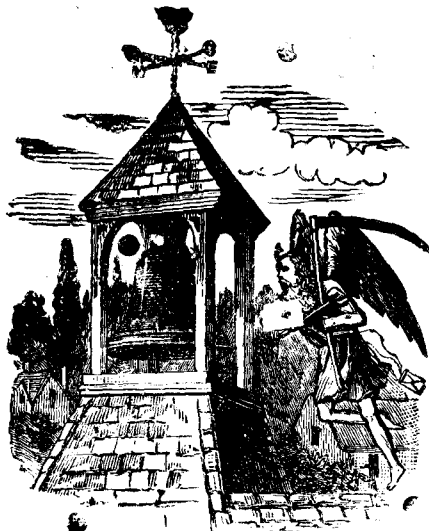
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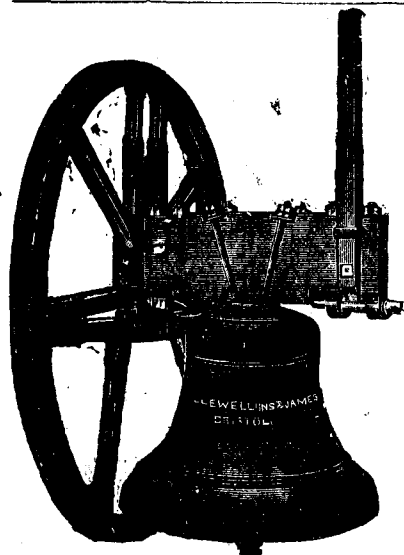
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

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

SCHEDULE (continued).

TUE BROOK (Lancashire). St. John. Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Warner, date not given. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Greenleaf 1900. Ropes fair. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8. Visitors are always welcome.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent). St. Peter. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Warner. The two trebles 1885, the rest 1879. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner 1890. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

TUNSTEAD (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; 1st, 2nd and tenor by Warner, 1876. No information as to the five older bells. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. 4th and 5th have soundbows much worn. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing or practice.

TUNSTALL (Staffs). Christ Church. Eight bells; two trebles and 7th by Warner, 1901, the rest by Mears, 1856. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fixed. Rehung by Warner, 1901. Ropes new 1901, poor, about to be renewed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 8, except last Friday in month.

Marriage.

On Wednesday, February 1st, at St. Stephen's church, Worcester, Lionel Longney (late of Croome), to Amy Maude Holtham Herbert.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

Eastwood is a small town in the Nottingham coalfields, the church of which possesses a very fine tower, in which, up to a short time ago, hung six steel bells, believed to be the first ring of steel bells hung in this country. It has long been felt in Eastwood that these bells were not at all suitable for their purpose; they being a nuisance to the people residing in the neighbourhood, and also very difficult to handle. A meeting was held some eighteen months ago to consider a means of erecting a permanent memorial to the late Rector—the Rev. H. W. Plumptre—when it was proposed that a new ring of bells be erected at the cost of £750. Consequently subscription lists were opened and a large committee formed which by their untiring endeavours have raised the required sum with the exception of about £50.

Tuesday, January 24th was the date fixed for the dedication of the new ring, which has been cast and hung on the latest principle by Taylor, of Loughborough, the tone and "go" being perfect, reflecting the highest credit upon the founders. The tenor, which is in E flat, weighs 19 cwt. 21 lbs., measuring 4 ft. diameter, bears the following inscription: "The gift of the Wright and Plumptre family. Sing praises." The 7th bears the names of A. H. Plumptre (Rector), C. Jordan and J. Sheldon (churchwardens), and the treble bears the names of the ringers.

It may be interesting to note that the total weight of bell metal in the whole ring is 74½ cwt.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Derby, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Plumptre (Rector), and the Rev. J. Jacobs (curate). Following the service of evensong the Bishop preached from Psalm cl. verses 1, 2 and 3, his subject being "Praise! Where? When? and How!" After the sermon the clergy, together with the ringers and church officers proceeded to the tower, where the usual dedicatory prayers were read. After the Blessing the local ringers rang a few rounds, after which Messrs. Hardwick, Pilcher, Day, Bourne, Bennett, Frost, Goodwin, and H. George, members of the All Saints (Ripley) Guild, assisted by Mr. E. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. S. Wesley, of Nottingham, rang the first touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

After these had been accomplished, the bells were lowered, and an adjournment made to "The Sun inn" where the ringers were met by the church officers and entertained to a splendid dinner.

After dinner Mr. Jno. Sheldon took the chair, and in his remarks expressed himself highly delighted with the bells in every way, and also with the Ripley ringers who

had kindly come over to open them.

Mr. H. George, captain of the Ripley band, thanked the wardens for their kind hospitality, and hoped the gathering would be the outcome of the Eastwood ringers following their example by joining a ringers' Association, and that eventually they would be able to pay a return visit to Ripley.

After drinking success to the bells, the health of the Ripley company and the health of Mr. Taylor, a most enjoyable evening was terminated by tunes on the hand-bells by the Ripley and Eastwood ringers, and by the singing of the National Anthem.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Oldswinford, about ninety members being present from various parts of the diocese. A service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. C. A. Clements (curate), who is a performing member of the Association. A very able and practical address was delivered by the Rector (Rev. I. G. Owen), from Psalm xcv. 6, "O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

The business was afterwards held, presided over by the Rector, who remarked how extremely pleased he was to see so many there, their presence showing the great interest they took in the good work that was being accomplished. The annual report and balance-sheet was read and adopted. The Revs. Henry Stafford (Worcester), and Manley Power (Hagley), were elected hon. members, and Mr. Henry F. Cooper (Chelmsford), a life member; also several performing members were added to the roll. It was unanimously decided that the next annual meeting be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and it was arranged to attempt several peals during the quarter.

The Hon. Secretary intimated that as himself and the Master (Mr. Spittle) were resigning their positions at the annual meeting, he thought it advisable that the names of those nominated for the offices should reach him before that time. This was agreed to.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for his excellent address at the service, for presiding, for the use of the room, the tower and bells, and also for the sumptuous tea that all had partaken of, and to the ladies, who had done so much by their kind help and presence to enhance the pleasure of the evening.

During the afternoon and evening the bells at the parish church, and also St. Thomas, Stourbridge, were kept going by the members, touches in various methods being rung.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Faversham parish church society was held on January 21st at The Recreation Tavern. The Rev. C. H. Barton, in the absence of the Mayor, Alderman C. Holmes, presided, and was supported by Mr. E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill. About twenty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast, prepared by the hostess—Mrs. Pierce—to which ample justice was done.

In proposing the toast of "The King, Queen, and Royal Family," the chairman remarked on the absence of the Mayor, from whom a letter had been received expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and wishing everybody an enjoyable evening. Among the other toasts the most noticeable were "The Archbishop of Canterbury and Clergy," proposed by Mr. E. E. Foreman, who demonstrated the great interest taken in bellringing by the Archbishop; "The Chairman and the Secretary," (Mr. A. Biggs, sen.), the health of whom was drank with musical honours. The musical part of the programme was supplied by Mr. A. Hills, at the piano, and various members of the company, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Sunday, January 22nd, being the fourth anniversary of the accession of King Edward VII., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish church before Divine Service.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVONSHIRE.

The annual supper, given by the Rector and Mrs. Kendall to the choir and ringers took place on January 26th, when a com- of about sixty sat down. Dr. E. O. Kingdon, in proposing the toast of the ringers, spoke at some length on the difficulties and disadvantages with which ringers had to contend, and concluded by asking Mr. Metters, the Captain, to accept a purse of gold as a token of appreciation of his services in teaching learners. After Mr. Metters had thanked the ringers for their great kindness, Dr. Linnington Ash spoke a few words of encouragement to the learners, and went on to say that he himself was once a ringer, and that up to a certain point he did very well, but then it wasn't good enough; he wanted something better than round-ringing, and as he could not get it he gave up ringing. He hoped the present young band would take up change-ringing, and offered to give a lecture on the subject if they would.

It has since been decided to make an effort to learn to ring by method, and we should be glad of any assistance any member of the Exercise could give us. We have a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) in first-rate condition, and visitors are always welcome, even for long peal attempts. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. K. Peter.

In Memoriam.

SAMUEL ROBERTS CLEAL.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer at Tewkesbury, on Monday, January 9th, when he was within about a week of celebrating his 41st birthday. He had been confined to bed for only a few days, the immediate cause of death being pneumonia. By profession a postman he had been associated with postal duties for practically the whole period of his working career, first for many years in the country around Tewkesbury, and latterly in the borough itself. Commencing ringing when a lad he remained to the end an active member of the Tewkesbury band, taking part in all their peals. Among them may be mentioned two of Grandsire Triples on January 8th, 1883, and February 25th, 1884; two of Union Triples on November 6th, 1883, and December 6th, 1887, and three of Stedman Triples, one in 1888 and two in 1890. Last October he was in readiness to stand in for Stedman Triples when the Rev. F. E. Robinson visited the Abbey tower, as it was feared that the company might meet "one short." He lunched with the band before the peal, but as it happened, instead of being too few there was one too many, and it ended in both Mr. Phillott and our departed com-rade standing "out." He was twice married, and leaves a

widow and five young children. The funeral took place on Saturday, January 14th, the first part of the service being conducted in the Abbey by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Wardell Yerburch, the remaining portion at the cemetery by the Rev. E. Neale. The service in church was choral, the organist and choir being in attendance, the hymn being "On the Resurrection morning." The body was carried by his fellow-postmen, the postmaster being among those that followed, and muffled touches were rung at intervals on the Abbey bells. It may be mentioned that Mr. Cleal's aged mother had been laid to rest only seven weeks before, and that another of her sons is a ringer, the well-known G. Cleal, of Leicester.

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."

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—I do not think that Mr. Forse quite grasps how this question stands. The obligation lies on those who would maintain that there existed rings of bells in diatonic scale before the introduction of change-ringing, to prove their case. Why should bells have ever been arranged so? Elsewhere than in England the bells are jangled together, instead of being kept clear of one another, and for this purpose the diatonic scale would not recommend itself to our ancestors. It was this jangling which the *Monk of Evesham* describes.

Moreover as the use in England was (and still is abroad the case) to keep different bells to announce different events. Thus it would be all the better if the different bells did not harmonise, as they would not be more easily recognised. With this accords my own experience of mediæval bells still hanging side by side.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—I have read with interest Mr. Forse's letter in your last issue. Industrious as he has been in acquainting himself with the middle ages, he will not be surprised if he has escaped some evidence which other writers have come across. And it is with reference to his statement about the tradition that the King's College five were the first peal in this country in the accepted sense of the term, that I make this observation. I did not know that there was any tradition to that effect, but if I had I should have disbelieved it, as being entirely contrary to what I understand the sum of the available evidence, so far as I am acquainted with it, to be.

As an instance of what I mean I set out the following passage from a book entitled "Half hours among some English Antiquities":—

"The towers of Anglo-Saxon and Norman churches show that peals of cast bells, some of large size, must have been in use in those days; indeed, Ingulphus says, in speaking of the bells of Crowland Abbey, 'Nec erat tunc tanta consonantia campanarum in tota Anglia.' The Crowland peal was destroyed by a fire in 1091; the names of the bells were Pega, Bega, Tatwin, Turketyl, Betelin, Bartholomew, and Guthlac; and they were succeeded by two small bells, given to the monks by one Fergus, a brazier, of Boston. An earlier instance of direct evidence is afforded by the Anglo-Saxon ms. of St. Aethelwold's benedictional, by Caedmon. In this ms. a tower is shown, in which hang four evidently cast, bells of 'sugar-loaf' form. Other illuminations also show bells hanging in towers, and prove that they were in use for actual ringing, not striking, at an early date. Egbert in 750 commanded 'every priest at the proper hour to sound the bells of his church, and then go through the sacred offices of God.' Indeed it may safely be said, that, from the first establishment of Christianity among us down to the present time, bells have been a distinguishing feature of our country, and peal ringing our national peculiarity."

Now these are the words of Mr. Llewellynn Jewitt, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and an editor and author of various archæological publications, and I know of no reason to doubt his statements, which moreover seem to me to be clothed with *prima facie* probability.

There is doubtless much more evidence to the same effect of

which I am ignorant, but I will refer Mr. Forse to one instance which is very interesting. It is the account given by Dr. Raven in his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire" of the peal of six bells set up in Ely Cathedral more than a century before the gift of the King's College bells. Dr. Raven has taken his account from the original manuscripts, and if Mr. Forse has not easy access to Dr. Raven's book I shall be happy to lend him my copy if he cares to write for it, provided he will solemnly swear to return it.

R. A. DANIELL.

20, Bucklersbury, E.C.

P.S.—Will Mr. Jerram kindly oblige us with some quotations, with probable dates, of the use of *circumagere*? R. A. D.

THE NOISE OF BELLS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Sworder I think that dumb practice apparatus will keep in order if well looked after. But unless it is corrected by sufficient practice on the bells open, it will ruin the striking of those who learn on it.

At St. Mark's, Leicester, we remedied a very noisy and annoying tower by bricking up the insides of the windows to the height of the lip of the largest bell when upset, with 4½ in. brickwork. I think that this should be done with every ring when they are above the sills of the windows, whether they are noisy or not. Else the musical sounds cannot be properly blended, and some bells drown the others. Of course care must be taken not to make the ringing chamber too noisy. This can be easily avoided by an inch or so of sand or gravel on the floor above.

H. DRAKE.

THE ACCIDENT AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

SIR,—The sad accident at Stoke-on-Trent recorded in your issue of a fortnight ago only goes to show how dangerous it is (even to a man of experience) to work among bells when left up at set. In a cramped tower it is often much easier to oil the bearings when the bells are at set; it is much easier also when they are in this position to muffle them, to oil the clapper joints and to lash them for the young beginners. But there is the one great danger, *i.e.*, one false step, and the first thing you grasp at is either the bell or its wheel, and probably pull the bell off set, with disastrous results. There is no doubt this is how poor Mr. Rose met his terrible end. The question has been put to me many times—"Is there no means of locking the bells when up at set?" My reply is there is. A few years ago I experimented with a small apparatus for this purpose, and found it most efficient. When in gear, no matter how hard you pulled at the rope or pushed at the bell or its wheel, the bell was firmly fixed at set, and any number or all the bells may be locked in this way by the pulling of one small lever in the ringing chamber. It is unnecessary, Sir, for me to point out to your readers the value of this inexpensive apparatus. There are a great many towers where the ringing chamber is open to the church, and without some means of securing the bells when set it would be dangerous to leave them up during the absence of the ringers. There are many towers also where the heavy bells go up with the clappers the wrong side. Here it is necessary for the ringers to go up and put it right when all the bells are at set. Here again may be seen the value of such an apparatus. Thanking you, Sir, for taking up so much of your valuable space, and let us pray that such a sad occurrence as the one at Stoke-on-Trent may not be repeated.

JAS. E. GROVES.

A NEEDED REFORM.

SIR,—In your issue for January 21st, you published a letter signed "Henley," and I should think all good ringers will agree with the remarks therein made. But, Sir, what would "Henley" say if he belonged to a Society or Association who for years publish reports containing scores if not hundreds of names which do not, according to the subscription list, pay up the nimble shilling annually. Probably "Henley" and others will be astounded at this, but I am afraid it is too true.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)**

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

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

LOUIS J. FLINT .. 1-2. | *GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4. | †HERBERT FIELDS .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—Lewis L. Watson. *First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal in the method on handbells. It is believed to be the first peal in the method ever rung on handbells in the town by an entirely local company.

**WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)**

On Sunday, February 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At 7, CASSIO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS .. 1-2. | WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 3-4. | HUBERT EDEN .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 9-10.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells in the county, and also by the Association. Umpire—Harry A. Horrex; witness—Thomas Pelling.

Date Touches.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

TROWELL (Notts).—On Saturday, December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 changes, being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 1184 Plain Bob. H. Fletcher, S. Wesley, J. Hall, H. George, E. H. Lewis conductor, T. D. Thompson.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, December 31st, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 19 mins. W. Boby, S. H. Symonds, F. Parker, T. King conductor, H. Smith, E. Simpson, L. Leeks, A. Symonds. Composed by G. E. Symonds.

Miscellaneous.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

ALRESEORD (Hants).—On Saturday, November 12th, on the occasion of the annual district meeting of the Guild, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smith, W. Crute, W. Lampard, C. Russell, W. T. Tucker, J. Ashford, W. H. George conductor, G. Brown. Also a course of Bob Major. J. W. Elkins, C. Fray, W. Lampard, G. Smith, W. T. Tucker, W. Andrews, W. H. George, J. W. Whiting. And 280 Grandsire Triples. C. Russell, J. W. Elkins, C. Fray, R. Applegath, W. Crute, W. Andrews, W. Lampard conductor, F. Smith. At St. Mary's church 108 Grandsire Minor. F. Smith, C. Russell, C. Fray, R. Applegath, W. T. Tucker, J. W. Whiting conductor. And 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Smith, W. Tucker, R. Applegath, C. Russell, J. W. Whiting conductor, W. Rowe. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Goacher, T. Streeter, E. Worsfold, F. Bennett, R. Crowhurst, W. Trewin conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Strange, H. Druce, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, A. Windmill, N. Spindlow conductor. On October 18th, 360 Grandsire Minor. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Joseph Fisher, who was for twelve years a ringer and singer at the above church, who died at Christon Axbridge, Somerset, on October 13th, aged 35 years. On October 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Windmill, C. Strange, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, N. Spindlow conductor, H. Druce. On October 31st, for practice, 720 Grandsire

Minor. A. Windmill, C. Strange, N. Spindlow conductor, J. Clarke, H. Druce, C. Edwards.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO (Somerset).—On Friday, January 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. A. Rumble, L. Moore, A. Roseworth, G. Gale, J. Thomas, H. Porter.

