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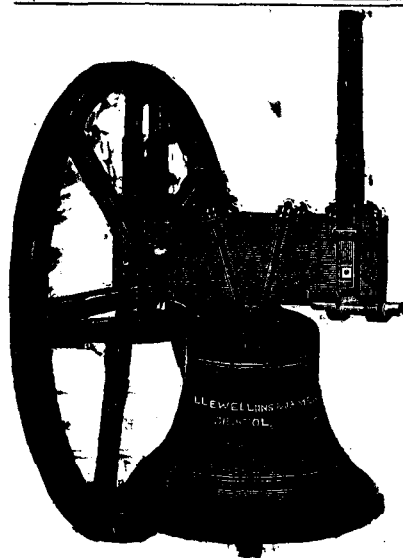
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WALDRON (Sussex). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

WALKDEN (Lancashire). St. Paul. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Warner, the two trebles 1898, the rest 1876. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1898. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman, Darlaston Bob, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WALMER (Kent). St. Mary. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1893. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes new 1893 good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

WALSALL (Staffordshire). St. Matthew. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ten bells; the two trebles by Taylor 1863, the rest by Rudhall 1795. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1892. Ropes new 1892, fair. Methods: "Standard." Occasional Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 8.15.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### (TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The Annual Meeting of this district was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 18th, and was attended by over sixty members, nearly all the towers in the district being represented. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock. The committee meeting was held at 4.30, when twenty-six new practising members and probationers were elected, including the band at Hawkhurst, as well as an hon. member and a new life member, and the places for the meetings for the ensuing year were discussed.

At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by host Bavey at The Castle inn. Owing to illness, the Rector was unable to be present, but the chair

was occupied by the Rev. A. Gatehouse (curate), supported by M. A. Streatfield, Esq., and Mr. John Chantler (churchwardens). The chairman on being introduced by the District Secretary, extended a hearty welcome to the members, and expressed the regret of the Rector at being unable to be with them.

At the conclusion of the repast the usual business was transacted. The annual report for the past year shewed that two bands had rejoined, twenty-eight practising members and probationers, and two new hon. members had been elected. The district consisted of twelve towers in union, 116 practising members, and eighteen hon. members. Four district meetings were held, viz., at Cranbrook, Edenbridge, Speldhurst and Shipbourne, and were very well attended; at the last two mentioned places the members were very kindly entertained to tea.

The bells at Hawkhurst had been rehung, etc., and were now in good going order, and the District Secretary said that he attended a meeting of the ringers, clergy and churchwardens of that church on January 30th, when he explained to them the objects of the Association, with the result that the band had joined, and the Vicar had intimated his intention of becoming an hon. member, and the band wished to be provided with an Instructor after Easter. In conclusion the District Secretary desired to return his sincere thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local secretaries for their kind assistance in making arrangements for the meetings. He mentioned that at all the meetings the clergy had been present and welcomed the members, inviting them to come again.

Mr. W. Latter and Mr. D. Wright were elected to the respective offices of District Secretary and Representative, with the thanks of the members for past services. Both briefly returned thanks for the renewed confidence of the members. It was decided that the meetings for the year should be held at Westerham, Speldhurst, Hadlow or Tunbridge Wells, and the annual meeting at Tonbridge, the various dates to be left to the District Secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary mentioned the condition of the Hadlow bells, which were unringable, owing to the dangerous state of the frame and timbers. He said a local committee had been formed, a report and estimates had been obtained from Mears and Stainbank, and an appeal had been issued for funds to carry out the necessary repairs. It being a purely agricultural parish, there would no doubt be some difficulty in raising the necessary amount. The Central Committee of the Association had granted three guineas towards the fund, and if any of the members felt disposed to assist this object, he should be pleased to receive, acknowledge and forward to the proper quarter any donations, and he could assure them that any sum however small would be thankfully received and greatly appreciated, and it would also show that they as ringers were willing not only to ring bells which were in good order, but were also willing to assist to restore bells when they fell into decay.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to

the Rev. A. Gatehouse for presiding, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to Mr. G. Edwards for making the arrangements, were unanimously passed, and which were suitably responded to, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, and the members dispersed to the tower where the bells were kept going in various methods until past nine o'clock.

### THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock. A service was held in the church at five o'clock. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar), and a very interesting address was given on bells by the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar of Netherton, describing the weight of the largest bells in England, on the Continent, and in other parts of the world, the inscriptions on some of them, translating their meaning; also the uses to which bells have been put in different places at different periods of time, contrasting the mode of ringing bells by swinging them in this country, the home of bellringing, with the methods of striking them at rest in other parts of Europe. The rev. gentleman brought his discourse to a close by impressing upon his hearers the sacredness of the office they held, and the dignity of performing the duties attached thereto to the best of their ability.

At the close of the service the members numbering upwards of fifty, adjourned to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea awaited them, provided by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Jenkins, wives of the present churchwardens. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland and Mrs. Clarke presided at the tables, while the wives of St. Thomas's ringers were busy attending to the wants of all present.

After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donors, to Mrs. Maitland for her presence, to the ladies who had assisted in making all happy, to Mr. Marriott for the address, and Mr. North for presiding at the organ, on the proposition of the Vicar, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, and supported by Mr. H. Mason. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar in the chair, the whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.: President—Rev. A. Gray Maitland; Vice-President—Rev. S. J. Marriott; Ringing-Master—Mr. S. Spittle; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. Micklewright; Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Small. Several new members were elected. Financially the Guild is prospering, as the balance-sheet showed a good surplus in the Treasurer's hands.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

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On the motion of Mr. J. E. Clarke, seconded by Mr. C. H. Fowler, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, and the rest of the evening was given up to harmony and ringing. J. M.

### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Thursday, February 9th, the members of the St. Peter's society held their fourth annual dinner, and the member's wives and friends to the number of thirty-four, sat down to an excellent repast at The Prince of Wales. The Vicar and Mrs. Cleaver were present, to the gratification of all, but unfortunately could not spend the whole of the evening with them owing to other engagements. The tables were tastefully laid by host and hostess Relf. After the tables were cleared, pipes and tobacco were allowed by the ladies present, and harmony reigned, interspersed by toasts and speeches.

The Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver before leaving said a few words expressing his pleasure at meeting his ringers and their wives again, and gave a hearty welcome to their friends and members from Shiplake, they having arrived early in the afternoon and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples which unfortunately came to grief. The bells were kept going till about seven o'clock to touches of Grandsire Triples. After dinner songs were sung by several members of the home and Shiplake bands, and a few tunes were played on the handbells by the Caversham handbell ringers, which were as usual greatly appreciated by all.

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

OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—I see that in "An account of Church Bells" published by the late Rev. William C. Lukis in 1857, a list of works on Bells, compiled by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, is given on pp. 58-61. As this book has now been out of print many years, it may be of interest to reprint a portion of Mr. Ellacombe's list, which refers to the above subject, and is as follows:—

- "Tintinnalogia or the Art of Ringing Improved," by T. W(hite), 1668, 18 mo.
- "Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing Improved," 1677, 18 mo. (This was by Fabian Stedman.)
- "Campanologia Improved," by J. D. and C. M., London Scholars, 18 mo., 1702.
- Ditto second edition, 12 mo., 1705.
- Ditto third edition, 12 mo., 1733.
- Ditto fourth edition, 12 mo., 1753.
- Ditto fifth edition, corrected by J. Monk, 18 mo., 1766.
- "The School of Recreation, or Gentleman's Tutor in various exercises, one of which is Ringing," 1684.
- "Campanologia, a Poem in praise of Ringing," by the author of the Shrubs of Parnassus. London, 1761, folio.
- "Clavis Campanologia," by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 1788. (Reprinted in 1796 and 1800.)
- "The Ringer's True Guide," by S. Beaufoy, 1804, 12 mo.
- "The Campanologia, or Universal Instructor in the Art of Ringing," by Wm. Shipway, 1816, 12 mo.
- "Elements of Campanologia," by H. Hubbard, 1845-1854, 12 mo.
- "The Bell: its origin, history and uses," by Rev. A. Gatty, 12 mo., 1847 and 1848.
- Blunt's "Use and Abuse of Church Bells," 1846, 8 vo.
- Ellacombe's "Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers," 1850, 8 mo.
- Ellacombe's "Papers on Bells," with Illustrations, in the Report of the Bristol Architectural Society, 1850.
- Croome's "Few Words on Bells and Bell Ringing," 1851, 8 vo.
- Woolf's "Address on the Science of Campanology," tract, 1857.
- "Plain Hints to Bell Ringers," No. 47 of Parochial Tracts, 1852.
- "The Art of Change-Ringing," by B. Thackrah, 1852, 12 mo.
- Quarterly Review: Article on "Church Bells," September, 1854.
- "The Legend of the Limerick Bell Founder," published in the Dublin University Magazine, September, 1847.
- "The Bells," by Schiller.
- The Osborn mss. on the subject among the Additional mss. in the British Museum, Nos. 19, 368 and 19, 373.
- Miller's Church Bells: "Words to Ringers," 1845, 12 mo.
- Orders of the Company of Ringers of Cheapside, etc., from February 2, 1603. MS. CXIX. in library of All Souls College, Oxford.
- Then follow the names of four Latin works and references to various articles on Bells, Bell Founding, etc., of modern date.

The first work named in this list is credited to T. White, from which it would appear that two books with similar titles were published in 1668, i.e. "Tintinnalogia; or the Art of Ringing," (reprinted from an original copy in Mr. Lukis's possession at "THE BELL NEWS" office in 1895), and "Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved," by T. W(hite). This latter appears to be the book referred to by Mr. Forse in your issue of Jan. 21st. Whether they were rival productions, or whether White's was an "improved" edition of Stedman's, published a few months afterwards, or whether they were original works, or both founded upon some earlier one now lost, I must leave to others more competent than myself to decide; but it is a question worth considering, and solving if possible. The size of Mr. Tucker's imperfect book may be some guide to him in determining which edition of the London Scholars' book it is, the first and last being 18mo., and the other three 12mo. It was the fifth edition that was reprinted at "THE BELL NEWS" office in 1887, from an old copy in the possession of Mr. S. B. Goslin. The above list also shows that there were three editions of "The Clavis"—1788, 1796, and 1800. My second copy is undated, but it states on the title-page that it was printed by J. Raw, at Ipswich.

WM. C. PEARSON.

CIRCUMAGERE—PULSARE.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Jerram for his letter in your last issue. His second quotation is an interesting piece of evidence in favour of the secular origin of Ringing. R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—The extracts which Mr. Jerram gives are very interesting, but there must be some way of ascertaining an approximate date, without which they are of no value for the purposes in hand. In any case they would be quite applicable to the original half-wheels as to the present whole wheels. I should be inclined to think that "circumagere" meant no more than the present continental style of swinging the bell, whether by lever, or by the weight of the ringer balanced on the headstock itself, or by half-wheels. I submit that we have no definite evidence that bells were either tuned in diatonic scale, or hung so that they could be upset, before the introduction of plain changes. H. DRAKE.

THE RAWTENSTALL DIFFICULTY.

SIR,—Acting under the advice of our late Vicar I do not intend to reply to the last set of falsehoods written by Mr. Newman, and pointed out in your issue of the 18th ult. I have shown the correspondence to our late Vicar (Rev. D. S. Johnson, now of Bradford rectory, Manchester), and he has promised to write out a full statement of the true facts, a full copy of which I will send on to you in due course. I may add that the Rawtenstall ringers deeply regret that a former member of their company should so far forget himself as to rush into print with such statements, especially after the many considerations he has received from them. JAMES ROLLERSON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Referring to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. Cuthbert's parish church, Edinburgh, on February 11th, and published in your issue of February 25th, will you kindly allow us to correct an error which was made in claiming that peal as the first in the method in Scotland. Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, of Driffild, has kindly written pointing out that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the College Youths at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on September 27th, 1877. We regret the error, and offer our apologies to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,  
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep.  
No more for them the blazing hearth will burn,  
Or busy housewife ply her evening care.  
No children run to lisp their sires' return,  
Or climb his knee, the envied kiss to share.

Gray's Elegy.

A bleak cold wind is blowing from the north. Across Leicester old cemetery it whirls the winter's dead leaves in fitful gusts over the graves "where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap," and the group of silent sympathisers under the church porch gather closer together as they await the procession of the dead. And it comes.

The rumbling wheels cease, and the church doors are open as tenderly the coffin of our dead comrade is placed upon the bier. Then they close upon the outer world, and we hear as in a dream the words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Who hath not listened to the service for the burial of the dead? It breathes of peace and rest to hearts that ache. It is like an oasis wherein one may drink in the sanctity of the cloister for a brief spell before journeying onward in a desert world. We have felt this unseen influence before, we shall maybe feel it again, ere that day when others will sit in our places, and other hands shall perform for us the duty we now do for our erstwhile brother ringer. And this is the end of it all! the end of aspirations, of hopes and fears which make life a battleground from the cradle to the grave.

Slowly the service proceeds, broken only by the sobs across the aisle, and as there falls upon our ears "It is sown in dishonour—it is raised in glory," as though in fulfilment; down through the chancel the sunlight steals, shedding a halo over the bier and its floral burden. At length it is over, and the final journey down the gravelled path is taken. Few events in life cut more keenly than that last look into the grave of one whom we have learned to love, and the thought will come—"Nevermore: this side of eternity."

It is over now. The minister has fulfilled his office, and departs to give spiritual consolation to others. One by one the mourners gaze sadly down at the coffin, and as they move away from the graveside we approach with bells in hand, and ring over him who has been far more than a friend, a farewell course of Grandsire Caters. The bystanders linger awhile to hear the strange music, then they too melt away, and the curtain is rung down upon the last scene in a ringer's life "like a tale that is told." *Requiescat in pace!*

Stephen Cooper was a man of many parts. Well read, and a good speaker, he could discuss on almost any topic. His presence always commanded respect. As a young man he entered the Ancient Order of Foresters, and rose through the elective positions until he reached that of High Chief Ranger. He was probably the youngest man at that time to reach the chair, and many are the stories told of his efficiency. The following was told to the writer by Stephen himself. On one occasion, when the brethren thought their young chairman could be played with, Stephen Cooper proved his worth. After many futile appeals for order, he at last rose to his feet and exclaimed—"Silence! and now listen to me. You have placed me in this office of your own free will, whether you respect me or no matters not, but I'll have you respect the position I occupy. While I fill this chair I will maintain its dignity at any cost, and the next who offends I'll name him! And now brethren, we'll proceed to business." It was as though a thunderbolt had fallen. Many older officers shook him by the hand, and from that hour Stephen Cooper was known to be a man who meant business.

His ringing career dates from his youth. He heard the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in the county of Leicester in 1853, when the Birmingham company, including such notables as W. Chattell, J. Day, Bannister, and others, rang the peal at St. Margaret's. His first peal was rung in 1868, his last in 1895; a

total of twenty-six of Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major, and Royal. He filled the post of president of St. Margaret's society from the death of the late Edward Biggs in 1879; as chairman of the Leicester branch of the Midland Counties Association for the past twenty-two years, and had sat upon the Central Council for six years. Muffled peals were rung at nearly all Leicester churches, at St. Saviour's 5088 of Treble Bob, at St. Mark's 5088 of Bob Major, and touches of Stedman Triples and Caters at St. John's and St. Margaret's respectively. The Leicester ringers sent a floral emblem in the shape of a bell, and six ringers carried him to the grave: A. Millis, J. Buttery, J. Needham, J. Jarvis, J. Morris, and W. Willson.

His favorite author was Charles Dickens; his favorite poem, "Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard," and with the writer of these lines he loved to sit for hours and discuss that gem of English literature, in praise of which he would never tire. And now he is laid on mother earth, what shall his epitaph be?

Stilled is the hand so honest and so true,  
Frozen, the hand that now had grasped so warm,  
Done, all the good that one good man could do,  
Come shine or storm. W. WILLSON.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

A meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch of this Association was held at Sudbury, on Saturday, February 18th. The tea and business meeting were held at The Green Dragon, when the Rev. J. J. Jones (Rector of Sudbury) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Rev. R. L. Twells (Diocesan Secretary), Rev. H. B. Woolley (District Secretary), and some thirty ringers hailing from Sudbury (SS. Peter and Gregory s) Bury St. Edmunds (St. James'), Glemsford, Sudbury (All Saints), Lavenham, Horringer, Thetford, Haverhill and Withersfield. Four new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting if convenient at Lavenham on July 15th. With regard to the proposed Bishopric of Suffolk the opinion was expressed that the county could produce an excellent Diocesan Association of ringers.

During the day several touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the three towers of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints. The ringers desire to thank the Rector of Sudbury and the Rev. C. J. Stower, Vicar of All Saints, for the use of the bells, and the Rector of Sudbury for presiding at the meeting.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY,  
NEW ZEALAND.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday evening, December 20th, at 8 p.m., in the Coffee Palace, the President, the Rev. W. Dunkley, in the chair. The Secretary's report was read, shewing a falling off in the ringing, which was accounted for by the Society not having enough active members, the attendance averaging a fraction over seven per meeting. The balance sheet shewed a substantial improvement over that of last year. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. T. Biddle, Master; Mr. J. Maple, Deputy Master; Mr. W. H. Wraight, Secretary and Treasurer; Auditor, Mr. H. Baker; Committee, Messrs. J. Andrews, W. Baker, A. Dunkley, W. Jones, W. Saunders. Mr. A. Stothers was presented with a small trophy for having made most progress during his probation, Mr. L. Barnes being a good second.

Business being disposed of the meeting resolved itself into a supper and musical evening. Several toasts were proposed, including the King and the honorary members. Songs were sung by Messrs. T. Biddle, L. Barnes, A. Dunkley and T. Treadwell. Also several courses of Grandsire Triples, double-handed, by members of the Society. This meeting and supper combined is a new departure, and was a thorough success, and it is hoped will become an annual affair.

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**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Estd. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, March 15, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at the church of St George-in-the-East to-day, Saturday, 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. 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 to-day, 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 to-day, 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 to-day, 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.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea about 5.50. Will members kindly note that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 25th. Broomfield and Springfield towers will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. A knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. at The Endeavour, Springfield, 1s. each. All intending to be present please let me know by the 20th inst.

B. S. THOMPSON, *Dis. Sec.*  
The Bungalow, Widford, Chelmsford.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Satur-

day, March 25th. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5.30., by invitation of the Rev. A. Allen, B.D. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending me word by Wednesday the 22nd inst.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

**Westerham (Kent).**—There will be no practices during Lent. Sundays as usual.

G. B. SELBY, *Sec.*

## Compositions.

## A DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. FISHER, Farnborough, Hants.

1905.

23456 I 4 5  
\*18674523

26435 - -  
42563 - -  
43526 - -  
36524 - -  
53462 - -  
45236 - -  
24653 - -  
23645 - -

Twice repeated.

\*Odd change first lead-end.

[Mr. Rowe, of Cbesbunt, Herts., writes to say that the date touch of Double Norwich by Mr. Fisher, already published, contains eighteen courses, or 2001 changes. Perhaps he could make some alteration.]

## BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, Guildford.

5120.

23456 W B M H  
53462 - - - x  
46325 - - - -  
34625 - - - -  
63425 - - - -  
54326 - - - -  
35426 - - - -  
43526 - - - -

Five times repeated; single for bob half-way and end. x Add three homes here in one part only.

5088.

By GEO. F. WILLIAMS, Horsham.

23456 W B 5 4 M H  
23564 I - - -  
26543 I - - -  
52436 S I - S  
52364 - I - -  
52643 - I - -  
24653 - - - -  
24536 I - - -

Five times repeated; single at w in sixth course of third and sixth parts. The 2nd her extent at home and always in 2-3, the 6th never in 2nds place throughout, and has all the combinations of 4-5-6.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.  
By FRED ROBINSON, Mirfield.

5120.

23456 M B W H  
36452 2 - I 2  
53624 2 - 2 2  
25346 2 - 2 2  
46532 2 - - 2  
52364 2 - 2 2  
34625 2 - 2 2  
42356 2 - 2 2  
54263 2 - 2 2  
23645 2 - 2 2  
34256 2 - 2 2  
53462 2 - 2 2  
42635 2 - 2 2  
23456 2 - 2 2

This peal, in the minimum number of changes, has all the 8-6s and eighteen 8-6-7s, all the 8-5-7s and eighteen 8-5s.

## TOUCHES OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, Guildford.

544.

I 5 6  
43652 - - -  
36452 - - -  
43265 - - -

Repeated.

608.

I 4 5  
65324 - - -  
52364 - - -  
32465 - - -

Repeated.

672

I 4 5 6  
24356 - - -  
45236 - - -  
32546 - - -

Repeated.

672

I 4 6  
65324 - - -  
23564 - - -

Twice repeated.

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### The Metropolis.

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On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 5.
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HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

†First peal in the method. Rang as a compliment to Mr. How, he having  
attained his 73rd birthday on the 19th inst., the band wishing him many happy  
returns.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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HENRY GEORGE HILL .. Treble.	RICHARD GEORGE CARTER .. 5.
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QR.-MR.-SGT. ALFRED PYE .. 4.	HARRY BECKFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN ALDRIDGE.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. Beckford, E. O. Masters, Hon. Secretary of the band, and the Rev. Canon E. C. Escreet, Rector of the parish, to whom the ringers tender their sincere congratulations.

## The Provinces.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

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CHARLES MORTIMER .. .. 2.	DENNIS CARRIER .. .. 5.
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Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

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FRANK WEBB .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLS .. .. 4.
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Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. WILKINSON .. .. Treble.	F. EKINS .. .. 4.
H. WAINER .. .. 2.	T. HUMBERSTONE .. .. 5.
R. MASTERS .. .. 3.	C. WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WARD.

First peal as conductor.

## MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, Duke of York and Woodbine; and two of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM WERRY, JUN. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4.
HERBERT R. WEEKS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEW .. .. 5.
ERNEST PRESSLING .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK.

†First peal as conductor.

## SHERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

CHARLES STREET* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
MALCOLM SANDERS .. .. 2.	MAURICE BIGNOLD .. .. 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
FRANK BIGNOLD .. .. 4.	HARRY MASON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR E. BAMES, of Australia, and  
Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

\*First peal.

## JARROW-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Bob Minor, Double Oxford and College Single.

J. J. BREWIS* .. .. Treble.	ANDREW TULLY .. .. 4.
ROBT. HOGG .. .. 2.	THOS. A. TEASDALE .. .. 5.
J. T. HOGG .. .. 3.	JOS. E. SYKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. A. TEASDALE.

\*First peal and is one of the local ringers; the rest belong to Christ Church, North Shields. First 5040 on the bells, which are a very musical ring but go very bad, especially the tenor. The peal was arranged by Mr. Brewis with a view of giving an impetus to change-ringing at the above church. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Fybus for making the necessary arrangements.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, February 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

H. W. TURLEY* .. Treble.	†G. BAKER .. .. 5.
VICTOR STILL* .. .. 2.	G. TURLEY .. .. 6.
J. BAKER .. .. 3.	J. MAYNARD .. .. 7.
C. CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	*J. PRATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. TURLEY.

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

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

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARY CHILLINGWORTH* .. Treble.	G. ABERY .. .. 4.
H. TUCKER .. .. 2.	C. GILES .. .. 5.
J. ABERY .. .. 3.	W. HORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. GILES.

\*First peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Four Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
7296 CHANGES.

ALFRED BARNES .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. 7.
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Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by E. READER.  
Longest peal in the method by the Guild.

TRING, HERTS. — THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

JAMES HOUGH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. 5.
JOSEPH WOODS .. .. 2.	JAMES DILLON .. .. 6.
FRANK JONES .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM BRISCOE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH CLIFF* .. .. 4.	*EDWIN BEEZE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. DILLON, and Conducted by E. BEEZE.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5010 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	*SIDNEY F. C. SAKER .. .. 7.
EDMUND LINDUP* .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 9.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Royal.

STAINDROP, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HARRY PEPPERELL† .. Treble.	†JOHN KEELER .. .. 4.
ROBINSON LEONARD* .. 2.	*DANIEL SHIPP .. .. 5.
JOHN SHIPP† .. .. 3.	*CHRISTOPHER WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SHIPP.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Phillips as Vicar of the parish.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	*GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 8.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	*GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 9.
THOMAS BALDWIN* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 10.
JAMES R. NEWMAN* .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 11.
WILLIAM C. JONES* .. .. 6.	*FRANK COLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. C. JONES.

\*First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	RICHARD RYLANDS .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS POLLITT .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 5 cwt. 17 lb.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED EVERITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PETTETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 7.
WALTER GRAY .. .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Sanders, of Higham Ferrers, who was an Alderman of the borough and an highly respected tradesman. He was interred in the above cemetery on Thursday, February 23rd.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 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 16 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	WILLIAM GROVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Messrs. Weatherstone and Judd were elected members of the above Association before commencing the peal.

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

# GREAT BERKHAMSTEAD, HERTS. THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY GOLDING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES GOLDING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM JOHN NEWELL .. 6.
JAMES FLOYD .. .. 3.	GEORGE WARNER .. .. 7.
OWEN BAYSE* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK NORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

\*First peal. O. Bayse was elected a member of the Association before starting. Rung to celebrate the recovery of Mrs. Henry Constable Curtis (the Rector's wife) from a serious illness.

# ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

# LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. 6.
HARRY O. WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. .. 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY, of Leek, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who hail from Rugby, and was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Stephen Cooper who called the first peal upon these bells.

# HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE MUSBURY PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. J. STEFF .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.
T. P. BRANDWOOD .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BANKS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER .. .. 3.	WALTER HASLAM .. .. 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK .. .. 4.	J. H. BANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Lieut. Colonel J. H. Hardman.

# HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. Treble.	HENRY GOSDEN .. .. 5.
HENRY WAITE .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 4.	JOHN PEDDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

# HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Tuesday, February 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOYES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK TUNNARDINE .. 4.
CHARLES NICHOLSON, SEN. 2.	†CHARLES NICHOLSON, JUN. 5.
SIDNEY WHALEY† .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR MACKEARS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

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

# FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

# READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOPE* .. .. Treble.	HARRY RUNHAM .. .. 5.
ERNEST W. HOLLOWAY* .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUNHAM .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN FULLER* .. .. 4.	*REUBEN DOWSET .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson complimented the lads on their good striking, and said they did credit to their instructor, Mr. W. Newell. \*First peal of Stedman.

# SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JAMES F. STANTON .. .. 4.
WILLIAM H. DENTETH* .. 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. .. 5.
MICHAEL HARRISON† .. .. 3.	ROBERT L. PATTERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT L. PATTERSON.

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

# SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, March 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY .. .. Treble.	WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 5.
HARRY COOMBS .. .. 2.	*ROBERT MILES .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
TOM BOND .. .. 4.	HARRY MILES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. This is the conductor's 600th peal of Stedman Triples.

The following peals are the result of a ringing tour in East Kent by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and W. H. Fussell:—

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, February 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.  
HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble. \*WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.  
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2. WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.  
J. W. STEDDY .. .. 3. REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.  
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4. EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

ELHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, February 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.  
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. Treble. EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.  
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2. WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.  
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3. REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.  
HERBERT A. PETTS\* .. 4. STEPHEN BINFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method.

HYTHE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.  
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. Treble. WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.  
ALFRED R. MANNING\* .. 2. \*SAMUEL A. GOWER .. 6.  
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3. REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.  
STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 4. HERBERT A. PETTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.  
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble. STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 5.  
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2. SAMUEL A. GOWER .. 6.  
RICHARD F. LANE .. 3. PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.  
HERBERT A. PETTS .. 4. ERNEST CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Richard F. Lane was elected a member of the Association before starting.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.  
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. Treble. WILLIAM SPICE .. 5.  
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2. HERBERT A. PETTS .. 6.  
STEPHEN BINFIELD .. 3. REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.  
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4. JOHN T. COPPINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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

LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble. EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.  
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2. WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.  
ERNEST CHEESMAN .. 3. \*ALBERT TANTON .. 7.  
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4. \*CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

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

### Handbell Peals.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 17, WIDDRINGTON TERRACE,

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

JOHN T. HOGG\* .. 1-2. JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 5-6.  
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3-4. R. ALDER GOFTON .. 7-8.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

\*First peal in the method, and first peal on handbells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 23, 1905, Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. 1-2. GEORGE G. COLEMAN .. 5-6.  
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4. EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—Herbert Fields.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at East Tytherley should read Saturday, February 18th, not Tuesday, February 18th.

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

### Date Touches.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Nicolas' church, a date touch of 1905 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins., in the following methods: St. Simon, Stedman Slow Course, Sunshine, Canterbury, Dream, St. Dunstan's, Hudibrass, Grandsire, Earl Soham Delight, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Primrose, and April Day. J. Coleman, A. Palmer, A. Gale, H. Palmer, J. Kirk conductor.

### Miscellaneous.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 28th, previous to the usual practice, the whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. C. Jackson, who was an honorary member of the Guild, he having rung his last peal (Double Norwich Caters) on February 4th. Afterwards touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Norwich Caters were rung.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. F. Winny conductor, E. Taylor, E. Cassell, J. Pryer, W. Dean, A. Newman, J. Barber, G. Turner.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Eaton, A. Chambers, W. Mumford, F. Withers, H. Withers, S. Grove, A. E. Pegler, J. Dowler conductor.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Hibberd, G. L. Tunnicliffe, J. York, L. Hollingworth, W. Earle, H. Hollingworth, T. Hollingworth conductor, G. York. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tunnicliffe, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St Mary's church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. C. Nield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. Watkyn, R. Sperring, T. Chamberlain, E. Smith, W. Sconce, J. Sconce, E. Cbannell, J. Tomlinson.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLASTONBURY (Somerset).—On Saturday, October 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 20 mins. it came to grief. S. Hawkins, H. Parish, A. E. Coles, C. J. Webb, J. H. Trimm, Rev. E. S. C. Locke, A. W. Webb conductor, W. Lee.

STREET (Somerset).—On Monday, October 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, H. Parish conductor, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, C. Webb, J. H. Trimm, A. W. Webb, H. Marsh. And a plain course of Bob Major. F. Huish, H. Parish, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, C. Webb, S. Hawkins, J. H. Trimm, A. W. Webb. On Sunday, November 6th, before morning service, a plain course of Stedman Triples. H. Parish, C. Webb, J. Barnes, F. Marsh, S. Hawkins, J. Trimm, A. Webb, H. Marsh. And 350 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, H. Parish, G. Hawkins, F. Marsh, C. Webb, J. Trimm, A. W. Webb conductor, H. Marsh. Before evening service 251 Grandsire Triples. M. Stagg, C. Webb, S. Hawkins, F. Marsh, H. Parish, J. Barnes, A. W. Webb, H. Marsh. And 350 in the same method. M. Staff, C. Webb, F. Marsh, S. Hawkins, H. Parish, A. W. Webb, J. Barnes, G. Lockyer.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. A. R. Lulham, C. Boxwell, A. T. Webb, W. B. Jones, G. Taylor conductor, G. Nash.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. Nicholas, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 35 mins. T. Cranfield, W. R. Crookford, A. N. Hardy, W. Foreman, F. G. Perrin, F. W. Thornton, J. E. Davis conductor, F. H. Gooch.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Scowen conductor, W. Grimes, W. Betts, W. Gleed, E. Willis, T. Reed.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. G. Hadlow, T. W. Jarrett, H. J. Tidy, E. J. Bottle, W. Golding, H. E. Simpson, W. J. Walker, S. Ladd, W. Golding conductor.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. J. Aldridge, A. M. Phillips, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, H. S. Humphreys, G. Carter conductor, H. Beckford. Also 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Sandiford, H. G. Hill, W. Watchorn, A. M. Phillips, R. G. Carter, G. Carter, H. S. Humphreys, W. J. Aldridge conductor.

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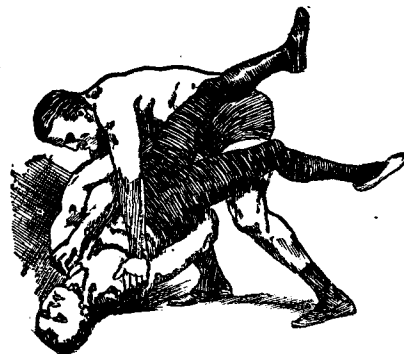
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## WILLIAM HADLOW.

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## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the remains of Emma B. Wiley, a well-known Erdington lady, were laid to rest in the family vault at the parish church, and according to the wish of the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A.) the members of the Erdington parish church Society rang the whole pull and stand, recording the age of the deceased lady, viz., 64 years, with the bells deeply-muffled. The following members took part: C. Cottrell, S. Jones, W. Hartwell, G. Jones, T. Wells, W. Meers, T. Russam conductor, J. Preston. And several courses of Grandsire Triples, W. P. Stobart and F. Perkinson taking part. The deceased lady will be missed in Erdington, especially among the poor,

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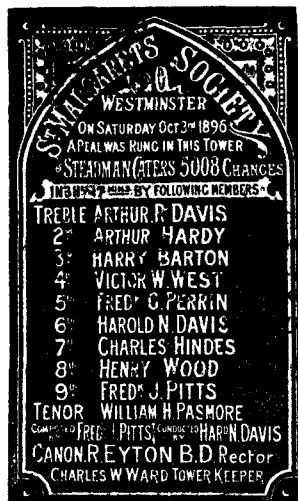
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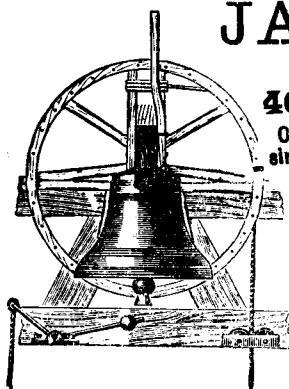
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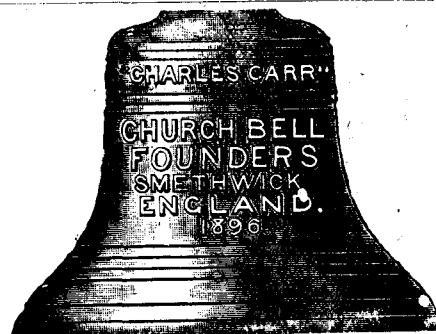
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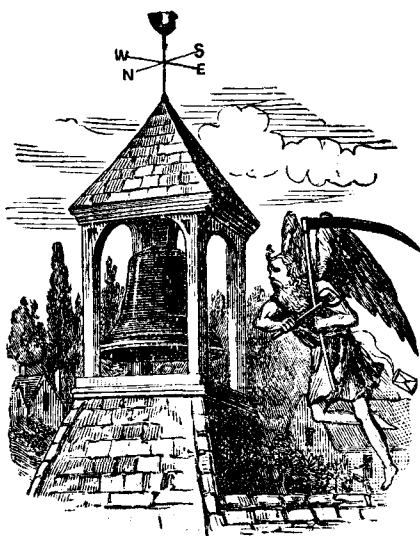
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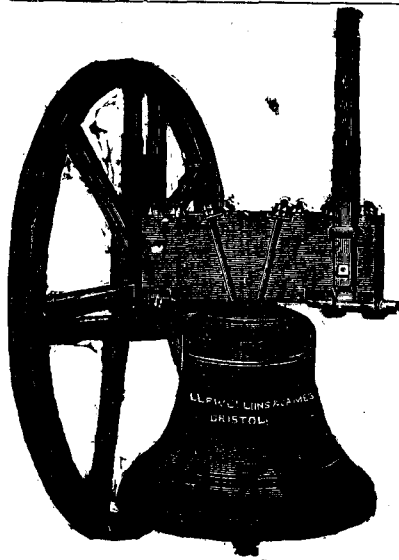
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**WALDRON (Sussex).** All Saints. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Mears 1780; 3rd and 6th by Janaway 1773; the rest by Phelps 1732. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Rehanging has been recommended, but there are no funds. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 5.45. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).** St. Lawrence. Essex Association. Eight bells; all by Briant 1806. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go very badly. Clocking permitted. There is no record of any repairs by a bellhanger since the bells were first hung. They badly need quartering, as sound bows are much worn. Estimates have been obtained for rehanging and increasing to ten; and there are believed to be ample funds, but nothing has been settled. Ropes new 1893, bad. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.15. Practice: alternate Saturdays, 7.

**WALTHAM, GREAT (Essex).** Eight bells. No return.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).** St. Mary. Ten bells; treble, 2nd and 3rd by Warner 1896; the rest by Pack 1778. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Chiming apparatus fitted. Rehung by Warner 1896. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing regularly, hours not stated. No regular practice.

**St. Saviour.** Essex Association. Eight bells: all by Warner 1874. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs since hung. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8.30.

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## EXETER CATHEDRAL.

On Wednesday evening, March 1st, being the feast of St. David, patron of Wales, according to the Sarum and old English calendars, the belfry of the south tower of Exeter Cathedral, built by Waretwast, the blind Bishop of Exeter (A.D. 1107-1136), was reached by a number of the most faithful and enthusiastic amongst those who follow the art of ringing in this county, all anxious to be present at the unveiling and dedication, with book and with bell, by the Suffragan-Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis, D.D.), of the tablet just erected there to commemorate the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung on the Cathedral bells by residents in the county of Devon. It may be recollected the first and only time this feat in bell-ringing has been performed in the cathedral was by members of the Guild, but not all residents in the county, on October 6th, 1902, when 5021 changes were rung in 3 hrs. 52 mins. A tablet to record this, made of sturdy heart of English oak, and of 15th century design, was unveiled in the old Norman belfry early last year by the Bishop of Crediton. It was the gift of the Rev. Maitland Kelly, M.A., President of the Devonshire Guild, and was cleverly made by Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, the well-known Church workers of Exeter, who are also members of the Guild. The record which was unveiled, and destined to stand upon the fortress-like walls of the belfry for all time, is a duplicate of the former one. The framework is "butt" jointed, and held together with oaken pins, and the head of the recessed and inscribed panel is ornamented with tracery work. Upon the pediment at the top is a shield of early character, and thereupon a raised Maltese cross, with its inner parts formed like a cross. Thereupon is inscribed: "The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, established 1874," and the well-known Latin motto of the Guild, "Perseverantia Omnia Vincit." Like the former one, the cost of execution and erection has been defrayed by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, M.A., of Lifton, and the work has been carried out and fixed by Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, in presenting the board to the Cathedral, said that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of the Guild on January 14th, in 4 hrs. 13 mins.

The Bishop of Crediton, in a few well-chosen words, accepted the gift on behalf of the cathedral. Afterwards touches were rung on the bells by the members of the Devonshire Guild.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### "HENRY JOHNSON" ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION DINNER

Judging by appearances this annual gathering, generally looked upon by ringers—especially those of the Midland Counties—as one of the opportunities too seldom afforded for social reunion, appears to have lost none of its popularity.

On the 4th inst. a company of about 100 assembled at the dinner in the large room of "Ye Olde Royal" hotel

Birmingham, and, to use the stock phrases, did ample justice to a dinner which was creditable to so celebrated an establishment, both in its quality and manner of serving.

As we looked around the room and allowed our reflections to run back to previous commemorations, we could not help missing many an old friend whom we shall never again see on this side, but what of that! let us make the most of the good genial faces we now see around us.

Time deals gently with ringers, and among the assembled company were noticed St. Martin's members whose memory carried them back to the days of the old St. Martin's Society, and a fellowship with celebrities like the great Henry Johnson, and Thomas and John Day. Mr. G. W. Baldwin, then present, had joined the Society in 1866.

We noticed that there were very few absentees from the roll of the active members of the Guild, and, in addition to its country members from the districts immediately around Birmingham, there were ringers from Wolverhampton, Beeston, Nuneaton, Rugby, Cheltenham, etc.

The Executive of the Guild were exceedingly fortunate in obtaining Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of the Gloucester and Bristol Association as chairman, and he filled that office with unexcelled grace and tact, being supported by the Guild's presiding Ringing-Master (Mr. J. S. Pritchett), the Rev. C. A. Clements, and the churchwardens of St. Martin's and Harborne.

The toast of "The King" was given by the chairman, and suitably responded to, the whole audience rising and singing the National Anthem, after which the Hon. Secretary referred to the many letters of apology he had received from gentlemen who were unable to accept the Guild's invitation to be present that evening. Among such were Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., the Revs. Canon Sutton (Aston), Denton Thompson (of Southport—Rector-elect of Birmingham), and C. W. Barnard (King's Norton); the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), G. Astbury (Smethwick), T. W. Wilkes (Wednesbury), and L. B. Sladen (Selly Oak); Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (College Youths), R. A. Daniell (Cumberlands), F. E. Ward, and the churchwardens of Aston.

In giving the toast of "Church and State" the chairman referred to the close connection existing in this happy country of ours between the two, feeling sure that such a state of things commended itself to the majority of his audience and to ringers generally. He alluded to the recent appointment of Dr. Gore as Bishop of Birmingham, and the happy state of Birmingham in obtaining a Bishop who could be so heartily welcomed alike by Non-conformists as well as Churchmen. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. J. Kendall, churchwarden of St. Martin's.

Mr. Kendall, in responding, referred to the pleasure it gave his co-warden and himself to accept the hospitality of the Guild, but wished that their Secretary had selected some one of superior qualifications to himself for response to that toast. He quite endorsed the remarks which had been made in various quarters as to the suitability of the appointment of their Bishop, and believed that while he held office as their Bishop he would always be found in the front of any movement for the improvement of the masses.

In giving the toast of the evening—"The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," the chairman mentioned as a curious fact that their Secretary's letter to him, inviting

him to accept that position, reached him just after he had arranged with his old friend Mr. F. E. Ward, to put him up during his visit to Birmingham. He had enjoyed his visit to last year's commemoration so much that he fully intended visiting this one, and little thought that his doing so would be in that capacity, for which he considered himself very unsuitable. However he was there to do his best. Rapidly sketching the late Henry Johnson's ringing career, the first thing one could help noticing was the great number of years over which it extended. Ringing his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Aston parish church in 1830, we next notice him acting as conductor for the first time in a peal at the same church on February 29th (very near his birthday) 1832, and in the next year as composer and conductor. Then in 1834 and 1835 he rang in peals of Stedman Major and Royal, methods of which he, the speaker, had no conception. And so on for a total of 139 peals, 103 of which were rung in the Birmingham district. Noticeable too were the long peal of Stedman Cinques (9238 changes), rung in 1881, when he was in his 72nd year, and which continued the record length during his life-time, and his last peal of Stedman Caters at Aston on May 23rd, 1884, when he was in his 75th year. Not, judged by present day records, a very great one for a period of fifty-four years, but then it must be borne in mind that circumstances as regarded peal-ringing were very different in those days to what attained now, when records of many hundreds of peals were by no means uncommon. One particular feature of Henry Johnson's career might be seen in the fact that nearly all his later peals were conducted by others than himself. Having once established his reputation as an unrivalled conductor, he was satisfied to leave conducting alone, and thus unselfishly leave to younger men an opportunity of acquiring a fame in the same direction. Truly an example for all time in the annals of their Exercise. He had thus reviewed Mr. Johnson's career, because it was fraught from end to end with lessons in the qualities of his character. He felt that he could do better than to end his remarks by a recital of the lines which appeared in "BELL NEWS" on the death of Mr. Johnson, and which carrying at their end the initials A.P.H. were generally attributed to Sir Arthur Percival Heywood. This toast was honoured in silence in the usual way.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett then gave the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," asserting that it had been prosperous in the past year, and foretelling that it was going to continue prosperous. He mentioned briefly some of the occurrences of the past year, such as the death of the much respected tower-keeper at Handsworth, the late W. Verry, who—so he understood—in the fullness of years sank gradually and peacefully away. Also he spoke in touching manner of the illness of Mrs. Painter, who for so many years had assisted in these kind of functions by her services on the piano. After some whimsical remarks on the personal peculiarities of some of the more prominent members, he mentioned the fact that he had recently celebrated his 50th birthday, and referred to the success attained by his fellow-ringers and himself at King's Norton in the Surprise methods. He also took that opportunity to congratulate the Guild members who rang in the recent peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, and his friend Mr. John Carter, the composer of it, for what he understood was a new departure in composition. Also it must not be forgotten that the past year would be memorable in their annals for the departure of Archdeacon Diggle from St. Martin's to take

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up his wider duties as Bishop of Carlisle. Their late Rector had always in a marked degree shewn his sympathy with the members of the St. Martin's Guild, and it was owing to his initiative that for the first time in the history of the church a regular Sunday ringing band had been appointed. The newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson, was shortly coming to them with the best of reputations, and he had no doubt they would get on with him in the future equally as well as they had in the past with their late Rector. He concluded a very interesting speech by coupling with the toast the health of their Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Godden, speaking in the highest terms of his qualifications for the office he filled, and the excellent way in which he carried out his duties.