DEANS GATE (Manchester).—Recently, at St. John's church, for Sunday Services, 720 Grandsire Minor, 503, 504, 518 and 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Turner, G. Smethurst, E. Hesford, J. Hampson, W. H. Cooper, R. Newton, A. Wolstenholme, A. Diamond, W. Brown.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, January 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Fisher, P. O. Bixby, F. S. W. Butler conductor, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, E. Credland, G. Wilson, S. Holmes. This quarter-peal was rung to oblige Mr. S. Holmes, who hails from Doncaster.

LYMINGTON (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 4th, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Harrison, G. Best, H. K. Clark, G. Preston, G. Woolf, E. E. Elliott, S. Clarke, A. A. Ayles.

SHIPLAKE (Oxon).—On Wednesday evening, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Foster, W. Cook, P. Bartholomew, W. Wicks, G. Irvine conductor, E. Wenman, O. Porter, A. Sheppard.

Muffled Touches.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

PERSHORE.—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's church, 480 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, and 540 Plain Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Cresswell Strange (of Worcester Cathedral), a vice-president of the Association. J. Godfrey, G. Dolphin, H. J. Godfrey conductor, G. Bozzard, C. Annis, H. Sorrell.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.—Recently an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing nearly 3000 changes it came to grief. H. Whittle conductor, G. Wilson, J. Belcher, W. Pervin, C. Harriman, J. Wilson, J. Pervin, J. Powell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Cartwright, of Loughborough, wife of a prominent member of this district.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Llandaff, who was intesred at Marbeth, Pembroke-shire, on that day. W. Andrews, G. Hobson, T. Williams, J. Prickett, S. Hopton, R. Thompson conductor, G. Daniels, S. Jones.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, January 28th, on the occasion of the memorial service in connection with the burial of the Bishop of Llandaff, the bells were rung half-muffled. 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Price, J. Clutterbuck, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, J. Harries, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Aldridge. 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Aldridge, J. Harries, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, C. Price. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Price, J. Harries, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, J. Aldridge. After the memorial service the usual whole pull and stand was rung 83 times, corresponding with his Lordship's age. On the following Sunday morning, with the bells muffled, 784 Bob Major. C. Price, J. Harries, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck conductor, W. Coombes, A. Rowley.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, the 23rd, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

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

The Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. All ringers heartily invited.
D. ELLINGHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton to-day, Saturday, February 11th. The bells of Holy Rood Church will be available at 3 o'clock, and St. Michael's at 6 o'clock. Tea at Fanconi's restaurant at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Sowerby to-day, Saturday, February 11th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 prompt.
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall to-day, Sat., February 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business Meeting, 6 o.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon.*
W. BENTHAM, *Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Middleton parish church to-day, Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe to-day, Sat., February 11th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9.

R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that all ringing is suspended until further notice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, through illness near the church. The business meetings will be continued as usual, the next being Monday, February 13th, at 9.45. Members are requested to note that the annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, February 25th, and be held with the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at the Cathedral church of St. Saviour, Southwark. Further particulars will be announced later.

T. H. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Arch-deaconry of Sudbury.—The next district meeting will be held at Sudbury on February 18th. Tea and meeting in The Green Dragon at 4 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Rector of Sudbury. The towers of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints will be open for ringing during the day.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available all day. Tea at 5 o'clock, with meeting to follow at The White Horse

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ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

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The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddington on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Castle Inn. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. If desired, arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst station to convey members to and from the meeting at a charge of 6d. per head each way. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, February 15th, stating also whether they wish to be met at the station, and if so, by what train they intend to come, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Half-travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending the meeting. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be either paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

4, South View Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, February 18th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m., preacher, the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sinclair. Business meeting will follow in the Town Hall. Tea at 5 o'clock at Viner's Restaurant, 6d. each for members. Those who intend being present will oblige by sending their names to S. Moore, 69, Chester Street, Cirencester, not later than February 16th.

C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master.*

The St Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 4th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dinner tickets, free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, March 1st, to

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL (reported last week).—Mr. G. T. Daltry's 100 Peals.—Bob Triples 1 conducted 1, Major 3 conducted 3, Royal 1, Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples 9 conducted 2, Major 2 conducted 1, Caters 5 conducted 1, Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 5 conducted 2, Royal 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7 conducted 4; Forward Major 1 conducted 1, Royal 1; Stedman Triples 21 conducted 8, Caters 23 conducted 9, Cinques 7 conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 1 conducted 1, Cambridge ditto 2, Royal 2; London Surprise Major 5 conducted 2. Total 100, conducted 36.—Mr. W. Stowell's 50 Peals.—Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 1, Caters 5, Cinques 1; Bob Minor 3, Triples 1, Major 4, Royal 1; Stedman Triples 7, Caters 12, Cinques 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Royal 2; Forward Royal 1; London Surprise Major 5. Total 50.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.—Mr. J. Rumsey's 50 Peals.—Minor Methods 3, Bob Major 11, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Oxford ditto 14, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Double Norwich

Major 12, Superlative Surprise 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 2. Total 50.

THE PEAL AT HERTFORD.—Mr. W. H. Lawrence's 50 Peals.—Three Minor Methods 1 conducted 1, Four ditto 1 conducted 1, Five ditto 7 conducted 4, Six ditto 1, Seven ditto 10 conducted 8, Nine ditto (6480) 1 conducted 1, Ten ditto (7200) 1 conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 5, Caters 2; Bob Triples 1, Major 9 conducted 2; Treble Bob Major 3; Stedman Triples 7; Double Norwich Major 1. Total 50, conducted 18.—Mr. G. H. Barker's 50 Peals.—Minor Methods 4, Grandsire Triples 6 conducted 1, Stedman Triples 15, Bob Major 7, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford ditto 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative Surprise 13. Total 50.

THE PEAL AT BROXBORNE.—Mr. H. Baker's 200 Peals.—Seven Minor Methods 6 conducted 3; Grandsire Triples 35, conducted 13, Major 1, Caters 6 (including a 13,247); Stedman Triples, 48, conducted 8; Caters 18 (including 12,041 and 15,041, record); Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 8, conducted 1; Royal 3; Maximus 1; Plain Bob Triples 1; Major 9, conducted 6; Duffield Major 1; Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 22 (including 12,096) conducted 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major 1; Superlative 29, conducted 1; Cambridge 4; New Cambridge 2; London 3; total 200, conducted 33. Rung in 63 towers and 13 counties.

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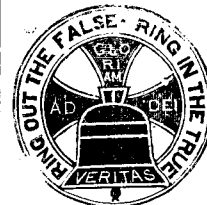
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1905.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting of this district was held at Beckenham on Saturday, January 28th, and was in every way a very successful one. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members at 3 p.m., and were soon set

going, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Treble Bob being successfully brought round. At 5.30 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Church House, where Mr. Dennis, one of the local band, had a splendid tea prepared, and to which thirty-five sat down. The business meeting was held immediately after tea, when R. Borrowman, Esq. (churchwarden), kindly took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. Nine practising members were elected. R. Borrowman, Esq., and the Rev. F. M. Heazell (curate), were elected honorary members of the Association with acclamation. St. Nicholas, Deptford, was carried as the place of the next quarterly meeting to be held on May 6th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (Rev. H. Arnott), for so kindly granting the use of the bells and Church House; to the chairman for presiding, and the Rev. F. N. Heazell for attending the meeting; also Mr. W. Dennis for his kindness in preparing the tea. The Rev. F. N. Heazell and the chairman thanked the members, the former also explaining the Rector's absence owing to a misunderstanding of time and pressing duties. Various touches were again brought round, the ringing finishing at 8.15 p.m. with two well-struck courses of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, January 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

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HENRY DAINS 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	JOHN T. KENTISH 9.
ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

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

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the marriage in this church of Edward William O'Brien and Julia Mary Garth Marshall, father and mother of the ringer of the 6th

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 2, 1905, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	SIDNEY WADE 5.
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JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LOWER THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY W. WILKES.. .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 6.
ALBERT V. SELBY 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 8.
JOHN C. JACKSON 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 5.	THOMAS TINKLER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

First peal of Norwich Caters rung in the City of London.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON.. .. Treble.	JAMES SCHOLES 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 7.
MARK WOODCOCK 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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The Provinces.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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WILLIAM WISKENS 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
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Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 3056 CHANGES. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 2.	*ERNEST ABBOTT.. .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by T. H. COLBURN.

*First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 2.	HENRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. MILLER† .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

†First peal in the method.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR B. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PHIPPS Treble.	*FRED HAYES 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
*FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
EDWARD MARKHAM* 4.	WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal of Stedman. The above was rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. Frank Kimber, churchwarden of Hughenden, to Miss Warren of Dovercourt, Essex, which took place that day. The conductor is the other warden.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	*CHARLES NUNN 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE CATTERMORE .. 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

†First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and also to Edward Youngs, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
HENRY HUTTON* 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
GEORGE GUNNER 3.	BEN CHORLEY 7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 4.	†ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

H. WAINER* Treble.	T. HUMBERSTONE 4.
F. EKINS* 2.	C. WARD 5.
R. MASTERS 3.	†W. WILKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. WILKINSON.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. R. Masters was elected a member previous to starting.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

E. J. BOTTLE Treble.	R. STANES 5.
H. E. SIMPSON 2.	W. J. WALKER 6.
J. GRENTSED 3.	W. H. B. WILKINS 7.
A. J. DAY 4.	E. CURD Tenor.

Conducted by H. E. SIMPSON.

E. Curd was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Bottle.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

GEORGE MILES Treble.	*JOSEPH BOWELL 4.
GEORGE LANCASTER† .. 2.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 3.	WILBY J. HAZELL Tenor.

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1902 by adding a treble, when Mr. W. J. Nevard gratuitously rehung the 2nd and 3rd, and hung the new treble bell.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	JOHN THORPE 5.
FRANCIS WARD 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6.
ALFRED H. WARD 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 4.	GAD BUTCHER Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley, for forty-five years a member of the Sheffield Parish Church Company.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	CHARLES E. CARRINGTON 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by J. WILDE, and Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

WELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble.	HARRY PARISH 5.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
CRISPIN J. WEBB 3.	ARTHUR W. WEBB 7.
HUBERT J. CAVELL 4.	JAMES W. HEALE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN., and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WANTED a ring of 8 or 12 HANDBELLS of nice tone. Apply: H. PAULI, Middleham, R.S.O., Yorks.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.**

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5.
CHARLES PRATT 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
BECAIR COWLING 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

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

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HICKS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM BARTON† 2.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES† 3.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 8.
JOHN C. ADAMS† 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT 9.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER† 5.	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Royal. ‡First peal of Bob Royal. §First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells for thirty-seven years.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY SEAL Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS 5.
ERNEST EVEREST 2.	PERCY DENTON 6.
ALBERT LETTS 3.	EDWARD SMITH 7.
ALBERT LONGLEY 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

First peal as conductor, and rang at his second attempt. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 19th birthday.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.**

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	R. ALDER GOFTON 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.**

FREDERICK DENCH Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in roller bearings by Gillett and Johnston, the "go" of the them leaving nothing to be desired.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.**

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER 5.
ALEXANDER OSBORNE .. 2.	JAMES TULLET 6.
FREDERICK J. RING 3.	WILLIAM HARPER 7.
GEORGE MARTIN 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

For calling see K.C.A. report for 1896. This is W. Haigh's 70th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.**

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS* 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM GROOM 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

*First peal. This is J. Rumsey's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

STEPHEN J. PERKINS, JUN. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS, SEN. .. 5.
JOEL SMITH 2.	WILLIAM LATTER 6.
STEPHEN FAITHFULL† .. 3.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 7.
WILLIAM COLLISON 4.	GEORGE KEMBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

†First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal. G. Kember was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, January 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Grandsire each called differently.

HERBERT JORDAN* .. Treble.	FRANK COOK, SEN. 4.
THOMAS EDWIN* 2.	*FREDERICK JORDAN 5.
JAMES HEMMING* 3.	*FRANK COOK, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by F. COOK, SEN.

First peal of Minor by a local band.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16 cwt.**

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	ALFRED JOHNSON 5.
OLDER WAGHORN 2.	CHARLES TRIBE 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.	*ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

*First peal.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TEN-PART (No. 3.) Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN PEDDLE Treble.	HENRY GOSDEN 5.
EDGAR HANCOX*† 2.	*WILLIAM H. JOINER 6.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
HENRY WAITE 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Peddle.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, January 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs. in F sharp.

JOHN WITHERS Treble.	JOHN NEAL 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS* 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND* 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
FRANK WITHERS* 4.	†JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	*GEORGE T. POTTER 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
EDWARD A. HERN 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4.	JOHN STUART Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung to welcome the Rev. P. A. Derry, M.A., who was inducted Rector of Gateshead by the Ven. H. W. Watkins, Archdeacon of Durham, on Saturday, January 28th.

The following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Hertford and district, specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson;—

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 6.
HERBERT BAKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 4.	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is Messrs. Barker and Lawrence's fiftieth peal, lists of which appear elsewhere.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDRA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN KENTISH Treble.	HENRY S. REEVES 5.
DAVID ELLINGHAM* 2.	RALPH SHEPHERD 6.
HERBERT BAKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FREDERICK CULL* 4.	†HARRY THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal. †First in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HERBERT BAKER 4.	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
WALTER PRIOR 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
HERBERT BAKER 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

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

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 6.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is H. Baker's 200th peal.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 963rd peal.

(A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Norton on January 21st should not have been reported as the quickest peal on the bells, as it is now found that a peal of Treble Bob had been previously rung on the bells in 2 hrs. 59 mins.—The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Bob Major at Eastbourne, recorded in our last issue, should read Thomas Price, not Paice.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hawkurst, Kent, and recorded in our last issue, should have been accredited to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—The members of the Little Munden society have sent a peal without the name of place being mentioned.—The peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Carshalton has been sent without any date.

BELL-RINGER'S HANDKERCHIEF.—Made in pure silk, with figures of various-sized bells woven in. A splendid article for use, and very suitable for a gift to either sex.—Designed and made by a change-ringer for the Exercise. Price 3s. 9d.; with name woven in, 5s.—These goods have received the most flattering encomiums from all those who have had them.—WILFRED MATTHEWS, change-ringer, 110, Bond Street, Macclesfield.—PATTERNS FREE.

A MEMORIAL PEAL.

The peal at St. Stephen's, within the City of London, was rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. John Taffender (father of Mr. T. H. Taffender, Secretary of the Association), who died on February 2nd after a short illness, in his 64th year, and was interred at Nunhead Cemetery on February 7th, the first part of the service taking place at the church of the Lady Margaret, being conducted there and at the grave side by the esteemed friend of the deceased, the Rev. C. Elsee, brother of the President of the Lancashire Association. It was also rung as a mark of respect to Mrs. West, wife of the beadle of this church, who was interred at Ilford Cemetery on February 2nd.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.

The following 720s have been rung by the Royston Society during the year 1904. This is the first year change-ringing has been established in Royston by local ringers. February 24th, 720 Bob Minor; March 23rd, ditto; April 13th, ditto; April 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor; May 31st, ditto; June 9th, two 720s Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob Minor; June 28th, ditto; July 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor; August 17th, 720 Bob Minor; September 25th, ditto; October 10th, 720 College Single; December 11th, 720 Bob Minor; December 25th, two 720s Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob Minor; December 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure; December 31st, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Rung by the following: E. Bonnett 20, conducted 3; A. King, jun., 17; R. King 16, conducted 1; A. Wilkerson 15, conducted 2; R. Wilkerson 15; A. Lawrence, Instructor, 14, conducted 13; S. Wilson 10; W. Darlow 7; A. Gilbert 4. The 720 on September 25th was conducted by G. T. Spicer (Baldock).

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles), in 23 mins. J. Johnson, W. Bryant, R. Hunt, H. Street, T. Collinson conductor, E. Allaway. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange, who up till 1903 was eighteen years Vicar of this parish, and was interred the day previous at Worcester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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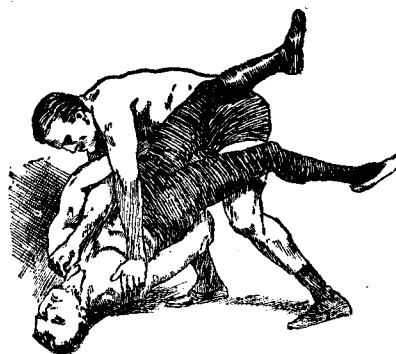
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A vote of thanks to the chairman and to the ladies for waiting at the tables, closed the proceedings. During the day a number of touches were rung, including a 720 of Bob Minor, with two of the local ringers taking part.

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The annual meeting of this Guild was held on Friday evening, January 27th, the Rev. J. Salway (Vicar) presiding. The

balance-sheet shewed a balance in hand of £2 14s., which was considered satisfactory. Mr. F. C. Collins, Secretary of the Guild for many years, tendered his resignation, owing to pressure of other business. Mr. Collins's resignation was received with great regret by all the members, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his services. Mr. J. R. Pulham was elected Secretary for the ensuing year, Mr. Trick, Captain, and Mr. Hooder vice-captain. Two new members were elected. This being the first year in which there has been a complete octave (vide "BELL NEWS" of January 2nd, 1904, p. 481), a marked improvement in the ringing has been noticed.

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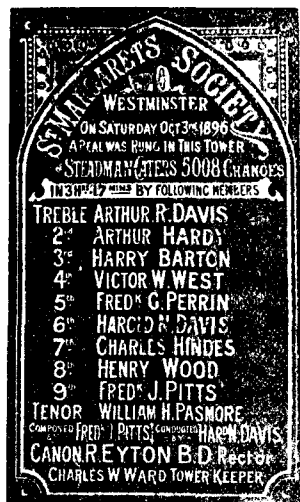
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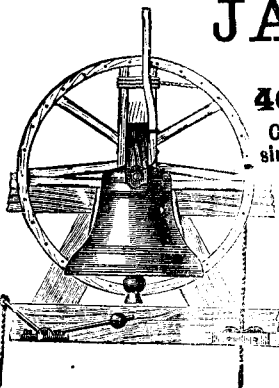
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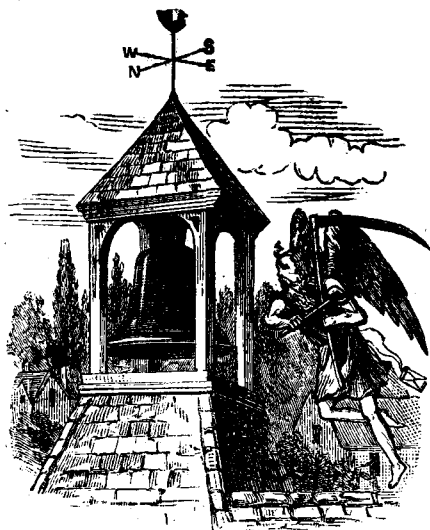
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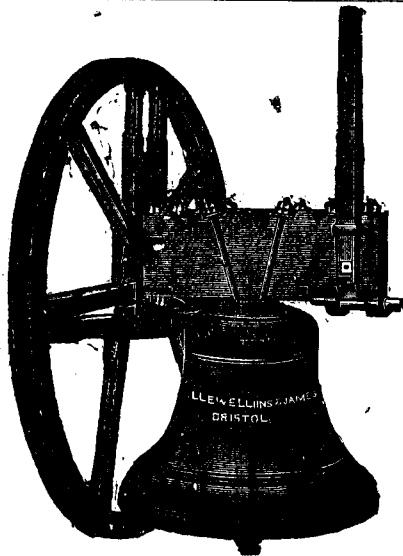
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In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of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

SCHEDULE (continued).

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somerset). St. Michael. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor, 1886, the rest by Rudhall, 1724. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1886. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Mondays, 7.45.

TWICKENHAM (Middlesex). St. Mary the Virgin. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells; 3rd by Eldridge, 1669, tenor, 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., by Taylor, 1887, the rest by Phelps as follows: the two trebles 1695, 4th, 1730, 5th and 6th, 1703, 7th, 1722. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Taylor, 1887. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 20 minutes morning, 25 minutes evening. Practice: Saturday, 7.30.

TWYFORD (Hants). St. Mary. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 1, 2 and 7 by Taylor, 1887; the rest by Lester, 1760. Tenor 11 cwt. Iron frame. No information as to ropes or half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

TYTHERLEY EAST (Hants). St. Peter. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1898-9. Tenor 14 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go very well. Ropes new, 1898, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.50, and 5.30 to 5.50. Practice: Monday, 7, except during July and August.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 21st, and proved another success for the Association. The audit was commenced early in the day by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (Chapel Allerton), and Mr. J. W. Baxendale (Pudsey), when all was found to be correctly set out in the Treasurer's balance-sheet in the new Report. The Annual Service was held during the

afternoon, with the full choir in attendance, when the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Rev. G. Dale Copeland), from the text, "In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord." Zach. xiv. 20. Immediately after the text the Vicar quoted from Tennyson's "Ring out wild bells," ending with the verse—

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness from the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

and, with an inspiration that seemed to gather force from the last quoted line, reviewed, retrospectively, the religion of mankind, working his way past the cradle of Bethlehem, back through the Temple services of Jerusalem, further back to the flood, and further still to the garden of Eden, where man first knelt to his Maker. All this was easy, it seemed but a matter of history. What was difficult was the realisation of the Christ that is to be. The text ran—"In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses." It was not difficult to realise the magnificent trappings of the horses—generally war-horses, nor the tramp of the mighty ones; but what were we to say of the vision of the future. Surely in the *present* the horrible carnage now going on day by day was a terrible cry for the Prince of Peace—When shall the Lord be King of all the earth? When shall the swords be made into pruning hooks and evil cease? Was not the Church at present an active living agency, endeavouring to ameliorate wrongs, aiding and protecting the right, carrying the glad tidings of love and reconciliation into every land? She had, however a future still more glorious, more powerful, than ever it had been in the past, with immense possibilities only limited by the Divine arm. "In that day" ran the text. Who was to bring about that day? Were we each doing our best to secure this better state of affairs in our every-day life, in the church, in the belfry, in our workshops? The ringer as a true servant of the Church was bound to be up and doing, for whether in our joys or in our sorrows the bells spoke to us, they had their own place, their own vocation, for had they not to—

"Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Passing from the church to a prettily decorated school-room, an excellent meat tea was served to some 300 visitors, the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman W. C. Forrest and Mrs. Forrest) being present, accompanied by the Misses Copeland, and before the tea-tables were left, a very kindly welcome was extended to the visitors by his Worship, who was loud in his praise of the church, the bells, and the ringers of Pudsey. The tea—owing to the number of visitors—was a dual feast, and previous to each the Vicar gave out Grace, which was sung in full power and with great effect by the Yorkshire voices, a pleasant feature during the second Grace being the voices of the "trebles" (choir boys) who did their very best along side the "tenor men."

The business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the churchwardens (Councillor R. Farrar and Mr. C. E. Whittam), and the chief officers,

The previous minutes having been read and passed the President congratulated the Association on the year's work, remarking that as everything was fully set out in their report he did not propose to occupy their time in going into details, excellent as they nevertheless were.

On the motion of Mr. Baxendale, seconded by Mr. Pratt Cordingley (in the absence of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who had been compelled to leave earlier) the balance-sheet of the Treasurer was passed, and the report of the Committee accepted. The following officers were then declared re-elected: Mr. Geo. Bolland, vice-president; Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, hon. secretary; with Mr. J. Broadley, steward, in place of Mr. B. T. Copley; the re-elected committee men being Mr. C. Jackson, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Gill, and Mr. Yeadon; the latter had however stated his intention of resigning owing to the state of his health. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion from the chair, seconded by vice-president Bolland, that the vote of thanks passed to the Mayor at the tea table for his kindness in coming to welcome the Society be placed on the day's minutes; the President intimating that had it not been for the length of the proceedings the Mayor would have stayed to the end.

On the motion of Mr. Pratt Cordingley, seconded by Mr. T. Latimer, a vote of thanks was passed to the auditors and the officers for their year's work, with a rider not forgetting their old friend Mr. Wm. Whittaker, the senior trustee.

The choice of place of next meeting unanimously fell on Otley, on the motion of Mr. E. Clark, of that town, seconded by Mr. Geo. Bolland.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed (1) to the Vicar for arranging the service and for his sermon, as well as for the use of the bells and schools; and (2) to the churchwardens, the organist (Mr. Kenyon), and the members of the choir for their kind assistance during the day. In putting this before the meeting the President stated that he had promised the Vicar to apologise for his not staying to the meeting, the proceedings had necessarily been somewhat prolonged, and all would agree that it was bordering on the unfair to exact first a sermon, an attendance in the room through two teas, and then a speech at the meeting. The Mayor too had expressed a hope that we would not be too hard on the Vicar, who had his Sunday's work immediately in front of him, and who was not quite in his usual health. The votes were ably replied to by both churchwardens, who very warmly thanked the members for paying their church and town a visit.

The roll-call of officers showed a very full muster to be in active attendance. A special vote of thanks was then very warmly passed to the Pudsey Branch and the ladies for presiding over and assisting at the tea, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, and strongly supported by the hon. treasurer, all agreeing that their reception had been most ably and generously carried out. To this Mr. Baxendale, the local hon. secretary, suitably replied on behalf of his company, after which a vote of thanks to the chair brought the business to a close.

Turning for a moment to the report issued at this meeting an interesting point is the Society's new record of peal performances, an increase of 76 per cent. over their previous best. This has naturally increased the cost of the report, and was, for the first time in the Association's career of twenty-nine years led to an actual loss, on the year's work of a few pounds. The Executive are now devising a plan by which they can enable the active life members, who now pay nothing, to make some little

annual acknowledgment for the work done for them. The exact mode in which this contribution will be made is still under consideration, but we gather that it will, in a manner, be voluntary, that is to say, no member will be struck off the books in case he does not see his way to fall in with it. But that something must be done is quite plain, now that the Society has 1206 members, only 405 of whom are actually contributing directly to the funds. That the Association has continued for twenty-nine years on its present subscription is a marvel of economy, and even now that its very success is straightening its finances the matter calls only for congratulations, as nothing more is required than a re-arrangement of life members' privileges.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 28th, at High Wycombe. About 70 members were present. Evensong was sung in the parish church at 5.30, with a sermon by the Vicar (Rev. E. D. Shaw, rural dean). At 6.15 an excellent tea followed, provided by Mr. Blinks, in Market Square.

After formal business, reports, balance sheet, etc., the Secretary (Rev. Edward J. G. Forse), summed up the year's work. The hon. members had increased by ten, being now forty-two, or twice what they were in 1903. The change-ringers 213, a few less than last year. There were also forty-three probationers. One new tower had joined branch (Monks Risborough). Finances were in a capital state. We had paid seven guineas in instruction, nearly twice as much as last year; we had given the general Guild two-thirds of our income, instead of half; and yet the balance in hand (£14 5s.) was only a few shillings less than we had a year ago.

Then came the annual address of the chairman (Rev. Canon Drummond). He would like to see more brotherly meetings between different towers. He thought the money spent on instruction was a most excellent item in the accounts. We wanted more change-ringers. Let other towers follow the excellent example of Farnham Royal, which had doubled its change-ringers in 1904, thanks to Mr. J. J. Parker, who was indeed with himself, one of the founders of the Guild, twenty-four years ago. We wanted also more hon. members; it was true we had gained ten this year, but of these six were due to the labours of Mr. Forse at Boyne Hill, and four came from Hughenden. Let other towers go and do likewise. And finally, what was of the chiefest importance, there was room for a still greater spirit of worship; a more sober and conscientious zeal for spiritual things; it was not mere numbers that shewed success, nor even greater skill in ringing and record peals, but the character which the Guild induced in all its members, a character of a godly life, of sober religion—in short, the character of regular communicants at the Lord's Table.

The Secretary of the general Guild (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) followed. He associated himself with all the chairman had said. He always admired the excellent spirit which marked the meetings of this, the premier branch of the Guild and the noble and inspiring sentiments which always characterised the chairman's address. He concluded by reading the Master's report for the year, which shewed very satisfactory progress all round.

The retiring officers were then all unanimously re-elected, after which the chairman asked for a formal vote

of thanks to be accorded to Mr. Forse for the untiring zeal and successful energy which marked his work as hon. secretary. It was seconded and carried unanimously with acclamation and enthusiasm.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and officials of High Wycombe parish church.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Beds. Archdeaconry took place at Potton, on Saturday, February 11th, and on the arrival of members from Bedford, Old Warden, St. Neots, Potton, etc., the bells were set in motion, and numerous touches in various methods were brought round. At 4.30 an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Long, was partaken of. The Vicar gave a very cordial welcome to the members, and was pleased to see the good work the Association was doing.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Mr. G. D. Coleman, of St. Neots, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the District Secretary (Rev. W. W. Crump), and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted. He said the annual meeting would again take place at Cambridge on Easter Monday. He was glad to note the progress of the members of the Beds. Archdeaconry. The Potton company were making good progress with Bob Minor under the tuition of Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Bedford. Six new members were elected.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held in the Church Room, Abergele, on January 14th. There was a good attendance of members from Rhuddlan, Bangor, Beaumaris, Abergele and Rhyl. Mr. Fred Wallis, of Rhyl, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and eight new members were elected.

Mr. G. D. Hughes (Beaumaris) informed members present that the bells of Beaumaris are at present in the hands of a competent bellhanger, to be rehung with entirely new fittings, quarter-turned and augmented to eight, the work to be completed in a few weeks, and it is proposed they be opened on Easter Sunday next, and available to members attending the next annual meeting to be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Several touches were rung on Abergele church bells prior to the meeting and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung in hand by five members of the Association.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until about 5 o'clock in Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob. Several members afterwards journeyed to Rhyl.

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UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD AT GRIMSBY.

For a great number of years it has been the ambition of Grimsby ringers to ring a peal without assistance from outside. In 1889 this was nearly accomplished, when seven Grimsby men with the assistance of Charles Jackson, of Hull, rang Holt's Original. Although since that time great efforts have been made to produce a band capable of ringing a peal, it was not until April, 1904, that Grimsby ringers were enabled to accomplish what they had for so long a time striven to do. On that date Holt's ten-part was successfully attempted at St. James's church, Grimsby. On Saturday, February 4th, about twenty ringers met to celebrate this (to local ringers) great event, and among them were Messrs. C. Jackson, of Hull, and P. O. Bixby, of Gainsborough. A peal of Bob Major was brought round in 3 hrs. 5 mins. The Vicar of Grimsby, the Rev. E. Bullock, and twelve other ringers then ascended the tower.

Mr. W. H. Hephoe, after referring to the various attempts made by the local band to ring a peal, said that when their efforts had been crowned with success they decided to erect a board recording the peal to encourage others to follow their example. He then asked the Vicar to unveil and accept the peal-board.

The Vicar, before unveiling it, said: For what had they met together? To put up a memorial in God's House. This was an age of cheap memorials, and he objected to the setting up of them unless they had been well earned. A great statesman had said the British Empire had been built up by sacrifice. What was true of the British Empire was also true of the Church, and of all good and great things. Their peal, the record of which he had been asked to unveil, had been accomplished by sacrifice both of time and energy. That was one reason he was pleased to perform that ceremony. Another reason was that in the Church there was work for all. Every person in the parish could find work of some sort to do for the church, and one kind was ringing. If a chorister were ill or had a cold he (the Vicar) could sing or make a noise in his stead, but he could not fill the place of a ringer, as he knew nothing about it. He looked upon ringers as valuable church workers, and that was another reason for his attendance that afternoon. The rev. gentleman then unveiled the board, saying that he had great pleasure in so doing, as the peal had been rung during his incumbency.

Prayers were then offered and the Benediction pronounced. The Vicar then invited those present to join him at tea at Harmer's hotel, where a substantial meal had been prepared. The invitation was thankfully accepted.

After tea Mr. J. W. Seamer rose to thank Mr. Jackson for the many kindnesses and great assistance he had given to Grimsby ringers during past years, and asked him to accept, as a token of their respect and gratitude, a framed certificate of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Jackson, in accepting the present, which had come so unexpectedly, said he accepted it as a token of their love, and that what he had done for them in the form of assisting them in their ringing was to him a labour of love, and therefore a labour of pleasure. He was very grateful for their kindness and thought.

Mr. Heyhoe then asked the Vicar to accept a similar framed certificate, on behalf of the parish church ringers, who wished to shew that they appreciated the kindness and attention he had shewn to them in many ways.

The Vicar suitably replied, and said that he should always greatly value it, for the spirit in which it was given.

Mr. P. O. Bixby, Hon. Sec. of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for unveiling the board and providing the tea, congratulated him and his ringers upon the pleasant relations that existed between them, and hoped that the example set by them would induce both incumbents and ringers in other parishes in Lincolnshire to bridge over that wide gulf which unhappily exists, or appears to exist, between the chancel and the belfry. On behalf of those present he thanked the Vicar for his generosity and attendance that afternoon.

The Vicar returned thanks, and thus ended a pleasant afternoon, and (as far as Grimsby ringers are concerned) an interesting and eventful one.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Beccles on Wednesday, January 18th, and, largely owing to the hospitality extended to the members by the Mayor of the town (A. McQueen, esq.), proved to be one of the most enjoyable meetings of recent years. The fine ring of ten in the campanile of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the Association throughout the day, and were very well patronised, although the awkward arrangement of the ropes militated against good ringing. Dinner was served to fifty members and friends at The White Lion hotel, the Rector (Canon Rowsell) in the chair, supported by the President (Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes), the Mayor of Beccles, Revs. E. C. J. Bowen and W. C. Pearson, Mr. A. R. Clatworthy (churchwarden), Messrs. H. Hopson, F. Day, F. R. Borrett, A. J. Naunton, and F. C. Lambert (district secretaries) and C. E. Borrett (Secretary). At the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and a vote of thanks passed to the authorities for the use of the bells.

In briefly replying to "Success to the Association," the Secretary stated they now had over one thousand members, and during 1904 had scored 160 peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, which constituted a record for any Association. A successful year such as this meant heavy expenses, and the increased expenditure gave cause for some anxiety, although he hoped the balance-sheet would show a small sum on the right side.

Over forty new members were elected, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. During the afternoon the Mayor visited the belfry and gave all present an invitation to partake of refreshments at the club. Over thirty accepted this unlooked for hospitality, and the thanks of all are tendered to his Worship for his kindness.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.

The members of the above Society held their annual dinner on Tuesday evening, January 31st, at St. John's Hall. Mr. Churchwarden Jobson presided, and was supported by Mr. H. F. Agar (tower warden). The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Atkinson), his warden (Dr. F. T. Taylor) and the steeple-keeper (Mr. W. J. Jeffries, sen.) were unavoidably absent. The company, numbering 19, sat down to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The St. John's Society," said it was a great pleasure, and he took it as a honour, to be with those whom he regarded as fellow workers with him in St. John's, and wished the Society every success.

The Captain of the band, Mr. W. J. Jeffries, jun. responded with a few encouraging remarks to the probationers.

Mr. A. W. Macklin, on behalf of the probationers, thanked the Captain for his untiring efforts in the instruction of the young blood.