This toast was enthusiastically received, and after a short interval Mr. Godden suitably responded, stating in a few brief words how much he felt indebted to the individual members for the kindness and consideration they always extended to him.

The Rev. C. A. Clements in a brief but very neat speech proposed the toast of "Prosperity to the Central Council," instancing much of the good work that had been carried through by their deliberations, and exhorting his hearers to appreciate such work, and to attend to such recommendations as they from time to time made. With the toast he coupled the name of one of the members of the Central Council, and asked them to heartily toast the health of their fellow-member, Mr. John Carter, whom most of them considered one of their foremost up-to-date composers.

Mr. John Carter, in the few and appropriate remarks he made in reply, was somewhat inaudible, but we understood him to refer to the great services rendered by Sir Arthur Heywood, not only inside the Council, where indeed he was a model President, but inside and out to all that concerned the welfare of ringers at large. He thanked the company for the cordial way in which they responded to the toast of his health.

A programme for the musical part of the proceedings had been placed in the hands of and arranged by the ringing masters at St. Martin's and Aston, Messrs. A. Walker and T. Russam, and well they did their work. The various performances on handbells and piano also gave satisfaction. The proceedings were brought to a close by the Health, warmly proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of the Chairman, given with musical honours, and a suitable response by that gentleman. Altogether such an enjoyable afternoon, from the time ringing commenced at St. Martin's until the breaking up time at the end of the evening, was spent, that we think the gathering for next year will be looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

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## FESTIVITY AT BRISTOL.

On a recent Thursday evening the peal ringing members of Bristol were specially invited to a dinner at the ringers' rendezvous in Nicholas' Street, to celebrate the ringing of 100 peals by a Bristol born ringer, the first to achieve this distinction—Mr. G. T. Daltry. Of the many invitations issued several very prominent ringers and friend's faces were missing, chiefly owing to previous social and business engagements; but those who could not be there to meet the "donor" sent thoughtful and appropriate messages of goodwill, and all were loud in their praises of the ability of the ringer of 100 peals.

Dinner was served in capital style by hostess F. Shepherd, the lady's name being sufficient guarantee that everything was of the very best, and proof was given by the rapidity in which the courses rolled by, until "that is all" was announced, and breathing time was asked for whilst the tables were cleared and the room shaped for the comfort of those who would be present. On re-assembling the donor of the feast was with acclamation voted to the chair, when he immediately called upon a very old friend, Mr. H. Gliddon (who began to learn ringing at the same time as he did) for the first song, and right well did he sing "Boys of the old Brigade," which was followed by "Our Jack's come home to-day," by Mr. F. G. May. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung by G. T. Daltry, J. Thomas, J. Hinton, J. Burford, W. Apperley. Our esteemed friend Albert Stowell gave us "Ben and the Butter," a recitation that is always amusing. The rule up to this point had been that each in the order of sitting should contribute to the evening's enjoyment, but as Mr. C. H. Gordon, who came next in order said he was no entertainer, he would stand in the next peal of Stedman Caters arranged, which left no other alternative than to call upon his close friend and ringing companion Mr. C. H. Tomkins, the John Bull of the company, who readily obliged by singing "Hearts of Oak" in his best style. This brought us to tunes on the handbells by J. Thomas, G. Daltry and J. Hinton. It was the turn next of Mr. W. Stowell to do something, but he preferred to listen to what others could do, when strangely his left hand supporter, Mr. Mr. H. Howell, also declined, and it appeared as though those that had "gone before" would be on the job again, when the comic of the party, Mr. H. Pring, chimed in with "It would take a lot of that to upset me." Bedminster twin No. 2—Mr. H. Tucker—gave "Down the Vale," and then Mr. George Staddon, the Father of ringers in Bristol, sang his favorite.

A change was here introduced by Mr. J. Thomas giving a rendering of "King Cotton" on a dulcimer, which was well received, and the next tit-bit was a song, entitled—"I've brought the coal," by the pianist, Mr. H. Price, which as well as bringing the coal, brought down the house, with the inevitable result of an encore, to which he very kindly acceded. Stedman Triples on the handbells by J. Burford, J. Thomas, J. Hinton and J. Holman (all J's) was succeeded by Mr. Percy Came (the tower keeper of St. Mary Redcliffe) who sang "The Army and Navy for ever," and Mr. W. A. Cave also very kindly obliged with a song, which brought us to Mr. Jim Hinton, who pleased everyone by some Grandsire Cinques and tunes on his "musical coffin," which comprises thirteen bells fixed in a box. Mr. Daltry then gave "The Midshipmite," by which time the usual closing hour was getting near, and Mr. Percy Came being asked to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Daltry for his kindness in asking so many of his ringing friends to dinner, he did so

by saying he was very pleased to do so. He was sure everyone present appreciated the feeling which prompted Mr. Daltry to give the dinner. It was the first ringers' dinner he had attended, but as he had spent such a pleasant time with them, he did not think it would be the last. He asked all present to drink the jolly good health of Mr. Daltry with musical honours.

Mr. F. G. May, in seconding, said he fully endorsed all Mr. Came had said, and would like to add that Mr. Daltry must feel a happy man as a ringer, as it was not everyone who had the honor and privilege of ringing 100 peals in the various methods which composed his total. Therefore, as a personal friend, he had the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the proposal.

Mr. Geo. Staddon said he should very much like to add his quota of words in support of the proposal, but he said when he received his invitation he really did not know what the dinner was being given for, and until Mr. May mentioned it he was still in the dark; but from what he had just heard he now knew it was to celebrate the ringing of 100 peals. He offered Mr. Daltry his very hearty congratulations, and hoped he would still continue to ring a century of peals.

Mr. Daltry was very heartily applauded on rising to respond. He said it gave him very much pleasure to ask so many of his ringing friends to meet him to celebrate his century of peals, and if he had time enough there was something he could say about each peal he had rung. Some of the earlier peals were achieved after a great deal of getting about, for in those early days peals were not so frequently rung nor so easy to get as present day ones, as there were many difficulties to contend with, the chief one being able to get competent ringers to take part; and even now peals wanted ringing to be able to record them. He hoped Bristol ringers would always have the same interest in ringing as at present shewn, and that he might have the pleasure of recording a second century of peals. He wished to thank everyone for the kind way they received his name in connection with the toast, and he hoped they would at no time have cause to alter their opinion.

At this period of the proceedings many of those present had to leave in order to catch their respective trains or trams, but still there were enough left to carry on the programme until the hour's extension of time had expired, at which time everybody were feeling quite happy at being able to meet to spend such a pleasant time together, and regret was expressed that some of the invitations were unavoidably unaccepted.

A hearty vote of thanks to Miss F. Shepherd for the provision she made towards making the evening a success concluded the celebration of 100 peals.

### 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."

#### OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE-RINGING

SIR,—The list which Mr. Pearson gives is very interesting to those who have not seen it, but it requires a word of caution. Mr. Ellacombe revised and enlarged this list from time to time, therefore only the latest form of it should be referred to. Would not some of your readers who are able to go to the British Museum (or who possess all Mr. Ellacombe's works), transcribe for your columns this list from the latest edition? It would not only be useful for all ringers to have such a list in an available form, but it would lead to its being brought up to

date. I am still in the grip of a four months' attack of influenza, or I would see if I had any reference in my notes that would help, but I think not.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—Let me add my tribute to Stephen Cooper's worth, to what Mr. Willson has so well said.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Pearson's letter in your last issue, I should like to say that I believe the confusion about the "Tintinnalogia" to arise entirely out of a mistake on the part of Osborn.

I understand the matter in this way: Osborn knew of the tradition that Stedman had published a work with this title in 1668, but he was never able to verify it; he never saw a copy of the book nor did he ever succeed in learning anything about it. On the other hand, he knew of the existence of a book with the same title, by White, bearing no date, but obviously belonging to the 17th century. He concluded therefore, that there was but one "Tintinnalogia," and that one by White; and that the attribution of such a work to Stedman was erroneous. But as the date, 1668, was applied by tradition to the publication of a book thus named, he applied that date to White's undated issue.

It is evident that in 1857 Mr. Ellacombe and Mr. Lukis were accepting Osborn's reasoning, and hence the mystification of Mr. Pearson. For, although when the copy of Stedman's "Tintinnalogia" subsequently came to light, these gentlemen found that the tradition had been true all through and Osborn had been wrong, they could not then help having previously propagated an erroneous statement in print. As for Osborn, he had died in 1852, and therefore the unfortunate result has ensued that the mistake in his ms. stands uncorrected.

It follows from what I have said, that from the moment of the discovery of a copy of Stedman's "Tintinnalogia," which discovery demonstrated Osborn's conjecture to be false, there has been no justification for ascribing White's undated book to the year 1668. All we are entitled to say is that White's is a seventeenth century book, the date of which we have no means of finding out. In the catalogue of the Library of the British Museum its date is given as 1650 with a query attached, which shows that the authorities of that institution are not prepared to assign it a year of publication. White's is a very poor book; it is in no sense a rival of Stedman's; it is not worthy to be named in the same hemisphere.

May I be allowed to express my great regret that in our own Journal of the Exercise, in an enumeration of Titles of our own Literature, we should have had to peruse six times over the error of "Campanologia" for "Campanologia."

R. A. DANIELL.

#### CIRCUMAGERE—PULSARE.

SIR,—Mr. Drake is quite right in saying that these terms prove nothing as to the date of the introduction of ringing as we understand it. If he will look back to my letter of January 28th, he will see that in speaking of the use of the word "circumagere" I expressly said "that is, in the sense of what was understood by ringing in early times." The date of the document at Exeter, which I quoted in my last letter, is 1484.

J. R. JERRAM.

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"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, to-day, Sat., March 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea about 5.30. Will members kindly note that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at once.  
**J. J. PRATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, to-day, Sat., March 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.  
**J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.**

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 25th. Broomfield and Springfield towers will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. A knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. at The Endeavour, Springfield, 1s. each. All intending to be present please let me know by the 20th inst.  
**B. S. THOMPSON, Dis. Sec.**  
The Bungalow, Widford, Chelmsford.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5.30, by invitation of the Rev. A. Allen, B.D. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending me word by Wednesday the 22nd inst.  
**S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.**  
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 25th. Bells (12) will be available for ringing. The Leeds company will ring from 6 to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at The Royal Oak inn, Kirkgate, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. J. Broadley's proposition will be finally settled at this meeting. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, and a good attendance of members are requested to attend.  
**F. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.  
**JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Linslade on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.  
**A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.**

**Westerham (Kent).**—There will be no practices during Lent. Sundays as usual.  
**G. B. SELBY, Sec.**

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**—If Messrs. Bixby, Dexter, Moore, and others who have sent compositions for insertion will send a stamped addressed envelope, they shall hear about them.

## Compositions.

## DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. J. FISHER, Farnborough, Hants.

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## BOB MAJOR.

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\*Odd change first lead-end.

[In answer to Mr. Rowe, of Cheshunt, I think his knowledge of Double Norwich must be very limited, as it is impossible not to notice that the 6th, 12th and 15th courses are five-lead courses, thus cutting out six leads or 96 changes. If he will subtract 96 from his 2001, he will find the date touch 1905, and see that it requires no alteration. Perhaps Mr. Rowe will look at compositions more carefully in future. I may also add that by commencing with the last change of the first lead, the touch lasts sixteen years.]

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1905.

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all know, it purports to be an account of the ringing  
career of the Master of the Oxford Guild. The publica-  
tion is unique. By a perusal the reader is favored with  
a numerous quantity of photographs of churches,  
not to be found in any other work. The fact that all these  
churches possess bells, on which peals have been rung,  
should prove very interesting to ringers, and those who  
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## The Metropolis.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 4.	HARRY BARRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by GEORGE HENRY DAYNES.

First in the method as conductor.

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

On Friday, March 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

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

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
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WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. John C. Jackson and  
Eleonore Hirschmann, a parishioner, who were both interred on the previous  
Friday.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LOWER THAMES STREET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5038 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	*HARRY SEAR .. .. 7.
HENRY G. MILES .. .. 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 8.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
ALBERT V. SELBY .. .. 5.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by H. G. MILES.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Treble.	HERBERT F. HULL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 2.	ERNEST POLL .. .. 6.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHESMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal in the method on the bells. W. J. Nudds' 100th peal.

## Handbell Peal.

### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

EDMUND V. HARVEY .. 1-2.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 3-4.	JOSEPH HERBERT .. .. 7-8.
JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN W. KELLEY.

Umpire—F. J. Iee. First peal of Caters in hand by the Society. Rung as a birth-  
day compliment to the conductor.

## The Provinces.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. WAKLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### HARWICH, ESSEX.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RAMSEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 6.
JESSE ARBON .. .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. 4.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by D. PRENTICE.

\*First peal in the method. It is twenty-three years since the conductor called a  
peal in this method.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. Treble.	ROBERT W. LOVIE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 2.	R. ALDER .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 7.
REV. B. JEALOUS .. .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, February 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

\*First peal in the method.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and two 720s of Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by ISAAC MORETON.

Longest length by the Association and by all the band, all being born within one mile of the tower. They were congratulated on the excellent striking after the peal.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, March 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. ..Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN .. .. 9.
CECIL T. H. BOXWELL* .. 5.	THOMAS J. WHITING.. ..Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH .. ..Treble.	EDWIN CLARK .. .. 5.
FRED MASTON .. .. 2.	JOHN NELSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE THORNTON .. .. 3.	JAMES HORNER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SNOWBALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WADDINGTON ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. NELSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late verger, G. Pullan.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT ..Treble.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 6.
JOHN WILSON .. .. 3.	*GEORGE KING .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	SAMUEL SMITH .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

\*First peal.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

W. PICK .. ..Treble.	*G. LONGSHAW .. .. 5.
W. GIBSON .. .. 2.	F. SHEPPARD .. .. 6.
E. BURNET* .. .. 3.	*W. THORPE .. .. 7.
C. E. HOWROYD* .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. ..Tenor.

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

\*First peal in any method.

PORTSEA, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PATR. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDK. A. BUENNETT ..Treble.	WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 5.
HARRY PRIVETT .. .. 2.	ROBERT TUGE .. .. 6.
JOHN SYMONS .. .. 3.	EDWIN HARDING .. .. 7.
C. COLLINS.. .. 4.	JAMES MATTHEWS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by F. A. BURNETT.

First peal as conductor. This was the quarterly peal of the district.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

JOHN MARK .. ..Treble.	ALBERT H. HARBER .. 5.
EDWARD UNITT .. .. 2.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 6.
TITUS LOWE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 4.	JOE LOWE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE BELCHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. H. Harber.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Duke of York and Woodbine; and two of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM WERRY, JUN. ..Treble.	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK .. 4.
HERBERT G. WEEKS .. 2.	WILLIAM NEW .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. BOXALL .. 3.	THOMAS STROUD.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

GEORGE WHITE* .. ..Treble.	*BENJAMIN PAGE.. .. 5.
FRANK K. BIGGS .. .. 2.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 6.
ARTHUR G. JAMES .. .. 3.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7.
FRED G. BIGGS.. .. 4.	WILLIAM PHIPPS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

\*First peal of Stedman.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and five of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH WESTLAND ..Treble.	JOHN CURRY .. .. 4.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 2.	EDWARD JARVIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS TAYLOR† .. .. 3.	*GEORGE LADD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LADD.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal. First peal on the six bells by a local company. The last recorded peal by a local company was rung on March 13th, 1816.

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SHERBORNE, DORSETSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 47 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE COLBOURNE .. .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
ARTHUR N. WOOF .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
FREDK. PHILLIPS .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 7.
CHARLES FORFITT .. .. 4.	ALFRED OSMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal on the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS .. Treble.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. .. 5.
LEWIS WISEMAN* .. .. 2.	*WALTER BURST .. .. 6.
WILLIAM ROOT* .. .. 3.	†HORACE COOPER .. .. 7.
GEORGE ARNOLD* .. .. 4.	ALFRED AVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK GILL* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 6.
HENRY EVERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

\*First peal.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 5). Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE BILLENNESS .. Treble.	ALFRED JOHNSON .. .. 5.
EWART G. JOHNSON .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. .. 6.
CLIFTON L. NOAKES* .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EWART G. JOHNSON.

\*First peal.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. GODBER .. .. Treble.	F. SMITH .. .. 5.
G. A. SMITH .. .. 2.	A. A. CLAY .. .. 6.
J. DARLINGTON .. .. 3.	J. JOHNSON .. .. 7.
H. SMITH .. .. 4.	W. THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. THOMPSON.

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MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN EACHUS .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 6.
WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 8.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 5.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by COENELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged specially for Messrs. Gofton and Story, who were on a visit to Manchester, and were duly elected members of the above Association previous to starting. Mr. Story is President of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE .. Treble.	F. W. WADE .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 6.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
T. J. COLE* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN... Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 87th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE .. Treble.	WILSON WOOD .. .. 5.
JABEZ WHITELY .. .. 2.	ALBERT JAGGER .. .. 6.
FRED CROSSLEY .. .. 3.	HERBERT COCKROFT .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER NEILD .. 4.	HENRY MARSHALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED ROBINSON, and Conducted by GEORGE DRAKE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN C. JACKSON, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY GOODMAN .. Treble.	*THOMAS WATTON .. .. 5.
FRED EVANS* .. .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM MILLS .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN... .. 7.
FRANCIS BRADLEY* .. 4.	JOHN RAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.

\*First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to F. Bradley, who starts for Canada in a few days time.

SWINDON, WILTS.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE.. ..Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	SYDNEY PALMER .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. HYNTER .. .. 4.	CHARLES J. GARDINER ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHAS. J. GARDINER.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBANS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS ADSHEAD .. ..Treble.	EDWIN SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
JAMES STANSFIELD .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM KERSHAW .. .. 6.
WALTER BRIERLEY* .. .. 3.	*PERCY WALKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE STAFF .. .. 4.	HERBERT LEECH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES STANSFIELD.

\*First peal.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, March 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS .. ..Treble.	*C. STONE .. .. 5.
G. IRVINE* .. .. 2.	G. ESSEX .. .. 6.
R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 3.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. 7.
T. GWYNNE* .. .. 4.	T. NEWMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CECIL H. HAYTER* .. ..Treble.	ALBERT E. PASKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK H. PASKINS .. .. 4.	FRANK HAND .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Elcombe.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN ELSON* .. ..Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN .. .. 4.
FRANK WYATT .. .. 2.	ISAAC CREED .. .. 5.
HENRY J. CREED .. .. 3.	TOM W. CREED .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

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DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK JUGGINS.. ..Treble.	H. TIMMS .. .. 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 2.	*JOHN JUGGINS .. .. 6.
AMOS FAWDRY* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 4.	*E. LANGFORD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE .. ..Treble.	EDWARD ROWLAND .. .. 5.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWELL .. .. 6.
H. W. WILDE .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
E. SMITH .. .. 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK NEWMAN* .. ..Treble.	*PERCY SAYER .. .. 4.
BRICE COTTIS* .. .. 2.	JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. .. 5.
FRED CHALK* .. .. 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in seven methods.

GRINTON, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS MEADE .. ..Treble.	GEORGE PITMAN .. .. 4.
THOMAS WARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAWKINS .. .. 5.
REV. E. B. BARTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CORNEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL HAWKINS.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band except the conductor.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS* .. ..Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 4.
ALFRED PEARMAN .. .. 2.	*CHARLES MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	ISAAC CAVILL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

\*First peal in seven methods.

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## EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

A. GOODALL .. .. .	Treble.	G. TAYLOR .. .. .	5.
W. IDLE .. .. .	2.	G. H. HARDY .. .. .	6.
W. AINLEY .. .. .	3.	W. BYRAM .. .. .	7.
T. HALL .. .. .	4.	J. RUDDLESSEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. .	Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. .	5.
JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. .	2.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. .	6.
WILLIAM CORBETT .. .. .	3.	ALFRED B. BECK .. .. .	7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. .	4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Mr. May, who hails from Bristol, wishes to thank the Ashtead ringers who stood out of the band to allow him to ring.

## Handbell Peals.

## CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours Twenty-six and ½ Minutes,

IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER, TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 1-2.	H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	*REV. G. H. RIDOUT .. 7-8.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

First peal in hand by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8. \*First peal of Major. For calling see under peal No. 1020 Midland Counties Report.

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

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

## Date Touches.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM (Berks).—On Tuesday, March 7th. at the parish church, a date touch of Doubles, being 105 Grandsire and 360 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, called differently. J. Randall, A. E. Witts conductor, F. Denness, W. Mathews, A. W. J. Bird, H. Wells.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH.—On Thursday, February 16th, at the parish church, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods: 225 New London Pleasure, 240 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and Violet, and 360 each of Kent and Oxford H. Lightfoot, J. Worth, J. R. Burgess, J. Cottrell, H. Whitehurst, W. J. Carter conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, February 25th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in

48 mins. J. Barber, R. Bevan, W. Dean, J. Pryer, A. J. Newman, O. J. Baker, M. Woodcock conductor, H. Turner.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, November 6th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. E. Caulfield, A. H. Taber, J. Basden conductor, H. W. Wilkes, T. Beadle, W. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Seward.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Wilfred's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. Peters A. Kinsey, W. West, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, F. T. Spence conductor, G. Wheeler. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. Peters, A. Kinsey, W. West, S. Horsfall, F. T. Spence, J. Hughes conductor, W. Leigh.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Alkeeda's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Sykes, G. Handley, H. Parrish, H. Jones, R. Burrows conductor. This is the first 720 by all except the 4th and 6th, and the first by a Middleham band for upwards of a quarter of a century, and the first by the Guild. During the last ten years change-ringing has been altogether neglected at this tower, but a band of young ringers have recently obtained possession of the tower, and after struggling for some time against lack of enthusiastic members and want of efficient tuition, have at last (under the tuition of R. Burrows, of Richmond), accomplished a 720 of Minor, and a band has been formed under the name of the St. Alkeeda's Guild, with the Rector as President. On Wednesday, November 2nd, a special service was held in the tower, and ten members admitted to the newly formed Guild. After touches on the tower and handbells the ringers were entertained to supper by the Rev. H. G. Topham, a most enjoyable evening being spent. Practice is held on Tuesday and Friday nights at 7.30, and the ringers will be pleased of a visit from any efficient ringer who may be in the district.

# "Ringing the Changes" on OXO.

The following letter from the holders of the world's record will doubtless interest all who value stamina:—

Leicester,

Jan. 4th, 1905.

"No doubt ere this you have seen the result of the attempt for the World's Record Peal. We rang for 10 hours 35 minutes without food or rest, and I personally was fresh at the finish, and could have rung 15 hours if necessary. Your Oxo did wonders. We hold the record."

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(Midland Counties Association of Bellringers.)

# OXO

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF  
SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Chorley parish church on Saturday, February 25th, and was attended by ringers from Blackrod, Leyland, Preston, Penwortham, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung. At 6.30 the members adjourned to the Coffee Tavern, Market Street, where the business meeting was held, the President (Mr. Gartside), in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting being passed as read, it was agreed to hold the annual meeting at Chorley on June 3rd. Votes of thanks to the chairman for conducting the meeting,

and to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**—Mr. John E. Hobbs, of Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Notts., asks if any one can supply him with the following information: "What are the calls of Grandsire on 5 bells (a peal of 5040). If you could not supply me with this information, could tell me where I might obtain it from. At our church we can ring it twelve different ways, but it can be rung forty-two different ways."

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**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.**

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THOS. C. DEWEY, *General Manager.*

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*  
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*  
HENRY HARBEN,  
THOMAS WHARRIE, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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

15th February, 1905.

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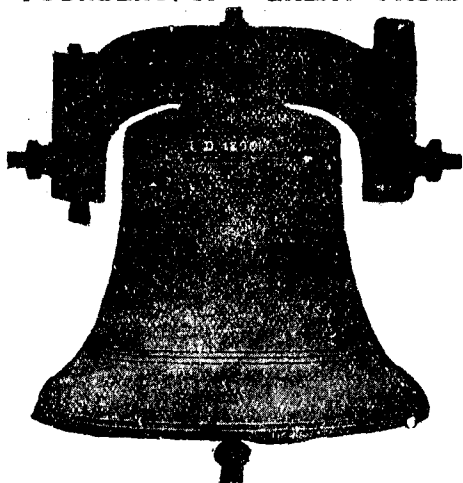
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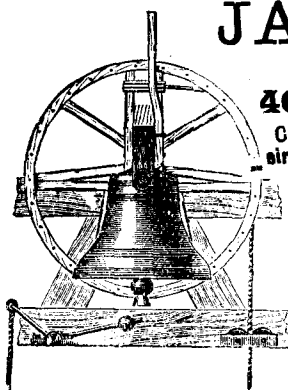
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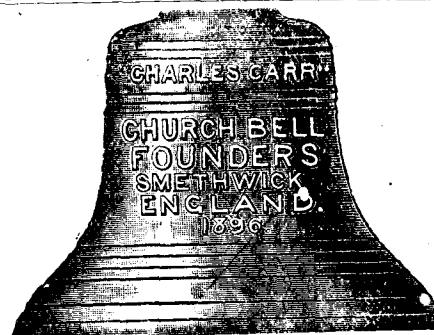
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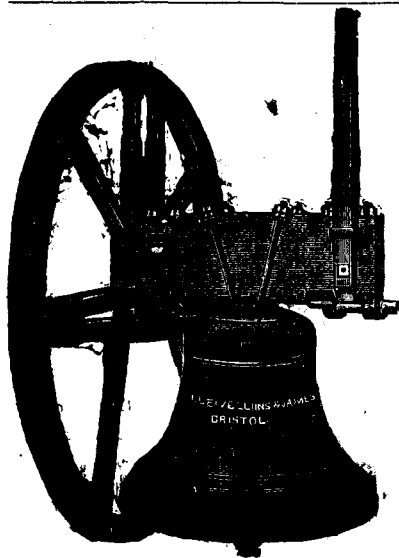
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WANTAGE (Berks.) Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 3rd by Gully 1669; 5th by Lester 1764; 6th by Warner 1867; 7th by Taylor 1843; the rest by Mears 1892. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Blackburn 1892. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.15, 2 to 2.30, and 5.30 to 6, except in Lent. No regular practice.

WARBURTON (Cheshire), St. Werburgh. Eight bells; all by Taylor 1884. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour each, morning and evening. Practice days, irregular, Tuesday and Friday.

WARE (Herts.) St. Mary. Hertford Association. Eight bells; treble by Phelps 1735; 4th and 7th by the same 1731; 2nd and 6th by Mears 1826; tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. by the same 1834; 3rd and 5th by Briant 1792. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Gray 1902. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 6.15 to 7. Practice: Wednesday. 8.

WAREHAM (Dorset). St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Mears 1785. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Partly rehung by Mears 1900. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 15 minutes before morning and evening service. Practice: Monday in November and December.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Staindrop on Saturday, March 4th, and was well attended by the members. Some excellent ringing took place on the six bells of St. Mary's church in the afternoon, the striking being very good. The tea was held in the Scarth Memorial Hall,

about thirty members and friends sitting down to an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. Mr. G. Park, vice-president, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Staindrop, the Rev. J. E. Phillips, Messrs. Coates, Robson, Routledge, Dr. Pauli and others.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of Staindrop and Gainford for the use of the bells, and to the former for the use of the schoolroom for committee work, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. J. E. Phillips responded, and stated that although he was not a ringer himself he took a great interest in ringers and ringing, one of his oldest and most intimate friends being the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Mr. C. L. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Coates, Leonard, Shipp, and the Staindrop ringers for their kind assistance in making the arrangements for the tea, which was carried.

After tea St. Mary's belfry was again visited by a number of ringers, and 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor were rung, the band including such veterans as Messrs. Moncaster, Patton and Shipp, three original members of the Association, the conductor being Mr. J. Baxter. Another party of ringers took the fine walk of 3½ miles through Selaby Park to Gainford, and rang several touches of Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor on the musical ring of six in the tower of St. Mary's church. The new members elected included the Vicar of Staindrop, and the Rev. B. Jealous, of Shadforth, near Durham.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### (CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A quarterly meeting was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 4th. Representatives were present from the towers of Brighton, Buxted, Balcombe, Cuckfield, Crawley, Horley, Lindfield, Withyham and East Grinstead. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 5.30 p.m. forty members sat down to an excellent tea at the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Rev. C. W. P. Crawford, lay Rector of the parish. The chair was taken by the Vicar of East Grinstead (Rev. D. Y. Blakiston), and amongst the company present were Messrs. E. F. Cole (London), J. Waghorn, sen. (Tottenham), G. Joad (Withyham), G. Williams (Divisional Secretary), etc. A letter was read by the chairman from Mr. Crawford, expressing his regret in not being able to be present, owing to a cold, but hoped they would enjoy the tea, and have a pleasant and successful meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and seven new members were also elected. It was proposed by Mr. A. Tomsett, seconded by Mr. Dawe, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Lindfield, the method to be Bob Major. Carried.

Mr. Tomsett undertaking the arrangements for the same, the divisional secretary proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Crawford for the excellent tea they had partaken of; to the Vicar for granting the use

of the bells and presiding at the meeting; also thanking Messrs. Cole and Waghorn for coming down from London to meet us. This was seconded by Mr. Gasson and carried unanimously.

The Vicar briefly replied, remarking what a happy family it was to preside over, there being nothing but unanimity. He himself was acting as deputy to Mr. Crawford, and having already read his letter he would only say "ditto." He would convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Crawford. Messrs. Cole and Waghorn also expressed their thanks for the welcomed received.

The tower was again visited and touches in various plain methods practised till 8.30 p.m.

#### THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, March 4th, when a fair assembly of ringers attended from Sheffield and the district, including representatives from Wortley, Bolsterstone, St. Marie's, Parish Church Sheffield, and the local company, etc. As this meeting was the first held by the society at Ecclesfield, the visit to this grand old historical church (built in 1111), with its fine peal of eight, was looked forward to with interest. Through the kindness of the Rev. F. W. Pawson the bells were available from 3 p.m.

On arrival the members were informed that the Vicar extended to them a hearty welcome, and wished them every success, whilst the usual evensong was most kindly suspended in their favour. Before ascending the tower, they found Mr. T. McKegg, of Wortley, waiting for them with his camera, and several groups of ringers and the church were soon "snapped" by him. On reaching the ringing-chamber they found Mr. Tom Kitson had everything in readiness, and the bells, which are in first-rate going order, were quickly set off to the tune of Treble Bob, whilst touches in all the Standard Methods were brought round by mixed bands during the day, a novelty being provided for those not already "in the know," by the bells going round the wrong way.

After everyone had satisfied the outer man, an adjournment was made to the local company's meeting-house, where full justice was done to the inner man, the business meeting following.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the President, who put in a late appearance, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. James Dixon. Eight new members were elected, all belonging to the local company. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. C. H. Hattersley, thanking the Society for their letter of condolence expressing sympathy with the widow and relatives of the late Thomas Hattersley. A further letter was read from the North Wingfield company respecting the proposed special meeting to be held at that place on Easter Monday, in which the members were informed the Vicar had kindly granted the use of the bells on that date, and trusted they would have a successful and enjoyable meeting.

At the suggestion of the Secretary the matter was held over until the next meeting, when he would be glad to hear from the different companies as to how many members would be able to attend, so that definite arrangements could be made for tea, etc.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Rev. F. W. Pawson for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness. In supporting the vote, the Secretary said he was pleased

to see the local company had shewn practical appreciation of the visit by becoming members of the Society, and he hoped to often meet them in the future at the Society's meetings.

This concluded the business, the remainder of the evening being devoted to friendly intercourse, with touches and tunes on the handbells. Apart from the usual accomplishments by the well-known different members, a very pleasing feature was the excellent selection of tunes given on the handbells by the four brothers, Messrs. Tom, Walter, Arthur and William Kitson, of Ecclesfield, whose time and manipulation of the handbells earned the repeated applause of the company present. Train time came all too soon, when the Sheffield contingency departed for home amid the strains of "Auld lang syne."

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the above Association was held at Battle on Saturday, March 4th. About thirty members were present, representing the following towers: Blacklands and St. Clement's, Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Battle, Eastbourne and Tonbridge.

Ringin commenced about 3 p.m. and good practice was had in various methods during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, who gave a very appropriate address. A most excellent meat tea was provided by the Dean and churchwardens at The George hotel, which was followed by the usual business meeting, the Dean of Battle occupying the chair, supported by his churchwarden, Mr. Soan. The minutes of the last meeting, held at Seaford, were duly read and confirmed, and four new members were elected. The question as to the next quarterly peal was discussed at some length, and it was arranged that it should take place at Bexhill, the method to be Stedman Triples, and Mr. Frank Bennett be asked to conduct. Mr. W. Franks also promised to get together as soon as possible a band for attempting the peal at Brightling, arranged for some time ago.

A long discussion opened by Mr. Hyland then took place with reference to the annual meeting always being held at Brighton. He said that Brighton was too far off. If the annual meetings were held alternately at Chichester, Brighton and Hastings, it would in his opinion do a great deal to stir up change-ringing in the outlying districts.

This view was held by the majority of those present, and after the chairman had explained that this was a question which could only be dealt with at an annual meeting, Mr. Hyland proposed, and Mr. Franks seconded, that it be a recommendation to the Committee, that the Annual Meeting in 1906 be held at Hastings. This was carried.

The Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, and to the Dean and churchwardens for the splendid tea they had provided. He stated that the Association was always well received at Battle, and he was very pleased to see such a good number present, and more particularly so as it would be the last meeting at Battle whilst he held the post of Secretary.

The Dean in returning thanks said he hoped it would not be long before the Association again visited Battle.

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## HATFIELD.—SUPPER TO RINGERS.

"The Rector and Lady Cecil requests the company of Mr.——to supper at the Rectory (St. Audrey's), on Tuesday, February 21st, at 8 p.m." Such was the invitation sent to each ringer, and at the time appointed there was to be seen in the dining-room a very pretty sight of flowers and foliage plants, a goose and turkey, and numerous other good things. The ringers, to the number of twelve, were there, all having accepted the invitation, and there were also present the Revs. J. J. Antrobus, and D. D. Marsden (curates), and Mr. R. Halsey (Parish Clerk), besides the hosts Lord William and Lady Cecil.

The Rector said grace, and soon the clatter of knives and forks were heard. the numerous course-ends coming up in fine style. Supper over, dessert and cigarettes were passed round, after which the ringers adjourned to the drawing-room. Several good songs, tunes on the handbells, also a course of Grandsire Triples, and a recitation or two, passed the time away all too soon, and they were quite surprised to find out it was just on midnight, so the proceedings terminated with a verse of the National Anthem. The ringers take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Lord William and Lady Cecil for their kindness on this and other occasions.

## LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

On Saturday, February 11th, the St. John's Society, with friends from Wanstead, Woodford and Loughton, held their annual dinner at The Two Brewers, Leytonstone. About twenty-six sat down to a splendid repast, to which it is needless to say full justice was done. Mr. S. Hayes, Master of the South Western Division of the Essex Association, ably presided, assisted by Mr. G. A. Black, Hon. Secretary. Dinner over, the loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured. The chairman called upon

Mr. W. Miller (Local Master), who proposed "Success to the Leytonstone Society," referred to the progress made during the past year. Mr. Doran in responding, said he was very pleased to see so many ringing friends that evening, and congratulated them on the newly-formed band at Woodford.

During the evening touches were rung on the handbells, and songs and recitations by the company. After the chairman had delivered a pleasing address, "Auld lang syne" was sung and the members dispersed.

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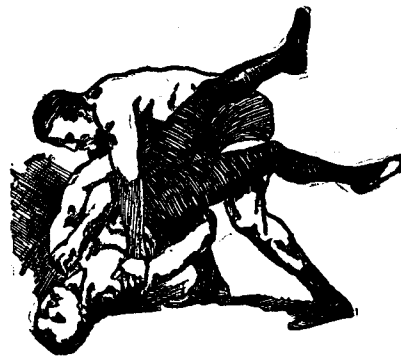
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## Obituary.

## WILLIAM DRUST TINKER.

It is with the deepest regret that the members of the Gainsborough Society have to announce the very severe loss they have sustained through the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away early in the morning of Sunday, February 26th, at the age of 64. He had been ailing for the past three months, and although things began to look rather serious it was not thought the end was so near. He remained conscious to the last, and always had a hearty welcome for any of his friends, and especially his brother-ringers, with whom he had spent so many happy hours at his favourite hobby—change-ringing. In the afternoon the ringers met to pay a last tribute of respect to their much beloved and highly-esteemed Master, by ringing the bells half-muffled. This was repeated after the funeral, which took place on the Tuesday. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Wilson, Wheeler, Credland, J. Fisher, J. T. Ladd, R. Dawson, A. Betts, P. O. Bixby, and F. S. W. Butler. He was followed to his last resting place by a large number of friends and relatives, also by his brother-ringers (including Mr. F. F. Linley, a vice-president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) four of whom bore him from the cemetery chapel to the grave side. He had been a member of the parish church company for upwards of forty-four years, and up to the time of his illness was a most regular and punctual attendant to his ringing duties, both on Sundays and at practice. At the time of joining the company only call-changes were rung, the band knowing nothing whatever about change-ringing. In 1884 (the year in which the North Lincolnshire Association was formed) he, along with his brother, Mr. J. C. Tinker, became determined to master the Art. They therefore purchased copies of Mr. Banister's book, and after having studied the method of Grandsire Triples, they both went over to Doncaster parish church to be sure they were able to ring it. Finding their attempt had not been in vain, the other Gainsborough ringers were quickly persuaded to follow their steps, and a band of change-ringers was very soon formed. Mr. W. D. Tinker was elected leader, a office he held for a great number of years. From that time he commenced entering in a book every touch that was rung, the number of changes and any other particulars concerning them. This he continued up to the time of his illness. He was a good conductor, particularly in Grandsire Triples, which was his favourite method. A true proof of him being deeply interested in bellringing may be shown in stating that on one occasion he walked from Gainsborough to Market Rasen and back (a distance of forty miles) for the purpose of attending an Association meeting. He was always ready to stand in for a touch or peal when required. It is to him that several ringers, including some of the present company, owe their thanks for their first introduction to change-ringing. Not only will he be missed by the Gainsborough ringers but also by many members of the Lincoln Guild, especially the Northern Branch, which previous to the Guild being formed, was the North Lincolnshire Association, and of which he was one of the founders. He also for many years was one of its instructors. Although he only took part in four peals still they are worthy of record, especially No. 1, which was Holt's ten-part (March 23rd, 1887), being the first peal by the North Lincolnshire Association, which he had the honour of conducting, and which was also the first peal by all the band. The second was Holt's ten-part reversed (April 14, 1894), which he also conducted; the third, a peal of Bob Major (October 23rd, 1901), and the 4th a peal of Bob Triples (April 4th, 1904). He also was a member of the Gainsborough parish church choir for about four years during the fifties. The ringers of the parish church (along with many friends), deeply sympathise with Mrs. Tinker and family, also his brother, in their bereavement.

## ERNEST PARNELL.

It is with deep regret we record the death of the above-named ringer at the early age of 28 years, after a very short illness. Deceased was ringing on Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and he appeared as bright as usual. He was taken ill on the Tuesday following, and passed peacefully

away on Saturday, March 11th, having only been ill three days. He leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his loss. He was one of the new band formed here eighteen months ago, and will be sadly missed by his fellow ringers. He was borne to his last resting place on Monday, March 13th, by three brother-ringers, one representing the Three Towns Branch Guild. As the funeral cortege wended its way to the cemetery the rain fell in torrents and the wind was very high and cold. In the evening the usual whole pull and stand and three courses of Treble Bob was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect.

## GEORGE CHESHIRE.

It is with deep regret we record the death of George Cheshire, of Leicester, who passed away on Sunday, March 12th, at the age of 36. The deceased, who leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss, joined the Midland Counties Association in January, 1901. He was a member of Leicester St. Martin's. Although he only rang two peals of Grandsire, both on the treble, one of Triples the other (Caters, rang in honour of the Coronation) he was undoubtedly as safe a man on the treble as could be found. He was well respected by all who had known him. On Tuesday evening the St. Martin's band rang the usual whole pull and stand, also a touch of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for their departed comrade.

## 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."

## OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—I agree with what Mr. Drake says on this subject in your last issue so far as it goes, but we really want more than a list—we want a classification. Thus, in the list published by Mr. Pearson we find this item—"The Ringers' True Guide," by Beaufoy, 1804. Now how are your readers to know from this title that this pamphlet has nothing to do with the science of change-ringing, but is merely an exhortation by a Dissenting Minister?

Might it not be as well for the Central Council to reconstitute a Committee to deal with the Bibliography, if one may so say, of the Exercise?

R. A. DANIELL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

A meeting of this branch was held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 4th, members attending from Liverpool, Aughton, Bootle, Garston and the local company. At 6 p.m. tea was partaken of kindly provided by Mr. T. Garnett, churchwarden. After tea Mr. Garnett was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. Longridge was elected a non-resident member. The chairman then welcomed the members to Grassendale, and hoped they would spend a very pleasant evening. He was sorry to say that he had no knowledge of change-ringing.

The Rev. F. Le Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for providing the tea. During the evening touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung.

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## Notices.

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**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Estd. 1637.—Alteration to Rule vii., effective from March 15th, 1905. "The conductor of any peal rung under the title of this Society, shall collect as booking fees 3d. in the case of a tower-bell peal, and 6d. in the case of a hand-bell peal, from each member taking part therein, and forward the same to the Secretary in time for the half-yearly bookings, viz., June 30th and December 31st."

Rule xii., effective from 15th, 1905. "Members only, who either met the Society twenty times in the previous financial year, or who paid the sum of 1s. 8d. to the funds between November 5th and February 28th, shall be entitled to vote on matters of finance."

The period for payment this year is extended to May 1st.

Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 29th, and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 6th and April 20th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Springfield to-day, Sat., March 25th. Broomfield and Springfield towers will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. A knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. at The Endeavour, Springfield, 1s. each.

B. S. THOMPSON, *Dis. Sec.*

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**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, to-day Sat., March 25th. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5.30., by invitation of the Rev. A. Allen, B.D.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds to-day, Sat., March 25th. Bells (12) will be available for ringing. The Leeds company will ring from 6 to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at The Royal Oak inn, Kirkgate, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. J. Broadley's proposition will be finally settled at this meeting. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, and a good attendance of members are requested to attend.

F. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury to-day, Sat., March 25th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Linslade on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Brindle, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**St Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, April 3rd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**J. S. GOLDSMITH'S 200 PEALS.**—Seven methods on 6 bells 1; Grandsire Triples 31, conducted 18; Major 1; Caters 4, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 26, conducted 3; Caters 10, conducted 1; Cinques 1; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Court Bob Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples 1; Major 24, conducted 9; Royal 1; Canterbury Major, 1; Double Norwich Major 16, conducted 1; Royal 1, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 18, conducted 7; Royal 5; Superlative Surprise 32, conducted 2; New Cumberland Surprise 1; Cambridge Surprise 10, conducted 1; New Cambridge Surprise 1; London Surprise 12, conducted 1. Total—200; conducted 47.

**THE PEAL AT CORNHILL.**—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wilkins and Matthews; it was W. J. Nudds' 101st peal, made up as follows: Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 18; Caters 30; Cinques, 10; Bob Major, 2; Oxford Major, 1; Kent Major, 3; Royal 7; Maximus 1; Double Norwich Major 5; Superlative Major 18; London 1; Cambridge Royal, 3; In three methods on 6 bells 1. Total—101. The conductor has now called a peal of Stedman Cinques from every bell, and is the only person that has ever attained that object.

**THE PEAL AT CAVERSHAM.**—G. ESSEX'S 100 PEALS.—London Surprise 8; Cambridge, 12; Superlative 15; Double Norwich 22; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Bob Major 6; Triples 2; Stedman Triples 16; Grandsire Triples 11; 6-bell peals 7. Total—100.

**THE IRISH PEAL.**—The idea of such a peal had been in vogue for some months, Messrs. George, Pye, Barton and Holding being unable to meet for it on St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Goldsmith saved the situation at the last hour, and called a musical composition (a 6000 cut down, by G. Lindoff). This was his 200th peal, and he has now called the first Surprise peal out of England, and the first Irish peal out of Ireland. Messrs. Harman and Fussell now score their first peal with the Association. This is the first invitation to take part in a peal London given Mr. Taylor, who made the long journey from Loughborough for the attempt. Many thanks are due to the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Pratt, M.A.), for permission, and to the steeple-keeper for having all correct in the tower. At the conclusion of the peal an adjournment to The Plough hotel enabled the band to take "Irish" all round, when success to the Emerald Association was drank, and arrangements discussed for making an annual on "Shamrock Day."

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# THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CAANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung on St. Patrick's Day by English members of the Irish Association, as a compliment to the sister isle, being the first peal by the Association out of Ireland.

# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, THAMES STREET,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY A. WKIGHT .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	HERBERT F. HULL .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 5.	HARRY FLANDERS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. The above is B. Prewett's 50th peal of Stedman Caters.

# The Provinces.

## CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

WILLIAM DALTON .. .. Treble.	JOHN HOUGH .. .. 5.
THOMAS WHITTLE .. .. 2.	PHILIP ASHCROFT .. 6.
WILLIAM BANNISTER .. 3.	JOHN ASHCROFT, JUN. 7.
THOMAS DALTON .. .. 4.	JAMES ASHCROFT .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. BEECH .. .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. 4.
GEORGE HODGE .. .. 2.	FRED BUTCHERS .. 5.
FRANK PATTENDEN .. 3.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED J. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Hodge, who with J. Beech were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

## KILNDOWN, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. BEECH .. .. Treble.	FRANK PATTENDEN .. 4.
GEORGE HODGE .. .. 2.	FRED BUTCHERS .. 5.
EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 3.	FRED J. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED J. LAMBERT.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and his hospitality on this and former occasions.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1905, in Two Hours Fifty and ½ Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE KENNERLEY* .. Treble.	*THOMAS EDWARDS .. 5.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 2.	WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
GEORGE CARTWRIGHT* .. 3.	THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
JAMES EDWARDS† .. 4.	*HENRY MITFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band. First peal rung in the Crewe branch by a band who have learnt their ringing in the branch.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS MAYNARD .. .. Treble.	†HARRY HARRIS .. 5.
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 2.	RALPH WOOD .. 6.
EDWARD RADDON .. .. 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. E. Jelly (Holy Trinity Society), and Miss F. M. Harding, of Guildford, which took place at the above church on Saturday, March 4th.

## BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

TOM LAWSON* .. .. Treble.	J. BRADLEY .. 5.
JOSEPH FOSTER* .. .. 2.	J. MCKELL .. 6.
T. B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	*W. FOSTER .. 7.
J. ROSS* .. .. 4.	*JOHN PERFECT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. FOSTER.

\*First peal in the method.

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT EMMANUEL CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. in E flat.

GEO. PALMER* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. RICHARDS .. 5.
EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDS .. 6.
EDGAR MANNING .. .. 3.	JAMES JORDAN .. 7.
WILLIAM HISCOFF .. 4.	G. HARRY MYERS .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and  
Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells, which are a fine ring by Warner, and were dedicated last Easter.

## WIGAN.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY MEADOWS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HALL .. 6.
JOHN BARKER .. .. 2.	ROBERT FISHER .. 7.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. 3.	JOSEPH MAJOR .. Tenor.
ALEXANDER SHAW .. 4.	EDWARD BENTHAM ..
WILLIAM MAJOR .. 5.	SAMUEL C. C. TURNER ..

Conducted by W. MAJOR.

\*First peal as conductor.

## PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM D. FERRIN* .. Treble.	GEORGE BARNES .. .. 5.
JAMES ARTHUR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. READ .. .. 6.
ARTHUR BUTLER* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4.	*HENRY MELS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. ARTHUR.

\*First peal.

## HEMEL HEMPSTED, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD .. .. Treble.	JAMES FLOYD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. .. 2.	OWEN BAYES .. .. 6.
CHARLES GOLDING .. .. 3.	HARRY GOLDING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE SELLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of H. Golding's wedding-day, and also his tenth peal, his brother-ringers wishing him health and prosperity.

## EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM MYNARD .. .. Treble.	EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. MYNARD.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES THOMPSON* .. .. Treble.	*JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO* .. 4.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the Oxford variation, and first on the bells.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNAABAS,

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

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

W. R. WASHBROOK .. .. Treble.	A. TAILYOUR .. .. 5.
A. SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	ISAAC MYERS .. .. 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. 3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Oxford Bob in Ireland, and first in the method by all the band.

## BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RHODES .. .. 2.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 6.
WILLIAM CLARK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 7.
FRED CLOUGH* .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal.

## BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BARNES .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR MACKHEARS .. 4.
THOMAS CRAGG .. .. 2.	GEORGE SCOTT .. .. 5.
SIDNEY WHALEY .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

## ECCLESFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAM HEMINGFIELD .. .. Treble.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 5.
THOMAS KITSON .. .. 2.	OLIVER CAWOOD .. .. 6.
WILLIS WHITHAM .. .. 3.	*JONATHAN GREAVES .. 7.
WALTER KITSON .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by THOMAS KITSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Archie Brearley, who was twenty-one years of age on the above date, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE JESMOND,

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

JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.
EDWARD A. HERN* .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIAR .. .. 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and  
Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

\*The first time he has rung the method.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON)

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Treble.	JESSE ARBON .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. GOSLING .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. GIRLING .. .. 3.	DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 7.
ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. 4.	FRANK ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1905, Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

EDWIN BRISTOW .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
GEORGE SEARLE* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR GATLAND .. .. 6.
THOMAS SEARLE .. .. 3.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT KELLY* .. .. Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. EDWARDS† .. .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	EDWARD HITCHMOUGH .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	EDWARD BRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

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

## KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BERRY .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
F. GORDON THOMPSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. WATLING.

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

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HARDWICK .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. .. 7.
FRANK HILL .. .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5053 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

HERBERT C. CAVIL .. .. Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 6.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. .. 8.
JAMES W. HINTON .. .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 9.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung in memory of the late Vicar of St. Nicholas (Rev. R. L. Murchison), who died suddenly, and as a great tribute of respect to a faithful friend of ringers.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

PHILLIP HART* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 5.
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. .. 2.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Hart, who shortly sails for Canada, the band wishing him every prosperity.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

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

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 6.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 3.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	SYDNEY JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. .. 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
JOSEPH KETTLE .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING.

First peal of Major by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major by the above branch.

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

## LENTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LENARD LEVERTON† .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM WAGSTAFF .. .. 5.
GEORGE WEST† .. .. 2.	E. J. OLIVER .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 4.	†ROBERT ASHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

†First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BASON, JUN.* .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. C. JACKSON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 6-score each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Canterbury Pleasure, Sunshine, Hudibras, Dream, St. Dunstan's, Lincolnshire Singles, Grandsire, Earl Soham Delight, Primrose, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, each called differently.

JOHN COLEMAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR GALE .. .. 3.
ARTHUR H. PALMER .. .. 2.	HARRY PALMER .. .. 4.
JAMES J. KIRK .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by A. H. PALMER.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Palmer. There were congratulations on the excellent striking after the peal. First peal with one man at the tenor for twenty-one years.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE BELLFOUNDRY TOWER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.
FRANK PERVIN* .. .. 2.	*ERNEST W. ABBOTT .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	†FREDERICK H. STUBBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. H. COLBURN.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD HIMS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN .. .. 5.
WM. WEATHERSTONE .. .. 2.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 3.	WALTER SMITH .. .. 7.
ERNEST A. RIDGWAY .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENTED .. 5.
WILLIAM SPICE .. .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 6.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 7.
HERBERT E. SIMPSON .. 4.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells and by a local band.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN WYATT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	ALFRED WINCH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
HARRY LAST .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	†FRANK COLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HALE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM BATEMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN WIGMORE* .. .. 3.	GARRIE MILES .. .. 7.
AUSTIN GWINNETT* .. .. 4.	†ALBERT HANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by GARRIE MILES.

\*First peal in any method. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor. First peal for several years by an entire Painswick company, who were congratulated by the parishioners on their good striking.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,||

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. KETTLEBORO 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

It was intended to ring Royal, but one of the band being ill, the above was rung instead.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT* .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge.



ASH, NEXT SANDWICH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRISON SMITH .. .. Treble.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. 6.
SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since 1887.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BLANCHARD* .. Treble.	W. H. BRUNSDON .. .. 5.
JOHN MILLNER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS HERBERT KAY .. .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS BUTLER .. .. 7.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 4.	JOHN PHILIP TARLTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

On Monday, March 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

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

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

Reference elsewhere.

FLITTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob, each called differently.

FREDERICK PRATT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR DANIEL .. .. 4.
ALFRED PRATT .. .. 2.	HERBERT J. HARLOW .. .. 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK MEEKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT L. HARLOW.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE KING AND CROWN, TOWN HALL LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL .. .. 3-4.	JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 7-8.
ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART.,  
and Conducted by SAMUEL COTTON.

Referees—Fred H. Dexter and Joseph S. Needham.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The number of changes in the peal of Double

Norwich rung at St. Albans Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. should be 5008 not 5088 as published.—The handbell peal rung at Cambridge on March 4th, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 18th, was umpired by C. G. Roffe.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Shildon has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On February 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Read, A. Foulger, E. Trett, R. Ward, J. Peel, H. Trett conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 7th, at the parish church, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob N. Little, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, W. Grimwade, W. Steele conductor. On Thursday, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, F. Webb, S. R. Roper, W. Steele, C. H. Howard, G. H. Sentance, B. Thompson, H. W. Kirton conductor, W. Grimwade. On Sunday, March 19th, 672 Double Norwich. H. E. Hammond, G. H. Sentance, F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Warren, F. Rudkin, S. R. Roper, W. Grimwade.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, March 19th, 720 Bob Minor. F. J. Fuller, W. Sadler, H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, G. H. Sentance conductor, A. B. Wiffen. For evening service 600 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sadler, C. H. Howard, H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, G. H. Sentance, S. R. Roper conductor. On Monday, March 20th, 400 Double Norwich. H. Coote, W. Sadler, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen conductor, S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, W. Grimwade, H. Collins.

STANSTED.—On Saturday, February 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1120 London Surprise Major, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Prior, H. Baker, A. F. James, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON ((Lancashire).—On Saturday, November 19th, at Christ Church, a half peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's Variation in 1 hr. 27 mins. W. Bentham, J. Gardner, J. Eastham, J. Taylor, W. Fairclough, A. Lovell, E. Counce conductor, P. H. Harvey.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, March 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Brook's peal. E. Dunn, T. Groombridge conductor, J. Emery, A. Humphrey, T. Harford, G. Huxley, H. P. Harman, W. James.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

SINGLETON (Lancashire).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. R. Porter, C. Porter, J. Ranson, H. Walton, A. Southworth, T. Charney.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—Recently, at Christ Church, 1261 Stedman Caters. T. Teasdale conductor, J. Scott, A. Tully, E. Hern, R. H. Hogg, F. Johnstone, T. Hogg, J. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. Lawson. At South Shields 504 Stedman Triples and 252 Stedman Triples.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On Monday evening, February 27th, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, A. Collins, J. Matthews, J. Harding, W. Lebbon conductor, S. Thomas first quarter-peal. Rung on the occasion of the King's visit to Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On November 4th, at St. Mary's church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins. S. Wyatt, J. Routley, E. Lloyd, E. A. Poole, P. Merson, J. Fowler, J. Burge, F. Ladd, W. White, E. Wyatt. This

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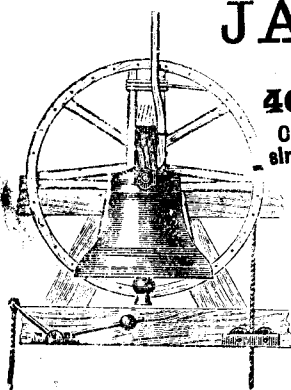
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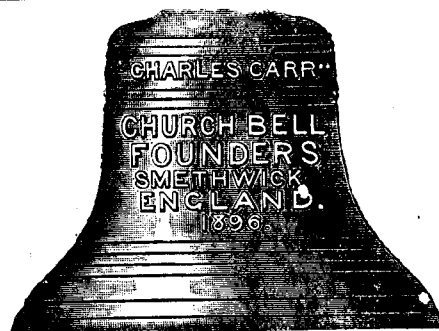
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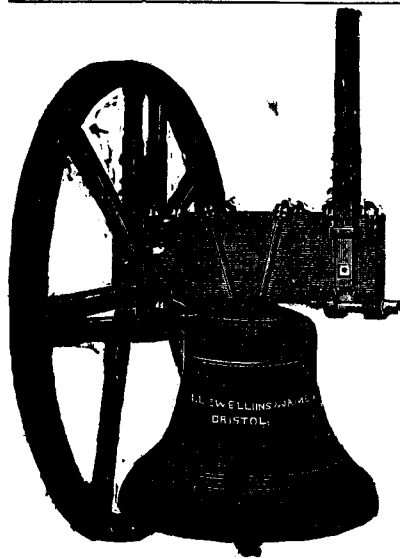
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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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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).

**WARMINSTER (Wilts.)** St. Denys. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. by Rudhall, 1737; the rest by Warner 1881. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1881. Ropes new 1899. Method: Grandsire. Rung alternate Sundays. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30, except in Lent.

**WARNHAM (Sussex).** St. Margaret. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears 1897. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Mixed frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1897, when the whole ring were recast. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30. Every facility for peals.

**WARWICK.** St. Nicholas. Eight bells. No return. St. Mary. Ten bells; 5th, 6th and 9th by Rudhall 1702. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. by Mears 1814; the rest by Taylor 1902. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1902. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Saturdays, 7.30.

**WASHINGBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).** North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Taylor 1896; 5th, 6th and 7th by Oldfield 1589; the rest by Rudhall 1713. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1896. Ropes new 1896, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

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## INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

On Sunday morning, March 26th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of St. Martin's church, Leicester. The Vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen and ringers assembled to make a presentation to Mr. John Owen Lancashire, whose knowledge and interest in change-ringing in the town, and especially in connection with St. Martin's church are so well known.

The Rev. Canon Sanders, in making the presentation, said that he and his churchwardens had long felt they would like to make a present to one who had by his advice and assistance done so much for the church. He had spoken to Mr. Stockdale Harrison, one of the sidesmen, on the subject, and he advised them to get a volume on Architecture, which might be useful to him in his profession as an architect. The Vicar, in handing Mr. Lancashire the book, said that he hoped it would be of use to him, and that they would still have his assistance in the church.

Mr. G. O. Marshall and Mr. G. Ellis, churchwardens, cordially endorsed all the Vicar had said.

Mr. Lancashire, in accepting the presentation, expressed his appreciation of their kindness to him, and said he would always look upon it with much gratitude.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A gathering of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Sturminster Newton, on Saturday, March 4th. A committee meeting was held in the vestry of the parish church. The usual short service followed, with an address by the Vicar. The general meeting was attended by representatives from Childe Okeford, Haselbury Bryan, Okeford Fitzpaine, Pimperne, Poole, Shillingstone, Sturminster. The election of the Rev. H. Farley and the Lytchett Minster company, and of Mr. H. W. Waterman (Parkstone) was confirmed, and the Rev. A. Urban Smith, of Marnbull (absent owing to a serious bicycle accident), and the Shillingstone company were duly elected. About five o'clock two small brakes left for Marnbull and Haselbury, where tea was kindly provided on arrival by the respective Rectors, while those who remained at Sturminster were entertained by the Vicar at The White Hart. After tea the bells were kept going in three towers till it was time to drive back and leave by the 9.4 down train.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting of this branch was held at St. John's church, Blackpool, on Saturday afternoon, March 11th. The Vicar had kindly given permission for the use of the bells, and during the afternoon they were rung by members from Fylde and various parts of Lancashire. The methods included Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. Shortly after six o'clock the members adjourned to St. John's school, where they

were entertained by the Rev. N. S. Jeffery, rural dean, to tea. There were about fifty present, and after tea a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Jeffery on the proposition of the Rev. H. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, President of the Association. It was seconded by Mr. Chapman, of Salford. The usual business meeting followed.

The Rev. N. S. Jeffery extended a very hearty welcome to all, and in a chatty little address spoke of the duties of bellringers, and suggested that church attendance was one of them. He mentioned the interesting fact that Mr. J. Winter, one of the ringers at his own church, had rung there for thirty-seven years without a break. He proposed a vote of sympathy with the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, and expressed his regret that he had to tender his resignation owing to illness. He also mentioned sympathetically the illness of Mr. Robert Clitheroe.

The Secretary, Mr. Rawcliffe, another old ringer, regretfully tendered his resignation. Mr. Elsee and others spoke appreciatively of Mr. Rawcliffe's work, and the resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. John Smith, of the St. John's company, was appointed in his place.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above district was held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, March 4th. The lofty tower of St. Nicholas' church contains a fine ring of eight, tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and two courses of Bob Major and one of Kent were brought round during the evening.

A short business meeting was held at The Lion hotel, at which eighteen members were elected, including the Ash company, who have been under the tuition of Mr. E. Trendell formerly of Benhilton, Surrey. After the meeting several touches were rung on handbells by Messrs. Walter, Trendell, Barton, Holden and Fowler.

### ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, POOLSTOCK, WIGAN.

The annual dinner given by Mr. G. Airey to the bellringers of St. James's church, Poolstock, was partaken of on a recent Saturday at The Eckersley Arms, which was served up in Councillor and Mrs. Paxton's well-known style. There were present the Rev. F. Sardeson, M.A. (Vicar), the Rev. J. A. B. Y. Lodge, Councillor R. Bannister, Messrs. T. Taylor, G. S. Brown, T. Morris, Short, and Martin (Liverpool), whilst the Rev. T. Bulpit and Mr. Bentham were unavoidably absent through sickness, and Mr. Burland through a previous business arrangement. The repast over, the Vicar invited the ringers across to the belfry of St. James's, and there asked Mr. Short to make the presentation of a mirror which had been won by the ringers of the church at Poolstock for the most peals on eight bells in the diocese from October to October, 1903-4.

Mr. Short, having unveiled the mirror, said he must couple with his (Mr. Short's) name, that of Mr. Martin, who had worked hand in hand with him to bring about their meeting in St. James's church that day. He congratulated the ringers on their success, and hoped that the mirror would brighten up the belfry, and when any individual ringer looked at it, it would remind him of their work collectively, and that it would be the means of

inspiring each and everyone of them to still greater achievements.

Mr. Martin supported very heartily what Mr. Short had said, and hoped the ringers of St. James's would be steadfast in the work they were called upon to perform. He was sorry Mr. Bulpit and Mr. Bentham were not amongst them, and concluded by wishing the Poolstock ringers every success.

Mr. George Brown responded on behalf of the ringers, and said he tendered Mr. Short and Mr. Martin their heartiest thanks for coming down from Liverpool that day and presenting them with that beautiful mirror. Little did they think that when Mr. Short proposed to give a trophy it would eventually come to adorn the belfry of St. James's church.

The mirror is surrounded by a heavy oak Oxford frame, which is beautifully carved, being adorned with three brass plates. The inscriptions on the right and left are the ringers' names, and at the foot is the following: "Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers. Presented by William Short, Esq., for peals on eight bells, 1904."

The company then returned to The Eckersley Arms, where the chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. The toast of "The donor of the mirror" was submitted by the chairman, which was enthusiastically received. Songs were next given by Messrs. Dickinson, Brown, Ridge (2), Eagles, Garside and Hammond.

Councillor Bannister, in proposing "The donor of the dinner" (G. Airey, Esq.), said in Mr. Airey they had a gentleman who was always ready and willing to assist the bellringers. He was certain he took a great interest in their welfare. As they all knew, they had the honour of opening the peal of bells at Newton through their friend Mr. Airey; and when his late father was approached, he promised to give the ringers of Poolstock a dinner every year, and he kept his promise until his death. He thought the son was following in his father's footsteps, and he was sure he would do so as long as they kept up to the high standard of efficiency they had now attained to. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing the health and prosperity of Mr. Airey.

Mr. G. S. Brown responded on behalf of Mr. Airey. He said although Mr. Airey was not present with them in person he was in spirit. No doubt he had taken a great interest in bellringing, for, as Mr. Bannister had said, he gave one of the bells at St. Peter's, Newton. He would like to add his congratulations to them on their winning the beautiful mirror they had seen that afternoon. Mr. Morris also responded to the toast.

The Rev. J. A. Lodge in submitting the toast of "The Bellringers," said it fell to his lot to do the same last year. He hoped the ringers would go steadfastly on in the future as they had done in the past, and that they would be the means of bringing more and more members to the House of God. He had pleasure in proposing the toast.

Mr. George Brown responded, and thanked Mr. Lodge for the very kind words he had uttered, Mr. G. Rhodes supporting. Votes of thanks to the chairman and the host and hostess, closed the proceedings.

### A RINGERS' PLEASURE, THANKS AND SUGGESTION.

Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, writes:—

I was pleased to read the account in "THE BELL NEWS" of the anniversary of the opening of the Haverhill church bells, also of the beautiful framed record of the

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opening peals, viz., Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob, which had been designed and executed by Mr. Hunt, and kindly accepted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Rutter. Being one of the visiting ringers who rang in the afore-said opening peals, on behalf of myself and brother-ringers who took part in these peals, I beg to thank all the gentlemen concerned in the affair for their generosity. As a very good photo of the band that rang the two first peals of Minor ever heard from the steeple of the parish church was taken at the time, might I suggest that one might be sent to you, Mr. Editor, and then perhaps you might see your way clear to reproduce it in "THE BELL NEWS."

My best thanks are also due to Mr. Dains for his very interesting account which he gave of Stedman's book, on the various methods given in that work, which fully clears up all doubts about change-ringing being known both in Stedman and Annable's days, and that these two celebrated ringers were the first masters of the art.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Referring to the footnote to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Manchester Cathedral appearing in your issue of March 18th, allow me to correct the statement as to the Presidency of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. I resigned the office in December last.

R. S. STORY.

#### GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—In your last issue a question was asked about the forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The answer is that so far only ten 6-scores have ever been produced, and the other thirty-two are really St. Dunstan's Doubles. But in the report or calls issued some years ago by the Central Council it was pointed out that theoretically the single in Grandsire Doubles should be 3rds place, i.e. the bob place, 5ths place, i.e. the plain place, and 4ths place the one between them when the treble takes the lead, thus:—

21543 } s  
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Now this single is not only theoretically correct, but is capable of producing sixteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, as follows:

2345	2345	2345
2534 P	4523 B	4532 s
3425 B	4352 P	3245 B
3542 P	5243 B	4523 s
4235 B	5324 P	4352 P
4523 P	2453 B	Four variations, four 6-scores.
2354 s	5342 s	

Twice repeated.

Each of these has six variations, as the s can be substituted for B or P. Twelve 6-scores. Total sixteen 6-scores.

This single is also capable of producing 6-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles, which are impossible with the ordinary s.

12345 32415 43152  
— 34251 41325  
21354 43521 14235  
23145 34512 12453

Twice repeated for the plain course.

This makes four 6-scores, and they can be reversed by calling a single every time the treble comes behind, and the bob in from each bell as an observation, four more total eight 6-scores.

Call a single every time the treble comes to lead. This runs four leads, thus:—

12345

13452 s  
14523 s  
15234 s  
12345 s

Choose any of the four working bells as observation, and call a bob each time the treble turns the observation bell from behind, thus:—

12345 32415 B 32154  
— 23451 31245 s  
21354 32541 13245  
23145 23514 12354

H. LAW JAMES.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Consequent upon the valuable suggestion a short time ago of a prominent member of the Exercise in "THE BELL NEWS," the Bedfordshire Association have resolved to collect and enter the compositions of peals rung in the official peal-book, from the commencement of the Association in 1882. Having been commissioned to perform this duty, I am in want of the composition of a peal of Bob Major rung by the Association at Woburn on the 12th of February, 1898, and conducted by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. The peal is one of 5024, by Mr. H. W. Wilde, and the conductor cannot now recall what peal it was nor can he find the figures. I should be glad if you could bring this before the notice of the Exercise, with a view to Mr. Wilde or some other gentleman being so kind as to forward it to me. In concluding I take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who upon request have so kindly assisted me to discover many of the compositions.

ERNEST J. GALE.

23, Offa Road, Bedford.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—If you can afford me a little of your valuable space, I should like a little information regarding Violet Major. In the majority of the touches given by Sottanstell in his "Elements of Campanalogia" he makes 2nds place at a bob. But he also says at the beginning of the method that the bob leads, taken as another method, and using Plain Violet for a bob constitute New London Pleasure Major. Now this obviously cannot be true if 2nds place be made at a bob in Violet, since that would cause one bell to be on the front for the whole course. I would like to ask whether 6ths place or 8ths is made at a bob in this method, and where I could obtain some touches and peals with all the bobs in the same place.

ALBERT NASH.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 8th, for practice at All Saints church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Dawson, E. Dawson conductor, W. Hawkes, W. Sharpington, M. Windley, H. Sharpington. And 360 each of Oxford and Kent. F. Ward, E. Dawson conductor, G. Waterman, W. Sharpington, W. Hawkes, H. Sharpington. First 360 by the treble ringer.

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## Obituary.

## HENRY BROOKS.

By the death of Henry Brooks, at the age of eighty years, on Friday, March 17th, the Carshalton Society loses its oldest and most respected member. Deceased, who was born in Devonshire, came to Carshalton some fifty years ago, and soon made himself known in the tower. He was of a most affable disposition, and was soon installed steeplekeeper, a position he held till his death. Henry Brooks never mastered the intricacy of a working bell, though he rang the tenor to three peals of Grandsire Triples. He also had to his credit the tolling of the twelve strokes at midnight of New Year's Eve for forty in succession. But the chief interest in deceased lies in his kindly spirit to others, no matter who or where they came from, there was always a hearty welcome to the tower from him. The funeral took place on Tuesday, amid many signs of affection from ringers and friends. As the cortege approached the church, the bells were rang deeply muffled, and again as the mourners left. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round, a record of which appears in the proper place.

## WILLIAM INGHAM.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above ringer, which occurred after a long illness on Sunday morning, March 12th, at the age of 67. For thirty-five years he filled the office of sexton at the parish church, Heptonstall. The sextonship of Heptonstall has been in the Ingham family from time immemorial; the period is fixed at something like 300 years. William, father of the late John Ingham, was a ringer and sexton, who died on December 4th, 1869, after holding the post for thirty years, and buried over 3000 persons. The deceased, William Ingham, succeeded his father, and buried over 2600 persons. He was a ringer for a long number of years, and was the only survivor who took part in the last peal in the old church tower, and the first peal in the new church. He had resigned as a ringer a few years since, but in October last, on the celebration of the jubilee of the new church, he was prevailed upon in spite of physical infirmity once more to take an active part in the ringing. He leaves a son—Wright Ingham—who is a ringer, and who will in all probability succeed to the sextonship, and one daughter. The bells were rung deeply-muffled as the funeral cortege wended its way to the church. The body was carried to the church by members of the Mistletoe Lodge of Druids, and from the church to his last resting-place by the ringers. After the interment a 720 was rung. For service on Sunday morning, March 19th, the Heptonstall company rang a 720 of Oxford, and in the evening the Mytholmroyd ringers rang, as a last token of respect.

## TRIBUTE TO A VENERABLE CHURCH OFFICIAL.

Richard Maggs, forty-six years verger of Christ Church, Broad Street, Bristol, died last week at the advanced age of 89, and was buried at St. Andrew's, Montpelier, on Saturday, in his family vault, by Canon Cole, the Rev. R. T. Cole (Rector of Christ Church with St. Ewen's), and the Rev. R. J. Keble.

Canon Cole, preaching at Christ Church on Sunday morning, paid the following tribute of respect to this venerable servant of the Church: Christ Church has just lost a faithful old servant, who did his duty honourably during the whole period of my incumbency, and had been here fully twenty-six years when I first came to Bristol. Forty-six years in all has Richard Maggs served this church, and still held his office when, on Tuesday he passed away to the "Church at rest," having fulfilled eighty-nine years of pilgrimage on earth. His long life and robust health I believe to be largely due to his abstemious habits. He has been a total abstainer all the time I have known him, though I doubt if he ever took any pledge beyond a promise to his own conscience, nor have I ever heard of him at temperance meetings; yet his temperance was of the firmest and most resolute description, and for trustworthiness of character he could not be surpassed. As we recall the words of the Psalmist, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my

God, than dwell in the tents of ungodliness," we remember that he was more than a church official, and that every Sunday found him in the inner court of the sanctuary making his Communion as a devout member of the Church of Christ. I have observed him, too, in silent prayer in the empty church on week-days, when quite unconscious that any eye but God's beheld him. At the risk of seeming intrusive I make this allusion, because long familiarity with a sacred edifice sometimes breeds contempt for reverence; but if all who have to do with churches, no matter how humble their duties, would realise how much it lies with them to help or to hinder the use of an open church, these words I hope may not be spoken in vain. Our prayers to-day are that after a long life of labour he may enjoy for ever that rest that remaineth for the people of God. There is a window in this church erected by our late friend to his first wife's memory, and that will always be a rather unique mark of his connection with this parish; but, without being authorised to say it, I feel no doubt some memorial will be placed here to record the long and faithful service of one to whom some words of Horace apply—"Integes vitæ, scelerisque purus"—"A man of integrity and of blameless life."

On Saturday a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Christ Church as a mark of respect to deceased, particulars of which appear in the proper place.

## NEW CLOCK AT CARDIFF TOWN HALL.

A pretty ceremony was performed in the new Cardiff Town Hall on a recent Wednesday, when the Mayoress (Mrs. Robert Hughes), formally set in motion the tower clock and chimes. Quite a considerable company of members of the corporation, their wives and lady friends and others assembled in the reception hall, with its wondrous columns and floor of Italian Sienna marble. Just before noon the Mayor and Mayoress led the way along a labyrinth of corridors and up many flights of stairs to the chamber in which the huge pendulum of the clock swings. A long and stout piece of red, white, and blue ribbon held the pendulum at an angle, and a few minutes before twelve o'clock. Alderman David Jones presented the Mayoress with a pair of scissors, with which Mrs. Hughes cut the ribbon. At once the pendulum began to swing back and fore, and the mechanism of the clock in the tower above was set in motion. The hands of the clock were fixed at twelve precisely, and when in a few moments the noonday hour was reached the first chimes of the great municipal clock pealed forth melodiously. From the heights of the tower a large crowd of people could be seen in the park below, attracted thither by the interesting nature of the event. Then the company inspected the new buildings, which are practically complete but for the internal decorations, and afterwards light refreshments were served in what is to be the Mayor's parlour.

The new clock and bells were manufactured by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who made and erected the clock and chimes at Llandaff Cathedral twenty-five years ago. The bells will be heard from all parts of the town, the clock being capable of bringing out their full tone. The largest hammer weighs 150lb., and falls about a foot at each blow. The mechanism for actuating such heavy hammers is necessarily complicated, and the motive power for driving them is derived from weights, which weigh well over two tons. These weights are suspended by steel wire cables, and, to prevent any damage being done to the building, the makers have devised a scheme of patent clutches, so that if the cables break the weights are instantly checked and held in their fall. The pendulum of the clock is 15-ft. long, and beats once in every two seconds. It is so constructed as to withstand all variations of temperature, and weighs nearly 3 cwt. Provision has been made for the shutting off of the chimes at night. Altogether the clock is replete with every modern improvement, and when brought to time will without a doubt prove the most accurate timekeeper in the West.

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## Notices.

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**Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1537.**—Alteration to Rule vii., effective from March 15th, 1905. "The conductor of any peal rung under the title of this Society, shall collect as booking fees 3d. in the case of a tower-bell peal, and 6d. in the case of a hand-bell peal, from each member taking part therein, and forward the same to the Secretary in time for the half-yearly bookings, viz., June 30th and December 31st."

Rule xii., effective from 15th, 1905. "Members only, who either met the Society twenty times in the previous financial year, or who paid the sum of rs. 8d. to the funds between November 5th and February 28th, shall be entitled to vote on matters of finance."

The period for payment this year is extended to May 1st

Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 6th and April 20th.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.**—The spring quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Linslade to-day, Saturday, April 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Brindle, to-day, Saturday, April 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, April 3rd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 8th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

W. ASHWORTH.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Association will be held at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, on Monday, April 10th, at 9.45 p.m., to consider, and if necessary, slightly revise Rule xvii. This will be held immediately after the united practice at St. Clement Danes, which commences at 8 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 23rd, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present are requested to send word to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour, if he receives enough support, to make arrangements for tea on the usual terms. The bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Hadley bells may be also available.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields are discontinued during Lent. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st.

A JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

## Compositions.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1905.

A somewhat novel incident has occurred in connection  
with the ringing company of St. Mary's church, Rawten-  
stall, Lancashire; an incident which will be thought by  
many very extraordinary. Most of our readers will have  
become acquainted with the affair through the letters  
which have appeared, but we may briefly recapitulate its  
salient points. It appears that a member of the Rawten-  
stall company, "ALGERNON NEWMAN" by name, be-  
longed to the choir of a neighbouring church. Whatever  
the St. Mary's company could find to object to in this we  
cannot say; but the assertion is made that some members  
of the congregation were dissatisfied with it, and wanted  
Mr. NEWMAN to sever his connection with either St.

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Mary's belfry or the neighbouring church. So, it is represented, pressure by the ringers was applied, and Mr. NEWMAN had perforce to keep away from the tower, as he would not give up his attendance in the choir to which he was attached.

These are the facts of the case. It may be asked—What on earth had any member of the congregation to do with Mr. NEWMAN's inclinations in this respect? Were these members of the St. Mary's company who put pressure on Mr. NEWMAN to make a choice between the two conditions presented to him servile creatures of these dictatorial members of the congregation? Many ringers pride themselves upon the fact that they are, with regard to the belfry, independent of all, save the Vicar and wardens; but here we see, unhappily, that some unofficial members of the congregation can sway and determine belfry affairs. What objection could there be taking part as chorister in a neighbouring church? A better occupation could not be found, and the opposition to it in the present case shows great stupidity, to say the least. The Vicar of the neighbouring church would appear to have sufficient Christian charity not to object to Mr. NEWMAN ringing at another church, while singing at his. The more that the affair is thought of, the more pitiable it seems.

Though it may be deemed preferable for all ringers to be regular churchmen, it has never been laid down that a ringer shall not be a Nonconformist. We have never heard that a ringer who is a Dissenter ought to be disqualified from belonging to a ringing company. And so long as he leads a moral life, no one ought to question his right to belong to what religious denomination he pleases. It is not too much to say that a ringer's abilities weigh more with the Exercise generally than his religious convictions. Perhaps it ought not to be so, but the fact remains. To ostracise a ringer who is a good churchman, because he is a regular member of another church choir, seems to show a fanaticism worthy of the dark ages. We have only to look around us a little to see that circumstances and general ringing conditions show that such a procedure is grossly ridiculous.

\* \* We again point out that letters requiring answers must contain a stamped addressed envelope, else they cannot be attended to.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. SHARMAN, and  
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 23, 1905, in Three Hours,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY G. HILL .. .. Treble.	*RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
QR.-MR.-SERGEANT A. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by W. M. PYE.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

F. RICHARDSON .. .. Treble.	W. CROCKFORD .. .. 5.
WM. WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	W. H. HOLLIER .. .. 6.
W. TRUSS .. .. 3.	J. E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
F. PERRIN .. .. 4.	*E. GAMMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

#### Handbell Peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1905, in Three Hours Ten and ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, "FRODINGHAM,"  
ELMHURST STREET, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

JOHN W. GOLDING .. 1-2.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 7-8.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3-4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 9-10.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 5-6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11-12.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire—A. B. Peck.

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

On Friday, March 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

#### AT 55, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

EDMUND V. HARVEY .. 1-2.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. 5-6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. 3-4.	JOHN JUDD .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. JUDD.

Umpire—Ernest G. Stibbons.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

#### AT THE PEPPYS HOUSE, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER, S.W., A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

JOHN W. GOLDING .. 1-2.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7-8.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3-4.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 9-10.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 5-6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11-12.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and  
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire—H. S. Ellis. F. E. Dawe also heard the latter part of the peal.

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

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 5th in the peal rung at Bingley on March 7th, was Joseph Broadley, not Bradley.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ARGENT .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 3.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. 8.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 9.
JOHN ANSELL .. .. 5.	HARRY W. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BENNETT, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

## MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, March 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED ASHTON* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. 4.
CHARLES NEAVEISON .. .. 2.	*JOHN FOWLER .. .. 5.
JAMES MACHIN* .. .. 3.	*CHARLES FOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE.

\*First peal. First peal of Minor by a local band.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, March 16, 1905, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER H. METCAYFE .. Treble.	HARRY PEVERELL .. .. 5.
ALFRED COATES .. .. 2.	FRANK METCALFE .. .. 6.
HARRY LENTON .. .. 3.	THOMAS WICK .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	*ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. HURRY, and Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Smith.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 6.
HARRY PERRY* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 7.
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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. GROOM.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rang in commemoration of the 10,080 of Bob Major on these bells on March 16th, 1767.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE MOSS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. KETTLEBORO 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAFER .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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

## HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Monday, March 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

FREDERICK MEE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. GOSTLING .. 4.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 3.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which were only opened as a ring of six on the previous Thursday, after restoration, and the addition of a treble. The new bell is the gift of Mr. Taylor, of Hintlesham Hall.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. KEEN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

## TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Bob Minor, two of Kent, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT HUTTON .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SEAGER .. .. 4.
FRED MANSEY .. .. 2.	BASIL MANSEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 3.	RONALD S. SKINNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

First peal by all except the conductor, who with the ringer of the 5th belong to the local company. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th are 17 years of age; and the ringer of the tenor 16 years of age.

## CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G sharp.

WILLIAM BUCK .. .. Treble.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.
ALFRED TRAFFITT .. .. 2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR BUNDLE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BOULTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Henry Brooks, late steeplekeeper of this tower.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED SCHOFIELD .. .. Treble.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
JOHN E. JENKINSON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM B. FRITH .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WOMERSLEY .. 7.
ARTHUR CROSLAND .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN E. JENKINSON, and Conducted by F. SCHOFIELD.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MARY CHILLINGSWORTH* Treble.	*CHARLES H. COX .. .. 5.
JAMES ABBY .. .. 2.	*JOHN SWAIN .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL QUINTON .. .. 7.
G. W. T. SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

\*First peal of Major.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	JOSIAH ELTON .. .. 7.
JAMES TYLER* .. .. 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and Conducted by JOHN C. ADAMS.

\*First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Barrow, widow of the late Vicar of this parish; also to George Green, for many years sexton and ringer at this church.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905 in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WM. HOPKINSON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 5.
JOSHUA MILLNER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS HERBERT KAY .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 3.	HERBERT DAY .. .. 7.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO .. 4.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by HERBERT DAY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.)

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
FRANK DAVEY .. .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Davey.

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

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BRYAN* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 5.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 3.	GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 7.
WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 4.	GEORGE HARDWICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. GOODWIN.

\*First peal.

EDINBURGH.

THE ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH AND ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. C. S. HEATHCOTE .. Treble.	J. S. MCCULLOCH .. .. 5.
W. B. SAMPSON .. .. 2.	T. S. THOM .. .. 6.
R. J. C. THOM .. .. 3.	A. THOMSON .. .. 7.
EDMUND F. PRICE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and Conducted by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.

First peal of Bob Major on tower bells by all except W. H. Barber, and is believed to be the first of Bob Major on tower bells in Scotland.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. Treble.	ALGERNON LEWTON .. .. 6.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 7.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 9.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 5.	THOMAS J. WHITING .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. T. DALTRY.

Messrs. Austin, Loxton and Whiting were visitors from Gloucester. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Richard Maggs, for forty-six years verger of this church, who was buried that day, aged eighty-nine years.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAYES .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMSBIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 4.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GREEN* .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARKIN .. .. 7.
FRANK BOBEHAM .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HORNE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

\*First peal of Treble Bob. This is W. Horne's sixtieth peal.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE ABLITT .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CLARKE, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 4.	LEWIS WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.  
Arranged for Messrs. Clarke (2), and Ablitt.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. .. 2.	*RICHARD JAMES .. .. 6.
GEORGE PIGOTT* .. .. 3.	†ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
HARRY WILLIAMS* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method as conductor.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANK G. METCALFE .. Treble.	J. HY. LENTON .. .. 5.
MAURICE B. DALBY .. .. 2.	R. B. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	THOMAS WICK .. .. 7.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 4.	EDW. J. TITT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

## BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM F. FLOWER .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	ALFRED RICHARDSON .. 6.
HERBERT E. LEWIS .. .. 3.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 7.
HENRY ABERY* .. .. 4.	WALTER J. EAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\*First peal. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of Arthur Charles Lestock Stewart, son of the Rector of the above church.

## GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TURNER .. .. Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN .. .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 4.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIB ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. Samuel Gough.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 360 each of City Delight, London Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Kent, Burton Treble Bob, and 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford.

HARRY DAVY .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in twelve Treble Bob methods on the bells, and by all the band.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.  
Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SWANN .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 9.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th twelve times behind the 7th, with all the 5 6 7 8s, and the 6th six times in the titum position; also the 6th twenty times behind the 8th, with all the 5 6 7 8s in the handstroke home position. \*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

## Handbell Peals.

## DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART,

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

CHARLES E. HART .. 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER .. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

Referee—S. Maskrey. Witness—E. Willis. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Maskrey, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WATFORD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT 7, CASSIO ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. 3-4.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 9-10.	

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

Umpire—Francis A. Smith. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. Hodgetts.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CHINERY, WESTGATE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. MOORE .. 3-4.	*JAMES CHINERY .. 7-8.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire—H. A. Turner. \*First peal double-handed.

ALDERBURY church, and Smith, H. ductor.

DURHAM.

NORTH Church, A. Lawson method, s And a qu T. Teasda On Sunda W. Scott, Hern, E.

SOUTH rung with higher me T. Teasda Tully, R.

BRATHAM Backhouse Holme, W conductor Robinson ductor, W Robinson hr. 23 min celebrate churchwam end, J. Bau LANGDALE Oxford. T W. Robins

BRAINTR at the par Webb, A. H Warren, G 1248 Double H. E. Ham Wiffen con 19th birthd

BEESTON at the par G. Oldham E. J. Boot.