The Chairman then proposed "The King," which was responded to in a right good hearty English fashion, all rising and singing the National Anthem. Then came the musical part of the programme. Songs were sung by Messrs. Davis, Jeffries, Pavier, H. White, S. T. White and Richardson, and Mr. W. Weatherstone "led a whole pull" with his song "the Crocodile." Mr. Pavier gave a recitation, and Messrs. Davis, Jeffries and Richardson rendered a selection on the handbells. "Time and tide wait for no man." It seemed to travel faster that evening, and the time for good night came only too soon. At 11.30 Auld Lang Syne brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hern a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was attempted at Christ Church on Wednesday, January 25th, but it came to grief after ringing nearly 3 hrs. T. Teasdale, C. Routledge, J. Keen, A. Hillier, R. Hogg, F. Johnson, G. Dix, J. Hern, E. Hern conductor, J. Sykes. The conductor is Mr. Hern's eldest son. The company were afterwards entertained to a splendid repast by Mr. and Mrs. Hern at their house, and keen justice was done to the good things, notwithstanding the disappointment at the failure of the peal. Toasts and congratulations were offered by everyone present to the popular conductor of the local ringers and his wife.

SONNING, BERKS.

On Monday, January 30th, following an old custom which one would indeed be sorry to see die out, the ringers attached to the fine old parish church of St. Andrew's assembled at the house of their genial captain, Mr. George Wright, to partake, by his kind invitation, of a hot supper—rabbit pie supper it is called—and right gallantly did the ringers respond to the invitation, for eleven good men and true (not forgetting the boy) assembled round the festive board. Not the slightest hitch occurred, and at the conclusion every man avowed that full justice had been done to the spread, one and all being delighted with the efforts of Mrs. Wright to prepare something toothsome. Even that extra hard leg reserved for old Tom somehow got lost. Perhaps the dog had it, she certainly helped to catch the rabbits. During the evening, which was passed very pleasantly with song, reminiscences, and a recitation about the troubles of a Berkshire pig, given in good style by our farmer, a very hearty vote of thanks ably proposed by Mr. A. E. Reeves, was accorded Mr. Wright and his amiable wife, for their kind hospitality. Replying, our captain thanked the ringers for the reception accorded him and Mrs. Wright, and hoped that he would have the pleasure of entertaining them for a good many years to come. The healths of both the instructor, Mr. A. E. Reeves and the latest recruit to the band, Mr. A. Pike, were also given. Both suitably responded, remarking what a pleasure it was to come amongst such a band of ringers whose motto was "Hail fellow, well met."

Eleven o'clock arrived, and mindful of the morning, for most of us are early risers, we dispersed to our various homes, well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The ringers at Sonning undoubtedly have the pleasure of ringing on the finest ring of bells in the Sonning Deanery. Through the efforts of their instructor, Mr. A. E. Reeves, who from the time he gave them their first lesson in change-ringing has stuck to them like a leech, they have completely mastered Grandsire Triples. This progress from the old days of call-changes one and all mean to do their best to maintain, so that in the not distant future, any ringer who may happen to call way down Sonning (and a lovely spot it is to visit too), we hope to gratify with a touch in his own particular. P.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 28th, the death took place of Mrs. J. Potter, the beloved wife of Mr. J. Potter, conductor of the St. Paul's Society. No doubt the members of the Lancashire Association will sympathise with Mr. Potter in his sad bereavement, especially the members of the Bolton and Manchester Branches, by whom he is well known and respected. On Tuesday, January 30th, being the day of the funeral, eight members of the Lancashire Association met at St. Paul's church and rang a date touch of Bob Major, composed by J. George, of Rugby. W. Denner, J. Denner, J. H. Ridyard, J. Lowe, F. Derbyshire, M. Berry, G. Ridyard, R. Ridyard conductor.

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FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

On Tuesday, January 10th, the annual choir and ringers' supper was held at the rectory, when about twenty-five sat down to a sumptuous repast, the Rector, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, presiding. After supper the Rector gave a hearty welcome to his guests and thanked the ringers for their work during the past year. He also complimented the choir on their success at the Oxford Festival, and Mr. F. Moscrop Young as Secretary of the choir men and ringers' club. After snitable replies the company adjourned to the club room and spent the remainder of the evening in various games. Before dispersing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kind hospitality, and God save the King terminated a most enjoyable evening.

DOVER, KENT.

On a recent Wednesday evening the St. Mary's ringers were entertained to supper by Canon and Mrs. Bartram at the vicarage. After justice had been done to all the good things set before them the handbells were brought into use and some fine selections played, and a touch of 224 Bob Major, conducted by E. Potter. Then came a game of parlour cricket, with married against single, the married being the winners, 79 against 57. After this the annual business meeting was held, when a vote of thanks was passed to Canon and Mrs. Bartram for their kindness. A very enjoyable evening was then brought to a close.

Correspondence.

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

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

"A NEEDED REFORM."

SIR,—In your issue of Saturday last Mr. "London Middlesex" asks in a letter under the above heading what "Henley" would say if he belonged to a Society, etc. In the first place I would say that if he refers to my letter again he will see that I was not afraid to append my name, and that Henley was only my address. And secondly I would say that if I belonged to the Association he refers to I might be inclined to think that the Secretary or whoever is responsible seems to be smitten with the same complaint as Mr. "London Middlesex" himself, otherwise he would either insist on the subscriptions being paid up or erase the names of the defaulters from the Association's books, as our Secretary does. And yet our Association does not appear to suffer in consequence, as at the present time it contains over a thousand members, all of whom have paid up to the 31st of last December, and many also for the current year. In conclusion I will draw the attention of Mr. "London Middlesex" to the fact that my grievance appears to differ from his, in that it refers to strangers who desire to be nominated for election as non-resident life members before ringing a peal, and afterwards refuse to pay up. Whereas his apparently relates to resident members who refuse to pay their annual subscription, and whose names are yet returned by a secretary who appears to be too timid to enforce what I should presume to be the rules of the Association.

E. S. GOSTLING.

BELLS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

SIR,—I do not agree with Mr. Drake's position as to the way in which we should enquire about early rings of bells; but I do not wish to enter into a discussion on this subject. I may however mention two pre-Reformation rings of five within my own experience which are tuned to the diatonic scale—St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, and St. Laurence's, Ipswich. Doubtless the learned in this matter can add more. The notice by Stow, in his "Survey of London," of St. Michael's, Cornhill, is in my opinion an indisputable evidence of "ringing," in what we call the middle ages.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—May I be allowed to encroach upon your valuable space to add my quota to this very interesting correspondence? There is no doubt Mr. Daniell is correct in assuming the Croyland (or Crowland) Abbey bells to be the first peal of which we have any

authentic history. He, however, beyond recording the fact that they were destroyed by fire in A.D. 1091, does not give any approximate date of the installation. Ingulphus, in his extremely valuable history of the Abbey, mentions that these bells were presented by Turketulus, Abbot of Croyland, hence the name "Turketul" upon one of them. Now he records the fact that Turketulus died A.D. 870, so the bells must have been in existence before that date. It is however possible, although very improbable, that the King's College bells may have been of a prior date, for I have seen in some old book of reference that they were taken by Henry V. from a church in France, after the battle of Agincourt. That peals or a plurality of bells must have existed in continental churches even before the Croyland bells is without doubt, for it is recorded in French history that in the reign of Clothair II. King of France A.D. 610, the army of that Prince was frightened from the Siege of Sens by the ringing of the bells of St. Stephen's church.

F. R. THOMAS.

REPLY TO MR. PYE.

SIR,—I find the footnote to our peals of London Surprise rang at Warnham on January 15th was quite correct. The two peals Mr. Pye mentions included nine ringers, therefore ours must be a record.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIR,—As correspondent of the Warnham peals I took my usual care in asking for information before reporting to your journal. I desire only to give facts for future reference when sending to "THE BELL NEWS," as there are so few in connection with the early history of change-ringing. The London members of the Warnham band assured me on enquiry that nine men rang two peals in one day somewhere in Essex, and as I do not see "THE BELL NEWS" very often I must beg to refer your readers to the annual report of the Essex Association, or to "THE BELL NEWS" for April, 1903. The Essex peals are in every way worthy of record for other reasons besides those given by Mr. Pye, and I have no intention of detracting from them, credit due to the band and the conductor, but the Essex band of nine men cannot claim what eight Sussex men did, which claim is now affirmed by Mr. Pye's kindly correction.

W. H. F.

Re STRANGE ALLEGATION.

SIR,—In reply to the above I am requested to deny point blank the false accusation made by Algernon Newman against the authorities (i.e. clergy and churchwardens) and ringers of St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall.

JAMES ROLLERSON,
Secretary and Chief Ringer.

DOUBTFUL PEAL.

SIR,—I, like several others, were rather surprised to see recorded in your last issue a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Broxbourne, Herts., as for some considerable time the striking was next door to firing and clashing. Such peals as these are called never ought to be published. Perhaps the conductor could give an explanation to the Exercise as to the cause of it.

Enfield.

G. WILKINSON.

P.S.—I was visiting some friends there on that date and heard it from start to finish such as it was.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1905.

WE are told that it is impossible but that "offences should come;" the same writer prophesying: "woe unto those by whom they cometh." It cannot be gainsaid that the majority of "offences" happen through want of ordinary care in trying to prevent them. Some people enter into the formation of offences with a light heart, regardless of the pain they may cause to the individual. A factious opposition, for instance, having its origin in selfishness and egotism, and total disregard of the feelings of others, are offences which ought to be classed among the deadly sins.

What has engendered these few observations is an account we have heard of events happening in a Midland town, connected with the ringing company there. Some

few years ago the parish church at this place had a ring of six, but efforts were successfully made to augment them to eight. To these efforts a well-known ringer, whose ubiquity is proverbial, greatly assisted, personally and financially. we believe. This was followed by successful but arduous attempts to form and teach a ringing company, and it was his pardonable pride to become what is known in the neighbourhood as Ringing-Master of such company, fostering and safeguarding its fortunes with an enthusiasm not always met with. Some years elapse, and one or two of the leading members desire another Master. The work done, and the interest shown by the gentleman who had brought the company to its present fortunate position was pooh-poohed and treated lightly, resulting in the severing of his connection with the company, with poignant regret, and with the firm but not unreasonable conviction that he had been met with gross ingratitude, to say the least.

Here then is an "offence" which might have been obviated by consideration for others' feelings. If our information is correct no benefit whatever results from the change, but the desire to mortify and humiliate has succeeded. A little self-denial, coupled with common-sense, ought to have prevented this episode. Events like this are far too common, unfortunately, and check very materially the progress of ringing.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	HARRY MILLER 5.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 2.	MARK FENSOM 6.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Miller, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G sharp.

WILLIAM BUCK Treble.	GEORGE HUGGETT 5.
ARTHUR BUNDLE 2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS 6.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	FRANK HOLDER 7.
JOHN WEBB 4.	FREDERICK BOULTLER .. Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and Conducted by F. HOLDER.

SKETTY.—THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

HOWELL GWYN† Treble.	EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
WILLIAM H. RICE 2.	†DAVID WILLIAMS 6.
RICHARD MORSE† 3.	†ARTHUR JAMES 7.
CHARLES MORSE 4.	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. RICE.

†First peal. First peal by the local band. First peal as conductor.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of College Exercise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late T. Wigglesworth, a former member of the local band.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN W. BAKER Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FRANK WEBB 2.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
CHARLES MORTIMER .. 3.	ALBERT ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. E. J. Gilbert to the living of the above church.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

†First peal.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT S. RUSSELL† .. Treble.	JOHN T. HOGG 4.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOEL HERN 5.
ROBERT M. HOGG 3.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

†Belongs to the local branch; first 5040. First 5000 of Minor by the ringers on the 3rd, 4th and 5th, who with Mr. Sykes belong to the North Shields branch.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(RGMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

GEORGE BILLENNESS Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
GEORGE JOHNSON 2.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 6.
SYDNEY HILLS† 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT 4.	THOMAS A. VINCETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

†Elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

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

EDMUND J. HYLAND Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
ALF PADDON SMITH 2.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
FRANK FAY 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This is the first Surprise peal by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE† Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5.
HARRY GOOD† 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
JOHN BODDY 3.	*FRANCIS BARKER 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4.	JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

†First peal in the method. *First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of J. Broadley.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER Treble.	*GEORGE F. SWANN 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
FRANK FAY 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

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

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	THOMAS R. BENNETT 5.
JOHN BASS* 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	ERNEST C. HUNT 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES DEAN Treble.	ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM 2.	WILLIAM GROVES 7.
FRANK HOLDER 3.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4.	HENRY BROOKER 9.
AMOS CLARKE 5.	JAMES RUMBLE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by CHARLES DEAN.

First peal as conductor. For calling see "Bell News" vol. xxii. page 28.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MARRABLE Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 4.
JESSE PUPLETT† 2.	ALFRED PEARMAN 5.
HENRY G. ROWE 3.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal in seven methods. This is H. G. Rowe's 80th peal, and 1008th 720.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

G. DRAKE Treble.	W. WOOD 5.
J. WHITELEY 2.	J. COCKROFT 6.
F. CROSSLEY 3.	H. COCKROFT 7.
C. NIELD 4.	H. MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BREARLEY, and Conducted by G. DRAKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 7.
JAMES BAXTER 3.	THOMAS METCALFE 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	WILLIAM STORY 9.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5.	JAMES E. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for so hospitably entertaining them on this as on previous occasions.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HARRY BELL† Treble.	WILLIAM NEEDEHAM 5.
JOHN W. BROWN† 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
ALFRED B. MOSS† 4.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

†First peal.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS BENTLEY Treble.	WILLIAM BARTON 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD† .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
ALFRED TURLEY 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

†First peal in the method.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

R. B. SHAW† Treble.	TOLSON HALL 5.
J. JENKINSON 2.	G. H. HARDY 6.
W. H. SENIOR 3.	J. RANGELEY 7.
G. WILSON† 4.	W. WOMERSLEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

†First peal.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BRION* .. Treble.	CONOR O'BRIEN 5.
HENRY HUTTON 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 6.
HY. LEWIS GASFATH, JUN. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE* .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	C. WILLIAM SMITH 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 6.
JOHN T. BROWN 3.	RICHARD SMITH 7.
JOHN CURRY† 4.	GEORGE LADD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
 Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal of Major. For composition see Treble Bob, part II., page 8.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER 7.
ERNEST G. BAKER 4.	JOHN FLINT.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES TULLET Treble.	EDWARD BARNETT 5.
WILLIAM EASTER 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	*SIDNEY PRACOCK 7.
WILLIAM HAIGH 4.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

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

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

REV. H. TILNEY-BASSETT Treble.	WALTER S. BURBIDGE .. 5.
LEONARD J. TAYLOR.. .. 2.	*SYDNEY HILLIER 6.
ARTHUR W. ANGEL 3.	THOMAS RICKETTS 7.
ARTHUR J. WEST 4.	†FRANK GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY HILLIER.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. Rang as a thanksgiving peal on the recovery of the Vicar (Canon Wyld), from a serious illness. L. J. Taylor was elected a member previous to starting.

The following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Liverpool and district, specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1905, 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 20 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble.	*J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
WALTER HUGHES* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES PARK* 4.	*GEORGE HISLOP Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

TUE BROOK.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

FREDERICK LACKEY* .. Treble.	*SAM STEWART 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE 2.	*ALBERT LOVELL 6.
JAMES MARTIN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN GARDINER.. .. 4.	*PETER HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

JOHN TURNER* Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN.* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER HUGHES 4.	*JOHN ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19
 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour,

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES DILLON Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
CHARLES SHARPLES 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
WALTER HUGHES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE 4.	†REV. F. LL. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. This is the 300th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal, and is also the 450th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by him.

A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.)

Handbell Peals.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

A. O. C. LONGRIDGE* .. 1-2.	F. S. POOLE 5-6.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3-4.	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7-8.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpire—L. R. Levett (Trinity). *First peal. This is the conductor's twenty-fifth peal. Rung in honour of the twenty-sixth birthday of the Guild, founded February 4th, 1879.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—A peal was recorded last week as having been rung at Tenterden, it should have read "Rolvenden." This was owing to the incomplete report sent us, in which the word "Rolvenden" did not appear, but having been sent from Tenterden, we concluded the peal had been rung there.—The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal rang at Selly Oak on the 8th inst. should read "Edmund J. Hyland" not "James E. Hyland."

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—The peal rang at Battersea is sent without any date.—The peal rang at Quedgeley has been sent without any time of performance.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks) On Tuesday, January 17th, at the Congregational Church, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor in 1 hr. 6 mins. in the following methods: 125 Kent, 120 each of Killamarsh, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Tanner's Pleasure and Oxford Delight; and 240 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford and Violet. T. Sharman, H. Rolley, E. Hershaw, G. Whiteaker, J. Rushforth, F. Whiteley conductor.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex). On Wednesday, January 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. L. Stilwell, S. Stone, S. Cordon, J. Blake, P. Doick, C. Smart composer and conductor, F. Greenfield, L. N. Cordon.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Mary's church, 1312 Double Norwich. F. Radley, S. R. Roper, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, G. H. Sentance, E. Newman, W. Grimwade, W. Steele.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 144 Oxford. C. H. Howard, F. Webb, S. R. Roper, E. Chaplin, E. Radley, A. Chaplin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Saturday, December 31st, for the watch-night service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, G. Johnson, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, C. W. Player conductor, W. Sharp.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—On Friday, December 30th, for practice at St. James's church, Islington, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. May, G. Gains, H. Franks, J. Barry, W. Bennett, C. Potheary conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER. On Wednesday, December 7th, for practice at the Cathedral, 324 Stedman Caters. W. Tucker, G. Smith, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews, L. Lampard, W. Crute, W. C. Lampard, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, L. S. Lampard. Also 360 Bob Minor on the front six. F. Smith, W. Andrews, R. White, A. Marks, W. H. George, W. Tucker conductor.

Muffled Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Denner, J. Denner, J. Ridyard, J. Lowe, F. Derbyshire, M. Berry, Joseph Ridyard, R. Ridyard conductor. Rung as a token of deepest sympathy for the wife of Joseph Potter, one of St. Paul's ringers.

LONDON.—On Thursday, February 9th, at the church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. John Taffender, father of Mr. T. H. Taffender. E. C. Clements, G. F. Woodage, T. A. Tomsett, T. Merefield, W. H. Taffender, W. T. Gardner, G. Woodage, T. Mash. Conducted by E. C. Clements.

PERSHORE.—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's church, 480 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Canterbury Pleasure, and 540 Plain Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Cresswell Strange (of Worcester Cathedral), a vice-president of the Association. J. Godfrey, G. Dolphin, H. J. Godfrey conductor, G. Bozzard, C. Annis, H. Sorrell.

"Ringing the Changes" on OXO.

The following letter from the holder of the world's record will doubtless interest all who value stamina:—

Jan. 4th, 1905.

"Probably ere this you will have seen that we came out successful in the attempt for the bell-ringing championship of the world, and that I hold the world's record. Your Oxo did wonders. I rang the tenor bell for 10½ hours without rest, and was fresh at the finish. I could have rung 15 hours if necessary."

W. WILLSON, Leicester.

OXO

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.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

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

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Arch-deaconry of Sudbury.—The next district meeting will be held at Sudbury to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Tea and meeting in The Green Dragon at 4 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Rector of Sudbury. The towers of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints will be open for ringing during the day.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY, *Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Witham to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available all day. Tea at 5 o'clock, with meeting to follow at The White Horse Inn, price 1s. 6d. each.

Coggeshall. ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Castle Inn. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending.

W. LATERR, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
4, South View Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Service in the parish church at 3 p.m., preacher, the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sinclair. Business meeting will follow in the Town Hall. Tea at 5 o'clock at Viner's Restaurant, 6d. each for members.

C. D. P. DAVIES, *Master*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock in Mission Room.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 25th, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 4.55, and after the meeting. Choral service at 5 p.m. with an address by Canon Thompson, D.D. Business meeting in the Foster Hall, St. Thomas's Street, near the church, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 4.45, and after the meeting. It is hoped all members will attend the service, as the address will be a special one to ringers.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30.

T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested, as the reports will be ready at this meeting.

W. ASHWORTH, *Sec.*
The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, February 25th.

J. CHIGSON, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m. This being the nomination meeting of officers for the coming year, a good attendance of members is requested.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Rnsholme, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 25th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 4th next, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Esq. will occupy the chair.

Dinner tickets, free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, March 1st, to

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 4th. Particulars later. G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, March 4th. Tea at The George. Owing to the extra cost of same 6d. each will be charged. Will all those who intend being present at the tea notify to me on or before Wednesday, March 1st. Half-travelling expenses will be paid not exceeding 2s. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid to me before or at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Dis. Sec.*

Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Asso.

The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, March 4th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Gainford bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in Scarth Memorial Hall at 5. 1s. to members. Intending visitors must notify by Tuesday, February 28th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

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, March 11th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, arrangements will be made for a plain tea on the usual terms at 6 p.m. It would save the Hon. Sec. some trouble if the subscriptions now due could be sent in earlier than has been customary.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet

Compositions.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By E. A. RIDGWAY, *Leek.*

23456	W	B	H
52364	-	x	-
35264	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
62354	s	-	-
36254	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-
65234	-	-	-
26534	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-
23564	s	-	-

Twice repeated.

TOUCHES OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, *Guildford.*

544.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

576.

I	4	5	6
63254	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

H. A. H.—Yes; certainly.

THE OLDEST RINGER.

It was my pleasure to ring the old year out and the new year in with my old friend Thomas Turner, at St. Edward's parish church, Leek, Staffordshire. He began his ringing career at the early age of 7 at the parish church of the little village of Horton, which is about three miles from Leek, where his father was sexton. He practised on until he was nine, when he rang for the Coronation of our late lamented Queen Victoria. He has taken part in ringing for all the Royal Family celebrations ever since. He rang for the marriage of the late Queen and Prince Consort, also for each of the jubilee celebrations of the Queen, and a mourning peal for each of these illustrious monarchs. He also rang for the wedding of our present King and Queen, also for their coronation. He learned and rang at Horton until the year 1864, when he removed to Leek. He joined the Leek tower in that year, and has rang there ever since. He has been the foreman and conductor of the band for a number of years, a position he still enjoys. He is still hale and strong at the age of 75, and, except for lengthy touches he can ring as well as ever. He was one of the first to join the Stoke

Archidiaconal Association, and has been an energetic performing member ever since its formation. Although he has no peals to his credit, he nevertheless has been an enthusiastic ringer all his life, always willing and anxious to help a learner as far as his abilities would allow. I write this out of deep respect for the man who first taught me the rudiments of change-ringing, also that the Exercise may know that there is still spared among us an old veteran that rang for the Coronation of our late Queen, also to ask if any member knows of a similar case, as it will be very interesting to know who really is the oldest living ringer.

E. A. RIDGWAY.

Beckenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

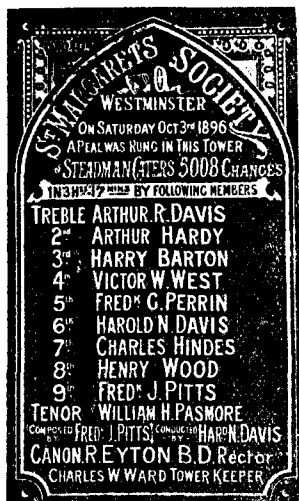
LEICESTER.—On Sunday, February 12, at the church of St. John the Divine, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. Also the whole pull and stand 21 times as an "outing" peal to Thos. Curtis, a member of the Society, aged 21 that day. A. Farrar, L. Allen, W. Willson, jun. conductor, H. Mountford, F. W. Herbert, J. W. Beckwith, W. Willson, J. Smith.

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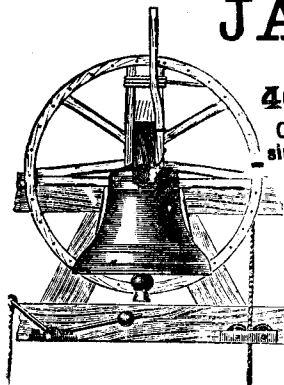
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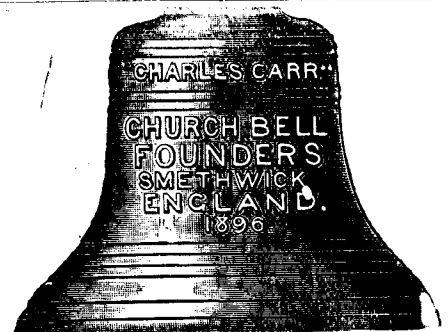
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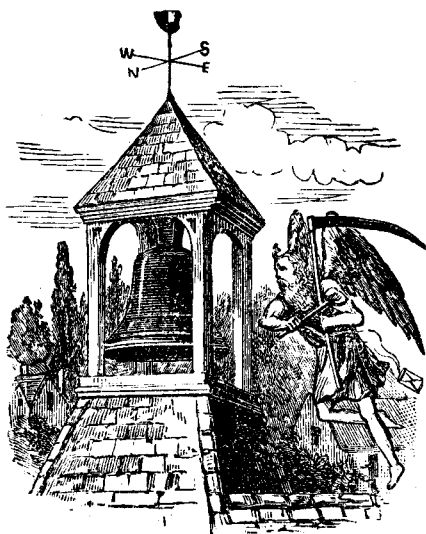
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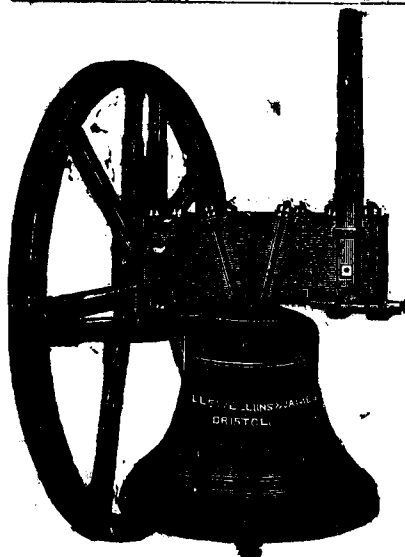
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

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

SCHEDULE (continued).

UCKFIELD (Sussex). Holy Cross. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, date not given. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 12 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Dodswell recently. Ropes new 1898 good. Method: "Doubles." Occasional Sunday ringing at 10.30 and 6. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday, 8.

UFFORD (Suffolk). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

UGBOROUGH (Devon.) St. Peter. Eight bells; 4th by Taylor 1881; the rest by Bilbie at various dates from 1762 to 1826. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. No answer as to whether bells can be rung comfortably. Repairs by Hooper, date not given. Ropes new 1881. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday; hour not stated.

UPTON (Devon.) St. Mary Magdalene. Eight bells; all by Pannell 1854. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by Stokes; date not given. An estimate has been prepared for re-hanging the bells, but at present owing to the poverty of the parish, only a small part of what is required has been collected. Ropes proposed to be renewed. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: "30 minutes." Practice: Thursday: 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN (Worcestershire). SS. Peter and Paul. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Bond 1902; 3rd by Taylor 1837; 4th nothing known; the rest by Rudhall 1705. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1902, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.55. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11th, a meeting was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland, which was attended by members from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Saltburn, and Mr. R.

Haswell from Guisborough. The bells at the disposal of the members were the rings of eight at Skelton parish church, and Saltburn, both being very fine peals in first-rate going order, and each with a tenor 23 cwt. At five o'clock the company, numbering twenty-two, sat down to tea at The Royal George, the chair being taken by the President, who was supported by the Rev. R. Hodgson (curate),—the Vicar being unable to attend through illness—and Mr. Stephenson (churchwarden). After honouring the toast of "The King," the President expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicars of Skelton and Saltburn for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and congratulated the Skelton band on having scored their first 720 of Bob Minor, which he trusted by patience, perseverance and mutual cohesion, would lead to the attainment of further successes in in Triples and Major. He then on behalf of the members present expressed their appreciation of the presence of the Rev. R. Hodgson and Mr. Churchwarden Stephenson. In his reply the Rev. R. Hodgson stated that the Church people, whilst appreciating the sound of their Church bells, thought far too little of the men who rang them. Mr. Stephenson expressed his appreciation of the visit of the Association to Skelton, and hoped that further visits would be made in the near future.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Bob Triples were rung during the afternoon, and an attempt by the Stockton company for a quarter-peal at Saltburn of Stedman Triples resulted in a dislocation of the front work, after ringing over 700 changes in excellent style.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT.)

A quarterly meeting of this district was held at Southampton on Saturday, February 11th. By the kindness of the Vicar the bells of Holy Rood church were available from 3 o'clock, and those of St. Michael's from 6 o'clock. Tea was provided at Fanconi's restaurant at 5 o'clock, at which thirty-six members were present. After tea the chairman (Rev. Canon Braithwaite) announced that the committee had met during the afternoon, and in deference to the wish of the Rector of North Stoneham to be at home to welcome the Guild on the occasion of their visit to his parish, had decided to change the date of the meeting there from August 12th to July 29th.

The Secretary reported that one band which had recently joined the Guild as probationers had now qualified to be admitted to full membership, and that another (where the bells were only formerly chimed) were now regularly ringing for the Sunday services of the church.

In replying to a very hearty vote of thanks accorded to him, Canon Braithwaite said it was a great pleasure to him to be associated with the church bell ringers of the Diocese, as he considered this was a very important branch of church work, and he would certainly do all he could to assist them in their work.

Both Holy Rood and St. Michael's have a good ring of

eight, but have not properly constituted bands of ringers. It is hoped this visit of the Guild may awaken some interest in change-ringing among the young men of the town, so that in next year's report Southampton may be found affiliated to the Guild.

Members attended from Winchester Cathedral, Romsey, Twyford, Hursley, North Stoneham and Upham, and during the afternoon and evening Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major methods were rung.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Mansfield on Saturday, January 28th, when between fifty and sixty members were present from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Ripley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Beeston, Bulwell, etc. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon. Tea was partaken of in the parish schoolroom, followed by a General Meeting, when the Vice-President of the Association (Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.), took the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Prior (Vicar of Mansfield), Superintendent Hemsley (son of a former Vicar of Cotgrave), and others.

The Vice-President expressed his regret that owing to an attack of influenza, the Hon. Secretary was unable to attend, and he called on the Hon. Treasurer to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were duly read and confirmed.

In order to provide for the election of a Vice-President of the Association (whose duty it would be to carry on in the absence of Sir Arthur Heywood all the duties of the President), it was found necessary to alter Rules 6, 7 and 8, and due notice having been given of the suggested alterations, these were now proposed by Mr. W. Wakley, seconded by Mr. J. Hickman, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. May, and seconded by Mr. Squires, that the auditors be re-elected. This proposal was carried unanimously.

In giving particulars of the peals rung since the previous meeting, the Vice-President congratulated the members on the fact that no fewer than thirty-one had been rung during this time, making the large total of ninety-four for the year, this being very largely in excess of any previous year's performances. Mr. Taylor particularly referred to the 17000 of Double Norwich rung at Wigston, and congratulated the ringers on the pluck and determination shown by them, and he also pointed out what strict training was necessary, and how important it was that every member of a band who attempted a very long peal should be in most perfect condition, both of mind and body. It had always been his own ambition to "ring the clock round," and he wished most sincerely that he had been able to make one of the band. He also referred in complimentary terms to the new method, "Peterborough Surprise," being rung at Chesterfield; also to the peal of Duffield by the Duffield company, and to the peals of Superlative Surprise rung at Chesterfield and Burton-on-Trent.

Twenty-nine members were elected, a large proportion of whom had been obtained in the Nottingham district by Mr. Clifford.

Mr. W. Wakley proposed, and Mr. C. Draper seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Prior for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting.

In responding, the Canon in an interesting speech

heartily welcomed the Association to Mansfield, and trusted it would not be the last occasion on which he would have that pleasure.

Mr. B. Sugden proposed, and Mr. R. Clifford seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vice-President, and Mr. Taylor having replied, the proceedings terminated.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting in the eastern division of the above Association was held at Seaford on Saturday, February 18th. The tower was open ringing at 3.30.

The party were entertained to a splendid tea by the Rev. H. Goodwin Bonnewell, Vicar of Seaford, eighteen being present, including members from Brighton and the local band.

Tea was followed by the usual business meeting, the chair being taken by the Vicar, supported by his churchwarden, Mr. Murray. The Secretary who was unable to be present, was represented by his son, Mr. S. F. Saker. The minutes of the last meeting held at Westham were duly read and confirmed. As the eastern division was not represented at the meeting, a resolution was passed that the arrangements for the next quarterly peal be left over until the Battle meeting, which was arranged for March 4th. Mr. E. J. Pannett was elected a member of the Association.

The Rev. H. Goodwin Bonnewell welcomed the Association to his tower. He hoped they found an improvement in the bells, several of which had been recast. He expressed a desire to learn change-ringing, and hoped soon to make a start under the tuition of Mr. Morling.

Mr. G. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and for his kindness in presiding at the meeting. This was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business, and the members revisited the tower, where touches in various methods were brought round, in which the local ringers took part.

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Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On October 10th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Watson, T. Barber, R. Mossom, J. Appleton, J. Pawsey, E. R. Avery conductor, M. Lowe. On November 28th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Clarke, J. Appleton, R. Mossom, E. Milburn, J. Pawsey, E. R. Avery conductor, M. Lowe, A. Laing. "First 720 of Minor by the local band. On January 30th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), standing as before. On Saturday, February 11th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson conductor, W. H. Stephenson, W. Newton, J. Waller, A. M. C. Field, A. W. Barrett, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. J. Clarkson, W. H. Stephenson, J. W. Newton, A. W. Barrett, A. M. C. Field, R. Green, T. Stephenson conductor, W. E. Walland.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, November 3rd, 546 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. Millar, L. Brooks, H. Day, T. Cox, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Cox, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Millar, W. Biss, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Short, W. H. Judd, W. Fuller, J. Judd, H. Huntley, J. Ansell, R. Botting conductor, J. Short. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Ansell.

CLITHEROE.—On November 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob. J. Smith conductor, Frank Knight, S. James, H. Lofthouse, W. Wilkinson, T. Robinson.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, R. Plumb, H. J. Tucker, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, C. Valentine conductor. On December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, H. J. Tucker, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, C. Valentine. On Monday, December 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 4080 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins., the conductor missing a bob. A. Clarke, R. Plumb, H. J. Tucker, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. Longest length in the method by all.

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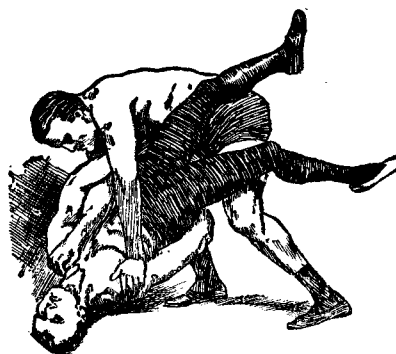
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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

OLD RINGING BOOKS.

SIR,—The Rev. W. C. Pearson not long ago expressed a wish for a copy of old ringing records to be published in your paper—mentioning Mr. Daniell—which is rather a big job. But as a correspondence, arising out of my notes, etc., from Annable's note book is still going on between Mr. H. J. Tucker and the last-named gentleman *re* the Five Colledge Bobs, I decided to go and look over Stedman's *Campanalogia* at the British Museum.

Well, Sir, I did so, and I find all these Colledge Bob peals exactly as published by Mr. Tucker, and identified by myself in the Annable note-book. Our venerable old friend Fabian Stedman was a wonder, so plain and straightforward. He grouped his peals under headings such as London peals, Oxford peals, Cambridge peals, Nottingham peals, etc., 5-6 London peals.

On page 156 he gives Court Bob. This is exactly as given in Snowdon's "Standard Methods," page 3, as Double Court. Following on we get the five Colledge Bob peals, and generally side by side of the peal (not method) he gives the lead ends, plain and bob, shewing how to get the 6-score, etc., and the 720 also.