BIRMINGHAM the Editor's Hunt, J. P Ellis, A. Ha

IRTHLINGB Divine Serw F. Palmer, J. Garratt c ful attempt J. Mawby, C lins conduc man Triples Coleman, J. 252 Double J. Mawby, S For evening: A. Tyler com Coleman, A Perkins, W Mawby, J. Palmer, W,

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Saturday, March 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Lovett, R. Smith, H. Lambert, C. Smith, P. Bedingfield, W. H. Baldry conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On October 9th, for evening service at Christ Church, 1296 Stedman Caters. T. Teasdale conductor, R. Hogg, W. Scott, A. Tully, E. Hern, F. Johnston, T. Hogg, J. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. Lawson. On October 16th, for evening service, 1296 in the same method, standing as before. On October 23rd, 972 Stedman Caters. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Tully, R. Hoag, E. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor, T. Hogg, J. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. Lawson. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 1092 Stedman Triples W. Scott, T. Teasdale conductor, F. Johnston, R. Hogg, T. Hogg, J. Hern, E. Hern, A. Lawson.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On November 9th, the following touches were rung with a view of encouraging the South Shields ringers to ring the higher methods. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples R. Scrofton, T. Teasdale conductor, W. Scott, R. Hogg, T. Hogg, F. Johnston, A. Tully, R. Signal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BATHAY.—On October 6th, 720 Duke of York and 720 Violet. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, R. Satterwaite, J. Holme, W. Robinson. On October 10th, 720 Kent. R. Satterwaite conductor, J. Backhouse, F. Woodend, B. Purdom, J. Holme, W. Robinson. On October 13th, 720 Duke of York. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, R. Satterwaite, J. Holme, W. Robinson. On October 28th, a half peal of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 23 mins. And 720 Violet, 720 Kent, and 1080 Oxford. Rung to celebrate the coming of a age of Hugo, son of Dr. Hugh Redmayne, churchwarden. R. Satterwaite conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, J. Backhouse, W. Robinson, J. Holme.

LANGDALE (Westmoreland).—On October 22nd, 720 Kent and 720 Oxford. T. Hartley conductor, W. Nevinson, R. Smith, J. Birkett, W. Robinson, F. Woodend.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 960 Double Norwich. H. E. Hammond, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, C. H. Howard conductor, S. R. Roper, F. Warren, G. H. Sentance, W. Grimwade. On Monday, March 27th, 1248 Double Norwich. S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, C. H. Howard, W. Grimwade, A. B. Wiffen conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 19th birthday.

BREESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. Price, W. Clifford, G. Oldham, P. Price, R. Clifford, A. Lowe, A. Roberts conductor, E. J. Boot.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 26th, at St. Chad's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Hunt, J. Porter, C. Mackenzie, J. Smallwood, R. Hackley, W. G. Ellis, A. Hackley, J. Ring.

IRTHLINBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major. J. Mawby, F. Palmer, A. Tyler, C. Newman, W. Perkins, W. Pettitt, A. Perkins, J. Garratt conductor. On Saturday, October 29th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Norwich, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Palmer, J. Mawby, C. R. Lilley, J. Garratt, S. J. Coleman, J. Hare, W. Perkins conductor, L. Chapman. On Sunday, October 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Perkins, F. Palmer, A. Perkins, C. Newman, S. J. Coleman, J. Mawby, A. Tyler conductor, J. Houghton, sen. And 352 Double Norwich. A. Perkins, C. Newman, A. Tyler, F. Palmer, J. Mawby, S. J. Coleman, J. Houghton, sen., W. Perkins, conductor. For evening service 504 Double Norwich. F. Palmer, W. Perkins, A. Tyler conductor, J. Garratt, J. Mawby, S. J. Coleman, G. D. Coleman, A. Perkins. And 448 Superlative. J. Houghton, sen., A. Perkins, W. Perkins, F. Palmer, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, J. Mawby, J. Garratt conductor. And 588 Double Norwich. F. Palmer, W. Perkins, A. Tyler, W. V. Newman, L. Chapman, S. J.

Coleman, G. D. Coleman, A. Perkins. And 480 Superlative. L. Chapman, A. Perkins, A. Tyler, F. Palmer, S. J. Coleman, G. D. Coleman, W. V. Newman, W. Perkins conductor. All the above were especially arranged for the brothers Coleman, who hail from St. Neots.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Monday, November 28th, a plain course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. T. Ferguson 1-2; H. Parish, 3-4; G. Handby, 5-6; H. Jones, 7-8; H. Pauli, 9-10.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 26th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. H. Peabody, F. Blood, T. A. D. Burnham, T. Horton, R. M. Blackwall, J. Woolley conductor, F. Knibb, R. Gee. Rung as a compliment to F. Knibb.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins. G. Bester, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg first quarter-peal of Bob Major, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade, J. Armstrong.

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WOODSTOCK, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Coppens, S. A. Davies, L. Green, F. O. Oakes, H. G. Cock, F. P. Powell conductor. On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. A. Davis, J. Murray, L. Green, F. C. Oakes, J. Priest, F. P. Powell conductor. On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Montgomery, J. Priest, H. Cock, J. Murray, L. Green, F. C. Oakes, F. P. Powell conductor, S. A. Davies. On Tuesday, October 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., standing as above, and 336 Grandsire Triples and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Montgomery hails from St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, New South Wales.

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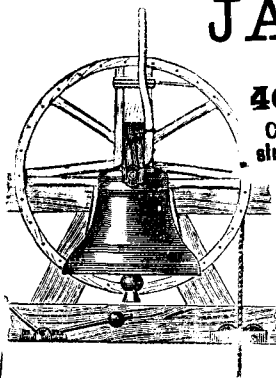
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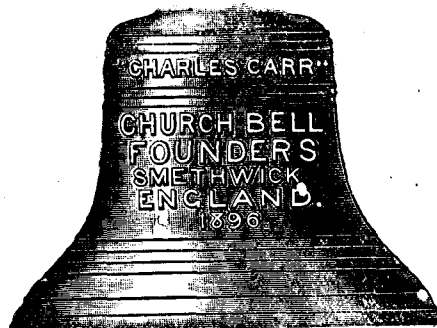
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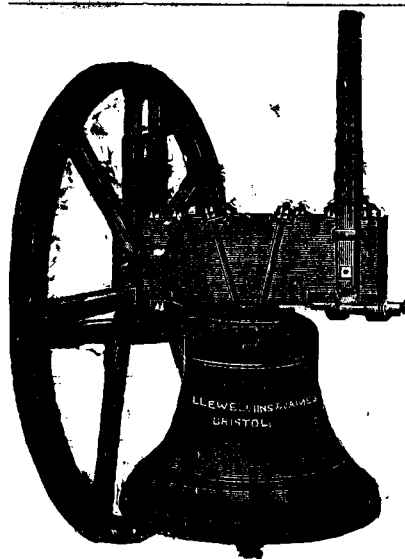
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**WATERMOOR (Sussex).** Holy Trinity. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, the two trebles 1901, the rest 1889. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11. Practice: Tuesday, 8.30.

**WATFORD (Herts.)** St. Mary the Virgin. Hertford County Association. Eight bells; 7th by Briant 1786; the rest by Lester 1750. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. No further information given.

**WEDMORE (Somersetshire).** Eight bells. No return.

**WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).** St. Bartholomew. Ten bells; the two trebles by Mears 1854; 3rd by Lester 1758; 4th by Arnold 1797; 5th, 1733; 6th, 1708; 7th, 1707; 8th, 1623; 9th, no date; tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1614. Founders of the last six bells not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1901. Ropes good, Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday: 7.45.

**St. Paul.** Eight bells; all by Taylor 1887. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes new 1893, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.15.

**WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants.)** Central Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 5th by Taylor 1884; 3rd, 7th and tenor by Watts, 1640, 1620 and 1639, respectively; 4th by Newcombe 1604; 6th by Edmonds 1764. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Partially rehung by Taylor 1884, and further repairs by the same 1891. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, except in Lent. Practice: Monday, 8.30, except in Lent.

**WELLINGTON (Somersetshire).** St. John Baptist. Eight

bells; treble and 2nd Wroth 1748; 3rd and tenor by Mears 1841; 4th and 6th by Bilbie 1781; 5th, 1748; 7th, 1609. Founders of the two last not stated. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 5.55. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester Archidiocesan Branch was held at Haresfield on Saturday, April 1st, upwards of thirty-five members being present. Proceedings commenced with ringing on the pretty ring of six in the parish church soon after 2 p.m. Service was held at 4 p.m., prayers being read by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, followed by a very thoughtful and helpful address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Lefroy. At the conclusion of the service the members were entertained to tea at the school, the invitation coming jointly from the Vicar and Mr. Tidswell, of Haresfield Court. Here a very happy time was spent, the only matter for regret, and that no little one, being the enforced absence of the Vicar, who had hurt his foot some days previously and could not walk so far. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by A. T. Ford, Esq., the Hon. Secretary of the branch. In the course of the business the chairman took occasion to remind those present of the annual general meeting fixed to take place at Gloucester on Whitsun-Monday, and earnestly urged on every one to set that day apart and to come to the meeting so that there might be a revival of the hearty and well-attended gatherings of old days. He also mentioned that the Association had lost the services of its late Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. G. May, and that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower had very kindly consented to fill the gap *pro tem*.

The next branch meeting was fixed to take place at Avening in June. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address and for his kind and hearty welcome given to the Association. Among the towers represented were Gloucester, Stroud, Tewkesbury, Painswick, Frocester, Conley, etc.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Linslade, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Dandridge, on Saturday, April 1st. The bells were open at 2 p.m. and some short touches of Triples and Bob Major were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 3.30, the address, a very able, lucid and encouraging one, being given by the Vicar, after which, there being about ten minutes to spare before tea, a touch of Grandsire Triples was called by J. George, of Rugby. After tea, which was presided over by the Vicar, the business meeting was held. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness.

To prevent the next quarterly meeting clashing with the Annual Meeting of the Guild, which is to be held at Bletchley in July, and in the ordinary course of events the branch meeting would come on July 1st, two meetings obviously too close together, so to meet the emergency it was resolved to alter the time of Branch meeting to Saturday, June 3rd, Newton Longville being the place selected. A resolution was unanimously passed condemning the raising of the levy made by the general guild on the branches from one half the member's subscription to two-thirds, recommending that this be rescinded and the old levy re-established.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for the very able manner in which he had conducted the meeting, and also for his kindness in inviting all the members of the branch as his guests at the annual meeting of the branch to be held at Newton Longville on June 3rd. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Hills, Vicar of Leighton Buzzard, the bells of All Saints were placed at the disposal of the members, and some touches of Triples and Bob Major were rung on these fine bells.

The visitors hereby thank the Vicar for granting them permission to ring.

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

It has been customary for many years to hold the annual general meeting of this society at its headquarters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, but this year saw a change, the reason being a serious illness near the church, which would not permit of any ringing. But what would an annual meeting be without its friendly touches? It was suggested that we should go to St. Saviour's, Southwark, with its magnificent ring of twelve, and in accordance with resolutions passed, arrangements were made accordingly. With the kindness of the authorities, permission was granted for the use of the bells, but it was to be distinctly understood, only for short touches. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr (eight bells), was also thrown open to ringers, but it was not extensively used, as the majority of the members flocked to St. Saviour's to try their hand in the more bewildering number of ropes, and many were the first touches of Cinques and Maximus scored, some of the young members displaying remarkable talent for their first "try."

3.45 p.m. saw the commencement of this gathering. The bells of St. George's were soon swinging to the method of Grandsire, both Doubles and Triples. At St. Saviour's after climbing the many stairs, round the arches, and through dark passages, eventually the members reached the well-lighted ringing-chamber, with its many carved peal-boards of large dimensions, some of them six feet in height, and nearly as many broad, informing us of the grand performances, record lengths, etc., that have been done in the past.

Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung until Evensong, the striking being almost all that could be desired, as afterwards remarked by Canon Thompson that it was the best he had heard for a long while on the bells. At 5 o'clock the usual choral Evensong was rendered by the clergy and choir of the collegiate church of St. Saviour, which the members attended. It happened that the setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was that by Tompkins in C, and this composition

of a musician contemporary with the origing of change-ringing, with its soft harmonies and quaint old world melody was singularly appropriate to the occasion. The Anthem, by special kindness of the authorities, was Purcell's "Bell Anthem," the words of which, beginning—"Rejoice in the Lord alway," had been printed on slips for the members, and its performance and admirable rendering by organist and choir were highly appreciated.

The ordinary service being concluded, the members present proceeded to the lady chapel to hear a special address by the Rev. Dr. Thompson, Chancellor of the collegiate church, and Rector of the parish. He began by welcoming the members, and then referred to the history of St. Saviour's. He recalled its connection with the dioceses of Winchester and Rochester, and its approaching elevation into the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Southwark. its literary associations with Gower, Chaucer, Dr. Johnson, the Elizabethan dramatists such as Shakespeare (whom he thought Southwark had more a claim to than Stratford-on-Avon, as it was near St. Saviour's that all his plays were first produced). Its episcopal connection with Bishop Gardiner and Andrews. He then went on to refer to the bells, informing his hearers that those then existing were purchased from King Henry VIII. at the dissolution of the religious house of St. Mary Overie, and that subsequent recastings leaves some original ingredients in the bells which we now know formed part of those which were rung on the occasion of the marriage in the church in 1425 of James, then King of Scotland, with Johanna Beaufort. He traced down the use of St. Saviour's bells to the time of our present Monarch meeting his bride, and his subsequent visits to the church and borough.

Passing from this to a personal address to the ringers, he emphasised five points in their duty—regular practice, punctuality, fraternity, sense of the dignity of their office, reverence. He did not think that anything sounded more grander than a muffled peal; it was more impressive than even the "Dead March" played on a fine organ. The whole of the address was an admirable enforcement of the duty of applying ringers' experiences to all things which are high-minded and ennobling, so as to absorb them in our daily life. The address was listened to with the greatest interest, and it was plain from the remarks afterwards passed upon it that Dr. Thompson's treatment of a representative body of the London Exercise was fully appreciated, and of the kind which was eminently calculated to promote that good will between the clerical body and the Exercise, which is so desirable to us all.

The business meeting, election of officers, etc., was scheduled for 6.30 in the Foster Hall near by, but did not commence until 6.45. The Master, Mr. A. Jacob, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary said that that day a sort of shadow was passing over them; no doubt some of them had read or heard of the sad death by accident on the previous Sunday of their brother-member Mr. J. C. Jackson. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of their late member.

Several items of finance having been disposed of, ratifications of members took place; also several other gentlemen were initiated as members. The auditors (Messrs. Fryer and Hartshorne), presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 14s. 1d., an increase on the year's working of £2 11s. 10d., which was highly satisfactory. It would undoubtedly have been larger, but through the illness near St. Clement's, the

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united practices there had been stopped for some months. Comment was made on one item of expenditure, but this was explained. The balance-sheet was adopted.

The Secretary read his report as follows: That during the year meetings had been held at Chelsea, Hammer-smith and Stepney. Thirty-nine new members had been elected, which was exactly the same number as the previous year. Seventy-three members had taken part in the nineteen peals that had been rung in eight different methods, and had been called by ten different conductors, in which several members had taken part in their first peal. Two peals may be noted; the peal of Stedman Triples on handbells conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney, which was the second peal of its kind they had rung, the first being the first silent peal of Stedman Triples rung on handbells, which took place at Bethnal Green in 1854; the other being the peal of Superlative Surprise Major conducted by Mr. E. Wightman at Erith. This also was the second peal of Surprise they had rung, the first being the first Surprise peal rung in the Metropolis, which was rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in 1850. A concert was held on October 15th, attended by more than 300 ringers and friends. A special service was held on October 29th at St. Clement Danes, when an address was delivered by the Lord Bishop of London, when members of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths attended in state with their peal-books and other records, and it was thought that this was the first time on record that these two old friendly rival companies, which have been established close upon three centuries, had met together with their books side by side in an official manner.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. A. Jacob retired from the chair, but being again nominated he declined to stand.

Mr. George R. Fardon was proposed as Master, and no other no other nomination being forthcoming, he was duly elected amidst applause. Mr. Challis F. Winny was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. Much merriment was here caused by the nominations for the next office, that of Hon. Secretary. One member nominated Mr. Dick Swiveller, but the new Master quickly hammered the table for order. Another member then nominated the Duke of Clement Danes. This met with a similar result. Eventually Mr. T. H. Taffender was proposed, but he stated that owing to recent family losses, of which he had had several, and the heavy strain of business which prevented him attempting peals or attending meetings, he did not feel as if he had got as much energy and time as previously to devote to the work, and hoped they would elect another person. He promised to help them, whoever it might be. It was here suggested that he should take more Phosferine; but no one else being nominated, it was unanimously carried that he retain the office. In reply he promised them he would do his best, but a great help was that of the unity of the members.

From the office of junior steward Mr. W. G. Matthews was promoted to that of senior steward, Mr. J. Troughton being elected to that of junior steward. Messrs. R. A. Daniell and M. Woodcock were re-elected trustees, and the following eight gentlemen as a representative committee: Messrs. R. Bevan, C. Carew Cox, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. E. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, and E. Wallage.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers, and also to the authorities of St. Saviour's for their reception that day. This concluded the business meeting.

The members then adjourned to St. Saviour's, where more touches of Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus,

and Stedman Caters were rung. A social was afterwards held at "Ye Olde King's Head," Borough High Street, where a few songs and touches on the handbells brought this excellent meeting to a close.

### LONG PEAL NOTICE.

With the very kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Vicar of Painswick, a record length (12,345) of Stedman Cinques will be attempted by twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Easter Monday, commencing as soon after 11.30 a.m. as possible. The composition is sent to Mr. W. Short, who holds the record at present, and also to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, Gloucestershire. If any one who took part in the Birmingham peal would also like to have the figures, they can be obliged.

F. G. MAY.  
96, City Road, Bristol.

### 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."

#### STEDMAN'S CAMPANALOGIA.

SIR,—With your permission I will now give the remainder of the most interesting (peals) methods contained in this work.

London peals: fifty-three London peals, composed by F. S., under this heading, the following methods are given:—

#### COLLEDGE BOB MAJOR.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24163578	24163578
42615387	42615387
46251378	24651378
64523187	42563187
65432817	24536817
56348271	42358671
53684721	24385761
35867412	42837516
28576142	24873156
83751624	42781365
87315624	24718356
78136524	42173865
71863542	41237856
17685324	14328765
16758342	13482756

I have given these and the two following as probably the first Major methods ever written; any way they are the first published we may say without much speculation.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24135678	24135678
42316587	42316587
43261578	24361578
34625187	42635187
36452817	24365817
63548271	42638571
65384721	24368751
56837412	42637815
58673142	24364185
85761324	42631758
87516342	24613785
78153624	42167358
71856342	41263785
17583624	14627358
15786342	16423785

These methods constructionally are up to date, and shew

Mr. Stedman to have been a sound method builder. In these last two we get the ground-work of the Norwich Court Bob system, and if the reader takes the trouble to compare he will here \* find by omitting 4ths place at treble lead, Norwich Court as given by Shipway in his work. The first half of the last given † is the first half of Double Norwich exact, and if the author had made 7ths place instead of 5ths, he would have given us Double Oxford Bob Major. However, with above examples but little trouble was experienced in making methods mentioned.

#### THE EXPERIMENT.

Under these words, and a long description upon changes, etc., we get the following several Triple peals as examples:—

#### DODGING TRIPLES.

1234567	4523716
2143576	5432176
2415367	5341267
4251376	3514276
4523167	3152467
5432617	1325476
4523671	1352746
5432761	

#### COLLEDGE BOB TRIPLES.

There are four methods given under this title. The first is what we know as Grandsire Triples, the figures of which are so well known that reproduction is not required here, but nothing is said about composition. The remainder, of which I give two examples, are presented as Colledge Bob Triples another way.

1234567	1234567
2143576	2135476
2415367	2314567
4251376	3241576
4523167	3425167
5432617	4352617
5346271	4536271
3564721	5463721
3657412	5647312
6375142	6574132
6731524	6751423
*7613542	7615243
7165324	7162534
1756342	1726354
1573624	1273645

These are two very good examples of Triple methods, and by a slight alteration to the first one \* viz., omitting 5ths place, and bringing the 2nd into the hunt, another good method is produced. Stedman presents his Principle as made of all double changes (two singles excepted), but the singles are given just as we ring Grandsire, as follows:—

32154	13245
31245	31254
13254	Extream.
	31245

If to the foregoing we add the following already noted in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 25th, 1905, viz.: Court Bob, all the four Colledge Bobs and Imperial Bob, we have almost a complete list of methods composed by Fabian Stedman.

(To be continued.)

H. DAINS.

#### THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the above held at Dudley under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, on Saturday, February 25th, a report of which appeared in a recent issue, a resolution was passed that a peal of Stedman Triples should be attempted at Netherton during the quarter. In accordance with this resolution (after obtaining permission for the use of the tower and bells) eight members of the Guild met at St. Andrew's church on Saturday, March 25th, to make the attempt. On our arrival an exciting surprise was in store for us, and although rumour had it that the peal would not be accomplished, such a transaction as the one that had been carried into effect to put a stop to the attempt being made was

not anticipated by either of the members who were to take part in it. Strange to relate some slight alteration had been carried out with regard to the tenor bell during the week previous, and one of the local men, who was going to ring the tenor, thought he would try it to see if it was all right; but on trying to raise her he had to get another to assist him. An examination after she was raised convinced us that it was impossible to make a start, as some person or persons had deliberately covered the gudgeons of the 7th and tenor bells with the scale off hot iron. The decision arrived at by the eight ringers who all saw it was that a most cowardly and diabolical action had been perpetrated, and that the Vicar and churchwardens should not leave a stone unturned to find out those who had been guilty of such wilful damage to consecrated valuable church property. The reason that has been assigned for this mad action by some members of the St. Andrew's Society, Netherton, does not justify this wicked device being carried into effect. The stain they have placed upon their characters will take a long time to erase, and ringers of neighbouring parishes will no doubt shun their society until some reparation has been made.

JOHN SMITH.

#### GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—In your last issue the Rev. H. Law James published a letter which, unless I am mistaken, upholds using Union singles for Grandsire Doubles. Now I have many times previously expressed my views in your valuable paper that there should never be more than two kinds of calls in any one method, and as the Central Council have adopted the original single as most suitable for the Grandsire method, I am somewhat surprised to see Mr. James's letter accompanied by peals with those Union singles. If this is to be allowed let us abolish all peals containing 2nds and 3rds in that method on all numbers of bells. This is written without any ill feeling, but merely to point out that the Central Council rules should always be adhered to as far as possible.

JOHN CARTER.

#### THE LATE W. HADLOW.

I wish to make an appeal on behalf of the family of the late W. Hadlow, who died on February 15th after a very short illness, leaving a wife and family of eight children, the two youngest being as yet unable to walk. This is a very sad but genuine case, as deceased was a thorough good father, and a very honest and hardworking man. His age was only forty-three, so that readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will readily understand the seriousness that the loss of the bread winner means in such a case. There are two boys at work earning twelve shillings a week between them, and one daughter earning her own living, leaving five children to be provided for, and with the exception of Insurance, which deceased worked hard to pay with his small wage, there is nothing else at present coming in. It is hoped to do something locally to help them, and so keep them going until they gradually get out of hand. May I appeal to all who are able to contribute to so good a cause? Secretaries of bands in the Kent County Association, of which deceased had been a member for many years, will be doing an act of kindness by collecting what they can among the members of their bands and forwarding on to me. I earnestly hope everyone will do what they can. Subscriptions will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS" by A. Palmer, the Square, Lenham, Kent. The following amounts have been received: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary Kent County Association, £1 1s.; collected at the district meeting at Aylesford, March 4th, 14s. 1½d.; total—£1 15s. 1½d. A. P.

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**Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Estd. 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 20th.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Sat., April 8th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.  
W. ASHWORTH.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Association will be held at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, on Monday, April 10th, at 9.45 p.m., to consider, and if necessary, slightly revise Rule xvii. This will be held immediately after the united practice at St. Clement Danes, which commences at 8 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Deane on Saturday, April 15th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.  
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Romney Marsh and District Guild.**—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, April 15th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at the tea kindly inform me on or before Wednesday, April 12th.  
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*  
British School Villas, Tenterden.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 24th, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present are requested to send word to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour, if he receives enough support, to make arrangements for tea on the usual terms. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Hadley bells may be also available.

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

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Romford on Easter Monday, April 24th, further particulars of which will be announced later. A tea will be arranged, provided that a sufficient number of members advise me that they intend to be present. May I remind members that subscriptions are due, and beg the favor of an early payment.

GEORGE A. BLACK, *Dis. Sec.*  
Roslin, Grove Road, Woodford.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service will be held in St. Nicholas church, with an address at 1.30. Business Meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The

Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A free tea will be provided at The Angel hotel, Sidbury, at 4.30, to all those members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 19th. Tickets will be provided to admit members to tea, which can be obtained from me on or before the date of meeting. The following towers are available for ringing: The Cathedral from 5 to 6 p.m. only; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's, St. Nicholas and St. John's (6), which will be closed from 1.15 to 3.30. All subscriptions not previously paid should be paid at this meeting. The annual report will be ready for distribution. Members requiring copies of the Glossary can have same on application for them; also copies of reprint from *The Guardian* on "Church Bells and Bell-Ringing," at half-price, 1d. each. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.  
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available during the afternoon, and those at St. Nicolas after the tea by kind permission of the respective Incumbents. Tea will be provided (gratis to ordinary members) at 5 o'clock sharp at The Star hotel, Quarry Street, and the usual meeting will follow. Those wishing to partake of tea must inform Mr. James Hunt, 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, not later than the first post on Thursday, April 20th. Non-members—who will be welcomed—can join in the tea at 1s 6d. per head.  
CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at the following churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and general meeting: St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), St. John's (8), and St. Saviour's (8). Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by the general meeting in the High Cross Coffee house. Price of the tea 1s. each. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Morris, 9, Canning Place, Leicester, not later than Monday, April 17th. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions for 1905 were due on January 1st, and should be paid in at once. Several members are also in arrears for 1904.  
Colgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—A special meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea. Will those who anticipate attending kindly give their names to their tower representative not later than April 16th.  
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*  
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury, on the occasion of the restoration of Charlbury church tower, and the rehang of the bells, on Saturday, April 29th. Service will be held at the parish church at 3.30. Preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford. Meat tea in the Town Hall at 5.30 at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow immediately after. Members intending to be present must let me know not later than April 24th.

A. E. REEVES, *Assistant Sec.*  
20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, (in accordance with rule 6), but owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever now prevalent in Lincoln, no arrangements have been made for a service, tea or ringing; therefore a few of the local members only will attend to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and formally adjourn the meeting to a more suitable date. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at once.  
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Sledman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields are discontinued during Lent. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 1st.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1905.

It is very rare indeed that we hear of a ring of Church  
Bells being advertised for sale, yet for some weeks past  
an announcement of the sort has appeared in our columns.  
True it is that these bells are made of steel, and they are  
being got rid of to make room for a ring made of the  
proper material. This may militate against their rapid  
disposal, though even a set of steel bells are by some  
thought better than no bells at all. There are several  
sets of steel bells in existence, one of six at Wanstead in  
Essex being shown in the great Exhibition of 1862. Such  
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nor will they ever be. One disadvantage connected with them has apparently been that those who supplied them not being acquainted with the art of Church bellhanging, made a terrible hash of their erection in the tower, and, to quote the words of one ringer who essayed a touch upon a set—"the go was awful; in fact we couldn't get them to go at all." At Moseley church, near Birmingham, not far from the residence of the celebrated (or notorious) statesman "J.C." is a set of these steel bells. Though several attempts were made for peals upon them, success was found impossible of attainment, until practical bellhangers began operations. Messrs. CARR, of Smethwick, were employed to hang them scientifically, and when they had completed their work, the peal was soon obtained, and recorded in this journal. Every experience with steel bells proves their uselessness for the purposes for which they are intended. For church bells steel is a gross anomaly—a delusion and a snare. Those who have bought them have deeply regretted being beguiled into their purchase, and have concluded that waiting for sufficient funds to accrue for the proper article would have been the best.

## The Metropolis.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST,

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

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

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. . 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. . 6.
ERNEST PYE .. .. . 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 4.	*CHARLES T. COLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John and Mrs. Corbett.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE DORRINGTON, JUN. Treble.	ARTHUR COLES .. .. . 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 2.	*HUGH HILLS .. .. . 6.
DANIEL F. GIBBONS .. .. 3.	HENRY E. ALFORD .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	CHARLES KENNEDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. . 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. . Tenor.

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

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER .. .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. .. . 5.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. . 2.	MARK FENSOM .. .. . 6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. . 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	*JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIDNEY WADE, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the parents of the conductor on attaining their silver wedding, the ringers being entertained by them the following evening.

## The Provinces.

### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently.

W. BRUCE .. .. . Treble.	F. CHAPNELL .. .. . 4.
H. BURCH .. .. . 2.	H. W. CUTTING .. .. 5.
W. KING .. .. . 3.	C. KING .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. King and Crappnell. First peal by W. Bruce, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

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

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, THE DOCKYARD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 8 or 9 cwt.

WILLIAM FORD .. .. Treble.	JAMES JORDAN .. .. . 5.
EDWARD TAYLOR .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDS .. .. 3.	*GEORGE PARR .. .. . 7.
WILLIAM RUNDLE* .. .. 4.	G. HARRY MYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by G. HY. MYERS.

\*First peal in the method.

### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, March 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

### FAVERSHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS .. Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. G. Crosse, Vicar of Faversham.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT..Treble.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. . 3.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.. 6.
ARTHUR R. DIX* .. .. . 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. . 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by E. E. HUNTLEY.

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

**CARDINGTON, BEDS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(BEDFORDSHIRE BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, March 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN HURST* .. .. .Treble.	JOHN HARE .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. .. 6.
FRANK YORK† .. .. . 3.	†FRED WELLS .. .. . 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 4.	JOHN BRAYBROOKS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor, who were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

**SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, March 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION***On Thursday, March 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM* ..Treble.	*CLEMMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS* .. .. . 2.	*JOHN M. ANDREWS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER* .. .. 3.	*JOHN THORPE .. .. . 8.
FRANK BURGAR* .. .. . 4.	*WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 9.
WALTER COATES .. .. . 5.	*GEORGE OAKES .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by CLEMMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, March 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. B. BRAND .. .. .Treble.	J. T. FRENCHUM .. .. . 5.
J. G. KINCHIN .. .. . 2.	F. W. BRAND .. .. . 6.
R. BORROWS .. .. . 3.	R. J. TODD.. .. . 7.
J. J. PEAKE.. .. . 4.	A. MORTON.. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by A. MORTON.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Major by all except R. Borrows. Rung to commemorate the acquisition of two additional bells during the conductor's year of office as churchwarden.

**BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

R. FIDDIEST† .. .. .Treble	H. SMITH .. .. . 5.
W. THORNLEY .. .. . 2.	F. BANKS .. .. . 6.
J. MOSCROP.. .. . 3.	G. PINCOTT.. .. . 7.
S. HAYES .. .. . 4.	W. CALVERT .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by R. FIDDIEST.

\*First peal as conductor.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILLIAM LIDBETTER* ..Treble.	ERNEST A. REEVE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 2.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. . 3.	†ARTHUR HARDING .. .. 7.
THOMAS BEADLE .. .. . 4.	ALBERT SHEARD.. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Sheard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Bristol, Lichfield and Worcester. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN FLINT.. .. .Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
HARRY GREAVES .. .. . 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Emsen, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPBROUGHTON.)

*On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WALTER BROWN .. .. .Treble.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING.. .. 4.
JESSE ARBON .. .. . 2.	ALFRED G RIVERS .. .. 5.
EDGAR RIVERS .. .. . 3.	FRANK ROLFE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Girling and Rolfe.

**WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, Violet, New London Pleasure, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

SHENLEY ROSE* .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS DAVY .. .. . 4.
HARRY DAVY .. .. . 2.	JAMES ROSE .. .. . 5.
GEORGE KEMP .. .. . 3.	GEORGE CALTERMOLLE ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal.



HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.  
LEONARD STOKOE\* .. .. Treble. | ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 5.  
ARTHUR STOKOE\* .. .. 2. | CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. .. 3. | \*WILLIAM CHILD .. .. 7.  
G. BARRACLOUGH .. .. 4. | \*DAVID YORKE .. .. Tenor.  
Conducted by W. CHILD.  
\*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. H. Lowman first quarter-peal, Rev. W. H. Abbot, A. E. Smith, A. Baigent, H. L. Garfath, sen. conductor, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall, H. Kimber. The Rev. W. H. Abbot is now curate of Farnham, and it is his first quarter-peal with the local band.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Tuesday evening, November 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Pavay, T. Stevens, E. Mills, O. Smart, W. Andrews, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Patrick. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 643 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, T. Stevens, E. Mills, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, G. Samway, O. Smart, F. Padwick.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—On January 15th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Chance, F. Stanton, G. M. Troughton, W. H. Chance, R. G. Knowles conductor, W. Chance. First 720 by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by an entirely local band. On March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor by the same band. During the month several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, Miss M. Munn taking part. On March 26th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Chance, E. Barber, R. G. Knowles, R. McCann, W. H. Chance, H. T. Knowles conductor. On Saturday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Chance, A. Hill, W. Page conductor, G. Checketts, R. McCann, R. G. Knowles. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Chance, R. G. Knowles, A. Hill, R. McCann, G. Checketts, W. Page conductor. First 720s of Treble Bob on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)  
On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6096 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt.  
GEORGE W. KING\* .. .. Treble. | JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. .. .. 5.  
JOHN P. PALEY, SEN. .. .. 2. | ARTHUR MACKEARS .. .. 6.  
JOHN H. HAYNES† .. .. 3. | JOHN CRAGG .. .. 7.  
JOHN HOYES .. .. 4. | JOHN W. WOOD.. .. Tenor.  
Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.  
\*First peal. †First ppal with a bob bell. Longest length ever rang in Lincolnshire.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
BARKING.—On Sunday, April 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' One Part. T. Faulkner conductor, E. G. Fenn, F. G. Gill, R. Fenn, A. Carter, G. W. Faulkner, A. Hardy, E. A. Davies.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, March 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, 1120 changes, in 40 mins. W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Prior, H. Baker, A. F. James, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, March 2nd, on the occasion of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Birmingham at St. Philip's church, various touches of Grandsire Caters. T. Coley, W. F. Webb, E. J. Hyland, A. T. Hyland, C. Sparkes, J. Collett, R. Hackley, E. Mansell, J. T. Perry, G. Fuller. On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters. S. Coley, W. F. Webb, E. J. Hyland, A. T. Hyland, C. Sparkes, J. Collett, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Porter, G. Fuller.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, 1000 Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Knights conductor, B. A. Knights, W. Nuttall, F. R. Kettleboro, W. Lambert, S. Price, G. Hollis, J. Hunt, G. Davies, W. J. Thynge.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for the men's monthly service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. V. Harvey, J. Howes conductor, E. V. Beadle, H. Chandler, H. Wilkes, W. E. Judd, T. Beadle, A. Sheard.

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PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal of Bob Major rang at Bolsover on February 11th should read 5344 changes, not 5120 as reported.

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123456	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6
435216	-	-	-	-	134625	-	-	-
251346	-	-	-	-	642315	-	-	-
314526	-	-	-	-	321465	-	-	-
521436	-	-	-	-	462135	-	-	-
413256	-	-	-	-	136245	-	-	-
235146	-	-	-	-	264315	-	-	-
154326	-	-	-	-	351426	-	-	-
362415	-	-	-	-	412536	-	-	-
416235	-	-	-	-	523146	-	-	-
231645	-	-	-	-	142356	-	-	-
614325	-	-	-	-	325416	-	-	-
342165	-	-	-	-	451236	-	-	-
126435	-	-	-	-	213546	-	-	-
432615	-	-	-	-	541326	-	-	-
621345	-	-	-	-	324156	-	-	-
314265	-	-	-	-	145236	-	-	-
246135	-	-	-	-	263514	-	-	-
153624	-	-	-	-	531624	-	-	-
625314	-	-	-	-	612354	-	-	-
351264	-	-	-	-	321564	-	S	-
216534	-	-	-	-	516234	-	-	-
563124	-	-	-	-	263154	-	-	-
132654	-	-	-	-	135624	-	-	-
653214	-	-	-	-	623514	-	-	-
215364	-	-	-	-	531264	-	-	-
356124	-	-	-	-	216354	-	-	-
142635	-	-	-	-	365124	-	-	-
623415	-	-	-	-	142536	-	-	-
431265	-	-	-	-	534216	-	-	-
263145	-	-	-	-	213456	-	-	-

To be repeated, but calling a bob at 1 in place of the last fifteen leads of the second part produces 123645. The whole to be twice repeated to complete the peal. The peal contains 750 bobs and three singles. The sixteen changes of the plain hunt constitute the course of Original Major. The bob is made in 6ths place by the bell going behind; the two bells in 7-8 dodge once for each call; at a single the bells in 6-7-8 lie still for an whole pull; calls can be made at any whole pull. The bobs at 6 are not a necessity to the composition, having been added to break the monotony of 4-5-6 being fixed each for a third of the peal. The extent of 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths can be had by omitting one of the bobs at 6 and repeating the calling five times; for 5760 changes with 846 bobs and six singles.

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5043.

231456	5	16
*412365978	-	-
5263	-	-
3562	-	-
314265	-	-
5462	-	-
513264	-	-
4362	-	-
2463	-	-
215364	-	-
4563	-	-
3465	-	-
312564	-	-
312465	S	-
5264	-	-
4562	-	-
413265	-	-
5362	-	-
514263	-	-
3462	-	-
2364	-	-
215463	-	-
3564	-	-
4365	-	-
412563	-	-
412365	-	-

Repeat the courses bracketted. Rounds at hand next change. \*By bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. †By bobs at 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13.

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## BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

23456	W	B	M	H
32564	S	I	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
54263	S	I	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
23465	S	I	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
32465	S	I	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
45263	S	I	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
23564	S	I	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
45362	-	I	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

Has the 6th in 5-6 at every course-end.

5024.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
24563	-	I	S	-
52346	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
35264	-	I	S	-
42356	-	-	-	-
43562	-	I	S	-
54236	-	-	-	-
52364	-	I	S	-
35426	-	-	-	-
34265	-	I	S	-
23546	-	-	-	-
25463	-	I	S	-
34256	-	-	-	-
32564	-	I	S	-
53426	-	-	-	-
54263	-	I	S	-
25346	-	-	-	-
23465	-	I	S	-
42536	-	-	-	-
45362	-	I	S	-
32456	-	-	-	S

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5088.

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23456	W	B	M	H
24356	-	-	S	-
32456	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	S	-
34256	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	S	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	S	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

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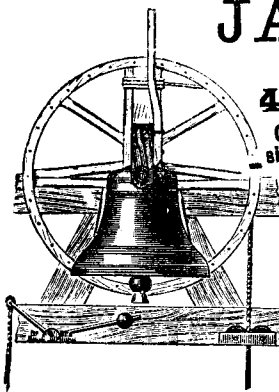
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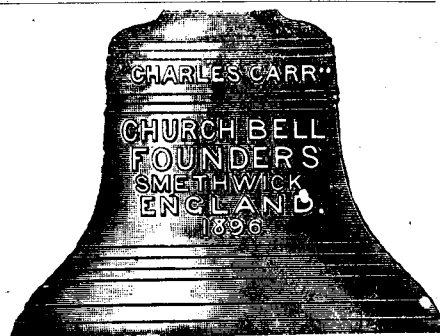
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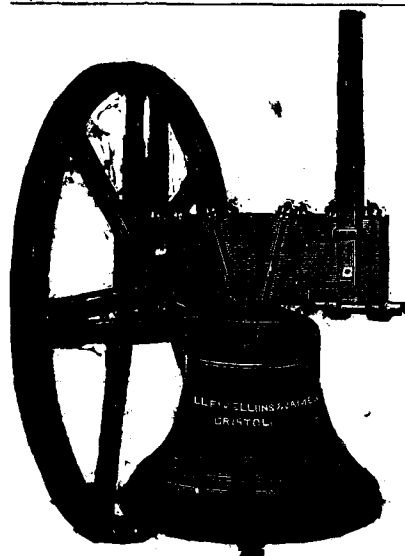
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WELLS (Norfolk). St. Nicholas. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor 1896. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. There is also a clock bell of 17 cwt., founder and date not stated. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 8.

WELLS (Somersetshire). St. Cuthbert. Eight bells. No return.

The Cathedral. Ten bells. No return.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire). St. Mary. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Mears 1824, except the 7th, 1837. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Rehung by Taylor 1891. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WEST HAM (Essex). All Saints. Essex Association. Ten bells; treble and 2nd by Catling 1752; 6th and tenor Mears 1795 and 1847 respectively; 9th by Warner 1852; the rest by Knight 1737. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. No information as to "go" of bells. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Warner 1897. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 10 to 11. Practice: variable.

WESTERHAM (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. by Taylor 1892; the rest by Mears 1837. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1892. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.55, and 5.45 to 6.25, except in Lent. Practice: Thursday, 8.

## INTERESTING CEREMONY IN ST. CHAD'S TOWER, ROCHDALE.

An interesting presentation took place on Monday, April 10th, in the belfry of the Rochdale parish church, the recipient being Mr. F. Birtwistle, who, along with his wife and family, is leaving England for Canada, was a ringer at the parish church for fourteen years, and for ten years he was the conductor. Besides several old ringers there were present representatives of the Rochdale parish church, St. Alban's, Milnrow parish church, Todmorden parish church, and Heywood. Mr. H. Ormerod, one of the old ringers at St. Chad's was voted to the chair, and he called on the Rev. F. P. Wright, Vicar of Milnrow, to make the presentation. The present took the form of a beautiful gold medal in the shape of a bell. On one side there were the words "A token of respect," and the other initials F. B. in floral letters. On the other side was the inscription—"Presented to Mr. F. Birtwistle by the members of the Rochdale branch of the L.A.C.R. April 10th, 1905."

The Rev. F. P. Wright expressed the pleasure it gave him to make the presentation to one who had been for so many years a ringer. Mr. Birtwistle was an excellent ringer, a man of irreproachable conduct, and one who was an example in many ways of life. It was many years since he made the acquaintance of Mr. Birtwistle, probably in that tower or somewhere not very far from it. He (the speaker) had first pulled a bell in that tower, and it had been a very pleasant part of his duties to go amongst the ringers, whom he had always found to be a very pleasant, friendly, straightforward set of men. Mr. Birtwistle was going to leave them for a distant land, and he was sure they would all be glad of one thing—that he was going under the British flag. There was not much the British race could learn from foreign countries, but there was probably much they could learn from us. In choosing Canada, he was sure Mr. Birtwistle had chosen a very healthful part of the British dominions. It was a place where a man with industry, perseverance and character was sure to get on in time. It was not possible to make a great fortune all at once, but it was possible for a man to make a living with these qualities. He was certain Mr. Birtwistle would look back with pleasant recollections on his association with the parish church ringers and the members of the Rochdale and District Association. He could assure Mr. Birtwistle they would never forget him. They hoped to receive letters from him, and he trusted Mr. Birtwistle would be able to hear that the parish church ringers, the Milnrow ringers, and all in the district were sticking together, and that they would continue to be men who were known for their good and steady character. Referring to Dr. Wilson, the speaker said it was a matter for regret that he was unable to be present that evening. He was a man who was head and shoulders above the majority of men. They knew Dr. Wilson to be a man with as kind a heart as was to be found anywhere, and a man who had done all that

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lay in his power for the welfare and well-being of his fellow-men. They regretted very deeply, he felt sure, that Dr. Wilson was going to leave the district, but they did not grudge his retirement to a place which Mr. Gladstone once called "Greater freedom, and less responsibility." He would take with him, not only the good wishes of the people of Rochdale, but the good wishes of the bell-ringers of Rochdale and district. Mr. Wright concluded by handing the present to Mr. Birtwistle as a token of their regard. They wished him God-speed and God's blessing in the land where he was going, "and," added Mr. Wright, "may he and his family enjoy the measure of earthly prosperity, as it will seem good for God to grant them."

Mr. Birtwistle said he scarcely knew how to express himself. He had many a pleasant memory of that tower, for it was there he first learnt his ringing. He had liked the ringing, and he hoped ringing would go on there as long as the bells would hold out. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the present; he was sure he would treasure it, and if it was something which could be handed down to his family, he was sure they would treasure it. When he was away he would think of that belfry and the men who had given him that present.

Mr. S. Brierley remarked that they were losing a very good man, and they hoped he would have a safe voyage to the other side of the Atlantic, and that he would do well when he got there.

Mr. George Hoyle moved, Mr. J. Hoghard seconded, and a Todmorden representative supported a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. P. Wright for making the presentation.

Mr. Wright responded, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ormerod for presiding.

This was seconded, and carried unanimously, Mr. Ormerod's response terminating the proceedings.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The usual quarterly meeting of the above was held at Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 25th. About forty members attended, representing Christ Church, Eastbourne, All Saints, Eastbourne, Christ Church Blacklands, St. Clement's, Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Brighton, Hailsham, Hellingly, Southover, Pevensey and Mayfield.

The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and good practice was had in various methods. A short service was held at 5.30, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. Allen, provided a most excellent tea, which was served in the parish room. The usual short business meeting followed, the Rev. A. Allen presiding. The minutes of the meeting held at Battle having been read and confirmed, two new members were elected, and the next quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at St. Mary's, Eastbourne. the method to be Kent Treble Bob, and the conductor Mr. George Williams.

Mr. George Watson proposed, and Mr. Stroud seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Allen for the splendid tea provided, and for the use of the bells, to which he coupled the name of Mrs. Alleu for the trouble she had taken in connection with the tea.

The Rev. A. Allen in responding said he was very pleased to welcome the Association at Christ Church. He considered himself extremely fortunate in having such a good band of ringers in his own parish, and he was very

proud of them. He believed they had not missed ringing his bells for a single service on Sunday during the past year.

The Secretary thanked the members for turning up in such large numbers, and especially so, as this would be the last meeting during the period he would hold the office of Secretary, as he was leaving the county very shortly. He also thanked Mr. Howse for making all the necessary local arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. A. B. Bennett proposed, and Mr. G. Penfold seconded a vote of thanks on behalf of the Association to Mr. Saker for his work as Divisional Secretary, and expressed great regret at his leaving.

The meeting then closed, and the members repaired to the towers of Christ Church and St. Mary's Old Town, Eastbourne, for further ringing.

### CHURCHMEN'S CHARITY.

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SINGULAR.—There is no rule without an exception, even in the epitaphs which discover and record the manifold virtues of whom they refer to. The exception in this instance is inscribed on a tomb in the churchyard of St. Mary, at Wainfleet, in Lincoln, and explains that "Herein lye the remains of Adlard Thorpe, Gent. A Sinner and a Ringer."

The late Bishop of Llandaff, who died on January 24th last, aged 84 years, left estate of the gross value of £112,567, including personality of the net value of £16,855. We believe the Bishop was a change-ringer.

A correspondent of *The Daily News* asks: "Who is responsible for the condition of the little old church near Byford Abbey? The place looks in a sorry state of ruin and neglect; some of the windows are broken, others are boarded up; names and initials are scribbled all over the outer walls: the graves in the churchyard are equally uncared for. It is surely time this state of profane desecration were put an end to, and the old church restored to the purpose for which it was built and consecrated."

The Bishop of London has appointed a Commission, consisting of the Bishop of Kensington, Archdeacon Bevan, Archdeacon Wilberforce, Sir Lewis Dibdin, D.C.L., Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie, K.C.B., and Mr. W. G. Hannah (3a, Dean's-yard, Westminster), secretary, to inquire and report on the areas and conditions of some of the parishes of Old Westminster, with reference to recent changes in that neighbourhood.

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## ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY WESTMINSTER.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Master—F. G. Perrin; Treasurer—C. Ward; Steward—J. Cattle; Secretary—J. E. Davis.

## LONG PEAL NOTICE.

With the very kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Vicar of Painswick, a record length (12,345) of Stedman Cinques will be attempted by twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Easter Monday, commencing as soon after 11.30 a.m. as possible. The composition is sent to Mr. W. Short, who holds the record at present, and also to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, Gloucestershire. If any one who took part in the Birmingham peal would also like to have the figures, they can be obliged. F. G. MAY.  
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## Obituary.

## HENRY TUBB.

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## The Romney Marsh and District Guild.

—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Tenterden to-day, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 24th, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present are requested to send word to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour, if he receives enough support, to make arrangements for tea on the usual terms. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. The bells of Hadley church will also be available to visitors in the course of the afternoon.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells will be available from 11 a.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. The price of the tea will be 1s., and those who intend to be present are particularly requested to send me their names before Wednesday, April 19th. The towers at Hornchurch (8), and Havering-atte-Bower (6) will be open during the afternoon. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and an early payment would be much esteemed.

GEORGE A. BLACK, *Dis. Sec.*

Roslin, Grove Road, Woodford.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service will be held in St. Nicholas church, with an address at 1.30. Business Meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A free tea will be provided at The Angel hotel, Sidbury, at 4.30, to all those members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 19th. Tickets will be provided to admit members to tea, which can be obtained from me on or before the date of meeting. The following towers are available for ringing: The Cathedral from 5 to 6 p.m. only; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's, St. Nicholas, and St. John's (6), which will be closed from 1.15 to 3.30. All subscriptions not previously paid should be paid at this meeting. The annual report will be ready for distribution. Members requiring copies of the Glossary can have same on application for them; also copies of reprint from *The Guardian* on "Church Bells and Bell-Ringing," at half-price, 1d. each. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available during the afternoon, and those at St. Nicolas after the tea by kind permission of the respective Incumbents. Tea

will be provided (gratis to ordinary members) at 5 o'clock sharp at The Star hotel, Quarry Street; and the usual meeting will follow. Those wishing to partake of tea must inform Mr. James Hunt, 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, not later than the first post on Thursday, April 20th. Non-members—who will be welcomed—can join in the tea at 1s. 6d. per head.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at the following churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and general meeting: St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), St. John's (8), and St. Saviour's (8). Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by the general meeting in the High Cross Coffee house. Price of the tea 1s. each. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Morris, 9, Canning Place, Leicester, not later than Monday, April 17th. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions for 1905 were due on January 1st, and should be paid in at once. Several members are also in arrears for 1904.

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

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea. Will those who anticipate attending kindly give their names to their tower representative not later than April 16th.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury, on the occasion of the restoration of Charlbury church tower, and the rehanging of the bells, on Saturday, April 29th. Service will be held at the parish church at 3.30. Preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford. Meat tea in the Town Hall at 5.30 at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow immediately after. Members intending to be present must let me know not later than April 24th.

A. E. REEVES, *Assistant Sec.*

20, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, (in accordance with rule 6), but owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever now prevalent in Lincoln, no arrangements have been made for a service, tea or ringing; therefore a few of the local members only will attend to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and formally adjourn the meeting to a more suitable date. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at once.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Soberton on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting after at The White Lion, Nearest station—Brockbridge, Droxford, Meon Valley line. Members who will require tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, April 19th. I shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1905.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Easter Monday, April 24th. Members who intend



be present must give notice not later than Thursday, April 20th, to Mr. G. A. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells (6) open at 1 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (6d. each to members) at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Kings Lynn on Easter Monday, April 24th. By kind permission the ring of ten at St. Margaret's, and the eight at St. Nicholas will be open for ringing. Dinner at Mr. Ely's dining-rooms at 1.30 p.m. Those attending must send notice by April 20th. C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Bedfordshire Association. — The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells of St. Paul's (10), will be available for ringing, and also St. Peter's (6). Luncheon at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Hapure Street, at one o'clock. Business meeting for the election of officers and other business after luncheon. A room will also be available at the above place for handbell ringing. A short service will be held at St. Peter's church at 4.30, at which it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. — RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

The Norwich Diocesan Association. — Southwold District. — A district meeting will be held at Southwold on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells will be available from 1 till 5.30. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed. A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, April 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available all day, with the exception of from 12 to 2.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 24th, when the towers in the city will be open for ringing. Meet in belfry of St. Peter's church at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock with an address by the Dean. Meat tea in the Corn Exchange, Market Place, at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Price of tea to members, 6d., non-members, 1s. Will conductors kindly notify to me probable number of their bands who hope to attend. G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

"Duffield," St. Albans.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society. — The members of this society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church of St. Michael, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. C. BOWER.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church, Cannock. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to be followed by a Committee Meeting. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 25th inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Halifax and District Association. — The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Queensbury on Satur-

day, April 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association. — North-Western Division. — A district meeting will be held at Wenden on Saturday, April 29th, at 3 o'clock. Railway Station—Audley End, G.E.R. The bells of the adjoining places of Littlebury and Saffron Walden will also be at the disposal of members attending this meeting.

N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

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52364	- - -
32465	- - -

Repeated.

1088.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1905.

GOOD FRIDAY coming next week, it is necessary that  
this paper be published a day earlier than usual. We  
have had the usual Lenten shortage of news during the  
past few weeks, but directly the season of Easter is  
current, plenty of peals and other important incidents  
will sure to be ready for publication. Requests have  
again been made from various quarters that some writer  
should be found who could give a series of instructive  
chapters, week by week, for the benefit of young be-  
ginners in the science. We may be in a position, soon  
after Easter, to oblige our young friends in this way.

# The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 6.
JOSEPH CATTLE .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 3.	W. F. HARTSHORNE .. 8.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. 4.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 9.
SEDLEY COLLINS .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. 2.	ERNEST YOUNG .. 6.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN* .. 3.	EDWIN TURL .. 7.
ERNEST BONFIELD .. 4.	RICHARD BEVAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by M. WOODCOCK.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. James Hannington.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDMUND V. HARVEY* .. Treble.	ALFRED JONES .. 5.
ARTHUR JONES .. 2.	JOSEPH HERBERT .. 6.
JOHN W. KELLEY .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ELSON .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

\*First peal on tower bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Driver and Elson.

## Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE WESTMINSTER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, VINCENT SQUARE, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 7-8.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 3-4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 9-10.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 5-6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11-12.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire—H. S. ELLIS.

# The Provinces.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, March 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDWARD EVANS .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEELE .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 7.
JAMES MOTTS .. 4.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by PHILIP O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the fiftieth peal rung upon the bells since their restoration and dedication as a ring of eight, May 15th, 1904.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

JOHN WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JOSEPH MORRIS .. 5.
THOMAS WILFORD* .. 2.	JOHN T. WILLSON .. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7.
JOHN CLARKE .. 4.	*WILLIAM W. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a tribute to Thos. Ingram, Esq., the donor of the tower and bells, who attained the age of ninety-five years the previous day. \*First peal.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

ALFRED PEARMAN .. Treble.	ISAAC CAVILL .. 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. 5.
WILLIAM IRONS† .. 3.	GEORGE DENT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

†First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED J. LANGRISH .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 4.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and four 720s of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES GARTON† .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 4.
GEORGE WOODMAN .. 2.	JOHN PULLEN .. 5.
ALBERT FEIST .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

†First peal, and is a member of the local band. First peal on the bells for many years. The four 720s of Oxford Bob were composed by H. Burstow, of Horsham.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

After accomplishing the peal the ringers were kindly invited by the Rector (Rev. James Robinson Garrett), to partake of refreshments, also thanking him for granting them permission to ring.

## EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

S. RIGG .. .. .Treble.	J. LAND .. .. .5.
J. W. DEWS* .. .. 2.	G. H. HARDY .. .. 6.
W. H. SENIOR .. .. 3.	W. BYRAM .. .. 7.
H. DRANSFIELD .. .. 4.	J. HEWETT .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

\*First peal.

## SOWERBY, YORKS.

## THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE† ..Treble.	*SAM BOTTOMLEY .. .. 5.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. 6.
RILEY NORMANTON .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HOWARTH .. 7.
JAMES SMITH .. .. 4.	CHARLES E. STEWART ..Tenor.

Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor.

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOHN BIRD* .. .. .Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KERN .. .. 5.
ERNEST FERRY .. .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. FALCONER* .. 4.	JOHN STEWART .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. FERRY.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. ..Treble.	*WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	*JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 3.	*JOHN P. TARLTON .. .. 8.
FRED R. KETTLEBORO* .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 9.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM .. ..Treble.	ERNEST E. LANHAM .. .. 5.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 2.	GEORGE WHITING .. .. 6.
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On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WEBB .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM J. MAYES .. .. 5.
THOMAS SCOTT .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BONNER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK WELLS .. .. 7.
JOHN HARE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWTON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWITT .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

This is G. R. Pye's 300th peal, and the conductor's 250th.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. STAFFORD ..Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TURNER* .. ..Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN.* .. 3.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. 7.
JOHN ALLEN* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal in the method.

## BEESTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT M. BLACKWELL* ..Treble.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. .. 5.
FREDK. S. PRICE .. .. 2.	EDWARD J. BOOT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BAILEY* .. .. 3.	*ERNEST J. OLIVER .. .. 7.
PERCIVAL PRICE .. .. 4.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and Conducted by R. CLIFFORD.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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**Handbell Peals.****LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, April 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN.* 1-2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 5-6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN.† 3-4.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and  
Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires—J. Aspinwall and W. Davies. \*First peal in hand. †First peal in the method in hand. First peal in the method in hand in Liverpool. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section II., A. a. 115.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Sunday, April 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR HAGUE .. .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT KETTELL .. .. 3-4.	MARTIN SIMMONITE .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. First handbell peal ever rung in Rotherham; also first handbell peal by all the band, whose average age is 19 years.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The number of changes in the peal of London Surprise rung at Caversham and reported in our last issue, was 5184, and was composed by G. Lindoff.

**Date Touches.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ARMLEY (Yorks).**—On Sunday, March 12th, at Christ Church, a date touch of Minor, consisting of 105 Oxford and 600 each of Woodbine, Duke of York and Violet. C. Lockwood, W. Stubley, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, Jos. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom conductor. Rung before evening service as a compliment to the Rev. A. V. Jones, curate, who preached his farewell sermon at that service prior to taking up Secretaryship of the Church Pastoral Aid Society at Sheffield.

**Miscellaneous.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**OLD WARDEN (Beds).**—On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, W. Newton, C. R. Lilley conductor, F. Wells, W. T. Mayes, F. York.

**CARDINGTON ((Beds).**—Recently, for practice, several touches of Grandsire Triples. J. Hirst, J. Braybrook, F. Izzard, Mayer, Wells, Newton, York, Scott, Lilley.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).**—On November 9th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Warner, A. Turner, W. G. Crickmer conductor, C. F. Ling, J. W. Mallett, G. Balls. On November 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. F. Ling, W. Wightman, E. Hicks, G. Wightman, W. G. Crickmer conductor, S. Wightman, jun.

**MONUDEN (Suffolk).**—On November 20th, for afternoon service, 720 London Surprise. A. S. Wightman, W. Wightman, E. Hicks, G. Wightman, W. G. Crickmer conductor, S. Wightman.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**SHEFFIELD-ON-LODDON.**—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. Lilian A. Barker, C. Holdaway, J. Ward, H. White, E. E. Ham conductor, G. Gasson. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 519 Stedman Cinques. G. Pigott, W. H. Godden, A. Walker conductor, A. Pegler, T. Reynolds, A. P. Smith, T. Westwood, A. Chambers, J. Withers, J. Neal, H. Withers, S. Jessop.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**KIDLINGTON.**—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Tolley, W. Bennett, J. Franklin, Frank Webb, F. Webb, H. Butler, H. Judge, E. Pease.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTBALLERTON.**—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. L. Brown, J. Brettell, H. Stevenson, J. Carter, W. Thompson, J. Barnett conductor. For evening service 840 Bob Triples. J. Metcalfe, L. Brown, J. Brettell, H. Stevenson, J. Carter, W. Thompson, J. Barnett conductor, R. Shuttleworth.

**CHISLEHURST.**—On November 14th, for practice, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Durling, R. Hims conductor, G. French, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser, R. Smith, G. Durling, G. Head.

**HARRORE (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday morning, January 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. Farmer, A. T. Hyland, E. J. Hyland, W. T. Hyland, H. Grosvenor, G. Hitchman, J. Collett, G. Fuller.

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Thursday, November 10th, at the parish church, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Symonds, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, A. Symonds, T. Levitt, W. Hollocks conductor. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. Gladwell, W. Hollocks conductor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of A. Hollocks. On Saturday evening, November 12th, 720 Violet. W. Hollocks, H. Crick, H. Gladwell, H. Symonds, A. Hollocks, A. Symonds conductor.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 49 mins. E. H. Balaam, J. E. Miller, G. Bester, W. Pickworth, H. Miller, M. Fensom, J. Armstrong conductor, N. A. Tomlinson.

**WOODFORD.**—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. K. C. Fox, E. A. Bacon conductor, J. Rann, G. A. Black, J. Kimberley, S. H. Green. After service 720 in the same method, conducted by G. A. Black.

# "Ringing the Changes" on OXO.

The following letter from the holders of the world's record will doubtless interest all who value stamina:—

Leicester,

Jan. 4th, 1905.

"No doubt ere this you have seen the result of the attempt for the World's Record Peal. We rang for 10 hours 35 minutes without food or rest, and I personally was fresh at the finish, and could have rung 15 hours if necessary. Your Oxo did wonders. We hold the record."

W. WILLSON.

(Midland Counties Association of Bellringers.)

# OXO

## 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."

ST. MARY'S, RAWTENSTALL.

SIR,—We now beg to make a few remarks with regard to the situation at St. Mary's belfry, Rawtenstall. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will think, after reading your article of April 1st, that Mr. Newman had been a member of the neighbouring choir referred to for a considerable time. This is not so, and for the benefit of our friends will briefly state why he joined this choir. Mr. Newman came into this district about five years ago, and being asked to become a member of St. Mary's company commenced to attend St. Mary's church, and was a member of the young men's class. Now, why did he cease to attend St. Mary's and become a member of this choir? Because there came to this neighbouring church about two years ago a new Vicar, who has lately introduced into the services there the doubtful practices of the High Church Party, many of the congregation and choir have ceased to attend, and some have become members of St. Mary's church. The Editor asks—"What objection could there be in taking part as a chorister in this church?" Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" must see that there was every objection, when, to enable him to do so, he had every Sunday to hurry away from St. Mary's belfry (nearly a mile) past all these people, who could not conscientiously worship in the church which they had helped to build. The ringers of St. Mary's did not object to Mr. Newman attending this church occasionally, but they did object to him becoming a "knob-stick singer" and "servile creature" of this Vicar. We certainly see no "Christian charity" in any Vicar asking any of our ringers to fill up vacancies in the church caused by his own indiscretion. When pressed by the ringers to give one or the other up, Mr. Newman appealed to the Vicar of Rawtenstall. This is our last letter, and we are content to let unbiased persons judge for themselves, whether the following "principle" we uphold is right or wrong, namely: "That all regular ringers should attend the church they ring for, and that any ringer be welcome to take a rope, whatever denomination he belongs to."

THE ST. MARY'S RINGERS, RAWTENSTALL.  
(per JAMES ROLLERSON.)

SIR,—No doubt the example set by a ringer, of attending the church to which he has invited others, has the greatest influence. But after all this is a very small point compared with that of attendance at some church by ringers. One is only too rejoiced to see that a ringer thinks it his duty to attend Divine Service at all, or that he realizes that there is any benefit to be obtained for himself in doing so, to trouble about what church he attends. But I must say, I am exceedingly surprised, to read in your leader of last week, that you had never heard of any objection to a Dissenter becoming a member of a band of church bellringers. I conclude that you mean that there is no objection to his coming to the belfry and inviting others to attend a church because they disagree with its teaching. Now charity and toleration of other people's religious opinions, we know, is quite necessary. But surely, you cannot be blind to the fact, that dissenters are avowed enemies of the church; at least they express themselves daily as such, by word or deed. Surely then, if a man can without any strange feelings, join with one body, one hour and another body in open opposition to it, another hour, he must be strangely lacking in consistency and religious conviction. One would have expected to find in the leader of "THE BELL NEWS" a greater appreciation of the position of a ringer as an officer in the Church which he served, than is expressed in the leader of last week. I feel that I shall be voicing the large majority of ringers when I seek from you an explanation.

W. M. K. WARREN.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised on opening "THE BELL NEWS" this week to find among your many readers and of many so very qualified to write them, no letters commenting on your remarks the previous week on Dissenters being bellringers. You say

you have never known it to be laid down that ringers shall not be Dissenters. Knowing as I do your knowledge of all that belongs to bells and bellringing that remark convinces me that no such law has been laid down. Although not desiring to have M.P. tacked on to my name, I would if possible legislate at once and say that a Dissenter shall not be a ringer. Possibly this demands a small Act, though it has several clauses. What I mean by a Dissenter not being a ringer is that he shall not be elected a member of a church belfry, but by all means if he is a desirable person let him become a change-ringer, to prove that the Church is open to all, and then possibly in these days of passive resistance the Dissenter may become a Churchman.

So much for our Church. Now for the Dissenting ringer. However a man can assist in calling from the belfry people to come to church and immediately after walk off to chapel I cannot understand. Actions speak louder than words, and words are loud enough goodness knows from some Dissenting pulpits. However strongly I write the foregoing I would do more so, whereas in my case ringers receive from their church a salary large or small. For a man to receive church people's offerings to give for the purpose of upholding chapels, well I don't know how to express my opinion of him and that much knocked about word conscience.

VERITAS.

ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

SIR,—Under the above heading Mr. John Smith sends you a letter insinuating charges against our much-respected tower-keeper, Mr. James Prestidge and some other members of the St. Andrew's band of ringers at Netherton. "Strange to say," writes Mr. Smith, "some slight alteration had been carried out with regard to the tenor bell during the week previous." It was so, and I was cognisant of it, but it was not strange. The strangeness lies in its exciting suspicion. At eleven o'clock on Saturday morning, March 25th, Mr. Prestidge visited the bells and reported to me that all was ready for the peal. The "diabolical action" had not then been "perpetrated" of which Mr. Smith invokes the Vicar and churchwardens to take notice. We do so, and in this way. Without troubling you with our own view of the matter, we absolutely and entirely dissent from the view put forward, with so much confidence, in the letter Mr. Smith has contributed to your columns.

April 10, 1905.

S. J. MARRIOTT, Vicar.

## FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me that the peal of Bob Major rung at Garston, Lancashire, on March 27th last by members of the Lancashire Association, conducted by me, is false. I should like to explain that the distinguished composer whose name is attached thereto, is in no way to blame for this, as it was a variation of his well-known composition that was rung. Owing to a foolish mistake on my part, and the similarity of these two compositions, I did not see the necessity for interior proof. I therefore wish to withdraw all claim to the peal, and apologise to the band for my indiscretion.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

## WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—May I be permitted through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to make a request, viz.: should any ringing friend or company of ringers contemplate a visit to Hallow on the morning of Easter Monday, April 24th, in connection with the above meeting, the undersigned would be glad of an intimation to ensure their being met. I might add, for the benefit of any who have not yet visited Hallow, that given a fine morning it is a splendid 2½ miles walk. This tower contains a handy ring of eight, going well. We have also recently had fixed an extra floor, which considerably improves the ringing conditions. An omnibus passes the church at 12.30 noon, arriving in Worcester at 1 p.m., giving ample time for the service.

W. PAGE.

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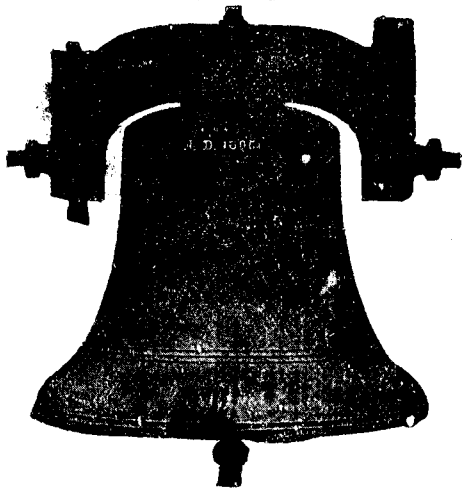
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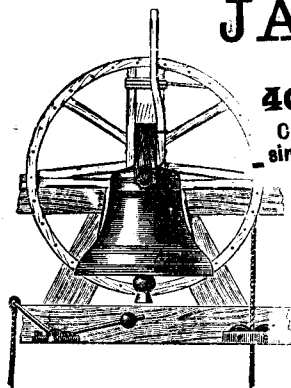
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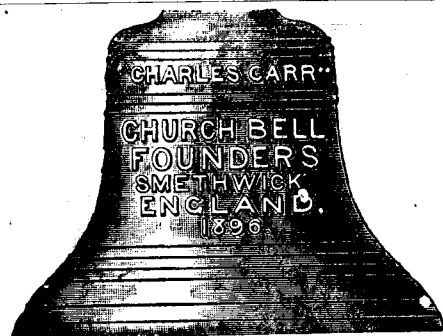
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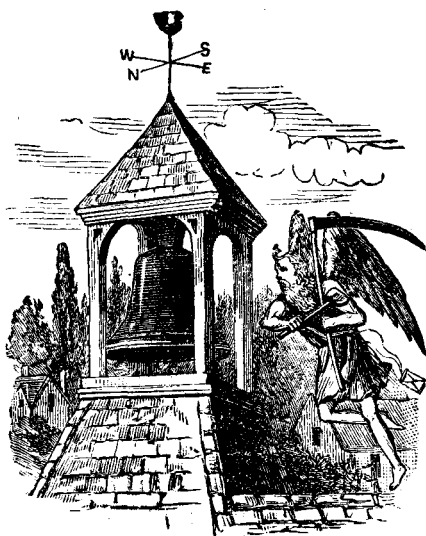
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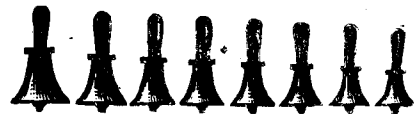
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No. 1203.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1905.

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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).

WESTHOUGHTON (Lancashire). St. Bartholomew. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor; no date given. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes poor. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. No practice.

WHITBY (Yorks.) St. Mary. Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Mears 1898, the rest by Lester 1762. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears 1898. Ropes good. A young band; no method yet. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30. Practice: Monday and Friday, 8.

WHITEFIELD (Lancashire). All Saints. Lancashire Association; eight bells, all by Mears 1856. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go only middling. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears 1894. The attention of the authorities has been called to the state of the bells, but there are no funds. Ropes worn. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.

WHITTLESEA (Cambs.) St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor by Eayres 1803; the rest by Osborn 1758. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. The bells go fairly except the tenor. Rehung by Warner 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: "Plain." Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

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## YORKSHIRE HANDBELL TUNE-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

### SECOND ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.

[From *The Huddersfield Examiner*.]

Our readers will remember that this newly-formed Association favoured Huddersfield last year with its first annual contest in the Armoury, and the first competition was won by Huddersfield, Almondbury and Horbury being placed second and third respectively; and the second competition was won by Woodroyd (Honley), the runners up being Barnsley. This year's contest was fixed for Saturday, April 1, and the selected place was Barnsley.

The officers of the Association and the local committee are to be congratulated on having secured such a building as the Public Hall for the contest. No better place could have been secured, and the arrangements were carried out admirably and satisfactorily. The contest in the afternoon was for second-class bands, for which the Executive offered as a first prize, silver medals for conductor and bandsmen; and a silver medal for the conductors of the second and third bands in order of merit. There was a large audience. The test piece was a short selection from Wagner's "Tannhauser," and the following bands competed:—

Barnsley, ten performers. Conductor—Mr. T. Fleetwood.

Thurlstone, ten performers. Conductor—Mr. E. Biltcliffe.

Lightcliffe, St. Matthew's, ten performers. Conductor, Mr. A. Wooler.

Heptonstall, ten performers. Conductor, Mr. W. Sunderland.

Holmfirth, twelve performers. Conductor, Mr. J. Moorhouse.

Dewsbury, nine performers. Conductor, Mr. J. Rigg.

Birstall (St. Saviour's), eleven performers. Conductor, Mr. Kaye Cooke.

Low Moor, ten performers. Conductor, Mr. Kaye Cooke.

Lindley, nine performers. Conductor, Mr. L. Stansfield.

This was the order in which they competed. The Darfield (near Barnsley), and Sheffield Hartshead were the only absentees. The efforts of the nine bands to interpret Wagner's music was of a mixed character. The opening movement, "Song of the Pilgrims," was given by many bands without any regard to expression, and the intonation of the bells was extremely bad. This was noticeable in the solo, "O Star of Eve." Some of the bass bells must have been fully half a tone out, and added to this wrong bells were struck. Still there were exceptions to these mistakes, and in the "Grand March" a high excellence was reached. Local bands shone conspicuously in the latter movement, and the performance of Lindley (a set of young lads, who, as a company of ringers, have only been in existence about nine months), was a complete surprise to all. The contest finished about 6 o'clock, and amongst the local followers it was predicted that the

town's band would be successful, with Holmfirth, Thurlstone and Lindley as the runners-up.

About 6.30 the first competition commenced before a crowded audience. The test piece was the overture to Rossini's opera, "Il Tancredi," and the prizes were the handsome silver challenge cup and a silver medal for conductor and each member of the band. To the second and third prize bands medals were awarded to conductors only. The following competed in the order named:—

Thurlstone, ten performers. Conductor—Mr. E. Biltcliffe.

Almondbury, nine performers. Conductor—Mr. Ben Lodge.

Royston United (Barnsley), nine performers. Conductor—Mr. J. Watson.

Crosland Moor (champions of Great Britain), ten performers. Conductor—Mr. A. Townsend.

Liversedge Albert, eleven performers. Conductor—Mr. A. Fearnside.

Holmfirth, twelve performers. Conductor—Mr. J. Moorhouse.

Horbury, nine performers. Conductor—Mr. W. H. Giggie, F.G.C.M.

Huddersfield (last year's winners), eleven performers. Conductor—Mr. Lewis Booth.

Woodroyd (Honley), twelve performers. Conductor—Mr. J. Moorhouse.

The only band which did not compete in this competition was Clifton, and we learn that the cause was that a new peal of handbells had failed to reach them, and the intonation of their practice bells would certainly have spoilt any chances they might have had if they had competed. Whatever may be Mr. Jowett's remarks on the individual performances, we cannot help but express surprise at Horbury being in the prize list, whilst both Huddersfield and Crosland Moor were excluded. Both bands gave a creditable performance, and for intonation the bells from Crosland Moor were undoubtedly good. Almondbury gave an artistic interpretation of the overture till nearing the end, when, at an interval in the music, a deafening cheer went up, and it was with difficulty that the remaining few bars could be heard. However, when they did finish, one of the stewards came on to the platform and made an appeal to the audience to refrain from applauding till the performers had finished. The chance of the last band to perform (Almondbury), he was afraid, would be somewhat spoiled by the audience applauding where a delightful *piano* passage was in progress. Notwithstanding this appeal, the same fate met Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, and several other bands, which—as will be learnt from the result—had a serious effect. Each band had its own followers, and as they finished loud cheers went up. Shortly after nine o'clock the contest finished, and almost immediately Mr. Jowett made his appearance. On the platform were the Rector of Barnsley (Rev. Canon W. F. Norris), and all the Executive.

Mr. Jowett, who was greeted with loud cheers, said that his remarks that night would be very brief. He must congratulate all the bands on the decided improvement they had made since the last contest, with regard to their general conception of the test pieces. The second competition bands had been better in every respect, and there had been a more musicianly performance throughout this year's contests than was the case last year. He then announced his awards in the competition for second-class bands as follows: Holmfirth, 1; Lindley, 2; Thurlstone, 3. The decision was received with deafening cheers.

Continuing, Mr. Jowett said that the premier bands had, all round, given a delightful rendering of the test piece. Of course, some of them had failed to observe the instructions given in the piece, but he could tell them that the contest was a very close one indeed. They would remember that when the second band was performing, the audience, at a most inopportune time, applauded, which somewhat disorganised the efforts of that band. Up to that period they had given almost a perfect performance, and they might judge from his remarks who had won the first prize. Although an appeal was made from that platform, the same fate befel other bands, and many delightful passages could not be properly heard by him. He was obliged to take into account this unfortunate outburst of enthusiasm, and his awards were as follow:—1st prize, Almondbury United; 2nd prize, Woodroyd (Honley); 3rd prize, Horbury.

The decision was received with loud cheers, but how Huddersfield (last year's winners) and Crosland Moor were not included in the prize list was a great surprise to many. The judge's remarks will be read with the keenest interest by many whose opinion was that either of our local bands was far before Horbury in every detail.

Canon W. F. Norris (rector of Barnsley) said that they could fully understand that his duty that night was of a most pleasureable character, for he would have the pleasure of handing that handsome challenge cup to the band which came from his late parish—Almondbury. (Loud cheers.) He was delighted at their success, and he hoped it would lead them to many more successes.

He then handed over the challenge cup and medals to the successful band, and the proceedings closed.

### 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."*

ST. MARY'S, RAWTENSTALL.

SIR,—Allow me to most heartily endorse the opinions expressed by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren and Veritas in this week's issue, and at the same time to express my great regret at the opinion expressed by yourself *re* the church attendance of ringers. I feel that those words of your leader are likely to prove a set-back to the reforms a thousand clergyman are trying to effect in their parishes and towers to-day. Thank heaven for the great improvements of our time in the belfry, and the ringer's life; but one great blot remains, and that is the habit of hundreds of our ringers of calling others to church, and then going off home (or elsewhere) themselves. The parishioners are quick to notice this, and I firmly believe this is the reason why ringers do not always meet with that respect and consideration they expect. Personally I regard it as a scandal, and nothing less. In my own church I have made the rule that no man shall ring in the tower unless he intends to attend the service to which he is calling others. I would much rather have one bell chimed by a man who means what he does, than the most beautiful touch of changes rung by men who are thinking only of their own skill, and nothing of God's service. I am absolutely at a loss to understand how you can suggest a Dissenter as a church officer.

G. DE T. ALDRIDGE.

*Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.*

SIR,—Surely the letter from Rawtenstall appearing in your issue of the 15th April is very saddening reading. We have been accustomed to regard the Exercise as exempt from that uncharitable treatment of those who take divergent views of ecclesiastical matters which is so degrading to the Church. Yet here we have a painful instance of narrow-minded bigotry. I

feel sure the sense of the Exercise will be abundantly on the side of your comments on Mr. Newman's case, and that they will feel that he deserves the sympathy of churchmen for being treated in so unkind a manner on such contemptible grounds.

As regards dissenters, what you say appears correct in fact. Evidently a nonconformist could not consistently ring for services which as a matter of conscience could not attend; but surely nonconformity is not in itself any valid reason to debar a man from election, say, to the College or Cumberland Youths. I have no love for nonconformity, but a man does not become an unclean beast by being a dissenter, and it is interesting to remember that our Roman Catholic fellow Christians are very courteous in allowing us access to their rings of bells, though they are conscientiously bound to regard us as heretics. After all, the Church of England is national, and not sectarian, and therefore our nonconforming brethren are our fellow-parishioners, and prior to the abolition of compulsory Church rates they had to pay their share towards maintenance and improvements, which must have included bells and fittings, of some of which we are doubtless still having the use.

Are not Episcopalians and Presbyterians working amicably for change-ringing in Scotland? R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—Hitherto Mr. Rollerson in his letters has seemed to think that my charge against the Rawtenstall ringers was untrue, but from his last letter it is perfectly clear that the reason of my being dismissed from the belfry was because my religious views were not acceptable to the majority of the ringers' band. Your article upon the subject is therefore a perfectly fair criticism of the intolerance that rules in St. Mary's belfry.

ALGERNON NEWMAN.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION—THE LEICESTER ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—I beg to notify intending visitors on Easter Monday that the church of St. John the Divine, the bells of which are open to the Association for the first time, is off Waterloo Street, opposite the Midland Railway station, London Road. There are two churches of St. John; the other is at Stonegate, London Road, with only one bell. Access to the belfry of St. John the Divine is by passing through the left aisle of the church only. The bells have been put in since the M.C.A. last visited Leicester. They are in an iron frame, and all the latest improvements. The Wigston long peal band will ring a special touch here about 3.30 on Monday afternoon.

W. WILLSON, *Steeplekeeper*.

#### INSTRUCTION WANTED.

SIR,—In your issue of April 15th you announced that you intend to commence a series of instructive articles for beginners. This I consider an excellent idea; nothing but good can accrue from it.

I would like to suggest, however, that side by side with this, or better perhaps alternate weeks, a chapter should be given shewing how to set about learning some one or other of the higher methods. This I believe to be the great stumbling block with a good many men. They would like to get out of the old groove, but look on the task as something, for them, impossible. A chapter fairly written by a practical man would be welcomed by a great number of your readers.

OLD STRING.

(Perhaps Mr. Trollope, or some other friend, will oblige.—ED.)

#### ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

SIR,—I am under the impression that the Rev. S. J. Marriott, the esteemed Vicar of Netherton, has misunderstood the meaning I wished to convey, and as a member of his band of ringers for over thirty years I am not going to carry on a correspondence on the subject with the rev. gentleman, but I still maintain what I stated in my previous letter, and there is no exception to the facts, and no escape from the conclusion. The Vicar does not refute what I stated about the foul play with the bells, while his much-respected tower keeper (a man I have always respected, and do so now, because I do not think for one moment it was him who did it) admits in a voluntary statement to me that the scale was there on the gudgeons, and had he sent me the information before the occurrence which he has sent

since, there would have been no cause to have done what was done. It is painful to me that such sacred instruments, which were put there by a deceased lady parishioner, as a thank-offering to God for many mercies, and whose name is still revered by many of the inhabitants of Netherton for her great beneficence (of which the local ringers still receive a portion annually) should after being used to the service of the Church and Almighty God for upwards of thirty-four years be desecrated in the manner they were. I conclude my remarks with a ringer's phrase—"This is all."

JOHN SMITH.

#### METHOD, HISTORY, TITLES, ETC.

SIR,—The footnote to my last week's letter mentions Westminster Delight, but the method belongs to the Surprise class. If you, Sir, or your readers, care to prove the statement an examination should be made as follows: in the first method given it will be noted that 3rds and 6ths places are made in the same row where the treble passes from 4ths and 5ths, just the same as in both Cambridge and Superlative. But this is not the method. It is the next one given. Well, if that is examined in the same way, and in the same place or position, it will be found that 6ths place is omitted, and so one method is thus unlike the other. But, Sir, if we examine London we shall find the same place omitted, and as London is an acknowledged Surprise, so must Westminster.

#### WESTMINSTER BOB.

I may be asked why I gave this method the title of Westminster. My reply is as follows: The method I published has an odd place made in each lead when the treble is lying the full blow behind, just the same as Westminster Minor on page 17 of "Standard Methods." "Campanalogia Improved," 1702 edition by J. D. and C. M. gives this Westminster Bob Minor as the composition of J. D. It is consequently over 200 years old, and so one of the earliest methods with this odd place, and I believe it is the only one of these old methods handed down that retain Plain Bob lead-ends. Of course such places had been used or employed by Stedman, as illustrated in my letter of April 1st, and he also uses them in some plain Minor methods, but not with his usual success. It may also be said that London Surprise belongs to the same tribe, and I say without much doubt so it does, as be it remembered London is many years younger than Westminster. I have not traced London Surprise beyond Annable's note-book, say about 1756. This Minor was published by Mr. J. Carter in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 10th, 1904, side by side with a Major method as Colledge Bob the Fifth, but these methods belong to the Westminster family. The Major is a good example of combinations. It has all the qualities by place-making for a Surprise, the odd place for Westminster, and a slow hunt inseparable from Treble Bob. Anyhow it is a Westminster Surprise, whatever prefix may attach.

#### IMPERIAL BOB.

I may also be asked why I entitled these methods as Imperial. To this I reply: Each of these methods contain two qualities of distinction, which are found upon examination of Imperial Bob, as copied from "Stedman's Campanalogia," and published by me in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 25th, 1905. These qualities are: no place-making in 1-2 except with treble at lead, and all places made while the treble is dodging all internal adjoining places. These qualities be it noted are not found either in Superlative, Cambridge or London, and this causes me to look upon this Imperial class of method as distinct from all others, especially as it is undeniably the oldest, and hailing from the pen of such a brilliant author, who can say nay? Of course *Clavis*, on page 172, gives us Imperial the Third, containing some similar qualities, which always causes a question to arise in my mind as to what become of No. 1 and No. 2. Well Sir I think we may now say No. 1 has been discovered, but No. 2 is still missing. Before leaving the subject let me say in future I shall look upon Albion Surprise as given by Sottanstell not as a Surprise method, but as Imperial Treble Bob. The method contains all qualities required for that distinction.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 24th, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present are requested to send word to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour, if he receives enough support, to make arrangements for tea on the usual terms. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. The bells of Hadley church will also be available to visitors in the course of the afternoon.

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

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells will be available from 11.30 a.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. The towers at Hornchurch (8), and Havering-atte-Bower (6) will be open during the afternoon. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and an early payment would be much esteemed.

GEORGE A. BLACK, Dis. Sec.  
Rostin, Grove Road, Woodford.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service will be held in St. Nicholas church, with an address at 1.30. Business Meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. Tickets for tea to be provided can be obtained from me on or before the date of meeting. The following towers are available for ringing: The Cathedral from 5 to 6 p.m. only; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's, St. Nicholas, and St. John's (6), which will be closed from 1.15 to 3.30. All subscriptions not previously paid should be paid at this meeting. The annual report will be ready for distribution. Members requiring copies of the Glossary can have same on application for them; also copies of reprint from *The Guardian* on "Church Bells and Bell-Ringing," at half-price, 1d. each. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available during the afternoon, and those at St. Nicolas after the tea by kind permission of the respective Incumbents. Tea will be provided (gratis to ordinary members) at 5 o'clock sharp at The Star hotel, Quarry Street, and the usual meeting will follow.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at the following churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and general meeting: St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), St. John's (8), and St. Saviour's (8). Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed

by the general meeting in the High Cross Coffee house. Price of the tea 1s. each. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions for 1905 were due on January 1st, and should be paid in at once. Several members are also in arrears for 1904. Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.  
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Ports-mouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Soberton on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting after at The White Lion. Nearest station—Brockbridge, Droxford, Meon Valley line. I shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1905.

J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 7.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells (6) open at 1 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (6d. each to members) at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kings Lynn on Easter Monday, April 24th. By kind permission the ring of ten at St. Margaret's, and the eight at St. Nicholas will be open for ringing. Dinner at Mr. Ely's dining-rooms at 1.30 p.m.

C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells of St. Paul's (10), will be available for ringing, and also St. Peter's (6). Luncheon at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Hapure Street, at one o'clock. Business meeting for the election of officers and other business after luncheon. A room will also be available at the above place for handbell ringing. A short service will be held at St. Peter's church at 4.30, at which it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. — RUST, } Hon. Secs.  
I. HILLS, }

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A district meeting will be held at Southwold on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells will be available from 1 till 5.30. All ringers and friends cordially welcomed.

A. J. NAUNTON, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, April 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available all day, with the exception of from 12 to 2.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, M.A., Hon. Sec.  
J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 24th, when the towers in the city will be open for ringing. Meet in belfry of St. Peter's church at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock with an address by the Dean. Meat tea in the Corn Exchange, Market Place, at 5.45, followed by business

meeting. Price of tea to members, 6d., non-members, 1s. Will conductors kindly notify to me probable number of their bands who hope to attend. G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Duffield," *St. Albans.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at Swanage on Easter Monday, April 24th. Ringing from noon. Committee 3.45. Service 4. Tea, followed by General Meeting at 4.30. All ringers welcome.

The Ely Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday next, April 24th, at The Lion hotel, Cambridge. Luncheon (members 1s., non-members 2s.), at 1.30. Important business to follow.

R. L. TWELLS,  
*General Secretary.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury, on the occasion of the restoration of Charlbury church tower, and the rehang of the bells, on Saturday, April 29th. Service will be held at the parish church at 3.30. Preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford. Meat tea in the Town Hall at 5.30 at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow immediately after. Members intending to be present must let me know not later than April 24th.