Following on he gives a very excellent Major peal, one that has recently been published by three separate noted gentlemen of the present day, and which I dare say will easily be recognised by those concerned. I think, without speculation, this is almost the first Surprise method ever published, and it is one that escaped the eye of Christopher Wells and others of *Clavis* fame. The method is entitled—

IMPERIAL BOB.

12345678
21436587
12346578
21435687
24136578
42315687
24135678
42316587
24361578
42635187
24631578
42365187
24635817
42368571
24365817
42638571

24365871
42638517
24635871
42368517
24638157
42361875
24368157
42631875
24613857
42168375
24618357
42163875
41268357
14623875
41263857
14628375

Plain 14263857 Lead
Bob 16423857 Lead

NOTE.—By omitting 7ths and 2nds place the lead-end is 18674523, and was so published as Arundel Surprise ("BELL NEWS" vol. xvi. page 326) and subsequently was recognised as Norfolk Surprise. Later on it was published as Double Treble Bob, but by the latest discovery the author is Fabian Stedman.

OXFORD PEALS.

Under this heading Stedman gives Oxford Single and Oxford Double. These are the same as we now know as Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob. The latter is given in "Standard Methods" page 3. Following on he gives *Oxford Triple Bob. This is what we know as Woodbine, and given in Standard Methods on page 11. This is what Annable entitled Old Oxford. Next, in his own words, Stedman gives *Oxford another way*. This latter is no more or less than Oxford *Triple Bob, as now rang, and given in all ringing books from *Clavis* to Standard Methods inclusive.

I may add that Stedman's *Campanalogia* is dated 1677, and so the methods he gives are 228 years old. HY. DAINS.

P.S.—May I ask Mr. H. J. Tucker if Cambridge or London Surprise is given in the book he quoted Colledge Bob from?

*Stedman says Triple Bob, not Treble Bob.

A STRANGE ALLEGATION.

SIR,—I have read in your last issue Mr. Rollerson's reply to my charges made in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 4th. Mr. Rawlinson is polite enough to characterise my charges as "false accusations." Let me therefore recall to your readers what those charges consisted in, viz.: 1. That I had been improperly dismissed from the belfry. 2. That I had made an appeal to the church authorities without effect. Mr. Rollerson's letter makes it desirable for me to substantiate the alleged "false accusations." I therefore hasten to do so by stating—

1. That it was Mr. Rollerson himself who effected my dismissal, his act having the apparent concurrence of the other ringers. 2. That my letter of appeal to the church authorities is dated January 4th, and that up to the time of my letter to you I had received no reply, nor have I heard from them since that date. The impression Mr. Rollerson's letter is intended to convey is that I have wilfully misrepresented facts. I have therefore put the matter in dispute in the hands of the Association, whose committee will have an opportunity of weighing the value of my statements. In conclusion, let me say that nothing could have better served to bring the actual facts of the case to light than Mr. Rollerson's veiled challenge, contained in his "point blank" denial.

ALGERNON NEWMAN.

Obituary.

JOHN CHAPPELL JACKSON.

We regret to announce that the death on Sunday last, the 19th inst., of Mr. John Chappell Jackson, assistant secretary of the Surrey Association, and a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a member of the Kent, Essex, Hertford, Middlesex, Devonshire, Bristol and Gloucester and Norwich Diocesan Associations. Mr. Jackson was cycling on Sunday afternoon, presumably on his way to St. Paul's Cathedral, where he had occasionally taken part in the afternoon ringing, when, from some at present unexplained cause, he was thrown to the ground, and sustained such severe injuries that he died the same evening at Bolingbroke Hospital, whither he had been conveyed. Although it is scarcely three years since he commenced to pull at Fulham church, deceased had made very rapid strides, having rung some twenty-seven peals, including several of Superlative, and had conducted at least one of Stedman Triples. His rise in his profession was also very marked, as he had already become a member of the Council of the Society of Architects; in fact whatever Mr. Jackson undertook his first object appeared to be to make himself thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the matter in hand, and to then use every effort to make himself equal to his colleagues. Mr. Jackson, who was about 33 years of age, leaves behind him to mourn his loss, besides a very large number of friends, a wife and two little boys, and the Exercise loses one of its most promising members.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on February 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral on March 7th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, March 15, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 9th and 23rd. Business meetings after Bow and St. Michael's.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 4.55, and after the meeting. Choral service at 5 p.m. with an address by Canon Thompson, D.D. Business meeting in the Foster Hall, St. Thomas's Street, near the church, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 4.45, and after the meeting. It is hoped all members will attend the service, as the address will be a special one to ringers. A social after 9 p.m. will take place at Ye Olde King's Head, 45, Borough High Street, S.E.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30.

T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested, as the reports will be ready at this meeting.

W. ASHWORTH, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Armley to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse hotel at 7.30 p.m. This being the nomination meeting of officers for the coming year, a good attendance of members is requested.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, February 25. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dudley to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 4th next, at Ye Olde Royal

hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

C. E. D. Bouflower, Esq. will occupy the chair.

Dinner tickets, free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, March 1st, to

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the parish hall, by invitation of Rev. C. W. P. Crawford. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. A. Huggett, Cemetery Lodge, East Grinstead, by March 1st.

G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, March 4th. Tea at The George. Owing to the extra cost of same 6d. each will be charged. Will all those who intend being present at the tea notify to me on or before Wednesday, March 1st. Half-travelling expenses will be paid not exceeding 2s. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid to me before or at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Dis. Sec.*

Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, March 4th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Gainford bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in Scarth Memorial Hall at 5.1s. to members. Intending visitors must notify by Tuesday, February 28th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting at 4.45 p.m. Cheap tickets can be had by 2.15 train from Shrewsbury.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 6 p.m. at Working Men's Club for those who inform me by Thursday, March 2nd.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 till 9. Tea provided by the kindness of the Dean and churchwardens. Members intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, March 1st.

SYDNEY SAMER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells

available all day. Service in the parish church at 4 o'clock p.m. Tea at the Boys' School at 5 o'clock p.m. Business meeting following. Members intending being present should inform me not later than Tuesday, February 28th.

A. E. COLLES, *Hon. Sec.*

Bridgwater.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The next monthly combined practice will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m.

ARTHUR STANDIDGE.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Excursion tickets are issued every Saturday at Manchester, L.R., (G.C.) 2.25., and Stockport, T.D., 2.32.

ARTHUR T. BEESTON, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stone, on Saturday, March 4th. Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. T. E. Rowley, 5, Church Street, Stone, not later than Thursday, March 2nd.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, March 11th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, arrangements will be made for a plain tea on the usual terms at 6 p.m. It would save the Hon. Sec. some trouble if the subscriptions now due could be sent in earlier than has been customary.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1905.

OUR comment of last week has resulted in the receipt of some correspondence in approval of the sentiments expressed therein. Writers, living far apart, emphatically condemn the attitude and procedure of the company alluded to which led to the resignation of its prominent member. We refrained from particularising the actual place, or the church where the event happened, but the correspondents appear to have easily discovered it. Some personal allusions the reverse of complimentary have also been made to those implicated in this transaction. It is suggested that we should appeal to the members to return to the old happy condition of affairs; to ask their late chief officer to forget all that has passed, and resume his old position among them.

The Provinces.

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On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. W. SEAMER Treble.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE WELDON* 2.	F. W. HARGREAVES 6.
A. W. LONG* 3.	*W. HEYHOE 7.
P. O. BIXBY 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDWARD EVANS 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late James Edward Ransome, Esq., head of the firm of Messrs. Ransome, Sims, Jeffries, Limited, who was interred in Ipswich on the previous day.

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On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DANIEL REDHEAD† .. Treble.	JAMES NICKERSON 5.
REGINALD LOVEDAY 2.	WALTER GILBERT 6.
FRANK KIRK 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
FRED STUBBS 4.	FRED GILBERT Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, and Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

†First peal in the method.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SARGEANT .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 6.
FRANK WEBB 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
FREDERICK J. BIRD* .. 4.	†GEORGE ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. The age of the treble ringer is fifty-six years, and the tenor-man is fast approaching that age.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES .. Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	*CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
JAMES REYNOLDS 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, February 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALBERT WALKER .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVES 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
EDMUND J. HYLAND* .. 4.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

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On Monday, February 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	ALFRED W. WICKS 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	ALFRED J. REDMAN 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 3.	WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 7.
EDGAR COLLINS 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

This was the conductor's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ROSE† .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS† 2.	†WILLIAM ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY† 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

†First peal in fourteen methods.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, February 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
FRANCIS E. HART 3.	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN F. BALLINGER .. 4.	THOMAS J. WHITING .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Dial, clerk of the above church, he having been connected for fifty-four years, this being his eighty-fifth birthday.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON .. Treble.	†ROBERT STAPLES 4.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 2.	ARTHUR J. FARR 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

†First peal.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	†ALBERT WARNES 6.
JAMES TANN 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHAS. T. P. BRICE

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

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 7, 1905, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HENRY BOWER† .. Treble	†JOSEPH ATKIN 7.
WILLIAM BURGAR† 2.	†SIDNEY F. PALMER 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	EDWARD WOODWARD 9.
FRANK BURGAR† 4.	†CLEMENT GLENN 10.
JOHN MULLIGAN 5.	*GEORGE HOLMES 11.
ARTHUR BREARLEY 6.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. HOLMES.

†First peal of Grandsire Cinques. *First peal of Cinques as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to their late brother-ringer, Mr. T. Hattersley.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL* .. Treble.	JOHN SMART 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
GEORGE PHILLIPS* 3.	GEORGE PAYNE 7.
ALBERT E. LISH 4.	ALBERT HEASMAN Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight 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.	JOHN ALLEN 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE, JUN.* .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES CRUNDEN .. Treble.	ARTHUR MILES 5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
ARTHUR GOWER 3.	THOMAS PRICE 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	JOSEPH SHARP Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HOWSE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Thomas Price, who is leaving Eastbourne for Maidenhead.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM FLINDERS .. Treble.	THOMAS SQUIRES 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	†ERNEST J. OLIVER 6.
JOHN HICKMAN 3.	†FREDERICK KNIBB 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	ARTHUR J. KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

†First peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE G. JENKINS 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	†ARTHUR H. SAXBY 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

†First peal in the method.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

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

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	H. CHARLES BOND 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 7.
JOHN J. JEFFRIES 4.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Harry Lewis, and also as a birthday compliment to H. C. Bond.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 10, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
EDWARD EVANS 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
HENRY EVERS 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by F. HORGWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Nevard, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING† .. Treble.	CHARLES BAILEY 5.
CHARLES SAMSON† 2.	†EDGAR BAILEY 6.
SIDNEY BAILEY† 3.	†JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY† 4.	†ALBERT J. LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and
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First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. †First peal in the method.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 5.
SIDNEY R. ROPER 2.	FREDERICK RUDKIN 6.
HENRY E. HAMMOND .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. 7.
ERNEST NEWMAN 4.	†WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor. †First peal in the method as conductor

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

HARRY MILES Treble	FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. 5.
JOB HOWES 2.	WILLIAM STONE 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 4.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the 73rd anniversary of Mr. C. Hounslow's birthday.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 2.	ERNEST C. HUNT 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 7.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	†HARRY WITHERS Tenor.

Composed by R. MATTHEWS and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was the quarterly peal for the Association.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. N. TOWLER Treble.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 5.
CHARLES PRATT 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS .. 3.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND .. 4.	HENRY ODDY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by WM. BOLL

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

ARTHUR CAUSLEY .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
SIDNEY F. C. SAKER .. 2.	KEITH HART 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector of this church, the Rev. J. S. Pownell, who is an honorary member of the Association.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM WATTS .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
THOMAS JORDAN .. 3.	*WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	†GEORGE JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rang as a welcome peal to the new curate, the Rev. H. L. Pocock.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

C. LANGSTROTH .. Treble.	W. L. MASON 5.
W. BAILEY 2.	H. HORNER 6.
E. B. METCALFE .. 3.	W. BILLOWS 7.
F. METCALFE 4.	W. D. HILLARY Tenor.

Composed by O. LANG, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM DAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM MURRAY .. 5.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES .. 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM HINTON .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. 7.
HARRY MILLS 4.	*ARTHUR BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal. Messrs. Hughes and Bennett were elected members of the above Society, and H. Mills a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

GEORGE MILES .. Treble.	†FRANK LUSH 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. 2.	MAURICE STEER 6.
WILLIAM IVES 3.	BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. 7.
ALFRED SMITH 4.	WILLIAM BOYLES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HAWKINS.

†First peal. First peal of Triples by the above branch. Messrs. Smith and Boyles were elected members before starting.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL* .. Treble.	GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 5.
HENRY GEORGE 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. 3.	WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. 4.	BENJAMIN GREATORIX .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

*First peal of Major.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	REGGIE DYSON 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
THOMAS MCKEGG 3.	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7.
DAVID BREARLEY 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY 7.
EDWARD A. HERN 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EDINBURGH.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. Treble.	J. S. MCCULLOCH 5.
THOMAS S. THOM 2.	JAMES R. ROBERTSON 6.
EDMUND F. PRICE 3.	WM. C. S. HEATHCOTE 7.
R. J. G. THOM 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung in Scotland, also the first in the method by all except Messrs. Ellis, Barber and Heathcote.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

ARTHUR KERSHAW* .. Treble.	JAMES BOOTH 6.
GEORGE GARNETT* 2.	ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM 7.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH 8.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	BENJAMIN THORPE 9.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD* .. 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BURMAN, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Countess of Stamford and Warrington, who died on January 30th, 1905, aged 78 years

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN ODEY Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR 4.
PERCY PITMAN 2.	OLIVER DERHAM 5.
ARTHUR CORDERY 3.	CHARLES BEESLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells and by all the band except the tenor man. They wish to thank the Rev. J. S. Wimbush, Rector, for the use of the bells, and J. Moore for having everything in readiness.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Five Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10,208 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	EDGAR COLLINS 6.
JOHN HOWES 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7.
HARRY T. LAST 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

Reference elsewhere.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble.	LOUIS SILVER 4.
GEORGE HAYES 2.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
FREDERICK RING 3.	REUBEN COPELIN Tenor.

Conducted by R. COPELIN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Copelin, the parents of the conductor, and also as a birthday peal to Mr. F. King, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN M. CHADWICK .. Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	STEPHEN STACRY 7.
VILLIERS STACEY 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by G. HAWKINS, and Conducted by W. CHAPMAN.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET,

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED MASON Treble.	C. SUMMERS 5.
W. HOYLE 2.	J. R. JONES 6.
G. STACEY 3.	H. MOORE 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	SAM MASON Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. ALLSOP Treble.	GEO. PIPES 5.
J. HALL 2.	S. HALL 6.
W. G. CHRISTIAN* .. 3.	F. WATKINSON 7.
J. BROOK 4.	GEO. DOUGHTY Tenor.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

*First peal.

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The annual dinner in connection with this society took place on Saturday night week at The Lowther hotel. Members and friends, to the number of seventeen, sat down to a substantial repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. Breed. After the tables were cleared the chair was taken by Mr. J. W. Cundall (retiring president).

The toast of "The King" was musically honored, on the call of the chairman.

Mr. W. H. Howard proposed "The Archbishop and Dean and Chapter," remarking upon the business-like way in which the affairs of the diocese were managed, and the kind and generous manner in which the Dean always treated the bell-ringers.

Mr. Hodgson in a neat speech gave the toast of "The Navy and Army," which was responded to by Mr. G. Breed (formerly of the Essex Volunteers).

"The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers" (to which all the members of the Minster society belong) was toasted on the proposition of Mr. T. Haigh. Mr. W. H. Howard, one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association, and vice-president for nearly thirty years, in responding, gave an

account of the year's work, mentioning the fact that the members now numbered over 1200, and that during the past year 127 peals had been rung, a record for the Association.

Continued prosperity to "THE BELL NEWS," the ringers' paper, was proposed by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, and responded to by Mr. G. Worth.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," (appropriately given by Mr. Woodcock) Mr. Stokes, a Lincolnshire ringer now pursuing his studies at St. John's college, thanked the Minster society for the hearty welcome they had given him to their tower, and the opportunities they gave him of ten-bell ringing.

The evening was enlivened by songs and handbell ringing.

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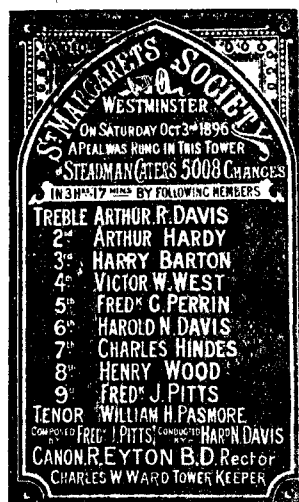
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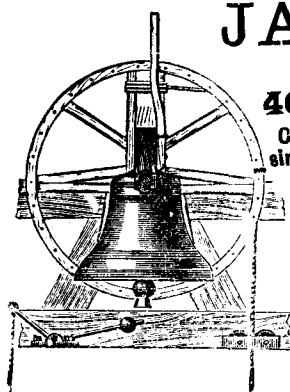
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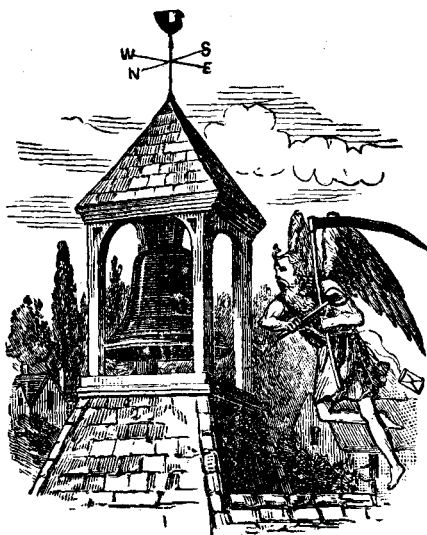
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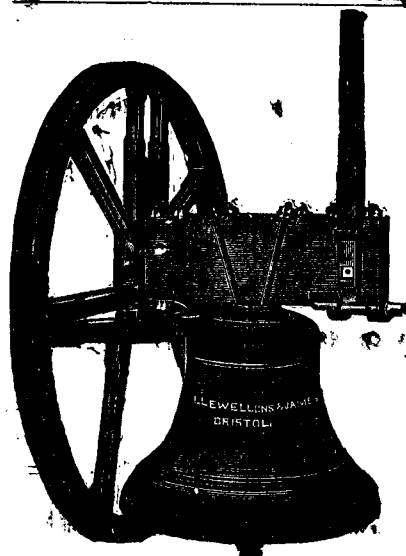
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

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

SCHEDULE (continued).