A. E. REEVES, *Assistant Sec.*  
20, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, (in accordance with rule 6), but owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever now prevalent in Lincoln, no arrangements have been made for a service, tea or ringing; therefore a few of the local members only will attend to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and formally adjourn the meeting to a more suitable date. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at once. P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Stedman," *Ropery Road, Gainsborough.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BRISTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorsng. on Saturday, April 29. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Leefe) Business to follow. Ringers' service, with an address at 6 p.m. All members intending to be present kindly inform the undersigned by Thursday, April 26th. H. EVANS,  
*Worthing. Hon. Div Sec.*

Leeds and District Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Burley, on Saturday, April 29. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Cardigan Arms at 7.30. Balance sheets now ready. F. A. BARRACLOUGH,  
*Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church of St. Michael, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. C. BOWER.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April

29th, at the parish church, Cannock. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to be followed by a Committee Meeting. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 25th inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Queensbury on Saturday, April 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, May 2, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, May 6. Tower open at 2 p.m., Evensong at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Arthur Shirley. It is earnestly requested that all will attend this service, which has been specially arranged for them. The mayor of Greenwich, who will be accompanied by the mayoress, has kindly promised to attend in state, and during the service will unveil a peal-tablet in the belfry. Tea, 6d. per head, at the Albany Institute at 6 p.m., to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, May 6. Business meeting follows tea, the mayor presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. T. GROOMBRIDGE,  
*Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30. Members and friends are cordially invited. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The meeting advertised for Saturday, the 29th inst. to be held at Wenden, is postponed until next month. Further particulars in due course. N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1905.

At the end of this week the Lenten season will be over,  
and we ask those friends who will send reports for pub-  
lication for the next number, to do so as early as possible.  
This will enable the staff to have a fair holiday and make  
things pleasant all round.

## ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Monday, April 10th, 1905, a peal of Stedman Triples  
was attempted which failed through a rope breaking, after  
one hour's good ringing. This upset arrangements some-  
what, but matters were rectified by waiting patiently until



9.30 p.m., when the band who had been ringing, were met by several members who had been listeners, or had been too busy to listen, and an adjournment was made to "The Prince of Wales," where a very interesting and pleasant ceremony was performed. To explain: Some time ago a member of our band, Sergt. Hibbert, R.H.A., and Mr. J. F. Tarrant, presented the society with the wherewithal to get a peal book, and a peal book was made to order, and, as fate and good luck would have it, the soldier home on furlough from India was with us, and Mr. Tarrant, who seldom has a chance of peal ringing, was persuaded to let business slide, and attempt this peal with him. Well, the peal did not come off, but the peal book did, for to their surprise, Mr. Tarrant, as Chairman of the meeting, was asked to present the book in their joint names to the society. Mr. Newman, as Master, received the book and expressed his heartfelt thanks for us all, and assured the company that as long as he was captain, no peal unfit to be recorded should ever be entered in the beautiful book before him. A few words from the Sergeant, who hoped some day to have more chance to get his name in the book, and a bit of good news to all when he said, "I wish you all to drink my health on promotion, as, since leaving India, I have been promoted Quarter-Master Sergt.," finished up a pleasant evening.

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### LONG PEAL NOTICE.

With the very kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Vicar of Painswick, a record length (12,345) of Stedman Cinques will be attempted by twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Easter Monday, commencing as soon after 11.30 a.m. as possible. The composition is sent to Mr. W. Short, who holds the record at present, and also to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, Gloucestershire. If any one who took part in the Birmingham peal would also like to have the figures, they can be obliged.

F. G. MAY.

96, City Road, Bristol.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 6.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung through meeting short for Stedman Caters.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DRPTFORD,

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

WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL JOHN BIRD* .. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6.
REGINALD EDWARDS* .. .. 3.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. .. 7.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. 4.	FREDK. H. GOOCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

\*First peal of Stedman. W. Foreman's 79th peal.

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

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
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Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob Royal.

### Handbell Peals.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, "FRODINGHAM," ELMHURST STREET, S.W.,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

CHALLIS T. WINNY .. 1-2.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7-8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 9-10.
JOHN W. GOLDING .. 5-6.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 11-12.

Gomposod by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpires—Messrs. Dains and Hardy (Cumberland Youths); and Messrs. Cockerill and Ellis (College Youths). Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss McAlpine Leny. The conductor has now called this composition from every pair.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT ROOM 55, FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. 9-10.	

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—J. R. Sharman and A. T. King.

### The Provinces.

#### SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

#### THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 2.	GEORGE HANCOX .. .. 6.
GEORGE PICKEN .. .. 3.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR DOWNES .. .. 4.	CHARLES PICKEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

First peal of Grandsire by all except Messrs. Carter and Bradney. Further reference elsewhere.

#### BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

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

WILLIAM MOSS* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.
HENRY KIRK* .. .. 2.	MATTHEW G. BINNETT .. 5.
EGBERT STAMPER* .. 3.	WILLIAM LONGDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

\*First peal.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE PRESTON .. .. Treble.	*EDMUND C. ELLIOTT .. 5.
FREDERICK PHILLIPS .. 2.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 6.
WALTER BURSEY* .. 3.	CHAS. W. GOODENOUGH .. 7.
ARTHUR N. WOOLF .. 4.	*ARTHUR AYLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, April 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. BREARLEY .. 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. 2.	GEORGE MERRIMAN .. 6.
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Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of D. Brearley and W. Harrison.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

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

BEN REED, SEN. .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 2.	FRANCIS CABROWAY .. 6.
ERNEST WILSON* .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 7.
JONATHAN DOORNE .. 4.	ALBERT TAYLOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Fowler.

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WALTER H. METCALFE .. 4.	ROBERT B. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

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JAMES THOMPSON .. 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. 4.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. Tenor.

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\*First peal in the method.

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GEORGE HAYES .. .. Treble.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 5.
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JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	ALFRED J. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
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ALFRED W. GROVES .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

\*First peal of Stedman.

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ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM ALLISON .. 5.
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REV. C. B. HULTON .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
WALTER JAMES .. 4.	RICHARD W. BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\*First peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
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ALFRED MILLS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 5.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 6.
WILLIAM RODGERS .. 3.	*ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. 7.
WILLIAM BAYLISS .. 4.	ARTHUR SEABROOK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR J. SEABROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Seabrook (father and son); also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mills. \*First peal as conductor.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.  
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HENRY HUTTON .. 2.	JESSE W. HARRISON .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COX .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WELLINGTON .. 6.
ERNEST DAWSON* .. .. 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 7.
HARRY RICHELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Cooper.

## Handbell Peals.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 1-2.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7-8.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal in the method in hand. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section II., A. a. 99.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK, AVENUE ROAD,"

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—Oliver Wiles.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW (Lancashire).—On Thursday, November 24th, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1904 Grandsire Triples, in 68 mins. R. Buckley, J. Fitton, J. W. Fitton, E. Schofield, W. Kershaw, H. Buckley, A. Sidebotham conductor, G. Staff. Composed by Wm. Gordon, of Stockport.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WATH-ON-DEANE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, April 12th, a date touch of 1904 Treble Bob Minor, being 102 of Violet, 243 College Exercise, 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Nelson's Victory, Morning Star, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, City Delight, and 120 Royston Delight, in 1 hr. 5 mins. E. G. Nicholls, A. Crossman, A. Panther, J. Panther, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Denman, T. Thorpe, C. Alcock, H. Harvey, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson, R. Hickling. On March 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Bentley, C. Hill, T. Thorpe, C. Alcock, F. Medhurst, G. Watson, H. Denman, R. Hitching. Both conducted by G. Watson.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, March 19th, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, W. Powell, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones, A. Hill conductor, H. Wilkes, R. T. Knowles, W. H. Johnson, T. Mallu. On Thursday, March 16th, for practice at St. Helen's church 504 Grandsire Triples. B. S. Hill, Rev. E. W. Poynton, A. Hill, J. Hill, J. Pardoe, T. Lane, G. Checketts conductor, J. Malin.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HORRINGER (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. H. F. Moore, G. Debenham, J. Chinery, H. R. Moore, E. Simpson, A. E. Moore.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 28th, at the parish church, for practice, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 35 mins., composed by J. Carter. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey. G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, S. Greenhill.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

TOTNES.—On Tuesday, November 22nd, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Pengilly, J. T. Williams, R. Binmore, F. Eames, J. D. Manly, W. Ellis. The ringing was fairly good throughout, and great credit is due to them for the progress they have made, having only commenced half-pull ringing the beginning of October.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Woods, A. Latham, S. Churton, F. Goldstraw conductor, T. Mountford, J. Titterton, H. Page, J. Simester. On March 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples, rung silent. E. King, A. Latham, S. Churton, G. Woods, F. Goldstraw, T. Mountford, J. Titterton, J. Simester.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ALFRETON (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, April 10th, on the occasion of a Confirmation being held by the Bishop of Southwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Alsopp, J. Hall, G. Doughty, J. Brook, G. Pipes, F. Blood, F. Watkinson, G. Coxhead.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Thursday, March 23rd, at St. Michael's church, after a Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Leavey, Miss D. White, C. Holdaway, H. White, G. Paice, F. Redgate, J. Ballard, H. Knight.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, for a Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. States, W. Groves, A. Jones, A. Clark, E. Bray, W. Hill, F. Pates conductor, E. Pope.

FERRING (Essex).—On November 26th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was lost after ringing 2½ hrs. E. Buckenham, C. Norfolk, E. C. Lambert, W. Nevard, J. Sadler, J. Newman, E. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On March 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Snell, J. Bradley, H. C. Sewell, J. Haggard, T. Levett, W. Stiff conductor.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On November 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Dale, H. Evers, H. Elliott, W. Elliott, E. C. Lambert conductor, G. Keeble.

SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Murray, H. Mills, J. Grazier, A. Joiner, W. E. Day, P. G. Foulkes, E. J. Brown conductor, T. Lcwe.

TOTHAM (Essex).—On December 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. C. Lambert, conductor, T. Hammond, H. Brown, P. Sayers, C. Ballard, F. Chalk.

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## BEESTON, NOTTS.

A function of great interest to the Beeston ringers took place in the belfry on a recent Monday evening, when Mrs. Beckton unveiled a peal-board presented to the church by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Beckton, M.A., J.P.), to commemorate the ringing of two peals during his holding the vicariate. There are four boards now on the walls of the belfry, the third being fixed some twenty odd years ago. The Vicar presided. A touch of Grandsire Triples having been rung, Mrs. Beckton, in a few appropriate remarks, unveiled the board, which bears an inscription in gilt letters on a black ground, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples and a peal of Bob Major.

The Vicar said that he was very pleased indeed to present to the church authorities the peal-board as a memorial of two notable peals, and to think that two peals had been rung during his time as Vicar. He was sure it must be a labour of love, because ringing meant considerable physical exertion, and it afforded him great pleasure because the peals were rung by entirely local ringers. They were all very proud of their band of ringers, and he was glad to find them so united. He trusted that they would continue to stick to the old Church, as their services were highly appreciated.

Mr. Millington said that they were all very pleased to see the Vicar and Mrs. Beckton present on that occasion, for it was by their interest that the members of the choir, the ringers, every churchman, and every Sunday school teacher, had been welded together in their work. It was, in fact, a record history of that church for the Vicar and his wife to be present at such a ceremony.

Mr. Price apologised for the absence of Mr. L. F. Pearson through indisposition, and proceeded to say that it was very kind of the Vicar to present the board to the church. He was sure that there would never be any discord among the ringers, and the board would be an example not only to their present band, but to others who visited the church.

Mr. Reuben Clifford said that the ringers were all very proud of the board, and they were pleased to have such a Vicar who took so much interest in them and gave them so much encouragement. It was an honour to all who had their names inscribed upon it, and he regarded it as credit reflected upon himself to have acted as conductor when the peals were rung.

Mr. Millington proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Beckton for having performed the unveiling ceremony, which was enthusiastically carried.

## SHIFNAL, SALOP,

## RINGERS' DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN CARTER, OF BIRMINGHAM.

In our peal columns will be found the record of a peal rung at Shifnal on the afternoon of the 8th inst., which is rather remarkable for two or three reasons. It will be noticed that three-fourths of the band had never scored a peal of Grandsire previously, and that these were all youths ranging in age from 17 to 23.

Further our old friend, John Carter, resumes peal-ringing and peal-conducting, from which he has been absent since December 1899. We need hardly say that this absence did not arise from lack of interest, but from the physical disability caused by rheumatism.

One might almost have expected this long silence to have been broken among his friends in Birmingham, instead of which we find him accepting the invitation of a

young band at Shifnal on their fine ring of eight, which will always be associated with the performances of Samuel Lawrence and his contemporaries.

The peal, an irregular one composed for the occasion, was excellently struck, and was listened to throughout by Mr. Godden (Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham), who described it as beautifully regular in its regularity.

Very soon after the ringing of the peal, the ringers and some of their friends were seated at an excellent dinner at The Crown, and at the clearing of the cloth the chair was taken by Mr. Godden, supported by Mr. Bradney in the vice-chair.

The health of "The King" having been fittingly proposed and enthusiastically responded to, the vice-chairman gave the health of Mr. John Carter, referring to his many fine qualities and distinguished career as a ringer and composer, and at the end of his remarks called upon the youngest member of the company (Mr. A. Downs), to make a presentation to Mr. Carter. This presentation took the form of a very tastefully mounted ebony walking stick, one of the silver mountings on which carries the following inscription:

"Presented to Mr. John Carter by the Shifnal Ringers to commemorate the ringing of his first peal on the Shifnal bells, 8th April, 1905."

The presentation was made by Mr. Downs in a modest yet graceful manner, and evidently came as a surprise to Mr. Carter—somewhat embarrassing for the time being, perhaps. Later on Mr. Carter suitably responded, expressing with some warmth of feeling his gratitude to the Shifnal ringers and his interest in their ringing career. The Chairman gave "The health of Mr. Bradney," as leader of the ringers, congratulating him on the band he had succeeded in gathering to the Shifnal Tower and training.

Mr. Bradney in turn gave "The health of the Chairman," while later on a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Icke, for the success with which they had catered.

Some excellent music enlivened the proceedings during the evening; Mr. Webb, besides presiding at the piano, giving some excellent songs, while other songs were given by Messrs. Richards, Downs, and Icke, and the host's daughter, Miss Aggie Icke, accompanied by her sister. One of the most tasteful features of the musical programme was Gounod's "Serenade," rendered by Mr. Bradney with flute obligato accurately and tunelessly played by Master Harry Icke, the talented son of the host.

Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent by everyone present.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LYMINGTON.—This peal is in accordance with a resolution passed at the quarterly meeting held at Bournemouth on March 1st, viz., "That a peal be attempted in each quarter at the various towers for as many bands to be represented as possible, with the idea of bringing the members together more often, and for the advancement of change-ringing in the district." As there are at present only four bands affiliated to the Guild in the district, they were represented as follows: Messrs. Goodenough and Phillips (Bournemouth); Stewart and Bursey (Ringwood); Preston and Wooff (Christchurch); Ayles and Elliott (Lymington). This is the first time a peal has been rung by a Lymington ringer. Mr. Churchwarden Elliott, with his usual kindness, entertained the band to tea prior to the peal, and also to supper at the conclusion, for which the band very heartily thank him, thus helping to make the first attempt for a quarterly peal a great success.



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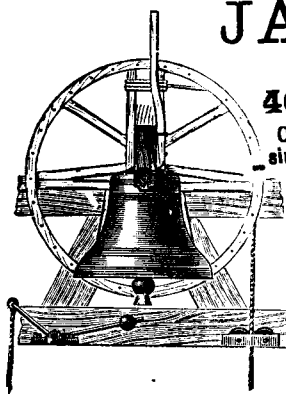
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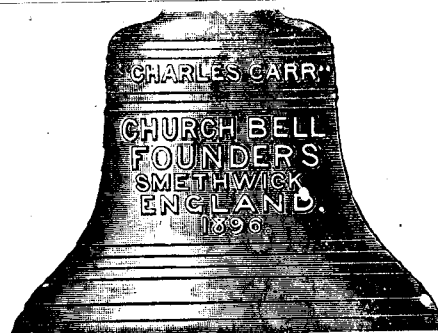
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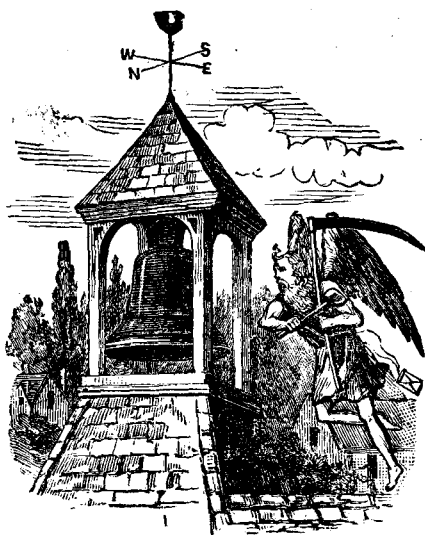
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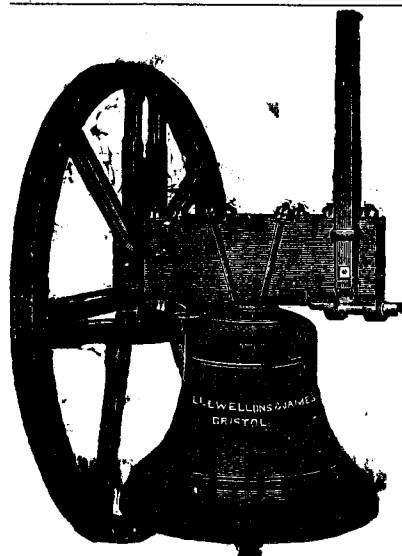
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WHITWICK (Leicestershire). St. John the Baptist. Midland Counties Association; eight bells; the four front ones by Taylor 1890, the rest very old, and nothing is known respecting dates or founder. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1890. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

WIDFORD (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Mears 1888; the rest by Warner 1862. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1898. Methods: Grandsire, Union, Oxford, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.45. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

WIGAN (Lancashire). All Saints. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Rudhall 1732, except tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in., 1870, founders not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Taylor 1876. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Union and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.50 to 10.15, 2.35 to 3.15, and 5.50 to 6.15.

St. James. Liverpool Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Mears recently. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45, except in July and August.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire). St. Giles. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells: treble, 5th and tenor by Mears about 1875; the rest by Rudhall, date unknown. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.)

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Soberton on Easter Monday, when a very fair number of members availed themselves of the holiday in attending the meeting for the purpose of having a ring on so excellent a ring of bells. The tower was available from two o'clock, and the bells were kept going the rest of the afternoon, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob being the methods rung. The following bands took part in the ringing: Hambledon, Swanmore, Wickham, Portsea, Petersfield, North Stoneham, Fareham and Bursledon. At 5.30 about thirty members sat down to tea, presided over by the Rector of Soberton, the Rev. W. H. Morley. After tea a business meeting was held, the Rector kindly taking the chair, who on the commencement of business said he must take the opportunity of giving the members of the Guild a most hearty welcome to his parish on such an occasion as that, and it gave him a very great pleasure to see such a lot of young men taking part in so noble a pursuit as change-ringing, and hoped it would have an influence on his own ringers to take up the Art and be members of the Guild.

The ordinary routine of business was then proceeded with. A quarterly peal is to be arranged for, the method being Treble Bob Major. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in giving the ringers so hearty a welcome and for the use of the bells, all of which added to make the meeting a success.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Tibshelf, on Easter Monday, April 24th, members being present from Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Horsley, Shirland, Tibshelf, Swanwick, Pentrich, North and South Wingfield. The Rev. J. B. Nodder was unanimously voted to the chair. The minutes being read were duly confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Beardow, seconded by Mr. Scott. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. N. Aiken, esq., Clay Cross; Treasurer, J. Smith, esq., Clay Cross; Secretary, Mr. T. Allibone. A letter from the Secretary was read expressing a wish to be relieved from office and a younger man appointed, but the members considered it not necessary, and re-appointed the old Secretary, remarking he was the right man in the right place. The old Secretary has therefore accepted office for another year. North Wingfield was proposed for the next annual meeting, six only voting for that tower. South Wingfield on being put to the vote secured thirty-three, and was therefore declared the next annual meeting place. Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: Heath, June; Horsley, September; and Pentrich for December, a special meeting to be arranged by Secretary was voted for Alfreton during the summer.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Floyd, the retiring President, and also to the Treasurer and

Secretary for their services during the past year. The Rev. G. E. Aiken, Vicar of Tibshelf, was heartily thanked for his address and use of the bells and room for the meeting. Fifty-five sat down to tea, which was enjoyed by all. The best thanks of the members are given to Mr. Scott and the local ringers for making all arrangements, thereby causing the meeting to be a success. The bells were kept going in various methods till 9 p.m.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Romford on Easter Monday, when over forty members and friends attended, representing the following towers; Barking, Barking Road, Bentley, South Weald, Dagenham, St. Nicholas (Deptford), Hornchurch, Greenwich, Little Heath, Leytonstone, All Saints (Poplar), Prittlewell, Romford, St. Saviour's (Walthamstow), West Ham, Woodford and Writtle.

The bells were raised at 11.30, and were kept going till nine o'clock, some excellent touches being brought home in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise. The weather, although a little cold, was fine, and everything helped to make the meeting a success.

During the afternoon a large party drove over to the quaint and picturesque village of Havering-atte-Bower, once the seat of the Royal Palace of Edward the Confessor. Henry VIII. and Charles II. were also frequent visitors at this place. At the corner of the village green there are still standing the village stocks, as a terrible warning to evil-doers. The church is a flint structure in the late Decorated style, with a battlemented tower, and was entirely rebuilt in 1878. The bells are a very fine ring of six, tenor 16 cwt. in E. A well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by Messrs. Perkins, Cranfield, Gowers, Dawkins, Hayes (conductor), and Haydon. This was the first time the bells had ever been rung in method since the opening. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise followed, and the party drove back to Romford to arrive in time for tea. This was provided by host Brand at The Fox and Hounds, and proved excellent. The Master of the Association (Rev. T. L. Papillon), presided, supported by the Rev. R. H. Whitcombe, M.A. (Vicar of Romford, Colonel Lyons (churchwarden), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (General Secretary), Mr. S. Hayes (District Master), and Mr. G. A. Black (District Secretary). At the business meeting which followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the Rev. R. H. Whitcombe being elected an Honorary Member. Messrs. Gooch (Poplar), and Sykes (Huddersfield), were elected non-resident ringing members, and the following were elected ringing members; Messrs. Frow and Kimberley (Woodford); G. Ayres, H. Rumens and O. Twist (St. Saviour's, Walthamstow); T. E. Loosemore (Little Heath); A. Rainbird and F. Ottley (Bentley); S. Weald, A. Chaplin and G. Prayle (Dagenham), were elected probationers.

Hearty thanks to the Vicars of Hornchurch, Havering and Romford were proposed by the chairman, and carried with acclamation. Loughton was selected as the place of the next meeting, the District Master remarking that it was intended to arrange a bye-meeting at Dagenham within the next month or so, and he hoped the members would support it.

The meeting then adjourned, some members making use of the permission to use the bells at Hornchurch. At nine o'clock a social gathering was held at The Fox and Hounds, and music, touches on the handbells, and "talky-talky" brought to a close a very successful meeting, and an enjoyable day.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of members was held on Easter Monday at The Lion hotel, Cambridge. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, and over sixty members were present from Barrington, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cottenham, Ely, Foulbourn, Huntingdon, Ickleton, March, Newmarket, Potton, St. Neots, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Thetford, Wilburton, Whittlesea, etc. The following clergy were present: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, W. W. Covey Crump, K. H. Smith and R. L. Twells. Luncheon was served at 1.30, and the usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman. The report was read by the Secretary, and adopted on the motion of the Rev. W. W. C. Crump, seconded by P. Webb. The Treasurer presented the balance-sheet, showing a slightly diminished balance in hand, and preached a short sermon on growing printing expenses. On his motion, seconded by J. Taylor, it was adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with.

The report of the Committee adopted from the sub-committee on Finance was read by the Secretary, and all the consequent alterations to rules were agreed to.

With reference to the recommendation of the Finance sub-committee, with regard to a certificate of membership, the Treasurer most generously intimated his willingness to bear the initial cost of producing this, and promised that it should be better than others he could name, and a "thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

The chairman then proposed, and Mr. Bunnage seconded the following proposition, which was carried with acclamation, "That the Association gratefully accepts the generous offer of the Treasurer, the Rev. K. H. Smith, to present a handsome certificate of membership, and authorises the Diocesan Committee to confer with Mr. Smith for this purpose, and to arrange for its issue when ready."

The chairman then proposed, and it was seconded by W. Taylor, and carried, that in the annual report for this year and future years, the composition of each peal rung by this Association on seven or more bells, be indicated after the peal. Several new members were elected.

The Rev. W. W. Covey Crump proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and mentioned with gratitude his great kindness, hospitality and help given to the Finance sub-committee. This was seconded by B. Turner (Newmarket), and carried with acclamation.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, and to the officers of the Association concluded the meeting.

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A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Monmouth on Easter Monday at four o'clock. Previous to the meeting commencing at two o'clock, the bells were raised and kept going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples. At 3.33 a shortened service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address on ringers and ringing. Service over, the members made for the vestry, and the Vicar taking the chair, opened the meeting by asking the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. This done, were duly carried and signed.

The place for the next Monmouthshire meeting was next discussed (the next Glamorganshire meeting which takes place at Cowbridge in July having been already arranged) and Llanfrecha (6 bells), was agreed upon.

The Hon. Secretary next read the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, which shews a very satisfactory balance in hand. New members were next elected from Monmouth and Brecon.

Subscriptions were then taken, and this being all the business, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells.

The Vicar replied by saying that it afforded him the greatest pleasure to have the ringers of the Llandaff Association in his parish, and hoped they would come again.

The members were then invited to an excellent tea which had been provided; thus concluded a very pleasant meeting.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday a district meeting, convened by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. J. Naunton), was held at Southwold, when members attended from Leiston, Kelsale, Beccles, Wrentham, Wenhaston, Westhall and Henham. By the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sutton), the bells were placed at the disposal of the members from one o'clock till 5.30, when various touches in the Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples methods was successfully brought round. The local company were conspicuous by their absence. Much indignation was felt at the unwarrantable high-handed action of the Master of the company, in refusing to allow the visitors the use of the new set of handbells recently purchased by the Vicar and churchwardens for use in the tower, otherwise everything passed off most successfully.

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

MR. TROLLOPE ON LEARNING HOW TO RING VARIOUS COMPLEX METHODS.

SIR,—Your suggestion that I should respond to your correspondent's request for instruction how to ring the advanced methods, flatters me far beyond my deserts. I ought rather to go to others and learn than attempt to teach. Hubbard, in his book, gives a lead of the three Surprise methods, and then goes on to say (I quote from memory) that these methods are only rung by the most advanced practitioners, and that therefore to attempt to give rules for them would be both superfluous and impertinent. Which means, if I may freely translate him, that any one who has gumption enough to ring the methods has gumption enough to find out how to do it. But that your correspondent may not go altogether empty away, I will give him three rules, which may help him a little.

First, select your method and get a plain course of it. Second, find out from the plain course what you have to do. Third, do it.

There is no short cut to proficiency in the advanced methods. Hard work and much practice is the only way, and all the talking in the world will not alter the fact. Of course the theoretic side of ringing is quite different. Any new discovery in composition is a permanent gain, and makes the task of following composers easier. But if I would ring a 5000 of London Surprise, I have to go through just the same trouble as Samuel Thurston had before he called the first peal in the method fifty years ago.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## Obituary.

JAMES JONES.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. James Jones, who passed away on the 15th instant, at his residence, The Lord Nelson inn, Hyde Road, Gorton, in his 60th year. He was interred at Brookfield church on the following Tuesday, borne to the grave by six of the ringers, and muffled tongs were rung for morning and evening services with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to an old friend and ringer. Mr. Jones had been a ringer at the above church for about twenty-one years, but had not taken any active part for the last six years. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and was very well known about the Manchester district. Much sympathy is felt for those who are left behind to mourn his loss.

W. B.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT TANFIELD, DURHAM.—This peal is the longest length ever rung in the method, and the longest peal by the Durham and Newcastle Association. The ringers are all service ringers, affiliated with Christ Church, North Shields. They wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Tanfield (Rev. T. H. Archdall) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Tyson, the local secretary, for the strenuous efforts he put forth to make everything perfection, looking at ropes, cleaning and oiling of bells, etc., the go being excellent. After the peal the ringers were hospitably entertained to a meat tea by the proprietor of The Peacock inn. The figures of the composition were in the possession of Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), and the Editor of this paper, who will publish them next week.

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## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By HENRY DAINS.

5005.

123456	6	19
413562*		
412365	-	-
214563	-	-
213465	-	-
215364	-	-
512463	-	-
513264	-	-
514362	-	-
514263	s	-
415362	-	-
412563	-	-
413265	-	-
314562	-	-
312465	-	-
315264	-	-
513462	-	-
512364	-	-
215463	-	-
213564	-	-
214365	-	-

Repeat the last eighteen courses except first course, which call 2s, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and which produces 2145638709E.

\*Bobs at 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.  
Go off in slow six with a bob.

5533.

By the same Author.

123456	6	19
213456*		
216354	-	-
214653	-	-
412356	-	-
416253	-	-
614352	-	-
612453	-	-
613254	-	-
316452	-	-
312654	-	-
314256	-	-
314652	s	-
312456	-	-
316254	-	-
613452	-	-
612354	-	-
614253	-	-
416352	-	-
412653	-	-
214356	-	-
216453	-	-

Repeated, except first course, which call 2s, 5, 6s, 13s, 14, 15, 19, which produces 2153648709E.

\*Bobs at 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Go off bob slow six.

## UNION TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, *Minehead, Somerset.*

5040.

234567

S	572634	1
S	235647	3
	452673	3
S	274635	3
S	432657	3
	524673	3
	745632	3
	357624	3
S	723645	3
*	437652	3
P	423765	3

Eleven times repeated. \* s in the 6th and 12th parts.

5040.

234567

	752634	1
	327645	3
	473652	3
S	354627	3
S	423675	3
	734652	3
S	457623	3
	274635	3
	342657	3
S	253674	3
	732645	3
	427653	3
	574632	3
S	435627	3
S	524673	3
	745632	3
S	537624	3
	275643	3
S	542637	3
*	325674	3
P	342567	2

Five times repeated. s in the 3rd and 6th parts.

5040.

234567

	642573	3
S	276534	3
S	632547	3
	426573	3
S	674532	3
	346527	3
	263574	3
S	372546	3
	423567	3
S	364572	3
	743526	3
	237564	3
*	672543	3
	426537	3
S	634572	3

Seven times repeated. \* s in the 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th parts.

## BOB MAJOR.

By H. J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford.*

5088.

23456 W M H

64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43245	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated; calling single for last bob in third part produces—

32456 W B H

45326	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-

The last five courses twice repeated, calling single for last bob in 3rd part.

## BOB TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, *Minehead, Somerset.*

5040.

234567

357624	2
427365	4
235647	2
745263	4
423675	2
573462	4
742653	2
352764	4
S 754632	2
S 324765	4

Last single must be reversed and called first in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th parts. Single midway and end.

Mr. W. J. Fisher, of Sycamore House, Farnborough, Hants., writes: "In your issue of April 15th Mr. Hunt, of Guildford, published three touches of Double Norwich. According to his figures in the first touch of 1088 the bob should be called at 6 instead of 5 in the fourth course, and in the 896 the bob at 1 in the fourth course should have been omitted. This is likely to be confusing to conductors. These two touches are also false. In the 1088 the first lead-ends in the sixth and fifth courses of the second part repeat with the first lead-ends of the fifth and sixth courses in the first part. In the 896 the third and second course-ends in the second part are the same as the second and third course-ends in the first part. The 576 in your issue of February 18th, and 720 of April 1st by the same author are also false."

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, May 4th and 18th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 10th, and on Tuesday, May 23rd. The subscription of rs. 8d., which confers the right of voting on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. CCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury, on the occasion of the restoration of Charlbury church tower, and the rehanging of the bells, to-day, Saturday, April 29. Service will be held at the parish church at 3.30. Preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford. Meat tea in the Town Hall at 5.30 at rs. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow immediately after

A. E. REEVES, *Assistant Sec.*

20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 29, (in accordance with rule 6), but owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever now prevalent in Lincoln, no arrangements have been made for a service, tea or ringing; therefore a few of the local members only will attend to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and formally adjourn the meeting to a more suitable date. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at once. P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Newhey, to-day, Saturday, April 29. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BRISTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goring, to-day, Sat., April 29. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Leefe) Business to follow. Ringers' service, with an address at 6 p.m.

H. EVANS,  
Northbrook, Goring,  
Worthing.

Hon. Div. Sec.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their annual meeting to-day, Sat., April 29th, at the parish church of St. Michael, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited. C. BOWER.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., April 29th, at the parish church, Cannock. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to be followed by a Committee Meeting.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Queensbury to-day, Saturday, April 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath & Wells Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the Frome Deanery branch will

be held to-day, Saturday, April 29, at Mid-somer Norton (eight bells).

A. M. G. DANIEL,  
Nunney, Frome. *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, May 2, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, May 6. Tower open at 2 p.m., Evensong at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Arthur Shirley. It is earnestly requested that all will attend this service, which has been specially arranged for them. The mayor of Greenwich, who will be accompanied by the mayoress, has kindly promised to attend in state, and during the service will unveil a peal-tablet in the bellry. Tea, 6d. per head, at the Albany Institute at 6 p.m.; those notifying me not later than Tuesday, May 2. Business meeting follows tea, the mayor presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Oakleigh, Chislehurst. *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30. Members and friends are cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**North Notts. Association.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Retford, on Saturday, May 6th. Business meeting in West Retford school, 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford church, 4.30 p.m. Tea after the service. Members of kindred Associations heartily welcome. B. DARLEY.

Hon. Sec.

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, May 6th. Bells at St. Marie's (8), Ranmoor (8), Parish Church (12), available from 4.0 to 7.0 p.m. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, 7.30 p.m., when officers for ensuing year will be elected.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton on May 6th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 6. Members intending to be present at tea must give notice not later than Thursday, May 4th, to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton. D. PRESTON,

Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 13. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Towers open: St. Peter's 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, after the service; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Luncheon at Royal Pavilion 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m., preacher, Rev. Canon Cooper, Vicar of Cuckfield. Those who propose to attend are requested to let me know by May 10th. A. B. BENNETT.

Holyrood, Eastbourne.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Padham on Saturday, May 20th, 1905. Further particulars by circular.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—The meeting advertised for Saturday, the 29th inst. to be held at Wenden, is postponed until next month. Further particulars in due course.

N. J. FITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1905.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I remind those Hon. Secretaries of Guilds or  
Associations, still at this comparatively late date a good  
few in number, who have not forwarded their subscrip-  
tions, that they should be sent in as soon as possible.  
Much inconvenience is caused in making up the accounts  
in time for the annual meeting by delay in paying the  
contributions. The time for the sending in the Reports  
of the various Committees and Notices of Motion is also  
fast drawing to a close; there being only one fortnight  
remaining after the publication of this notice.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

25th April, 1905.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, CLAPHAM,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNY .. .. Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD* .. .. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR HUGHES .. .. 7.
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Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

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On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 2.	HENRY G. MILES .. .. 6.
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ARTHUR E. BRADLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Caters.

### The Provinces.

#### BOCKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FRANK WEBB .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK WARREN .. .. 5.
SYDNEY R. ROPER* .. .. 2.	*ELISHA RADLEY .. .. 6.
HENRY E. HAMMOND* .. .. 3.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM MOORE* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

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

#### KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WHATLING .. .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

#### PUDSEY, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	FRED SALMONS .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR FULLER .. .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 3.	*ERNEST POLL .. .. 7.
WALTER MOBBS .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN C. JACKSON, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

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

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

EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. Treble.	†JESSE MOSS .. .. 4.
ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 2.	CHARLES NUNN .. .. 5.
HARRY MOSS* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\*First peal, and was proposed and seconded a member of the Association previous to starting. †First peal with a bob bell.

#### WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 3.	JOHN COOK .. .. 7.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Treble.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

#### TUNSTALL, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 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 Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ONSLOW J. FOREMAN* .. Treble.	THOMAS JULL .. .. 4.
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Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

\*First peal. Rung for the early morning service.

#### GLODWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, April 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Treble.	JAMES BAILEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER .. .. 2.	JAMES LEES .. .. 6.
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On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. 5.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. 5.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATTS, and Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR BUTLER .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BUTLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 2.	THOMAS CLOUGH .. .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOPKINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HOPKINSON, JUN. 4.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JOHN T. BUTLER.

First peal by A. Butler, who is only 13 years of age.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5440 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 9.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST KING .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 5.
REV. E. V. COX .. .. 2.	THOMAS MOUNTFORD .. .. 6.
SIDNEY CHURTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK GOLDSTRAW* .. 4.	*JOSEPH SIMESTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. E. V. COX.

\*First peal.

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Good condition. Removed for Memorial Peal. £30 on rail, or  
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## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ROBERT MOORE, SEN. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. .. 5.
HORACE F. MOORE .. .. 2.	HENRY R. MOORE .. .. 6.
BERTIE DEBENHAM .. .. 3.	JAMES CHINERY .. .. 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM, SEN. 4.	GEORGE LILLY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTELL, and Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Great credit is due to B. Debenham, he being only 16 years of age. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY W. WITHAM* .. Treble.	FRED HAYES .. .. 5.
EDWARD MARKHAM .. .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
FRANK L. WHITEMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PHIPPS† .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

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

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	FRANK ROLFE .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. .. 2.	EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. GIBLING .. .. 3.	DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 7.
HARRY G. WELHAM .. .. 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

## COPLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six 6-scores of Grandsire and sixteen of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble.	ALFRED PRATT .. .. 3.
ARTHUR W. DANIEL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH CHURCH .. .. 4.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

First peal on the bells.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR, 7232 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES A. SCOTT* .. Treble.	JOHN T. HOGG .. .. 5.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 2.	JOEL HERN .. .. 6.
ROBERT M. HOGG .. .. 3.	ANDREW TULLY .. .. 7.
THOMAS A. TEASDALE .. 4.	GEORGE W. DIX .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS A. TEASDALE.

\*First peal. Reference elsewhere.



## EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK UPHILL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GEARING .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. CHALLEN .. 2.	*THOMAS A. SHRUBB .. .. 6.
ALFRED BROWN .. .. 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 7.
DANIEL SNELLING† .. .. 4.	ALBERT COLEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

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

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

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

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 6.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 7.
ROBERT BLAKE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. FULLER .. .. Tenor.

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

The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. Poll for his kindness in providing luncheon previous to starting for a peal of Treble Bob at Wymondham, which was lost.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

Rung on the conductor's fifty-first birthday.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	FREDERICK PATES .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS STEERS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
JOHN WEBB* .. .. 4.	†JAMES WARWICK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS HAIGH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 3.	GEORGE T. MILLER .. .. 8.
FRANK RENTON* .. .. 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. 9.
GEORGE HALKSORTH .. 5.	JOHN W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

BEN FRANCIS .. .. Treble.	LEWIS WISEMAN .. .. 5.
WALTER J. SORROL .. .. 2.	WALTER BURST .. .. 6.
JAMES FLUETY .. .. 3.	HORACE H. COOPER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. SAUNDERS .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. FRANCIS, and Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

The figures of this peal were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 9th, 1884.

## ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFEDEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs.

FREDERICK H. PASKINS* .. Treble.	SIDNEY MACEY .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	JESSE WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal.

The following three peals were rung by the same band in three counties in one day.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by JOHN W. GOLDING.

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

HENRY HODGETTS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

The above band are the first to ring three peals of London Surprise in one day.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

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

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## TWYFORD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES RUSSELL .. .. 5.
LEONARD S. LAMPARD .. 2.	ERNEST G. LAMPARD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CRUTE .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM C. LAMPARD .. 7.
WILFRED ANDREWS .. .. 4.	GEORGE NOICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. C. LAMPARD.

\*First peal as conductor. First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th. All are members of the Winchester Cathedral band.

## PETERSON-SUPER-ELY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lbs.

WALTER CANTER* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM COOMBS .. .. 4.
FRANK BARTLETT .. .. 2.	*CY. SGT-MJR. S. DAWE, R.G.A. 15.
DAVID THOMAS .. .. 3.	†JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal of Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the sexton for having everything in readiness.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours, and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM .. Treble.	WALTER COATES .. .. 6.
TOM LEE .. .. 2.	JOHN M. ANDREWS .. .. 7.
FRED COATES .. .. 3.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 8.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 9.
JOHN THORPE .. .. 5.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Composed by C. WALLATER, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 6.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

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

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY W. KIRTON .. Treble.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. B. Steinmetz for the use of the bells on this occasion, and Mr. J. Burgess for getting the bells in readiness.

## EAST TYTHERLY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

FREDERICK H. PASKINS .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN-STEWART .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT* .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE NOICE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM R. MASON† .. Treble.	*EZRA HOMER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK HOMER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 6.
ALBERT HOMER* .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL DOWELL .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM DOWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. It is about twelve years since a peal was rung on these bells.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

\*First peal of Oxford.

## Handbell Peals.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1905, in Two Hours Twenty-six and ½ Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

E. H. LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	G. F. WOODHOUSE .. 7-8.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires—W. Davies, G. R. Newton, T. Hammond, sen., and T. Hammond, jun.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE LEWIS† .. .. 1-2.	†WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	ARTHUR HAGUE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Albert Kettle. †First peal on handbells.

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### Date Touches.

**COLNE (Lancashire).**—On Monday, April 24th, a date touch of 1905 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. W. Stirk, R. Binns, R. Foulds, W. Mallinson composer and conductor, J. Foulds, W. H. Harrison, A. Lane, W. Heaton.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHESTER.**—On Tuesday, April 11th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. V. Cain, W. Wheeler, J. Hatchwell, J. W. Davies, J. V. Wright, A. White, J. Moulton conductor, T. Rowlands.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, C. H. Howard conductor, H. F. Hammond, W. Moore, S. Sargent, F. Rodkin, H. J. Collins, W. Grimwade.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, A. Shufflebotham S. Sargent, W. Moore, A. B. Wiffen, C. Bearman, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. P. Holmes, a member of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, to Miss Wash, of Bocking.

#### ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. G. Brush, W. E. Garrard, T. W. F. Bonwick, A. Cutmore, H. Powell, A. E. Bradley, J. T. Kentish, A. F. Harris conductor, H. G. Miles, J. Judd.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WICKHAM (Hants).**—Recently, 720 Oxford Single, 720 College Single, and two 720s of Bob Minor. During January three 720s of College Single. In February 720 Oxford Single. In March 720 Oxford Single. In April 720 Oxford Single. H. J. Smith, W. Singleton, H. W. Merrett, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor.

**SOBERTON (Hants).**—On the occasion of the quarterly meeting, 720 Bob Minor. C. Pavett, A. Millard, W. Batts, H. Burling, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting.

**BRAMLEY (Hants).**—On April 13th, at St. James's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. Miss E. Lawrence, T. Greenaway, Miss E. Belcher, D. Lawrence, G. Neville conductor, W. Lawrence. In the evening another 120. A. Frape, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss E. Belcher, T. Greenaway, G. Neville, W. Lawrence. The band only began to learn change-ringing last December.

**GORTON (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, April 18th, at Brookfield church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Topping, J. Topping, E. Collins, H. Worthing, S. Collins, R. Newton, W. Brammer conductor, W. Seddon. The above was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Jones, who was interred on the above date.

**HARBORNE (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 29 mins. G. Farmer, G. Hitchman, A. Beecham, H. Pratt, H. Grosvenor conductor, A. Cooper, T. Gibbs, J. Tuck.