UPTON (Gloucestershire). St. Leonard. Gloucester and Bristol Association. All by Barwell 1892. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1900. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, morning; 2nd, 4th and 5th, evening, for service one hour. Practice: Wednesdays and alternate Saturdays, 7.30.

URCHFONT (Wilts.) St. Michael and All Angels. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd, founder unknown; date of 2nd, 1664; 3rd, 1743, and 5th, 1727, by Rudhall; 4th and 7th by Purdue, 1658; 6th by Mears, 1848. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft., by Wallis, 1610. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Mears 1899. The recasting of the two trebles have been suggested. Ropes new 1898 good. Half-pull ringing is practised, but no method mentioned. Sunday ringing (irregular), 10.15 to 10.25, and 5.45 to 5.55. Practice: Tuesday and Saturday, 7.

UTTOXETER (Staffordshire). St. Mary. Eight bells; treble and tenor by Warner, 1874; the rest by Rudhall, 1729. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1874. Ropes new 1899. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30 in winter only.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks.) The Cathedral. Yorkshire Association. Twelve bells; all by Mears, the two trebles 1892, the rest 1779. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame for the back ten, iron for trebles. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears 1892. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7, from March 23rd to September 23rd.

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A meeting of this Guild was held at Halsall on Saturday, February 11th, when about thirty members attended from Aughton, Crossens, Ormskirk, Southport, Tue Brook, Upholland and Wigan, also the local company. By the kindness of Canon Blundell an excellent tea was provided and heartily enjoyed by all, and on the proposition of Mr. James Eastham, seconded by Mr. W. Bentham, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Blundell for his hospitality was unanimously carried. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit with several members explored the church, the rev. gentleman explaining the different portions of the chancel and architecture. The business was of a routine character. Several new members were proposed, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The company at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, have done very well in the past year, having rung thirty-seven peals, and so earned the trophy offered by the Guild to a six-bell tower. It proved to be a large mirror in a carved Oxford oak frame, and a brass setting forth the names of the company. Captain McAdam, the donor, made the presentation, and it was accepted by Mr. Hale, the conductor, who expressed the thanks of his fellow-ringers. The occasion was celebrated by a banquet on Saturday, February 18th, at which the Rev. T. A. Bartleet (Vicar), Canon Barrington, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit (Master of the Guild), were present and spoke. The suggestion was made that two more bells should be obtained. Mr. Albert Smith, the giver of the banquet, offered £10 if an effort was initiated. The Vicar offered £5, and this was followed by other donations. The Master of the Guild enforced two phrases—"Well done, Crosby!" and "To the glory of God."

PRESENTATION AT EXETER.

An interesting event took place during a smoking concert held in connection with the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club at their headquarters, The Old Swan inn, Catherine Street. Mr. Stokes presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Laver. At an interval in the harmony the captain of the club (host Richards), presented Mr. A. Monckley with a College Youths certificate, in recognition of his having taken part, for the first time, in a successful peal of 5040 changes, rung recently on the bells at Honiton Clist. In making the presentation Mr. Richards in a few appropriate remarks, expressed the hope that Mr. Monckley would long continue to be a shining light in the ringing world. Mr. Monckley suitably responded, when music was the order of the evening, some capital songs being rendered by Messrs. Tucker, Warmington, Sargent, Acreman, etc. Several touches were also rung on the handbells. During the evening Mr. Stokes paid a warm tribute to the admirable manner in which the captain (Mr. John Richards), and the Secretary (Mr. Davey), had carried out their duties.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change-Ringer, of 19 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

HAVERHILL, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first anniversary of the re-opening of the tower and bells after restoration, was celebrated on Friday, February 10th, by ringing at intervals during the day, when the local band succeeded in ringing 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. In the evening another 720 was rung in 27 mins.

At the close of the ringing the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Rutter), attended, and was asked by Mr. Elliott on behalf of the ringers who had the honour of opening the bells last year, to hang in the belfry a beautifully illuminated and framed record of the peals rung on that occasion, viz., Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob, which had been designed and executed by Mr. A. Hunt, organist of the church. The Vicar said he had much pleasure in accepting the record as desired, and while feeling very grateful to those gentlemen who took part in the peals on the opening day a year ago, he said they all ought to feel still more grateful that they had now got a band of their own ringers who had mustered a 720, so that in the future they would not be dependent on outside help when they wanted their bells rung. He thought what had been accomplished on the bells that afternoon reflected much credit both on the young band and their conductor, Mr. N. Hawkins, and suggested that they also should have a record placed in the belfry in commemoration of the first 720 rung by the Haverhill ringers. The Union Jack was hoisted on the steeple in honour of the occasion.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 1st, the annual meeting of the above was held at Reading. During the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted on the bells of St. Laurence's church, under the conductorship of Mr. C. Giles, which came to an untimely end after an hour's good ringing. At 6.30 a short service was held in the same church, and an address was given by the curate (Rev. H. W. Sedgwick). At 7.30 about fifty members sat down to a capital supper in the Old Abbey Restaurant. The company included among others the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (General Hon. Secretary); A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary); A. W. H. Osborne (Branch Hon. Secretary); W. Newell, J. Swain, E. Hughes, H. Goodger, T. Neville, W. Ford, T. Yeo, W. P. Routh, Esq., J. E. Hern, A. W. Pike, etc., and ringers from all the towers in the branch. Supper over, the business and smoker commenced, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting, together with the branch secretary's balance-sheet for 1904, were duly read and passed. J. M. Routh, Esq. was again elected chairman of the branch for the ensuing year. Mr. A. W. Osborne was also elected as branch hon. sec. and treasurer.

Mr. H. Goodger (Tilehurst), proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Guild, which was carried. Messrs. Glanville, Dowsett, Chapman, and J. M. Routh, Esq., were elected to serve on the General Committee of the Guild.

Business concluded, the chairman gave the toasts of "The King" and "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," which was duly honoured. A tune on the handbells by the St.

Laurence's company started the musical programme of the evening. Between whiles the Rev. R. Hart-Davis gave some interesting remarks regarding the finances, number of members, etc., and peals rung during 1904, the lion's share falling again to the Master, who unfortunately has sprained his left wrist, or he would have been among them that evening.

The rest of the time was taken up with songs, tune-playing and banjo solos, and another very successful meeting was brought to a close by the singing of Auld lang syne.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

An interesting event took place in the tower of St. Giles's church, Northampton, on Monday, February 20th, when a tablet recording three peals rang last year was unveiled by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Chadwick. The ringers and friends (including Mr. J. George, of Rugby), were met in the belfry by the Vicar, and after two courses of Bob Major had been rung, Mr. F. Wilford asked the Vicar to unveil and accept the peal-board, and describing the nature of the peals recorded thereon, the first of which was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first peal in the method ever rung in the town by a local band; the second peal was one of Stedman Caters, rung by a mixed band; the third another peal of Double Norwich.

The Vicar then unveiled the tablet, which was most artistically written with pure gold leaf on a black ground. The work of making the board was entrusted to Mr. W. Roberts, one of the local ringers, who very generously gave his services and material free, the writing and gilding being paid for by subscription, which were very generously given by the Vicar, churchwardens, ringers and friends. In the course of a few well chosen remarks the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening to perform the ceremony of unveiling a tablet recording peals rung in that tower by the ringers and their friends.

Mr. J. George congratulated Mr. Wilford and the Northampton ringers on the progress they had made during the last few years, remarking that if they would hold together great things could be accomplished by them.

Afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung.

Mr. F. Hopper proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and subscribers, and a very pleasant evening terminated shortly after 9 o'clock.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, in fourteen methods, and published in our last issue, the 360 of Double Oxford was unfortunately left out.

A few reports of peals are unavoidably held over till next week.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Farnham on Saturday, February 11th. By kind permission of the Bishop a party of members were shown over the grounds, gardens, old keep of the castle, etc., by the Rev. G. Ranking, curate of Farnham. Tea was held held at Darracott's Restaurant, the rev. gentleman occupying the chair. In welcoming the members to Farnham, he explained that the Rector was unavoidably absent, and the Rev. W. H. Abbott, senior curate, would not be back till later. It was the first ringing meeting he had attended, and he was struck with their enthusiasm, that he intended to become a member if they would have him—not as an ornamental or honorary one—but as a working member, as he was going to try and master the intricacies of change-ringing.

This announcement was received with applause, and the rev. gentleman was afterwarde elected with thirteen other candidates. Clerical duties then compelled the chairman to vacate that post, and Mr. J. Hunt was elected Peal Secretary—Mr. A. Pullen—and an instructor. The other business included a report from the tition to the District Secretary—Mr. Jones—to ascertain the number of members likely to attend a dinner to be held at Guildford annual meeting.

During the afternoon and evening the beautiful peal were kept going in various methods, from a few plain (very) courses of rounds to Superlative Surprise Major, in order that all should have a pull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held on November 26th at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was unsuccessful after an hour's ringing. An adjournment was then made to the meeting house, where a good assembly of ringers were present. The business meeting was held about 7.30 p.m., Mr. T. Maude in the chair, and Mr. C. Jackson in the vice-chair, with upwards of thirty members present representing the following towers: Burley, Bramley, Bolton, Bradford, Doncaster, Holbeck, Headingley, Huddersfield, Aldmondbury, Drighlington, Pudsey, Leeds, Hull, and the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting at Holbeck were passed as read. One new member was elected. Other important business having been brought before the meeting, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements was proposed by W. J. Woodhead, seconded by P. Johnson, and unanimously carried. Mr. G. Barraclough briefly responded on behalf of the local company.

The tower was again visited, when touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were rung.

Various methods on handbells were also rung at the meeting-house, finally bringing a successful meeting to a conclusion.

FESTIVITY.

On Monday, February 27th, the members and friends of St. Mary's tower, Woodbridge, both chimers and ringers, met at the rectory at the kind invitation of the Rev. R. Denman-Dean. Grace having been said by the

rev. gentleman, "go" was called, and at once the knives and forks were rattling away to the tune of salt beef. The spread was deemed by all to be excellent, a joke here and a glass there taking the place of bobs and singles, and the feed was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 5 mins. Following this, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus were tapped upon the handbells, interspersed with songs by the Rector, G. Pulford, G. Cotton, H. Hawes, C. Cutting and the veteran of the tower, Fred Daines, who has completed his 51st year as a chimera. Uncle David and Harness Maker Terry kept all lively, and the hour of 11.30 arrived all too soon, and the company broke up after they had given the Rector "For he's a jolly good fellow," and many thanks for his kind hospitality. Mrs. Denman-Dean ably accompanied on the piano.

CHURCH OF DISAGREEMENT.

The church at Purton in Wiltshire, which is not very far from Swindon, possesses both a tower and a spire. There are only three buildings of a similar kind in the kingdom. The legend concerning it—for of course there is a legend to account for this peculiarity—is to the effect that two sisters built the church, and could not decide whether to erect a tower or a spire, so each pleased herself, with the result that both were built. The tower is at the west end of the building, and the spire at the junction of the nave and chancel.

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."

CIRCUMAGERE—PULSARE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell's query as to the use of these words to denote "ringing" and "chiming," the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, in his book on the Bells of Exeter Cathedral, quotes an extract from an old document, relating to a large bell in the north tower, which says—"Non potest pulsari eamque ob causam duplicem habet rotam funesque binas quarum ope circumgatur."

J. R. JERRAM.

Lines on the disused chimes of St. Thomas's, Salisbury, in which the verbs "pulsare," "plangere," and "circumagere" are used to denote "chiming," "tolling," and "ringing" respectively. Not to be taken as an example of ancient usage, however:—

Cam-pa-nas mos so-na-re est
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Ad pre-ces hœ pul-sa-tœ sunt
1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8
Pro mor-te u-na planc-ta est
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8
In fes-tis cir-cum-ac-tœ sunt
6 5 3 7 2 1 4 8

THE RECENT ACCIDENT AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

SIR,—I was much interested to read the letter that appeared in your issue of February 11th under the above heading. It has struck me more than once that an appliance to "lock" bells when set would be a very great advantage, and considering the inventive talent that undoubtedly exists among the members of the Exercise, could be easily devised. That there should be this additional security in moving about "set" bells is perhaps more of a necessity now than it was in the past, when we take into consideration the very narrow and awkward foothold afforded by an iron frame compared with the old broad oak beams. Possibly there may be an objection to any such appliance, and the man among the bells might become less careful owing to the sense of this additional security, and therefore a careless omission to use the lock might lead to a disaster.

I do not know though that this objection would be worth very much. Being, comparatively speaking, young in the ringing world, I am not aware whether the subject has come before the Exercise previously, but if it has not, I would beg to suggest that the Central Council appoint a committee to inspect Mr. Groves's appliance, and any other similar invention, and after thoroughly investigating the question, to report thereon.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

THE PEAL OF STEDMAN AT BROXBORNE.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent re the peal of Stedman Triples conducted by me at Broxbourne, I have to say that the striking of the peal was clear and regular until some twelve courses before the finish, when a high official of the church appeared behind the glass screen separating the belfry from the church, beckoning and gesticulating in order to stop the ringing. Consequently one or two of the ringers became momentarily inattentive, and the regularity of the striking was for the time impaired, while no bell deviated from its proper work, and there certainly was not any firing during the peal. I have not the pleasure of your correspondent's acquaintance, and therefore cannot estimate the value of his opinion on the matter, but can only express my own that the peal ought to be recorded, as such.

F. E. ROBINSON.

REPLY TO MESSRS. WILLIAMS AND FUSSELL.

SIR,—I see in your issue of the 18th ult. that Messrs. Fussell and Williams claim the record on the ground that my band consisted of nine men. The fact of the matter is, we were seven all told, all London Surprise men, and we had to get a local man to ring the treble at each place. I am sure every one who possesses any common sense at all will admit that the treble-man does not ring London Surprise, but simply hunts the treble to it. So I consider we have more claim on the record than they have, as they had eight inside men in their peals. I may say that when I wrote first I thought the Warnham band were unaware that it had been done before, I never thought for a moment that the band were mean enough to try and snatch records from men who have justly earned them. Such meanness the average schoolboy would not adopt, and I must say that I am surprised at men doing it who are credited with hundreds of peals.

W. PYE.

Date Touches.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY (Hunts).—On Wednesday, February 22nd, a date touch off Minor, being 465 Plain Bob, 720 College Single, and 700 Oxford Bob. G. W. Sanders, O. G. Howe, H. R. Markwell, F. J. Basham, J. W. Chapman, W. J. Goss conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. F. R. Serjeant who was interred on that date.

Miscellaneous.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HALSALL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St Cuthbert's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. W. Bentham, Jas. Pilkington, W. Huyton, E. Counce. W. Fairclough, J. Watts conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On October 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Buckles, A. Smith, S. Featherstone, C. Green conductor. 240 Bob Minor. G. Biggs, H. Beardwell, F. Smith, E. Smith, H. Creek, S. Featherstone conductor. Another 240 of Bob Minor. G. Biggs, H. Beardwell, A. Smith, E. Smith, F. Smith, C. Green conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Featherstone.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Buckles, A. Smith, F. Smith, E. Smith, S. Featherstone, C. Green conductor.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival at All Saints church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Parker's twelve-part in 46 mins. W. Praill, W. Newman, A. Whight, H. Richel, B. S. Thompson, H. W. Kirton conductor, H. F. Cowper, R. H. Rolfe.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEDNESBURY.—On Wednesday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Wallater, J. Cooper, T. Cattell, J. Tyler, A. Plant, H. Belcher conductor, E. J. Tyler, A. Harber. On Thursday, November 10th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Plant, J. Cooper, B. Horton, A. Wallater, J. Tyler, G. Newbold, E. J. Tyler conductor, A. H. Harber. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 50 mins. H. Tinsley, C. Wallater, W. E. Brittan, J. Bates, E. J. Tyler, G. Hughes conductor, W. Smith, J. Lawton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On December 24th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. F. Hoar, E. Jacobs, W. Cooper, G. Laishley, W. Linter, A. Millard conductor. On Christmas Day for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hoar, E. Jacobs, W. Cooper, G. Laishley, A. Millard, W. Linter conductor. On Wednesday, December 28th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. F. Hoar, E. Jacobs, E. Jacobs, sen., G. Laishley, A. Millard, W. Linter conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM.—On Saturday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. J. Tullet, W. Easter, S. Peacock, C. Wmser, W. H. B. Wilkins, A. Osborne, W. Haigh conductor, A. Figgess.

Muffled Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, February 26th, after Divine Service at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Millis conductor, J. Morris, C. H. Fowler, G. Burrows, J. Buttery, W. Willson. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Stephen Cooper, for forty-five years a ringer at this church.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the usual practice on March 1st, the whole pull and stand funeral peal was rung on the twelve bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. C. Jackson, whose exceptional ability in mastering the intricacies of change-ringing will be ever admired by all who knew him. E. Horrex, F. M. Butler, C. S. Burden, Albert Coles, H. R. Pasmore, W. D. Smith, M. A. Wood, A. Coles, E. P. O'Meara, J. H. B. Hesse, S. E. Joyce, W. T. Cockerill.