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O peaceful Sabbath bells, what love your echo tells,  
Sweet doth your music ever flow,  
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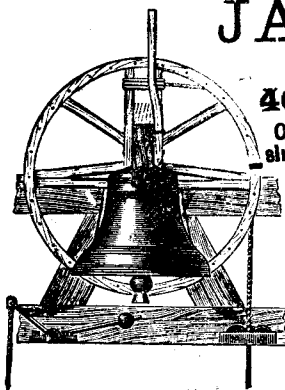
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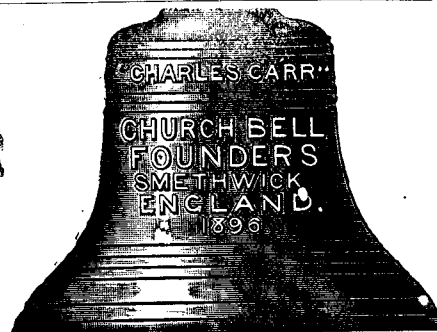
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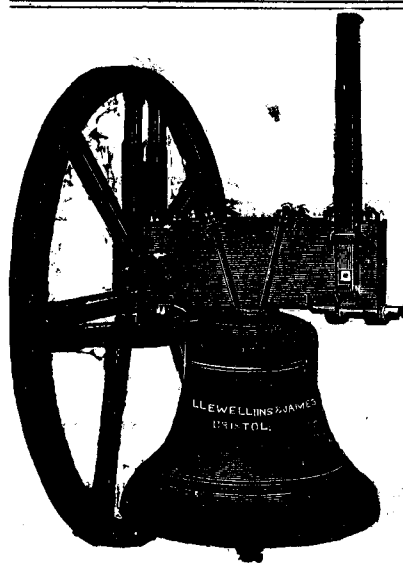
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*Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.*

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

### SCHEDULE (continued).

WIMBORNE (Dorsetshire). St. Cuthberga. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears 1856; 3rd and 4th by Knight 1686; 5th, 1598; 6th, 1600; 7th, 1798; tenor 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., 1629; founders of the last four not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Tenor rehung by Warner 1881. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.40, and 6.15 to 6.25. Practice in winter months alternate Tuesdays, 7.

WINDSOR, OLD (Berks.) St. Peter. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 5th by Mears 1890; the rest by Swaine 1775. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1890. Ropes new 1896, good. Method; Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Thursday, 8.

WINGFIELD, NORTH (Derbyshire). St. Lawrence. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Taylor 1902; 3rd by Mears 1811; 4th by Oldfield 1617. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. by the same 1661, and was brought from Chesterfield in 1820; 5th and 7th old bells without date or founders name; 6th by Taylor 1878. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.25, and 5.30 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

WINGHAM (Kent). St. Mary the Virgin. Eight bells; all by Phelps 1720. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Repair last done was clapper of 5th mended in 1728 at a cost of 2s. 6d. It has been proposed to repair tower and rehang bells, but there are not yet sufficient funds. Ropes good. Bells are not rung as tower is unsafe.

WINSHAM (Somersetshire). Eight bells. No information as to weight, date or founders of bells. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn 1894. Ropes new 1904. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Friday.

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### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

On Easter Eve, the Lord Bishop of Bangor performed the ceremony of dedicating to the use and glory of God the two new bells which have been recently added to the peal of six in the tower of St. Mary's parish church. It may be interesting to record that the existing peal of six were presented to the church in the year 1819 by the Lord Viscount Bulkeley. The tenor bell bears the inscription: "These six bells were the gift of Thomas James Warren Bulkeley, Lord Viscount Bulkeley, 1819." The 4th bell is inscribed: "Fear God and honour the King," and the 2nd bell: "Let us lift up our voices with joy."

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To return, however, to the dedication service, evensong was said to the end of the third collect. At this point a procession was formed in the following order; the bell-ringers, sidesmen, churchwardens, the Rev. T. L. Kyffin (Rector), the Rev. Harry J. Morgan (curate), the Lord Bishop, who was accompanied by his chaplain (Rev. W. Williams), and proceeded to the ringing-chamber in the tower. Here the Bishop officiated, and on receiving from the Rector the ropes of the two new bells, he formally dedicated them for use and service in the sanctuary. A short touch in which his lordship rang the treble. All the company afterwards returned to the church. The Bishop delivered a short address, which was followed by special collects, and after the singing of a hymn the Benediction was pronounced.

On Easter Day the local ringers were kindly assisted by Messrs. W. T. Pegler, J. Mldwinter, A. J. Hughes and G. Lord from Bangor, when the bells were rung for all the services.

### THE PEAL AT CLAPHAM, SURREY.

On Easter Monday morning, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rung a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of the Redemptorist church of St. Mary, Clapham Park Road. A local paper tells us "that this venerable society has been in existence for the promotion of scientific change-ringing since the year 1637, and has members residing in all parts of the British Empire. It had its origin at a church (destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666) situated in College Hill in the City of London—hence its title 'College Youths.' As most Clapham residents are aware the bells of St. Mary's church have been recently augmented from six to eight. The work has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Road, a firm which has brought into existence and restored thousands of bells since its establishment in the year 1570, and the accomplishment of the peal on the above day, wherein the ringing was continuous for 3 hrs. and 7 mins., with ease and comfort to the ringers, shows the splendid workmanship of this firm of bellfounders, and is an assurance to the church authorities of the excellent condition in which their bells have been placed. The peal in question is known to the ringing world as Thurstans's four-part, having been composed by a celebrated Birmingham ringer, Thomas Thurstans, in May 1846. Its regularity of composition has made it a masterpiece of this class of bell-music. Mr. Wood, the ringer of the 2nd, is in his seventy-ninth year, and it is interesting to note that he rang at the opening of the six bells at St. Mary's in 1851—fifty-four years ago. This hardy 'youth' has rung in his long career close on 400 peals. While the ringing was proceeding, the Very Rev. Father Rector held an impromptu reception."

### NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE WEDDING PEAL AT ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.**—The bride is a performing member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and it may be remembered that when she visited England in company with her father—Dr. Arthur H. Nichols—at the time of the coronation, she took part in some extraordinary performances in London. Dr. Nichols is a diligent writer on the history of bells; and his youngest daughter, besides her great cleverness in ringing, excels in athletics, and won the lady championship of lawn tennis in Nova Scotia last year, and first prizes in other exercises. It is hoped she will succeed in imparting to her husband her own and Dr. Nichols's love and delight in the atmosphere of bells and ringing. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, conducted by W. E. Garrard, were rung at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on the evening of the wedding-day, April 27th.

**THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.**—W. Perkins's 100 Peals.—On five bells 1, Bob Triples 2 conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 9 conducted 4, Stedman Triples 17, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (including 10176), Royal 1, Double Norwich 34 conducted 4, Superlative 25 conducted 4, London 3. Total 100, cond. 13.

**THE PEAL AT DEPTFORD.**—Mr. W. J. Jeffries's fifty peals.—Grandsire Triples 11 conducted 1, Caters 1, Oxford Bob Triples 4, Stedman Triples 7 Caters 4, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 14, Royal 2, Double Norwich 4. Total 50.

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### EASTER AMONG THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

In compliance with your instructions, Mr. Editor, I spent my Eastertide holiday amongst the dales for which the "county of broad acres" is so famous—and deservedly so. I am pleased I accepted your kind invitation, for a more happy holiday I have never experienced. Good Friday morning found me in the quaint old town of Wakefield, but all was quiet there, for on the following Tuesday was to be the great celebration—the consecration of the memorial to the first Bishop of the diocese—Dr. Walsham How, of revered memory. How these good Yorkshire loved their first Bishop in this diocese is amply demonstrated in the fact that the "memorial," which consists of an extension of the Cathedral, has cost well nigh £50,000. Comment on this fact is superfluous. So, under the circumstances, my Good Friday experiences were of a quiet character, but none the less happy on that account. I sauntered during the afternoon to Sandal, a few miles out, redolent—indeed crowded—with historic reminiscences, lovely in its early spring beauty, which I remembered of long years ago as one of the "gardens of England," with its grand old parish church, to reach which in summer-time you have to pilot your way through a perfect bed of flowers. I then wended my way back to Westgate Station, *en route* to my "diggings" in Bradford, tired, but happy, and was soon in the arms of Morpheus, sleeping the sleep of the just, and tired-out.

Saturday morning found me in Airedale. I should have stated previously that on Friday I was in Calderdale, so that I had changed my venue. I took one of the splendidly-equipped city electric cars to Saltaire. Here the heights of the Pennine range were in front of me. All round were scenery of the wildest character. Steep hills and deep valleys seemed to vie with each other for mastery. I went past the colossal Saltaire Mills, over the railway, the river Aire and the canal. I had a peep into the beautiful little park given by the late Sir Titus Salt, and walking further along the pretty carriage drive I was advised to go on to "The Glen," which I did, and was well repaid for doing so. Time however was passing, and I had to deny myself the luxury of a lengthened stay, so reached Bradford again, and retired for rest in view of the following day's proceedings.

Easter Sunday was fraught with a sort of calm pleasure. I listened to the sweet ring at St. James's, Bolton, in quite a variety of methods, both Triples and Major. Sauntered through the Peel Park just by, which I was told had been bought by private subscription and presented to the town many years ago. In church there was a nice musical service which did me good, and then I rested myself for the following day, a procedure for which I was subsequently thankful.

Drighlington was the order of the day for Monday morning, and thither we went in the electric cars. Arriving, I wandered along the site of old battlefields, listening to a 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob Major being rung on the bells of the parish church. This was brought off smartly under the conductorship of Mr. T. B. Kendall, and then after luncheon I joined a party for another peal at Shipley. This seemed to me a bit of high pressure work, but these Yorkshiremen appear to be nothing if not thorough, so I went with them through the mazes of Dudley Hill, Tong Street, and I don't know where else till Bradford was reached, and we changed cars for Shipley. Here Kent Treble Bob Major was the order, and a 5088 smartly brought round in a few minutes over 3 hrs. This was surely sufficient ringing experience for

one day, so after a real good Yorkshire feed, and a pleasant chat, intermingled with handbell ringing, I bade my friends good evening, and returned to my temporary domicile in the city of Bradford, well-pleased with my day's outing among the "tykes." I will continue my story next week with the Editor's permission. B.

### LATE NOTICES.

**THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Birstall on Saturday, May 13th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Black Bull hotel. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.  
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 20th. The towers of St. Mary's, Walmer (8 bells), and St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6 bells), will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Station hotel. Business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 17th. Half travelling expenses not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 4 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**BRAMLEY (Hants).**—On April 13th, at St. James's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. Miss E. Lawrence, T. Greenaway, Miss E. Belcher, D. Lawrence, G. Neville conductor, W. Lawrence. In the evening another 120. A. Frape, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss E. Belcher, T. Greenaway, G. Neville, W. Lawrence. The band only began to learn change-ringing last December.

**GORTON (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, April 18th, at Brookfield church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Topping, J. Topping, E. Collins, H. Worthing, S. Collins, R. Newton, W. Brammer conductor, W. Seddon. The above was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Jones, who was interred on the above date.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, C. H. Howard conductor, H. E. Hammond, W. Moore, S. Sargent, F. Rndkin, H. J. Collins, W. Grimwade.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, 672 Bob Major. T. Dixon, A. Shufflebotham, S. Sargent, W. Moore, A. B. Wiffen, C. Bearman, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade conductor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. P. Holmes, a member of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, to Miss Wash, of Bocking.

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May I remind those Hon. Secretaries of Guilds or Associations, still at this comparatively late date a good few in number, who have not forwarded their subscriptions, that they should be sent in as soon as possible. Much inconvenience is caused in making up the accounts in time for the annual meeting by delay in paying the contributions. The time for the sending in the Reports of the various Committees and Notices of Motion is also fast drawing to a close; there being only one week remaining after the publication of this notice.

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

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

25th April, 1905.

### 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 LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for so kindly publishing the notice of long peal attempt, and as you might assume it did not come off. I will give you the particulars of how far we rang. We started into changes soon after 12 noon, but had a second start after five or six minutes. We then settled down and rang 7196 changes in 5½ hrs. Up to the time the bells were turned into the handstroke position we had good ringing, but afterwards the quality of the ringing fell off, and in the course where we stopped there was a nasty trip, which if it had been got over would have been a great blot on the performance had it been finished to the end. However the attempt failed, and the ringers, parishioners and visitors (of which there were many) were all disappointed, but I am pleased to be able to say the Vicar of Painswick has given his permission for another attempt to be made on his bells, and I hope to give due notice when the next attempt will be made through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS."

F. G. MAY.

### "OLD STRING'S" REPLY.

SIR,—My best thank to Mr. Trollope. Nothing could have been calculated to serve my purpose than his very straightout reply. Among a group of friends I have been trying to introduce a certain method, but without much result. In vain have I introduced diagrams, in vain pleaded that it could not be administered through the medium of a spoon. Each man would so like to do it if he "only had the chance." The chance, I suppose, to be dragged through by others who have taken the trouble to learn. The man is a poor tool indeed who cannot learn to ring any method he may decide on if he will only sift it. It is no use staring at a whole page. With ordinary gumption and a little energy Mr. Trollope's three rules will carry a man through any method.

OLD STRING.

(Those concerned will see that something is attempted this week in the way of instruction. We are also able to inform our correspondent and others interested that in the course of a week or two some papers will appear with the title "How to ring the Higher Methods."—ED.)

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## OUR RINGING COMPANY: HOW IT GREW.

[Introductory.]

The writer of the following lines has been invited to tell something of his experiences in learning to ring. It is surmised that what he has to relate may form a nucleus for others to follow on, in the shape of elementary (and perhaps advanced) instruction. There is in some places a hunger for teaching of some sort. If what follows tends to satisfy any one (I cannot hope to greatly enlighten), then any little trouble I am now taking will be fully rewarded.

Some years ago, a series of papers by a gentleman now deceased appeared under the title of "Our Ring of Bells: How it Grew," and over the signature of "AUDITOR TANTUM." I have taken this writer for my model so far as the heading and signature is concerned, from a sincere respect I entertain for his memory. Could I have written a book I should have dedicated it to him, but not being able to do this, I shall be helping to keep his memory green by adopting his cognomen.

Whatever I may relate in these my experiences will be true to the very letter. I shall give a correct account of the difficulties our company had to overcome in acquiring the art of change-ringing, from Grandsire Doubles up to Stedman Triples. When the latter point is reached, perhaps some one more competent than I may be found to go further. Some little anecdotes may also appear connected with our young company, which may not be regarded with disfavour. Another thing I ought to say, and that is, that this account will appear fortnightly, weekly would be too much for me to guarantee; and it might be that from various causes, exigencies of space, for instance, the papers sometimes may be delayed.

These introductory lines I think necessary and convenient. Perhaps I ought to add that I cannot claim the least originality in what may be said with regard to instruction. Everything in this direction has been so well done before (the chapters written by "Aleph" some years ago, for instance) that I cannot and do not claim to improve in the least upon what has been previously written. I agree with what Mr. Trollope said last week, that there is no short cut or royal road to proficiency. Hard work and the most unflinching perseverance is requisite.

Let us now imagine, in a certain part of England, a very old church indeed, dedicated to St. Hilda, built I think before the Conqueror appeared, but with a modern square tower having a good ring of eight bells—tenor about a ton. These bells had been hung years before this narrative commences by a bellhanger whose excellence of work was well known. They "went" grandly, like the proverbial fiddle; good ropes, good everything. But no ringers were allowed entrance to the tower. You will ask "Why not?" A dispute had arisen between the ringers and a somewhat bombastic warden. He threatened to close the tower if the ringers did not follow out his behests. They declined, and he made good his threat. This unwelcome condition of affairs continued some three years. During that period myself and three companions had learned to handle a bell at the neighbouring church of All Souls (which had a ring of ten). Regret was often expressed by the ringers at the closure of St. Hilda's, and after much cogitation us four "youths" determined to get round Mr. Warden if we could. No

sooner had we determined on this than we took action. We addressed his highness the Warden by means of a folio printed "humble petition," and after a deal of humming and ah-ing he conceded that we should have control of the belfry on certain conditions. These were that any one of the old ringers should never be allowed into the tower under any condition, and that we should chime the whole eight bells for the two Sunday services. We agreed to this, and should I think have agreed to much more, if required. Our printed petition, be it remarked contained the names of eight "humble petitioners," though only four of them could handle a bell, and only one of these four—the writer—had ever rung rounds. So that there was something to get through before even Grandsire five was reached. In my next I shall begin to tell how we got on.

AUDITOR TANTUM II.

## Obituary.

## JAMES HANNINGTON.

It is with great regret we record the death, at the age of 46, of this well known ringer, who at one time promised well to become a leading man in the Cumberland Society, having passed through the offices of Secretary, Master, etc. Through the pressure of business, however, he was unable to devote much time in later years, although he continued to ring as a member of the local band at St. Ann's, Highgate, until his premature death. He rang his first peal—Treble Bob—at St. George's, Camberwell, on November 6th, 1880, and his first peal of Stedman Cinques on December 3rd, 1881, following up this by ringing another a week later. Although we have not a list of his performances we call to mind that he was one of the band that rang in the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in London on June 26th, 1888, at St. Ann's, Highgate, and also in the peal of London Surprise rang by the Cumberland Society at St. James's, Clerkenwell, in May 1895. He also took part in the "James's" peal at the same church. He had also rung several peals of Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., his last being in the latter method at St. Ann's, Highgate, on April 21st, 1904. He was a good conductor, having called peals in several methods, and in his young days called Holt's Original, which at that time was considered quite a feat. He was unconscious for fully a week before he died, finally passing peacefully away, leaving a wife and several children to mourn his loss. He was laid to rest on April 5th, at Finchley Cemetery, and having been a prominent member of the M.U.O.F. a large muster of that Society, together with many friends, attended the funeral. Mr. R. Bevan was also present, and deposited a splendid wreath of flowers (supplied by his old friend B. Foskett) from the Highgate band. As a ringer and conductor Jim stood well in the Society, and was highly respected by all, but alas, his time was of but short duration. A peal was rang at St. Ann's, Highgate, with the bells deeply muffled, which has already appeared in its proper place. The usual whole pull and stand was also rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and at the headquarters of the Cumberlands, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. His widow and children have the sympathy of all.

## ELIJAH TRUMPER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above ringer, who passed away on Good Friday at Trevethin in his 60th year. He was interred at Trevethin church on April 25th, being borne to the grave by four of the oldest ringers. Muffled touches were rung for evening service as a token of respect. Mr. Trumper had been a ringer for the last twenty-four years at the above church, but had not taken any active part for the last twelve months. He was a member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and was very much respected by all who knew him. He was well known in the district, and much sympathy is felt for those who are left to mourn his loss.



**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 18th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 10th, and on Tuesday, May 23rd. The subscription of rs. 8d., which confers the right of voting on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. CCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, to-day, Sat., May 6. Tower open at 2 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Arthur Shirley. It is earnestly requested that all will attend this service, which has been specially arranged for them. The mayor of Greenwich, who will be accompanied by the mayoress, has kindly promised to attend in state, and during the service will unveil a peal-tablet in the belfry. Business meeting follows tea, the mayor presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.

Oakleigh, Chislehurst. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.**—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury to-day, Sat., May 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30. Members and friends are cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**North Notts. Association.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Retford, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Business meeting in West Retford school, 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford church, 4.30 p.m. Tea after the service. Members of kindred Associations heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Sheffield to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Bells at St. Marie's (8), Ranmoor (8), Parish Church (12), available from 4.0 to 7.0 p.m. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, 7.30 p.m., when officers for ensuing year will be elected.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 13. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Towers open: St. Peter's 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, after the service; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Luncheon at Royal Pavilion 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m., preacher, Rev. Canon Cooper, Vicar of Cuckfield. Those who propose to attend are requested to let me know by May 10th.

Holyrood, Eastbourne. A. B. BENNETT.

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, May 20th, 1905. Further particulars by circular.

Exeter, Devon.—Practice at the Cathedral 7 o'clock sharp, May 10th.

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**Midland Counties Association.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

R. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.**—The Monthly Meeting will be held at Farnworth, on Saturday, May 13th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey on Saturday, May 13th. Bells of the Abbey church available from 2 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 at Victoria restaurant.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**St Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 16th instant, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

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

**Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival of this Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at Poole. Service at St. James's church 12 noon. Dinner at The Antelope hotel 1.0 p.m., 2s. each. Towers open for ringing: St. James's Poole (8), St. Peter's Bournemouth (8), Wareham (6), Lytchett Minster (5). One shilling allowed to members for rail fare. Names of those intending to dine to be sent to Hon. Sec. before the 14th.

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Devizes.

**Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, May 20th. Local Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. Clark, 121, Bradford Road, Otley. For full particulars of the day's arrangements see Association circular.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Western Division.—A District Meeting of this division will be held at Wenden (Audley End station G.E.R.) on Saturday, May 20th. Tower bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the school room at 5 p.m. The bells of Saffron Walden will be available after 6 p.m. to members and friends attending.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1905.

OUR comment upon the "novel incident" which occurred in connection with the ringing company at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, has been met not altogether with approval. The main issue has been widened by the letters of two reverend gentlemen who most emphatically disapproved of our passing allusion to Dissenters being ringers. There was very little necessity for their indignation. The reference to Nonconformists was only a bare allusion. The main point at issue was the "novel incident," and this was taken little notice of by these gentlemen. MR. WARREN certainly rejoiced in the fact that some ringers did feel it their duty to attend church at all. Our friend

MR. DANIELL however lubricated these onslaughts and divergences from the point by his timely letter.

Whatever may be said, whatever objection may be taken to our reference concerning dissenting ringers, the fact remains that the Rawtenstall affair was a great mistake, and devoid of that charity and freemasonry which generally exists among good ringers. We believe that the Exercise at large are in harmony with our remarks upon this matter, and of opinion also that common sense has had very little to do with the action of the ringing company in question.

It is hardly necessary to say more. But the letter from the Rev. G. DE T. ALDRIDGE gives the opportunity for a word or two. First, we have never suggested that a Dissenter should be a church officer. Our words were: "Though it may be deemed preferable for all ringers to be regular churchmen, it has never been laid down that a ringer shall not be a Nonconformist. We have never heard that a ringer who is a Dissenter ought to be disqualified from belonging to a ringing company." This is by no means suggesting "a Dissenter as a church officer." Yet there have been instances where Dissenters have become churchwardens. We recollect one in particular at a twelve-bell church in London, and this gentleman was the only one among the "authorities" anxious to have the church bells put into proper order. There are, as our rev. critics ought to know, Dissenters and Dissenters. There is the blatant political Dissenter, who is a nuisance requiring to be put down. There is the Christian Dissenter, pious and Godfearing, who is a Nonconformist only through descent or heredity, and many of these are often seen taking part in the Church's service. Could we reasonably object to the presence in the belfry as a ringer of a really good devout man though he was known to be a Wesleyan? Is it not better he should belong to such a body and attend the ministrations of divine worship in a Wesleyan chapel than be of no religion at all—a mere nothingarian? Why this connection with the Church as a ringer would be likely to make a Churchman of him.

That ringers should all be Churchmen, and attend regularly the services for which they ring the bells, is a great end to be desired, and we are amongst those who are as anxious as our two reverend critics for its attainment. But there is a danger in forcing the position. If genuine, real, practical religion is wanted, persuasion, not coercion, must be employed. In such a case force is certainly no remedy, but a delusion, which eventually will come to the front, and cause great disappointment. Even a ringer's religion should be real, and not a sham; the latter of which it is likely to become if proselytism or coercion is resorted to.

The reverend gentleman above-named—MR. DE ALDRIDGE—who is the Master of the Bath and Wells Association, says that he would "rather have one bell chimed by a man who means what he does, than the most beautiful touch of changes rung by men who are thinking only of their own skill, and nothing of God's service." Quite right. But would he apply this test all round?

Would he treat organists and choirs in the same manner? We know many of these talented gentlemen like to show off their own skill in many instances, regardless of the occasion or of the taste of the congregation, and have been known to "strike" or otherwise beard a Vicar who ventured upon having, in the slightest degree, a voice in the musical arrangements of the service. And we affirm, that ringers, as a rule, whether they attend the church service or not, are more anxious than any other officer of the church to please the Vicar, and generally do their level best to conform to his regulations and wishes.

\*.\* Next week will appear No. 1 of a series of Handbell Coupons, for a gift of handbells. Further particulars will be given, but a certain cutting, which will be pointed out later, taken from our issue of April 29th, will have to accompany the Coupons, when returned. Therefore it becomes necessary for all who save these Coupons to provide themselves with a copy of this paper of the above date.

A. W. BRIGHTON.—If you will inform us to what address a letter, now lying at our office for you, shall be sent, it shall be attended to.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

ALFRED R. SANDIFORD .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
HENRY G. HILL .. 3.	*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS .. 7.
RICHARD CARTER .. 4.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by H. S. HUMPHREYS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Sandiford, Carter and the conductor.  
\*First peal as conductor.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.  
Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. 7.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 9.
HENRY G. MILES .. 4.	EDWARD E. O'MEARA .. 10.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 6.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung in honor of the marriage of Miss Margaret H. Nichols to Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, on April 27th, at King's Chapel, Boston, U.S.A.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS .. 2.	WILLIAM BERRY .. 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
QR.-MR. SERGT. A. PYE .. 4.	FREDK. W. THORNEON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung as a compliment to Frederick G. Skinner, Esq., on being elected people's warden for the fourth successive year; also to celebrate the fifty-fourth anniversary of the conductor's birthday. \*Fiftieth peal

# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. CHORCH .. .. 8.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
BETRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	DANIEL LOVETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers. The above is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung, and some of the bells quarter-turned by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them leaving nothing to be desired.

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5-6.
FREDERICK GILL .. 3-4.	JOHN MOULE .. 7-8.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

Umpire—W. H. Dorau. First peal on handbells by all except the conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROGERS .. 5.
JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 2.	HARRY ARGYLE .. 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ALFRED MOSS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	*CHARLES ROOPE .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. 6.
CHARLES BORRETT .. 3.	OLIVER BROCK .. 7.
JAMES BETTS .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method.

#### UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARDING* .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. 5.
JOHN HOWES .. 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIBR .. 3.	HENRY A. FOLKARD .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

\*First peal of Major.

#### HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

#### HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

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

T. HRSSSELL* .. Treble.	W. WILKINSON .. 4.
F. EKINS .. 2.	T. HUMBERSTONE .. 5.
H. WAINER .. 3.	C. WARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WARD.

This is the longest peal rang on the bells; also the record for Lincolnshire.

#### KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. SMITHERS .. Treble.	A. J. BARTLETT .. 4.
J. W. HARBISON .. 2.	W. T. LIGHTFOOT .. 5.
W. T. COX .. 3.	*H. J. ELLIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. ELLIS.

\*First peal as conductor.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

LEWIS CHAPMAN .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. PERKINS.

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

#### QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	FRED W. HERBERT .. 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 4.	ARTHUR FARRAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

**BENENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR J. LEWIS .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY F. G. SAKER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 4.	CHARLES TRIBE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lbs. in E flat.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. 5.
OLDER WAGHOEN* .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE WATSON .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major; also on the bells. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section II., No. 135.

**RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

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

EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 4.
HERBERT J. JULIAN .. 2.	†ROBT. F. TURNER .. 5.
DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 3.	MORRIS A. TURNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS A. TURNER.

†First peal as conductor, never having called a 720 before. \*First peal in seven methods.

**CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED DAVIES .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 2.	JOHN WITHERS .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE .. 5.
HENRY BRIGGS .. 2.	FRED. W. HERBERT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. 4.	W. W. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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*On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

E. FOSTER† .. .. Treble.	G. IRVINE .. 5.
W. WICKES* .. 2.	†W. WENMAN .. 6.
P. BARTHOLOMEW† .. 3.	O. H. PORTER .. 7.
W. COOK .. 4.	†A. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. IRVINE.

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

**HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. LEWIS .. 5.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 2.	SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS .. 4.	ALFRED TULETT .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Lewis and Wright, who hail from Westerham Mr. Lewis was elected in the tower.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five 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.
WILLIAM DYE .. 2.	GEORGE W. MEE .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP* .. 4.	JOHN GOOCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

\*First peal in the method.

**MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 27, 1905, in Three Hours, and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK FRANCIS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK BRYAN .. 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 2.	ROBERT MCCANN .. 6.
ERNEST E. BARBER† .. 3.	HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 7.
FREDERICK HALL .. 4.	*HENRY CHANCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT T. KNOWLES.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rang on the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of the diocese; also as a birthday compliment to Ernest E. Barber.

**EYNSFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WEST* .. .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. 5.
ELVEY N. HOWARD† .. 2.	†REUBEN BALDWIN .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER† .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.	†ALBERT BATES .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal on eight bells. ‡First peal. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Bates, his brother-in-laws wishing him many happy returns.

## ALDENHAM HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 5.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 6.
WALTER BORRETT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
WALTER MOBBS .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN C. JACKSON, and Conducted by EGBERT BORRETT.

## WINSTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.  
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY PERRY .. .. Treble.	PERCIVAL WOODS .. .. 3.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 4.
JOHN RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

The above band are all members of the Debenham Society, and this is the first 5040 on the bells.

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

On Wednesday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JAMES HENRY RIDING .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	JOHN DENTITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERBY .. 3.	RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING 7.
GEORGE HARDING .. .. 4.	JOSEPH KETTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Weatherby, who bails from Market Drayton, Salop. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

JOHN MORLEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WOODS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 2.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 3.	HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 4.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

## MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE,

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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

ISAAC SIDEROTHAM .. Treble.	FRANK HALL .. .. 5.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 2.	J. J. PEMBERTON .. .. 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. 3.	REV. A. T. BREBTON .. 7.
ROBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and  
Conducted by REV. A. T. BREBTON.

## LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

## EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

W. IDLE .. .. Treble.	G. TAYLOR .. .. 5.
J. GARFORTH .. .. 2.	G. H. HARDY .. .. 6.
W. AINLEY .. .. 3.	F. BARKEB .. .. 7.
T. HALL .. .. 4.	J. RUDELSDEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYN HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX .. Treble.	*MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR WALKER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 6.
HARRY RICHARDSON .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First peal. \*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells by an entirely local band.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. Treble.	ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN* .. .. 2.	*THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 4.	*WILLIAM WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

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



### THORVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD. (THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALFRED MONKLEY .. .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 6.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 3.	JOHN SANDOVER .. .. 7.
FRANK DAVEY .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SEARLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

JOSEPH POWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. .. 2.	*ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 6.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 4.	*ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

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

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

### HEAVITREE DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	FRANK DAVEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

### SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM R. MASON* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED. ROBINSON and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal in the method.

### CAVERSHAM, OXON.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, May 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
CHARLES STONE .. .. 3.	HARRY J. SMITH .. .. 7.
THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Hands.

**PEAL CORRECTION.**—The names of the ringers marked with an asterisk in the peals rung at Romsey on April 24th, and East Tytherly on April 25th, should have read first peal of Stedman instead of first peal.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Paskins, J. Elcombe conductor, C. Hayter, R. White, J. Walker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler, F. Paskins, and 514 Grandsire Triples. C. Hayter, J. Elcombe, J. Walker, G. Newman, A. Paskins, F. Paskins, W. G. Fowler conductor, F. Hands.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Streeter, W. Jackson, H. Burkitt, E. Lucas, R. Crowhurst, W. Trewin conductor. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Worstfold, E. Lucas, T. Streeter, R. Crowhurst, H. Burkitt conductor, W. Trewin.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Franklin, H. Hammonds, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. E. Brown. On Thursday, April 27th, at the parish church, to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the Foreman, Mr. G. Wright, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Russell, S. Franklin, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. E. Brown.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. T. Laver, W. Youlden, R. Hamilton, W. Burrough, W. Miflin, F. J. Shepherd conductor, J. R. Sandover, W. Lovton.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Law, S. J. Bird, J. J. Lamb, R. Edwards, F. W. Thornton, W. Shimmans, G. H. Daynes conductor, T. Jakeman.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW (Lancashire).—On April 15th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. W. Schofield, G. Hoyle, A. E. Wreaks, E. Schofield, J. Harrison, W. Crabtree conductor, S. Brierley, J. E. Nuthall. Rung to mark the departure of Mr. Birtwistle and family for Canada, the ringers wishing him God speed and every success in his new home.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Parry, J. E. Groves conductor, E. Gilbert, E. R. Rudd, W. Hemming, J. Perrins, J. Broad, T. Roberts. This is the first touch on the bells after rehanging operations in new oak frame by Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford. The tenors were recast by Mears and Stainbank.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Mason, G. Nicholl, W. H. Trippell, E. Watkins, E. Radden, S. Radford conductor. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. And 720 in the same method. G. Brown, E. Watkins, E. Radden, J. Goacher, S. Radford, A. J. Boniface conductor.

STONE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 8th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Rudd, E. Gilbert, J. E. Groves, 3-4; J. Perrins, T. W. Pratt and T. Badland. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lady Crease.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Hadlam, E. Pankhurst, E. J. Bottle, H. E. Simpson composer and conductor, T. Jarrett, W. Golding, W. J. Walker, S. Bottle.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday morning, January 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Green, C. Tirrell, F. Read, jun., H. Warner, R. Nicholls conductor, F. Cashmore.

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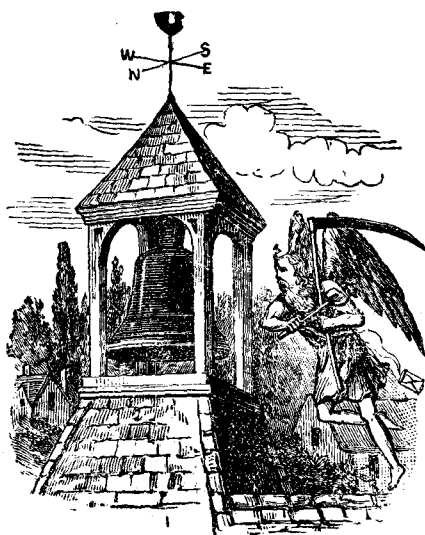
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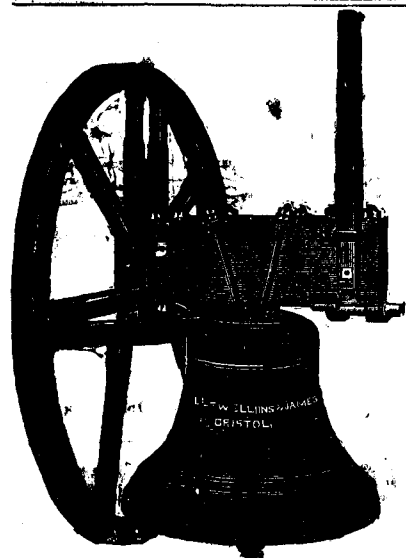
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire). St. Mary. The Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor 1897; 7th by Mears 1839; the rest by Wightman, 1702. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Back six re-tuned by Taylor 1897. Ropes new 1897, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 5.30 to 6.25. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

WISBECH (Cambridgeshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Ely Diocesan Association. Ten bells; all by Dobson 1823. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Chiming apparatus fitted. Ropes renewed as required. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: on festivals only. Practice: Tuesday, from October 1st, to December 31st.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH (Devon.) St. John. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells; all by Warner, the two trebles 1893. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., 1864; the rest 1889. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ellacombe's apparatus fitted. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.50; and on first in month also 5.30 to 6.25. Practice: October to April, Wednesday, 7.30; April to October, Monday, 8.

WITLEY (Surrey). All Saints. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears 1889; 3rd by the same, 1884; 5th by the same, 1893. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in., by the same, 1896; 4th and 6th by Eldridge, 1648; 7th, 1670. No founder mentioned. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.

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## STOKE, COVENTRY.

### (DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.)

On Sunday, April 30th, the Rev. Canon Flory (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leamington), performed the ceremony of dedicating to the use and glory of God, two new bells, a treble and tenor, to complete the octave, and also re-dedicating the old 4th bell which has been recast. The dedication took place after the second lesson during the morning service, when Canon Flory on receiving from the Vicar (Rev. Canon Blyth, D.D.), the ropes of the three bells, he formally dedicated them to the glory of God. A short touch was afterwards rung by the local band; other touches were also rung during the day.

The work of casting and hanging the bells was entrusted to J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The "go" of the bells reflects great credit upon the firm.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with old-standing custom, the members of this Association paid a visit to Bedford on Easter Monday, rang several touches in various methods on the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, held their annual luncheon and business meeting at the Association Rooms, and attended Divine Service, this year, at St. Peter's church. Upwards of fifty members sat down to a cold collation in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, and afterwards assembled in another room for the transaction of business. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker presided in his well-known genial manner, and was supported by the Hon. Secretaries—the Rev. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley, and Mr. Isaac Hills, of Bedford; Mr. Charles and Mr. Cyril Herbert (Woburn); Alderman Edward Franklin (Dunstable); Messrs. A. T. Barker, C. W. Clarke, H. Tysoe, and many others of Bedford, and a representative attendance from various parts of the county.

The chairman read a letter from Canon Haddock, expressing great regret that he could not attend this meeting. For many years he had never missed attending, and it was a great trouble to him that he could not take his place as formerly in many institutions. The returns of the day brought to his recollections many an old and valued friend, and he trusted that the Association would continue its useful career.

The Rev. A. Rust read the annual report, and on the motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Chibnall, it was adopted. In the absence of Mr. T. Bull, who was unable to be present, Mr. Rust read a statement of the accounts, which had been audited by Mr. G. C. Walker. The receipts, including £8 2s. 6d. in subscriptions, amounted to £37 6s. 6d., and the expenditure left a balance in hand of £23 19s. 3d. Mr. Clarke proposed, and Mr. E. Franklin seconded, and it was resolved that the accounts be adopted.

The chairman proposed that Mr. Bull be re-elected Treasurer, with their best thanks for his interest and services in the past. Mr. Hill said he had much pleasure in seconding, and the proposition was carried.

It was also moved from the chair, and seconded by

Mr. Clarke, that the Rev. A. Rust and Mr. I. Hills be re-appointed Secretaries, with the best thanks of the Association for their services during the past year, and this was carried with acclamation. The chairman expressed their appreciation of the thorough and business-like manner in which Mr. G. C. Walker had examined the accounts, and Mr. Hills proposed his re-election as Hon. Auditor, which Mr. Barker seconded, and the meeting endorsed.

Some discussion took place on the movements of the Ely Diocesan Association. The chairman said it was a distinct breach of the understanding entered into some years ago for the Ely Association to enrol members in Bedfordshire. It was recognised in that understanding that the Bedfordshire Association should represent this county, and he did not think any member, much less members of the Committee, should take part in the Ely Association.

Mr. Franklin thought members of the Committee should be loyal to this Association.

A member having remarked that the Sandy company were going to join the Ely Diocesan Association, Mr. Clarke described the help that Mr. Hills and he had given.

The chairman thought it would be a good plan to draw up a short statement of the facts of the case, and send it to all the incumbents in the county, with the sanction of the Archdeacon. At Aspley it was proposed to hold a conference of the Secretaries and the Archdeacon, with Mr. Crump (the Vicar of Stopsley), with a view to coming to some arrangement to prevent this competition. It had been understood that the Bedfordshire Association under the presidency of the Archdeacon, was geographically and ecclesiastically the organisation covering the whole of this county.

This proposal was supported by several members, and the meeting next proceeded to receive nominations of new hon. members, performing members, and probationers, numbering in all thirty-one. Among them were the Rev. J. W. Sawyer (Flitton); Rev. J. S. Spokes (Vicar of Barton); Rev. C. B. Hulton (Rector-designate of Turvey); and a number of proposals from Leighton Buzzard, Bedford, Biddenham, Sharnbrook, Bromham, Southill, Dunstable, and elsewhere.

The quarterly meetings were fixed at Flitton, Barton, Dunstable, and Turvey, subject to the permission of the incumbents. It was stated that they were all eight-bell towers, but it was easy to leave out two if they wanted six.

The representations on the Central Council was also considered, and a proposal to elect a second delegate was negatived, the representation being left in the hands of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker.

The chairman remarked that the Rector of Clifton (Mr. Pycock), was the preacher at the service to be held at 4.30 at St. Peter's, where Mr. Gilbert was very kindly offering them a welcome, and he hoped the members would make a good attendance.

Mr. E. J. Gale was especially thanked for entering very clearly and artistically the peals in the peal-book. An opportunity was had of examining this record of the achievements of the Association, and also a peal-book, going back to October 4th, 1892, in which Mr. C. Herbert had entered the peals in Old English text in coloured inks. Both as specimens of artistic calligraphy and records of great achievements, the peal-books are testimonies to diligence and pride in realising the objects of the Association.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The East Dorset Branch of the above Guild held its annual meeting at Holy Trinity church, Wareham, on Easter Monday. The arrangements had been made to meet at Swanage, in accordance with the invitation extended by the Rector, but owing to his continued and regretted illness, and other reasons, it was intimated that a welcome would not be forthcoming to visitors at Swanage now. At the last minute, therefore, the place of meeting had to be altered to Wareham. Owing to most of the members being unable to alter their arrangements accordingly, the attendance was very small. Ringers were present from Poole, Sturminster Newton, Wimborne, Verwood and Ringwood, but both the numbers, and the time allowed by the train service to those from a distance were too limited to allow of any ringing, nor was the usual service held. Tea was however provided in the Mission Room, and afterwards at the meeting the Rev. J. C. H. Mansel-Pleydell, Vicar of Sturminster Newton, taking the chair. The report of the year's working was then adopted. After referring to the progress made in the last twelve months, and to new bells, the report concluded as follows:—

"Bells should never be entrusted to those who are not accustomed to handle such musical instruments. There are already two churches in this district which have gained an unenviable notoriety by possessing the tubular arrangements mis-called 'bells'; and another is also threatened. It is a pity that real bells are not preferred in such cases; as a complete ring of eight can be hung for £100—a less cost than the others, and occupying less room; while they give the real bell tone, and do not require constant expense in tuning, and keeping in order. Ringers may well remember that a ring of bells is a luxury; and that sham luxuries are particularly out of place in a church."

In the discussion several members remarked on the annoyance which tubular "bells" caused to those living near. The statement of accounts, showing a slight balance in hand, was passed. As officers for the ensuing year, there were elected: Chairman—Rev. J. C. H. Mansel-Pleydell; Secretary—Rev. C. A. Phillips; Assistant-Secretary and Representative—Rev. H. Drake.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, Rector, organist, and the assistant-curate for their help, concluded the meeting.

## ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

We are asked to state that there will be a short service in the parish church on Saturday, May 20th, at 3.30, when the peal of six bells, which has been entirely re-hung, and the tenor recast, will be re-dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, who will also give an address. It is hoped that any ringers who are able to come will try to be present on the occasion. Light tea and refreshments will be provided after the service, to which they will be made very welcome, free of charge. The offertory will be in aid of the bells restoration fund.

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

ST. MARY'S, RAWTENSTALL.

SIR,—I think I have been more disappointed at this incident than at anything that has happened since I have been a ringer, now over twenty-one years. During all that time I have met in tower and in meetings, ringers of all different schools of Churchmanship, yet never has the difference of our religious beliefs caused the least unhappiness between us. It has heretofore been my proud boast that at all events in the ringing world there was nothing known of "High" or "Low," but that a ringer was a ringer, and received a ringer's welcome wherever he went. But now we hear a band vituperating a former member as a "knobstick" and "servile creature" because they do not agree with his religious views. There might be some pretext made for excluding him, for not attending at their church; but when these epithets are used it at once puts them in the wrong. I do trust that the Rawtenstall men like the gradely Lancashire lads that they are, will see that they have made a mistake; and will fall in with the better ways of ringers in the rest of Lancashire, and indeed all over the world.

When I pay a visit to Rawtenstall, as I hope to do shortly, shall I for the first time in my life find a welcome to the tower questioned me, until they have ascertained whether I am in the habit of wearing a surplice of Grandsire shape, or one of a plain method? In order to show my orthodoxy will it be necessary to wear a black gown (with or without "beauty spots") in the belfry? Are Double Court bobs demanded there or some other Surprise Method of "coming out quick"?