READING.—On Tuesday, February 14th, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Ford, the ringers of St. Laurence's tower rang with the bells half-muffled several touches of Grandsire Caters; the longest being 1025, which was well struck, in 40 mins., conducted by H. Runham. Mr. John Ford was a member of the band who, in 1869, under Mr. Newell's initiative, re-introduced change-ringing into Reading after a lapse of 150 years. Subsequently he was appointed steeplekeeper and captain of the ringers at Sonning, was a member of the choir, and had the management of the village club house. About three years ago he moved to Twyford. Last spring he had an attack of diphtheria, which his wife also contracted, and to which she succumbed after five days' illness. Mr. Ford never completely recovered his health, and passed away at his residence in Reading on February 9th, at the age of 62 years. The interment took place on Monday, February 13th, at Sonning. He was much loved and respected by all who knew him.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 7th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, March 15, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 9th and 23rd. Business meeting after St. Michael's. All members are requested to attend the meeting at headquarters on Wed., March 15th, when the Rule VII. Committee's Report will be presented.

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

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will take place on to-day, Saturday, March 4th, at Ye Olde Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq. will occupy the chair.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grassendale to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the parish hall, by invitation of Rev. C. W. P. Crawford.

G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend to-day, Sat., March 4th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Aylesford to-day, Sat., March 4th. Tea at The George. Owing to the extra cost of same 6d. each will be charged. Half-travelling expenses will be paid not exceeding 1s. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid to me before or at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Dis. Sec.*

Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Staindrop to-day, Saturday, March 4th. The parish church bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Gainford bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting in vestry at 4.30. Tea in Scarth Memorial Hall at 5. 1s. to members.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Drayton to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting at 4.45 p.m. Cheap tickets can be had by 2.15 train from Shrewsbury.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 6 p.m. at Working Men's Club.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 till 9. Tea provided by the kindness of the Dean and churchwardens.

SYDNEY SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary, to-day, Saturday, Mar. 4th. Bells available all day. Service in the parish church at 4 o'clock p.m. Tea at the Boys' School at 5 o'clock p.m. Business meeting following.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The next monthly combined practice will be held at Aldermaston to-day, Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m.

ARTHUR STANDIDGE.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills to-day, Saturday, Mar. 4th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Excursion tickets are issued every Saturday at Manchester, L.R., (G.C.) 2.25, and Stockport, T.D., 2.32.

ARTHUR T. BEESTON, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stone to-day, Saturday, March 4th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association. Canterbury District. A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich to-day, Sat. March 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton to-day, Saturday, March 4th. The towers of Sturminster, Marham, Haselbury, Bryan, will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting 3.45. Tea provided at 5 in all three parishes.

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, March 11th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. F. St. John Corbett. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m., and evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m. If a sufficient number of members notify their intention of being present, arrangements will be made for a plain tea on the usual terms at 6 p.m. It would save the Hon. Sec. some trouble if the subscriptions now due could be sent in earlier than has been customary.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Earlsheaton on Saturday, March 11th. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted during the afternoon, the meeting to commence as near 6 o'clock as possible, the meeting to be held at The Park hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, March 11th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 7d. a head. Members will oblige by informing me if they intend to be present.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Compositions.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By E. A. RIDGWAY, *Leek.*

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A DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. FISHER, *Farnborough, Hants.*

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FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, February 8th, was rung a muffled peal on the occasion of the interment of Mrs. Crosse (wife of the Rector), a memorial service having previously been held in the parish church that day, Mrs. Crosse having died at Southsea on February 4th. Fincham not possessing a company, the Shouldham ringers, quite young fellows, were asked, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob (with bells half-muffled), which was heard for miles around, sounding sweetly, though mournfully, in the stillness of the evening.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1905.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes:

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Treble.	H. MANCE 5.
E. CASSELL 2.	E. YOUNG 6.
W. DEAN 3.	O. J. BAKER 7.
G. LANGFORD 4.	W. STONEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK RICHARDSON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH ..Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	MARK WOODCOCK 6.
FRANK SMITH 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDSTenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

I. G. SHADETreble.	BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM .. 5.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 2.	HARRY HOSKINS 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM BERRYTenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE ..Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
JOHN T. LAMB 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM CROCKFORD 3.	JOHN GOLDING 7.
FREDERICK PERRIN 4.	ARTHUR N. HADYTenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

HENRY W. WILKES.. ..Treble.	*FRANK SCEVINGTON 5.
C. ST. GEORGE COURFIELD .. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
C. CAREW COX*.. .. 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 4.	THOMAS TINKLERTenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

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

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT† .. 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—W. J. Nudds and A. T. King. †First peal of caters on handbells.

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MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT, BOWDEN AND MOTTRAM BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAMTreble	FRANK HALL 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	JOHN J. PEMBERTON.. .. 6.
JOSEPH GODDARD* 3.	*SAMUEL HULME.. .. 7.
ROBERT WALKER† 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

*First peal in any method. †First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. COXTreble.	W. VEALE 5.
T. MANSFIELD 2.	A. SMITH 6.
F. BRINT 3.	S. KNIGHT 7.
A. MANSFIELD 4.	W. TOWNSENDTenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and
Conducted by T. MANSFIELD.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 12, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMANTreble.	CHARLES SMART 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
ALBERT FEIST 3.	JOHN COOK 7.
FREDERICK TULLETT† .. 4.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

†First peal of Major, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Short and Williams.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN SHERLOCKTreble.	STEPHEN KENWARD 3.
ARTHUR WISDOM* 2.	JOSEPH KENWARD 4.
ALBERT SONGHURST ..Tenor.	

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRID J. MOSSTreble.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 5.
A. EDWARD WREAKS 2.	RICHARD NEWTON 6.
WALTER C. HUNT 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH GREGORYTenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of R. Newton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also his first peal in the method with a bob bell.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT HEASMAN* Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
SAMUEL BURT* 2.	*ALBERT GODDARD 6.
GEORGE PAYNE 3.	*WILLIAM MARKWELL 7.
ALBERT E. LISH* 4.	LAZARUS PAYNE Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal in the method.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN MORLEY Treble.	*CHARLES MORLEY 5.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD 2.	†ARTHUR LATHAM 6.
ALBERT MILLER 3.	GEORGE WOODS 7.
EDWARD SMITH 4.	HARRY ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

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

MOSELEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 22 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	SAMUEL GROVES 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
ALF PADDON SMITH 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which are made of cast steel.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT)

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt. 14 lbs.

EDWIN MUNDY* Treble.	*ALBERT MARKS 4.
CHARLES FRAY* 2.	†WILLIAM H. GEORGE 5.
WILLIAM ROWE, JUN. 3.	†WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and by the district.

NORTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN T. HOGG Treble.	*FRANK JOHNSON 6.
ANDREW TULLY† 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 7.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE 3.	JOEL HERN 8.
ALFRED F. HILLIER† 4.	EDWARD A. HERN 9.
ROBERT M. HOGG 5.	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by E. A. HERN.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Oxford Royal. The conductor is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hern, and this is the first he has called. Quickest peal on the ten bells.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS SPOKES* Treble	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 5.
THOMAS NEVILLE 2.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
WILLIAM P. ROUTH, ESQ. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	*ALLAN PYE Tenor.

Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

Rung after the Confirmation Service, which was held in the above church by the Bishop of Reading. *First peal.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	FRANK YORK 4.
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES 5.
FREDK. WELLS 3.	WILLIAM NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Colonel Shuttleworth, donor of the bells, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 2.	†JOHN CLARK 7.
ALGERNON LEWTON 3.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 8.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	HENRY HOWELL 9.
SAMUEL PHILIPS 5.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

†First peal of Stedman Caters. It was intended to have started for Stedman Triples at All Saints, but Messrs. Short and Clark came on a visit to Bristol, and at very short notice the use of Christ Church bells were obtained with the above result.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

RICHARD WHITE Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. G. H. RIDOUT 4.	E. BANNISTER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Sacristan.

GREAT TOTHAM.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANK NEWMAN* Treble.	PERCY SAYERS 4.
BRYCE COTTIS* 2.	*FRED CHALK 5.
HARRY BROWN 3.	†ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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

On Friday, February 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE H. CARTER.

†First peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to A. Lawrence who is leaving the village.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ 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 W. H. NEWELL.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER 5.
WILLIAM BUTLER 2.	THOMAS BETTISON 6.
JAMES THOMPSON 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HOPTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

SOLOMON MOULE Treble.	JAMES BENNETT 4.
WALTER BLOOMFIELD .. 2.	WILLIAM BASON, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES BASON 3.	WILLIAM BASON, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BASON, JUN.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOT† Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	RICHARD HEALD 6.
JOSEPH MOSCROP 3.	THOMAS PEERS 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

†First peal.

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EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. in F.

WALTER E. KING Treble.	JESSE WALKER 5.
FREDERICK H. PASKINS .. 2.	JAMES ELCOMBE 6.
ALBERT E. PASKINS 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4.	†FRANK HAND Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. H. Paskins. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Bourdillion, for his hospitality after the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX* Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	†EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

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

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

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 5.
JOSIAH MORRIS 2.	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Stephen Cooper, for twenty-two years President of the Leicester change-ringers. R.I.P.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.
On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	*ALFRED DAVIES 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY† 2.	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6.
WILLIAM HINTON* 3.	HORACE SMITH 7.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

†First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob Major by an entirely local band.

ALDERMASTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES MOULDEN Treble.	ARTHUR FRANKUM 5.
WILLIAM RUNHAM 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
HERBERT FRANKUM 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	G. W. T. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR:

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

G. ORFORD Treble.	W. A. ARNOTT 4.
R. SPALDING 2.	D. HAYWARD 5.
H. D. ARNOTT 3.	E. R. TODD Tenor.

Conducted by G. ORFORD.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY 7.
FREDERICK PALMER 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Houghton.

REDHILL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER† .. Treble.	HENRY REEVES 5.
ALBERT E. BARROW 2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 3.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON 7.
HENRY RICHARDSON 4.	HENRY EDWARDS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

†First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY Treble.	E. CONOR O'BRIEN 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3.	ERNEST ALLEN 8.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9.
JOHN J. JONES 5.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Royal by 1, 2, 3 and 7, and first of Bob Royal by remainder except 9th. First of Bob Royal on the bells, and first peal on ten bells as conductor. It is also the first peal of Royal rang by a band residing in the Diocese.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	BRAILSFORD C. HANDBY 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD† 2.	†WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7.
PERCIVAL PRICE† 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

†First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5130 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR BUTLER Treble.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	CHARLES HART 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY 3.	JOHN FLOWER 8.
FREDK. HICKLING 4.	WALTER WALLACE 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	EDMUND WILLIS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM WATKINS 4.
HENRY BOOTH 2.	FRANK A. OAKLEY 5.
WILLIAM OAKLEY 3.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently, 6-8 covering.

Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lbs.

STANLEY GREEN* Treble.	CORBET J. ARKELL 5.
CECIL LOYDE 2.	*FRED WILLIAMS 6.
FRED HATHAWAY 3.	WALTER LARGE 7.
TOM WILLIAMS 4.	*ERNEST ARKELL Tenor.

Conducted W. LARGE.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2.	WILLIAM HEWITE 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	FRANK A. SMITH 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	HENRY R. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALF. PADDON SMITH Treble.	*EDMUND J. HYLAND.. .. 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL 8.
FRANK FAY 3.	THOMAS MILLER 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	JOHN NEAL 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11.
CHARLES DICKENS 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This composition, now rung for the first time has the 5th seventeen times right, and the 6th six times behind the 7th in the titum position; also the 6th fifteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES HARFFEY Treble.	ERNEST GOWER.. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER.. .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
FREDK. W. HARDING 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 7.
ARTHUR MILES 4.	CHARLES CRUNDEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the esteemed Vicar of Christ Church, Rev. Alfred Allen, B.D., to Miss Mary Longcroft Rich, daughter of Mrs. Mortlock, of Eastbourne, and the late Rev. C. F. Rich, M.A., Vicar of Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambs.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN Treble.	WILLIAM SOMERVILLE 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	ROBERT BRETT 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	GEORGE DUELING 7.
GEORGE H. KITE* 4.	THOMAS GROOME-BIDGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Sommerville and Kite were elected members of the Association before starting. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Spice, who is leaving the district for Tunstall, Kent.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS TOWNSEND Treble.	WILLIAM S. LETHERIDGE 5.
RICHARD HAMILTON 2.	WILLIAM BOUNDY 6.
WILLIAM YOULDEN 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 7.
THOMAS LAVER 4.	EDMUND SARGENT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LAVER.

First peal as conductor. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. E. Sargent, who took a vacant rope at the last moment. All the above are College Youths.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WEDGEWOOD Treble.	WILLIAM RUDD 5.
WILLIAM J. TITCHENER 2.	JOHN W. PASSMAN 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
WILLIAM POLLARD 4.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE Tenor.

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth year's incumbency of this church by the Rev. I. K. Bealey.

THE ALL SAINTS (POPLAR) GUILD.

Through the kind hospitality of the Rector of Poplar, Rev. H. Mosley, the local ringers of All Saints, Poplar, were entertained to a substantial hot supper in the rectory on February 18th. There was an excellent spread, and it need hardly be added that full justice was done to the good things provided. On the cloth being removed, preparations were made for a musical evening. After several songs had been rendered by members of the company, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were tapped off in good style by Messrs. Bird, Cranfield, Richards and Taylor. As on most of these occasions, "time flies," and 11.45 came all too quickly, and after "Auld lang syne" the company dispersed pleased with themselves and everybody else.

W. H. P.

Obituary.

JOHN FORD.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Reading on Friday, February 10th. Having been born at Sonning, the deceased commenced ringing at that village, eventually becoming leader, in which capacity he was for 25 years, but owing to ill health removed to Twyford, and a few months since to Reading. Though a change-ringer, and belonging to the Oxford Guild, he only rang in one peal—Grandsire Triples. Deceased was 62 years of age. He was laid to rest on Monday, the 13th ult., at his native village (Sonning), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Hon. Sec. of the Oxford Guild, taking the service. In the evening the ringers met at Sonning, and rang with the bells half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of A. E. Reeves.

"Ringing the Changes" on OXO.

The following letter from the holders of the world's record will doubtless interest all who value stamina:—

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W. WILLSON.

(Midland Counties Association of Bellringers.)

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THE LATE MR. J. C. JACKSON.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. C. Jackson took place on Friday, February 24th. The cortege left Tabor Grove at 2.30 p.m. and proceeded by way of Merton Park Station to St. Mary's, Merton, where it was met by a number of friends who had known deceased. The mourners included the widow, who was supported by her father, Mr. Palmer, of Starston, Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jackson, parents of deceased, and other relatives, Mr. H. A. Mayes, a brother Mason, Mr. B. R. Tucker, of the Society of Architects, and ringing societies were represented by Mr. E. P. O'Meara (St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. H. R. Newton (St. Stephen's, Rochester Row), Messrs. T. Elson and J. W. Driver (Fulham), Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (Kingston), Messrs. Bance, Drewett, Fayers and Lambert (Mitcham), Messrs. Anscomb and Last (Ashted), Mr. H. Bryant (Sutton), Mr. A. Gower (Epsom) Mr. C. Dean (the Surrey Association), and many others. The burial service was very impressively said by the Vicar of the parish, and at its conclusion Messrs. H. Last, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; J. W. Driver, 5-6; J. H. B. Hesse, 7-8, rang two separate courses of

Grandsire Triples. The floral tributes, which were very beautiful, included two from ringers, one being from the Fulham Society, and the other, which took the form of a church bell, being inscribed "With deep sympathy from many bellringing colleagues."

In the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung in 25 mins., at the parish church, Wimbledon, with the bells half-muffled, by J. Fayers, H. Last, E. P. O'Meara, C. Dean, C. Bance, S. Frost, who conducted, and at All Saints, Kingston, with the bells deeply muffled, 798 Grandsire Triples. A. Strutt, J. Wright, A. Strutt, J. S. Strutt, E. Humfrey, J. Strutt, J. Howes, J. H. B. Hesse. And 336 Stedman Triples. J. Fayers, H. Last, J. Strutt, C. Dean, E. Humfrey, E. P. O'Meara, J. Howes, G. Strutt. Both conducted by J. Howes.

On the following Sunday, in the morning sermon, the Vicar at St. Mary's, Merton, dwelt on the sad calamity which had taken place, and after the service, at the desire of the family, C. F. Winny, T. Taffender, J. Golding, and J. H. B. Hesse rang over the grave nine whole pulls three times over with a pause between each in rounds, and then a plain course of Stedman Triples.

In the evening, at Mitcham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by W. S. Smith, J. Drewett, D. W. Drewett, J. A. Lambert, conductor, C. Dean, W. Calver, C. Bance, J. Fayers.

Mrs. Jackson desires, through the medium of this paper, to thank those ringers who have so kindly written her, and to express her regret that she is unable to reply to each individually.

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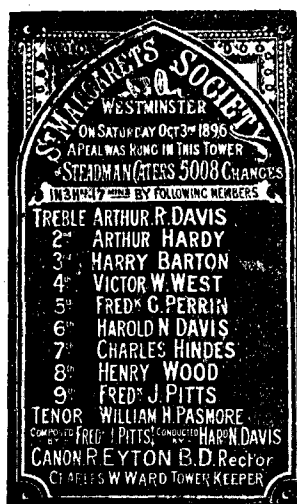
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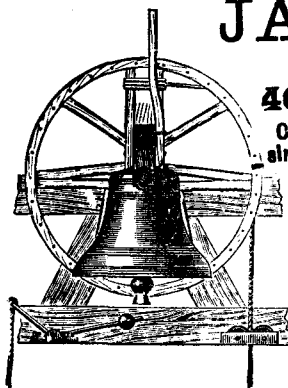
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