Sithee, lads of Rossendale; yo think yon passon a thickyed. He may be reet for a' that. Aw'm Lancashire mesel, and aw'll tell yo what, tak yon lad back, and doan put th' wood in'th' ole agen him, and yo'll be gotten a gradely band o'ringers mon o'.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—I think you were quite right in pointing out that Dissenters as such can be ringers. As long as bells are only found in churches, one must admit this claim as academically correct; whether practically advisable, is another question.

\* \* This week is given No. 1 of a series of Handbell Coupons for gifts of handbells. Two peals—one of ten and one of twelve—will be given to the senders of the greatest number of coupons to the office of this paper on or before Wednesday, August 2nd next. The bells will be awarded only to those who can satisfactorily prove that they have bought the papers from which the coupon are taken. A cutting, which will be pointed out later, taken from our issue of April 29th, will have to accompany the Coupons, when returned. Therefore it becomes necessary for all who save these Coupons to provide themselves with a copy of this paper of the above date.

A. W. BRIGHTON.—If you will inform us to what address a letter, now lying at our office for you, shall be sent, it shall be attended to. (2nd time.)

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, April 23rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Turley, W. J. Baldwin, J. Witley, C. Chapman, A. T. Godley, J. Thorpe, J. Maynard conductor, F. Towner.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. R. Hope, G. Hodge, F. Pattenden, E. C. Lambert, F. Butcher, J. Beach. Rung in honour of the wedding of E. Lambert.

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## Obituary.

HENRY SYMONDS.

It is with regret we record the death of the above ringer, who passed away at the age of 70 on Monday afternoon, May 1st, and was laid to rest in Preston St. Mary's churchyard on Saturday last, two of the four bearers being his brother-ringers—A. and W. Hollocks. Deceased was a ringer at the above church over fifty years, and had filled the post of sexton thirty-five years. His last ringing was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob on Boxing Day, 1902; and then through failing health he had to give up ringing. Had he lived till the 20th of the month he would have survived his beloved wife sixteen years. For several years in his early ringing career deceased was a regular attendant at Lavenham tower, where he loved to ring on the grand peal. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. One of the sons and three grandsons are followers of the Art. The Lavenham company were represented by H. Smith, T. King, and E. Simpson. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect, by H. Crick, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, T. Hollocks, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks conductor.

WILLIAM D. MATTHEWS.

It is with much regret we record the death at the early age of 47, a good ringing friend, a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. William D. Matthews was one of several pupils brought out by the late John Nelms, and was many years connected with St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and for some time acted as steeplekeeper of St. Dunstons, Fleet Street. His death was rather sudden. He was laid to rest in his family grave by the side of his wife, who predeceased him, in Nunhead Cemetery, on March 11th, the funeral being attended by many friends from his business office, and many of his old ringing acquaintances. The one peal upon which he prided himself more than any was rang early in the morning at Clerkenwell, June 21st, 1887, and probably the first Jubilee peal completed on that auspicious day, as the bells started ringing at 5.30 a.m. Our friend rang the 5th. The performance was conducted by the late John Nelms, and is recorded upon a very neat tablet in the church. His old friends lament the loss of such a genial and respected member. Members rang the bells half muffled at St. Sepulchre's after Sunday evening service, and on Monday last the usual whole pull and stand was performed by the Cumberlands at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields at the usual fortnightly practice.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HAMPTON.—This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The Vicar, the Rev. Digby Ram, took a great interest in the ringing, and generously entertained the ringers to a very substantial tea, for which, and his kind permission to ring, they return their best thanks. These bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1831, and have recently been thoroughly overhauled by that firm, the go of them being excellent. The leader of the local company deserves great credit for his attention to, and interest in; the visitors, everything in the belfry being as clean as a new pin; quite a butterfly atmosphere to us London ringers. W.

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## EASTER IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

(Concluded.)

When reading my previous short notes, I was reminded of an omission. To this effect. While listening to the melody of Oxford Treble Bob emanating from the fine tower of St. Paul's, Drighlington, I wandered unconsciously into the adjacent region of Cockersdale. And an interesting ramble this was. The path, bordered by hedgerows, led past quaint old halls and no less quaint old cottages, which seemed as if they had veritably grown up with the soil on which they stood; farmsteads, gardens, a sort of incongruous medley of coalpits and rabbit warrens, and a panorama of nature extending as far as the eye could reach. Surely in this respect Yorkshire is a county of many parts. But to resume.

The best part of my brief holiday was reserved for the last day—Tuesday, when Birstwith was the objective. The order of going was—"Meet at Midland Station at 6.10 a.m. sharp," which I obeyed. Ten minutes later we were speeding along the Bradford valley, through Shipley, from thence across peaceful Airedale, then further over Wharfedale, till the first portion of our journey terminated at the well-known fashionable resort—Harrogate, so famous for its wells and springs of I do not know how many different kinds of sulphur waters. But these we did not stop to sample, satisfied with their reputation.

There were some miles yet between us and our ultimate destination, so a council of ways was held, resulting in a resolve that as the day was young, the weather all could be desired, and the eight miles or so of road leading through pretty country, we would gird up our loins and tramp it. Which we did, and found the surroundings even more interesting and enjoyable than had been described. Towards the end of our walk, our way led through the graveyard of Hampsthwaite parish church, a small but fine old structure with square tower. The door was open, so we entered and found hanging from the belfry ceiling three ropes, representing, we concluded, a similar number of bells above. As this limited number, of course, prevented anything in the way of a touch, the party drew aside the curtains which screened the belfry from the nave, and four of them rang a course of Major. While this was proceeding, one member of the party strolled to the chancel, and with the aid of a willing adjunct in the shape of a "blower," was quickly engaged in an impromptu organ recital.

But time was passing, so tracks were made through the fields along the river Nidd, which flows down Nidderdale, now noted for the gigantic waterworks of the town of Bradford. Another mile or two of pleasant if somewhat uneven travel brought us to the termination—Birstwith. Here some local men were waiting under the railway-bridge, who conducted us to the station hotel for a wash and brush up. Scarcely had we completed this when we heard a stentorian voice—"Dinner's ready, gentlemen." Evidently the visitors were ready also, for the liberal spread of Yorkshire pudding, roast beef, mutton, and I know not how many other kinds of comestibles began to diminish in rapid fashion. This over, we wended our way through the main street towards the church, which stood about half-way up the hillside almost covered with trees.

This mention of trees reminds me that I have not declared yet the objective of our visit. This was amply stated on bills which were fixed on almost every tree facing the roadways for miles round, announcing a "Bell Festival." This meant the reopening of the ring of bells in the tower, which had been augmented to six by the gift of a treble by the worthy Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Baskett, M.A.

Soon the bells were ringing in Oxford Treble Bob. Here I should remark that the company selected for this interesting ceremony, which had been arranged by request of the local authorities by Mr. George Nettleton, of Shipley, comprised Messrs. T. B. Kendall and G. Nettleton (Shipley), and B. E. Howe, A. Gill, J. Palfreman and J. Boddy (Bolton), who did their work in smart fashion notwithstanding difficulties in the way. The bells were a fine-toned peal, and well rung. Various touches were rung till 4 o'clock, when special choral service was held. The church was most profusely decorated

with flowers, plants, ferns, and other local items. Indeed, seldom have I seen a church from altar to tower such a scene in this direction.

At the close of the service a most able and instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. Collins, M.A., of Nidd. He traced the history and usage of bells, told even ringers old in the service many things which they had not known before, and concluded with an eloquent peroration of benediction on the bells and those who ministered them. As the bells pealed out again the congregation, which filled the whole church, adjourned to the school close by, where tea was served, and a gathering of most astonishing numbers assembled.

Here the ringers of the day were specially provided for, and after a substantial repast met outside by earnest request, in the school yard facing the main street, and rung a course of Caters on handbells to a great audience, which cheered them loudly on conclusion. The large number served to tea necessitated several "sittings-down," which caused subsequent proceedings to be delayed somewhat. But eventually all were served, tables and other impedimenta cleared away, and the large school again crowded for the concert and entertainment which was to conclude the day's proceedings. At the outset of this the squire of Birstwith, Captain Greenwood, on behalf of the parishioners, thanked their beloved Vicar for his gift to the church, and gave some interesting details as to the history of the bells. The Rev. C. R. Baskett, in acknowledging the thanks, said he had given the bell as a thank-offering for his return in good health from a twelvemonths' sojourn in Canada on missionary business, followed by a four months' lecturing tour in England. A course of Major was then rung and loudly applauded at its conclusion. In fact, it seemed to me that the people of the place would never tire of this music. The Vicar then commenced to give a series of lantern views of Canadian scenery.

Time for departure, in order to catch our return train at Harrogate, came only too quickly, but Captain Greenwood had made provision for this in the shape of a commodious and most comfortable wagonette, with two fine horses in the shafts, and a veteran Jehu holding the reins. Good-byes had quickly to be said, but not too quickly for a cordial invitation to come again on a specific occasion as guests, and make a longer stay, as well as a parting call to "come again as often as you can."

We "boarded" the vehicle, and were soon being driven along circuitous country roads in the twilight, an experience not to be readily forgotten, till Harrogate was reached in good time for train, which was up to time itself, and an hour later we were back in Bradford, Shipley, and elsewhere, delighted with our day's outing, and the hearty welcome which we had received on all hands.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 18th: and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 23rd. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which confers the right of voting on matters of finance, is now due.

WILLIAM T. CCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aughton to-day, Saturday, May 13. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Towers open: St. Peter's 10.30 a.m.; St. Nicholas, after the service; St. Paul's, 7 p.m. Luncheon at Royal Pavilion 2 p.m. Business meeting 3 p.m. Service at St. Peter's, 5 p.m., preacher, Rev. Canon Cooper, Vicar of Cuckfield.

Holyrood, Eastbourne. A. B. BENNETT.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Padham on Saturday, May 20th, 1905. Further particulars by circular.

Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

R. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey to-day, Sat., May 13th. Bells of the Abbey church available from 2 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 at Victoria restaurant.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Birstall to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Black Bull hotel.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, the 16th instant, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

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

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of this Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at Poole. Service at St. James's church 12 noon. Dinner at The Antelope hotel 1.0 p.m., 2s. each. Towers open for ringing: St. James's Poole (8), St. Peter's Bournemouth (8), Wareham (6), Lytchett Minster (5). One shilling allowed to members for rail fare. Names of those intending to dine to be sent to Hon. Sec. before the 14th.

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Devizes.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting 15.30.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, May 20th. Local Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. Clark, 121, Bradford Road, Otley. For full

particulars of the day's arrangements see Association circular. J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A District Meeting of this division will be held at Wenden (Audley End station G.E.R.) on Saturday, May 20th. Tower bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the school room at 5 p.m. The bells of Saffron Walden will be available after 6 p.m. to members and friends attending.

N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Walmer on Saturday, May 20th. The towers of St. Mary's, Walmer (8 bells), and St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6 bells), will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Station hotel. Business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 17th. Half travelling expenses not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 4 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

101, High Street, Hythe.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that a periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Battersea Square, Battersea, S.W. The bells will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Raven Inn, Battersea Square, at 8 p.m. It is hoped as many as can make it convenient will endeavour to attend.

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

91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, May 20th. Meat tea, 1s. each. Those intending to be present must give three days' notice.

E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1905.

A great man, well-known by repute to many ringers who  
are almost as great veterans as he was, has been called  
away at a good old age—Lord GRIMTHORPE. Many there  
are who recollect him as Mr. Edmund Beckett Denison,  
Q.C. for that was his style and title until his uncle, Sir  
Edmund Beckett, Bart., died, when he succeeded to the  
baronetcy and fortune. Then he is made a peer, and  
we hear of him still among clocks, watches and bells, and  
a host of other things. We suppose there was hardly  
anything but what he knew something about, and in those  
branches of science in which he became an authority, he



did not hesitate a moment to attack any or all opponents of his views. Therefore, because of his very plain speaking, we find him defendant in two actions brought against him by bellfounders, in both of which he was unsuccessful, and was cast in damages. But no one will deny that he was a great man, and his like, in all respects, will not be easy to find. The following extract from a Church paper sums up the character of the deceased nobleman very concisely:—

"We note with regret the death of Lord Grimthorpe, which occurred on Saturday, April 29th. He was a man of great and varied attainments, and in his long life of all but ninety years played many parts. The leader of the Parliamentary Bar, a Diocesan Chancellor, and a Provincial Vicar-General, an expert campanologist, an amateur architect, and the wielder of a most caustic pen, Lord Grimthorpe was a familiar figure in English life. When the memory of his polemics, which once added to the gaiety of the nations, has passed away, two monuments will long survive—the great clock at Westminster, and the altered Abbey church of St. Albans. As regards the former, the nation might fairly be asked to honour him with a memorial, by recasting Big Ben, the condition of which so mars his great work. Of St. Albans we cannot say at the present time all that we think. It must suffice to remark that the traces of his handiwork there are by no means to our taste. When we recall what, on other occasions, we have said about him in controversy, we have nothing to regret. His greatest joy was in battle, and, if he gave blows, he knew how to receive them like a warrior. He is gone now beyond the reach of controversy, and left to us the memory of a sturdy Englishman.—R.I.P."

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5056 CHANGES. Tenor 33 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.

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\*First peal in the method. The ringer of the 3rd attained his 66th year on March 28th last, and is believed to be the oldest ringer to score his first peal in this method. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Wilfred H. Davies for allowing the peal to be attempted.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
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On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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##### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST MADDOCK .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLIN .. 5.
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W. J. BOWDEN* .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hunt and Challin, who hail from Guildford.

##### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

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Conducted by H. PUTTOCK.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HOWSE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 5.
SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
FRANK MEDHURST* .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
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REV. W. S. WILLETT .. .. 4.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

First peal of Bob Major by the first six ringers.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
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GEORGE JONES .. .. 2.	HENRY DEW .. .. 6.
RICHARD JONES .. .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 7.
ROWE HUXLEY .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

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\*First peal, age 16.

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Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

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ALBERT MARKS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM ROWE, SEN. .. .. 5.
CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER

\*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Morning Star, April Day,  
Old Doubles, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 3.
FREDK. C. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK WATLING .. .. 4.
JOHN PUNCHARD .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal. †First peal on five bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. George Day, Bellhanger, of Eye.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. .. 6.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 2.	SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 8.
RICHARD CLARK .. .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 9.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This composition is rung for the first time, and was composed on April 27th, 1905.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	FRANK WITHERS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES DOWLER.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

S. J. WRIGHT† .. .. Treble.	*W. E. WALAND .. .. 5.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 6.
R. STEPHENSON† .. .. 3.	W. NEWTON .. .. 7.
J. A. CARTER* .. .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor  
This is W. Newton's fiftieth peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES GILES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 5.
W. POLE ROUTH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN SWAIN .. .. 4.	THOMAS DIGGENS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY KEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court,  
Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain  
Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDGAR RIVERS .. .. Treble.	JESSE ARRON .. .. 4.
HARRY G. WELHAM* .. .. 2.	*ALBERT LEE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS* .. .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

\*First peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR RINGERS.—splendid Quality.—Purest Silk—Very suitable for a present.—W. MATTHEWS, Change Ringer, Macolesfield.

## ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REEVES .. .. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, which is rang for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four times in 3rds place, in the titium position, and the 6th twenty-three times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and is the first peal of Stedman Caters composed on this plan. The figures will be published later. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter and the conductor.

## HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	FRED SALMONS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN MCKELL .. .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN G. HOLROYD and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

This is the conductor's 80th peal.

## HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ARTHUR COLES .. .. 5.
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JAMES STRUTT .. .. 4.	ALBERT COLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Reference elsewhere.

## COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	O. EASTWOOD .. .. 5.
S. LORD .. .. 2.	W. TAYLOR .. .. 6.
J. ASHWORTH .. .. 3.	B. TAYLOR .. .. 7.
L. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	J. W. ORMEROD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. 3.	HENRY BROOKER .. .. 8.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 9.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 5.	WILLIAM MEAD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London, Woodbine, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

HARRY DAVY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	THOMAS DAVY .. .. 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Day, of Eye, Suffolk.

## FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED R. BAERACLOUGH .. Treble.	*JOHN E. MATTHEWS .. 5.
ARTHUR STOKOR† .. .. 2.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. 7.
WILLIAM CHILD† .. .. 4.	†LEONARD STOKOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung with the bells muffled at handstroke as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Grimthorpe, donor of the church. \*First peal. †First peal in the method. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section 1, No. 36.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	*CHARLES H. SONE .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE .. .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\*First peal. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Benjamin Burden, churchwarden of the above church, and Miss Elizabeth Fenrose, of London, which was solemnised that day.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 3.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 5.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
HARRY PEARLESS* .. 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. 7.
JOHN RICE .. .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal.

## TODENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY GREEN .. .. Treble.	TOM WILLIAMS .. .. 4.
CECIL LLOYD .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
FRED HATHAWAY .. .. 3.	F. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

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

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	*FRANK CULLUM .. .. 5.
ALPHAERUS BERRY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late George Day, of Eye.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED TULETT .. .. Treble.	HARRY MEETENS .. .. 5.
GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

\*First peal.

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

On Saturday, April 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 9.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 11.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal on twelve bells.

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

On Sunday, April 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 9.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 10.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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

On Sunday, April 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 10.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 11.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 6.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

First peal of London on the bells. The ringers tender their best thanks to Major Powell Cotton for the use of the bells and for his hospitality in providing refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed; also Mr. G. Willshe, who had everything ready and gave the band his usual attention. This is W. Pye's 600th peal.

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

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of London on the bells.

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

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. SHARMAN, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

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

On Tuesday, April 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## Handbell Peals.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT KETTELL .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Walter Coates. \*First peal on handbells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS—The peal at Crewe, published in our last issue, was rung on Saturday, April 29th, not Wednesday. It was conducted by R. T. Holding, sen., not jun. It was the first attempt for a peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd.—The name of the tenor-ringer in the peal of Doubles at Winston should read James Rumsey, not John as published.—The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Boy'n Hill on Saturday, April 29th, was in the Kent Variation, not Oxford.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STRATFORD (Essex).—On Friday, April 21st, at 192, Chobham Road, on handbells, a date touch of 1905 Bob Major, in 55 mins. W. H. Doran, F. Gill, W. Keeble composer and conductor, J. Moule. Longest length of Major on handbells by all except the conductor.

LIVERPOOL.—On Friday, May 5th, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being 105 Kent, 360 Violet, 720 Oxford, and 720 Woodbine. T. J. Morris, A. Jones, R. H. Green, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis, J. Allen conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. C. Yeld, who was interred at Halewood on that date.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 15th, for evening service at Christ Church, 240 each of Oxford, Woodbine and Violet. H. Pawson, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt conductor, W. Stubley, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom. The following were rung in connection with the Dedication Festival: On Thursday, Jan. 19th, for evening service, 720 Violet. H. Pawson, Jno. Thackray, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, J. Heckingbottom conductor, W. Stubley. On Sunday, January 22nd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. Jos. Thackray, F. Gaunt, Jos. Summersall first 720 in the method, W. Stubley, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford and 120 Duke of York. H. Pawson, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, J. Heckingbottom conductor, W. Stubley. On Tuesday evening, May 2nd, for practice, 720 Oxford. H. Pawson, C. Lockwood, Jos. Turner, Jno. Thackray, W. Stubley, J. Heckingbottom conductor. And 72 Duke of York and 48 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and Killamarsh, with M. Broadbent vice J. Turner, the others as before. This was specially arranged as a farewell practice to Herbert Pawson, who leaves for Wisconsin, United States, and during the interval he was presented with a silver bell badge or pendant, which was suitably engraved. All wish him God speed and good fortune in his new sphere.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, 1036 Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. S. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Millar, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, W. Moore.

## THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

SPEKN (Berks).—On Monday, April 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Newbury, 720 Bob Minor. R. T. Hibbert, E. J. Menday, E. W. Menday conductor, Qr. Master Sergt. W. Hibbert, S. Quintin, H. Simmonds. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Hands, T. Gwynne, J. F. Tarrant, G. Essex, H. W. Smith, T. Newman.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST TYTHERLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 25th, after a peal of Stedman Triples, 238 Bob Major. F. Paskins, R. Knight, A. Martin Stewart, W. Tucker, J. Rumming, J. Elcombe, W. G. Fowler, G. Williams conductor. And 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Noice, J. Elcombe, A. Martin Stewart conductor, W. Tucker, J. Rumming, R. Knight, W. G. Fowler, F. Paskins.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, C. Fray, W. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. On Wednesday, March 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Marks, W. H. George, W. Rowe, W. Tucker conductor, W. Rowe, A. Marks. On Sunday evening, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, W. Tucker conductor, W. H. George, C. Fray, W. Rowe, sen., A. Marks. On Wednesday, April 5th, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Tucker, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. H. George conductor, E. Dumper. And a course of College Single Minor. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, A. Marks, W. H. George, W. Tucker.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, March 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. G. Aslet, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., A. Marks, W. H. George conductor, W. Tucker.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWANWICK (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 25th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. P. Straw, H. Kerry,

F. H. Kay, H. Fretwell conductor. T. Stimpson. Rang on the second anniversary of the opening of the tower, clock and bells.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STRATFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 26th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. A. J. Neale, F. Gill, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule. On Friday, March 31st, 1376 Bob Major. W. Doran, F. Gill, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule. On Friday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, by the same band as on March 31st.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. W. Richardson, F. G. Perrin, W. H. Adkin, S. A. Cullington, W. J. Jeffries conductor, J. Law, J. E. Davis, C. Letzer. S. A. Cullington is the Secretary of the North Wales Association.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 7th, at St. Barnabas church, 840 Grandsire Triples. F. Cheshire, W. Jeffs, W. Webb, G. Bonfield, J. Nicholls, F. Vickers conductor, J. Nash, C. Rollings. For evening service 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Rollings, F. Vickers conductor, F. Cheshire, G. Wright, C. White, W. Neale. And 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Rollings, W. Jeffs, A. Cheshire, E. Field, A. Vickers, C. White, F. Vickers conductor, W. Neale.

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# "Ringing the Changes" on OXO.

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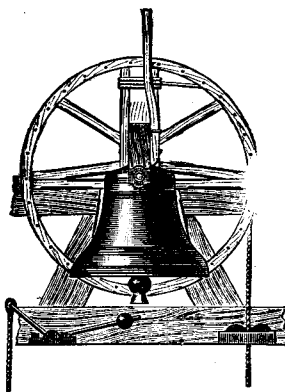
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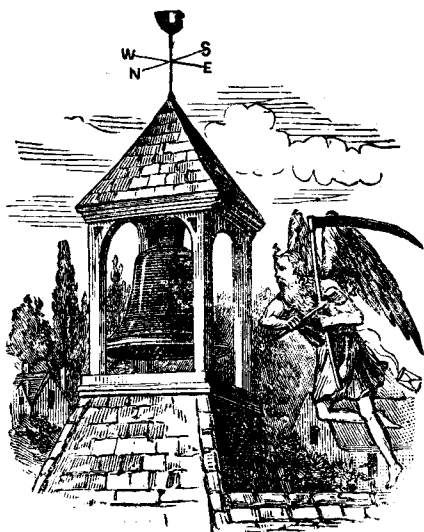
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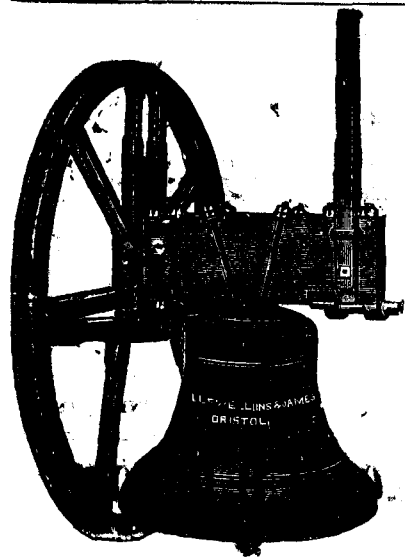
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WITNEY (Oxon.) St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 2nd by Bond 1885; treble and 5th by Rudhall 1765; 3rd and 6th by the same 1761 and 1765 respectively; 4th by Bagley 1731; 7th, 1660, founder unknown. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by Mears, 1815. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by White 1898. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Monday, 8.

WITTON (Cheshire). St. Helen. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; the two trebles by Taylor; 6th by Mears; the rest by Sanders; no dates given. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor when trebles were added. No date given. Ropes new 1895 good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday, 8.

WIVELISCOMBE (Somersetshire). St. Andrew. Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and tenor by Pannell 1829; 7th by Warner 1882; the rest by Bagley 1751. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Sully 1897. Ropes good, renewed as required. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WOBURN (Beds.) St. Mary. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, the two trebles 1877, the rest 1829. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. General repairs by Mears, when trebles were added in 1877. Ropes new 1886, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob and Duffield. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 7.30. The bells hang in the tower of the old church, now used as a mortuary chapel. In the new church tower, built 1868, hangs one bell, 55 cwt., founder not stated.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### RESTORATION OF CHARLBURY CHURCH TOWER.

On Saturday, April 29th, the spring meeting of the above Guild, and the spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch was held at Charlbury, where the church tower has been recently restored and the bells rehung. The tower, which dates back to the time of Magna Charta, has been in a very bad state of repair, while the bells, which were hung in 1716 by Rudhall, of Gloucester, were also in an unfit condition to be rung. Through the generosity of Mr. Frank West and Miss Winifred West (son and daughter of the late Vicar of Charlbury), the bells have been rehung on an oak frame by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, at a cost of £150, while the tower has been restored at a cost of £200, this last-named sum of money having been subscribed by sixty-five parishioners and friends. The dual work is memorialised by brass plates, one on either of the pillars of the tower in the interior of the church. That on the left-hand pillar referring to the tower, bears the following wording: "The tower was restored by parishioners and friends, Easter, 1905. J. D. Payne, Vicar; C. H. Wiggins and J. A. Bowl, churchwardens." The plate on the right-hand pillar, which refers to the bells, bears the following inscription: "The rehanging of the bells on an oak frame was the gift of Francis C. B. West and Winifred S. B. West. Easter, 1905."

A dedicatory service was held at 3.30, when there was a large congregation. The Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), read the first lesson, and the second lesson was read by the Rural Dean (Rev. A. G. Littledale). The service was said by the Vicar of Charlbury (Rev. J. D. Payne), the Rural Dean reading the dedicatory prayers under the tower. The sermon was preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford, who took his text from the 20th chapter of St. John, verse 20: "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord." He said they had that day been putting the finishing touch to the good work they had been carrying on in that parish of Charlbury in beautifying and completing their old parish church. He was one of those whose great delight it was to listen to the church bells, and one who took a part—a very feeble part indeed—in the handling of the bells, and he rejoiced to be there that day to take part in that double festival, because that was the festival of the great Diocesan Guild, which had done such a great work ever since it was started in the diocese, and it was also a day of special rejoicing with them because of the completed peal of bells in their own church tower. Their bells had been rehung, rescued from what might have ended in ruin. They had now got them all right again, and were rejoiced to hear their sweet tones. The ringers there that day were officers of the church, and ministers of the church. They served the great body of church people, for their blessed office was to ring the bells to give expression to the joy which was to fill the heart of the Christian. The ringers did a great service to church people when they rang the bells on Sunday. With all his heart he rejoiced with them in the good work they had done in that parish, and prayed

that, as the bells rang out, they might speak the sweet and blessed message.

After a meat tea, a business meeting was held in connection with the Deanery Branch, there being no business to transact in connection with the spring meeting of the Guild. The President (Rev. W. Collingwood Carter) occupied the chair.

It was decided that the annual meeting of the branch be held at Shipton-under-Wychwood.

The Rev. J. D. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Oxford for preaching. Referring to the restored church tower, and the rehanging of the bells, the Vicar of Charlbury said the entire cost was about £350, and it was very gratifying to him to have been able to raise that sum in six months without the organisation of any such thing as a bazaar, thanks largely to the generosity of Mr. West and Miss West. He thought it was also a tribute to the Christian feeling of the parishioners that they had subscribed the money for the restoration so generously.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Charlbury for inviting the Guild and the Branch to his parish, and he also desired to thank the organist and the choir for the part they had taken in the service. He would also like to thank Mr. West and Miss West, on behalf of the Guild, and the Branch particularly, for having paid the cost of rehanging the bells.

The Vicar of Charlbury briefly responded.

Votes of thanks to the rev. Master, the chairman, and to Mr. Barlow for the trouble he had taken with the secretarial work of the Branch, concluded the business.

#### HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

An examination of the three bells in the tower of the parish church last November, having proved the tower to be unsafe, the Vicar (Rev. A. M. Foster, M.A.), and his churchwardens called a meeting of the parishioners, at which it was decided to accept an estimate from John Sully, of Stogumber, to add three bells in front, and rehanging the whole in a new frame at a cost of just over £200.

The three new bells were accordingly cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, and each bears the inscription: "Deo Trinori 1905," the 4th is dated 1591, the 3th is undated, and is probably pre-Reformation, being inscribed "Sancta Anna Ora pro nobis," while the tenor is by Bilbie, dated 1776, weight 7 cwt. in B flat.

The dedication took place on a recent Friday evening, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Bath. The Vicar was unavoidably absent, being away from home through illness, and the Rev. G. B. Shallcross, Vicar of East Harptree, acted as his deputy, being assisted by the Rev. H. H. Tripp, Vicar of Publow.

The Archdeacon having solemnly dedicated the bells to the honour of God and to the use of the Church, gave an appropriate address. After a sympathetic reference to the Vicar's illness, he congratulated the parishioners upon the success of their efforts to complete the ring of six, and described the bells as interesting links between the centuries. He expressed the hope that the peal would be intelligently rung, and that its harmony would be reflected in the lives of those around. He then reminded his hearers of the uses to which the bells would be put; the call to public worship, the peal of praise and thanksgiving on the great festivals of the Church or occasions of national rejoicing, and lastly, the solemn muffled peal with its lessons and warnings.

Immediately after the service the bells were raised by

the Midsomer Norton members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and kept going in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob till 10 p.m., the longest length being 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.

During the evening some rounds were creditably struck by some of the local men, who are rapidly qualifying for performing members of the Association, having shown considerable aptitude in Grandsire on handbells under the guidance of their Norton friends since February last.

The peal is of very sweet and clear tone, and the "go" is perfect, the whole of the work reflecting the greatest credit on Mr. J. Sully. The ringers were most hospitably entertained by Mr. Churchwarden A. Cox, who tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Association visitors for their help.

Mr. C. H. Shearn, in responding, said the Norton Guild felt it a very great privilege to be present. He hoped the local men would not only be proficient change-ringers, but be loyal to the main principle of the Bath and Wells Association, by making Sunday service ringing their most regular feature.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of this society was held on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church, Cannock, members mustering up at about 4 o'clock from West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Darlaston, Norton Canes, Cannock and Walsall. During the afternoon some tonches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, and a very helpful address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Kempson. At a committee meeting held afterwards in the vestry, some ratifications took place. The Vicar was unanimously elected a honorary member of the Society. The Clerical Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. W. Wilkes), intimated with regret that owing to his health having failed of late, through over-pressure of work, he would be compelled to resign his office at the annual meeting, which is fixed to be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 24th.

Tea was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by all present at the Coffee House, opposite the church, when a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting, who in acknowledging the same said that he was very pleased for having been elected an honorary member. The bells were not going so well as they might, but he hoped before the time came round for the Society to visit Cannock again, he would be able to get two more bells added to the number already in the tower, or at least get the present peal put into good ringing order.

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## CADBURY, DEVON.—JUBILEE OF THE VICAR.

"To the glory of God and in commemoration of the Jubilee of FREDERICK JOHN COLERIDGE, M.A., as Vicar of Cadbury 1855-1905. The Treble Bell was given by his Parishioners and friends, May 10th, 1905.

"For fifty years the faithful pastor trod  
The village byeways and the House of God:  
In one the Master's Holy Lessons taught,  
And to the other His example brought."

The above copy of an inscription on a brass tablet in the tower of the parish church of Cadbury speaks for itself. It is not given to many parish priests to spend fifty years of active service in the same parish; in this case parishioners and friends, with an unanimity rarely seen, determined to mark a notable event in the parochial annals, by adding a new treble to make a ring of six. Money soon flowed in—not a single parishioner in a poor and remote parish of 787 souls, wholly agricultural, and possessing neither village shop nor public house, failing to contribute according to their means. The order was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast a lovely treble of 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs., with suitable inscription composed by the Bishop of Marlborough, Dean of Exeter, a life-long friend of the Vicar's, he being also responsible for the wording of the brass tablet. The bell was hung by Stokes, of Woodbury, who had added another treble in 1876, the gift of the Rev. F. J. and Mrs. Coleridge; and two years previously had rehung the old four bells in a new frame. Needless to add, the work, a very difficult one owing to space, has been carried out to the complete satisfaction of those competent to pass judgment as practical ringers. The four older bells have been also tuned under the superintendence of Mr. A. Hughes.

The Dedication Service was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on May 10th, the actual date of the institution of the Vicar fifty years before. The Bishop of Crediton, accompanied by the Bishop of Marlborough, the rural dean, and the Vicar, alone among the surpliced clergy present proceeded to the belfry, where the new bell was dedicated, after which she was raised by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks., eldest son of the Vicar, assisted by Master Hugh Cann, aged eight years, the only grandson; after which the parish ringers rang a short peal, during which the clergy and bishops returned to the chancel. A striking sermon was preached by the Bishop of Marlborough to a congregation which more than filled the church. At the conclusion of the service several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung by a mixed band of the Devonshire Guild, the president, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, Vicar and squire of Kelly, taking part. Ringers from Thorverton, Exeter, and Tiverton were present and gave a good account of themselves up to a late hour, in the first change-ringing ever heard in Cadbury. At four p.m. all the subscribers and friends, about 300 in all, were invited to tea in the vicarage grounds, where a veritable surprise was in store. Chas. Fursdon, esq., of Fursdon, in the name of all, asked the Vicar's acceptance of a beautifully-illuminated and framed address, accompanied by a massive silver salver, with crest and inscription, while to Mrs. Coleridge, his helpmeet for over forty-eight years, a silver fruit-basket with inscription was presented by Miss Lucy Fursdon, this being followed by an enormous bouquet of choice exotics presented by the little daughter of one of the ringers. The reply of the Vicar will be of no interest to those who are not parishioners: it is enough to record the really marvellous exhibition of good will which the occasion evinced. Every parishioner was present, and in addition, several old parishioners who had in many cases travelled long distances: these all, in addition to numerous friends and relatives, were fervent in congratulations on the occasion which had drawn them together, and enabled them to show tokens of love and regard towards him who for fifty years had "gone in and out amongst them."

It is hoped that with the assistance of the Thorverton ringers, headed by Mr. J. Ridley, the science of change-ringing will be taught the parish ringers, and the Cadbury tower added to those in union with the Devonshire Guild.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The last quarterly meeting of the above branch for the current year was held at Sherborne on Saturday, April 29th, when representatives from the following towers were present: Wyke Regis, Long Burton, Leigh, Compton, Bradford Abbas and Sherborne. Ringing commenced in the Abbey tower at 3 p.m., which was followed by tea at 5. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Lyon, supported by the Secretary of the branch, the Rev. Jenkins, of Leigh.

After tea, the Secretary, in bringing forward the business of the meeting, alluded to the recent peal on the Abbey bells, and added it went to disprove the unfounded reports which had been circulated in the diocese that the bells were unringable, the verdict of the ringers being that the go of the bells were excellent. The following resolution was then put and carried with acclamation: "That this meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild offers its hearty congratulations to their brother-members of the Guild who succeeded in scoring the first peal on the Sherborne Abbey bells, after so many unsuccessful attempts by members of other guilds." Also congratulations to the Dorchester ringers on scoring their first peal with an entirely local band.

Other business consisted of the election of the retiring officers and committee *en bloc* for the ensuing year, with the addition on the branch committee of Mr. G. F. Frampton to represent Sherborne.

On the proposition of Mr. Frampton, seconded by Mr. S. Hunt, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis (subject to the consent of the Vicar) on Monday, August 7th.

The Secretary having moved a hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers for their kind hospitality, the concluding business was a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, which was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was only too pleased to welcome the ringers to his parish, and hoped they would realise the great cause in which they were helping.

Service next followed in the grand old Abbey Church, the service being read by the Rev. Jenkins, and an excellent address given by the Vicar on the duties and responsibilities of ringers.

After service the bells were kept going by the visiting bands until 8.30, and thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering.

## EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

The second annual meeting of the above was held at The Swan, Catherine Street. The report of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Davey) showed that the Club continued to make steady progress. No less than twenty-seven towers had been visited during the twelve months. In all of them there was change-ringing, and in many instances it had not been previously introduced. The members had rang two peals, one at Honiton Clyst, and the other at Broadclyst, the latter being the first on the bells. Three quarter-peals had been also rung. The accounts showed a small balance in hand. The report was adopted, and officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Hon. Secretary was warmly thanked for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties, and Mr. Richards' kindness in providing a meeting room was also cordially acknowledged. Mr. Davey presented an illuminated record of the peal at Honiton Clyst for the headquarters. August 5, 6, and 7 were the dates selected for the annual tour.

On a recent Saturday afternoon the Club had the great satisfaction of recording another peal, making the third in its history. The bells of Thorverton parish church were kindly placed at the disposal of the club by the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Bazeley, and a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round, particulars of which have already appeared.

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CANTERBURY BOB. WINDSOR BOB. EXETER BOB.

CANTERBURY BOB.	WINDSOR BOB.	EXETER BOB.
123456	123456	123456
213465	214365	214365
124356	124356	124356
214536	213465	213465
241563	231645	231456
425136	326154	324165
421563	321645	321456
245136	236154	234165
425316	326514	243615
452361	235641	426351
543216	325614	462315
534261	236541	643251
354621	263451	462351
345612	624315	643215
436521	264351	634251
463512	623415	362415
643152	263145	326145
461325	621354	231654
463152	623145	236145
641325	261354	321654
614352	216534	312645
164532	125643	136254
615423	215634	316245
165432	126543	132654

P 156342 L P 162534 L P 136245 L  
B 156423 L B 162453 L B 123645 L

SALISBURY BOB. BEN. ANNABLE. H. D.

SALISBURY BOB.	BEN. ANNABLE.	H. D.
123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365
124635	124635	124635
216453	216453	216453
261435	261543	261435
624153	625134	624153
621435	621543	621435
264153	265134	264153
246513	256314	624513
425631	523641	265431
426513	253614	256413
245631	526341	524631
426531	562431	542361
245613	654213	453216
246531	564231	435261
425613	652413	342516
452163	625143	432156
541236	261534	341265
542163	265143	342156
451236	621534	431265
415263	612354	413256
142536	163245	142365
412356	613425	412635
143265	164352	146253

P 134625 L P 146532 L P 164523 L  
B 134256 L B 146325 L B 164235 L

The two following methods have partly dodging and partly walking or place-making. The latter is a double method :—

LEICESTER BOB.

H. D.

LEICESTER BOB.	H. D.
123456	123456
214365	213465
124635	124356
216453	214365
261435	241635
621345	421653
263154	246135
236145	426153
326415	462513
362451	642531
634215	465213
643251	645231
463521	462531
436512	642513
345621	465231
354612	645213
534162	654123
543126	564132
451362	651423
541632	561432
514623	516342
156432	156324
516342	513642
153624	153624

P 135264 L P 156342 L  
B 135642 L B 135642 L

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H DAINS.

## 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."

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND TUBULAR BELLS.

SIR,—I quite agree with the strictures on so-called "tubular bells" which were made at the annual meeting of the S.D.R.G. of Wareham. In fact I should prefer a single bell of the legitimate kind to a set of these instruments. But I cannot understand the astounding statement that "a complete ring of eight (bells) can be hung for £100—a less cost than the others, and occupying less room, while they give the real bell tone." To begin with it is obvious that a peal of bells, hung for ringing, must occupy at least three or four times as much space as a set of tubes hung in a row on a horse. As to cost, a peal of eight with a tenor of only 12 cwt. would cost at least double the amount to hang, independent of the price of the bells themselves, which would average from say £350 to £400, according to the current price of metal. Perhaps the person who made this extraordinary assertion will explain it. J. R. JERRAM.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

SIR,—I beg to inform those members of the Midland Counties Association that took part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Quorndon on Tuesday in Easter week that the first peal of Stedman on the bells was Heywood's arrangement of Thurstans's Original, rung by the Loughborough branch, and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun., on Saturday, November 7th, 1891. The footnote to the peal of April 25th, 1905, in your issue of May 6th is therefore incorrect. F. G. BURLEIGH.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 23rd. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which confers the right of voting on matters of finance, is now due.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Westerham, to-day, Sat., May 20th. Tower open at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.  
W. LATTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Otley to-day, Sat., May 20th. Local Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. Clark, 121, Bradford Road, Otley. For full particulars of the day's arrangements see Association circular.  
J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*  
21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A District Meeting of this division will be held at Wenden (Audley End station G.E.R.) to-day, Sat., May 20th. Tower bells available at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the school room at 5 p.m. The bells of Saffron Walden will be available after 6 p.m. to members and friends attending.  
N. J. FITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Walmer to-day, Sat., May 20th. The towers of St. Mary's, Walmer (8 bells), and St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6 bells), will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Station hotel. Business meeting afterwards. Half travelling expenses not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members attending.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham to-day, Sat., May 20th. Tower open at 4 p.m. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.  
A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Notice is hereby given that a periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., May 20th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Battersea Square, Battersea, S.W. The bells will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Raven inn, Battersea Square, at 8 p.m. It is hoped as many as can make it convenient will endeavour to attend.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing to-day, Sat., May 20th. Meat tea, 1s. each. Those intending to be present must give three days' notice.  
E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available at 4. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those that notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th. The monthly practice will

be held at St. Thomas's, Dudley, on Monday, June 5th, at 7.45 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. for those who inform me by Thursday, May 25th, and have paid subscriptions for 1905.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.  
J. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
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Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Cheap tickets arranged for by 2.20 train, from Shrewsbury.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 27th, at St. Michael's, Headingley. Bells (8), available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Oak inn. Place for June meeting will be decided at this meeting. No invitations have yet been received.  
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. There will be an election of Central Council Representatives. Nominations of candidates must be signed by two members, and forwarded to the Secretary a fortnight before the meeting.  
FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Heene Branch.—All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.  
K. STANDING,  
15, Tarring Road, Worthing, Sussex.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1905.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at St. Andrew's Church House in Canterbury on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 13th, 1905. The Council will meet at 11 o'clock in the morning, the meeting of the Standing Committee being held previously in the same room at 9.45. At the moment of writing there are still eight Associations from which no subscriptions have been received. I earnestly request that these may be remitted forthwith. Defaulters will be named next week. The rights of representatives are in abeyance until payment has been made. One Society owes for last as well as for this year.

By kind invitation of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, there will be a

social gathering of members from 9 till 11 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall in Orange Street.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Goring on Saturday, April 29th. The bells were started after 3 o'clock, and were rung at intervals till 5 o'clock, the methods practised being Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar at the school-room, the waiting arrangements and decorations being kindly undertaken by Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Evans, and among the table decorations was a complete model of a church bell. The company present were the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Leefe), Messrs. Williams and Evans, Mr. Churchwarden Brown (Bosham), and representatives from Arunel, Angmering, Brighton, Bosham, Heene, Goring and Lyminster, numbering twenty-six. Tea over, the usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary said he had great pleasure in proposing the election of the West Tarring band as members of the Association, and as they should then have three towers closely situated, he hoped they might be able to help each other. Additional members were also elected to the Arundel and Heene branches. On the proposition of Mr. Lindup, it was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at West Tarring, the bells and ropes being in good order.

Mr. Merritt proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea and granting the use of the bells, and alluded to the very kind way in which the ringers were treated by the clergy of the diocese. The chairman suitably responded, and said he was very pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Goring. A short service and an address was held at 6 o'clock, after which the tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.30, which ended a very pleasant meeting.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 7.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lbs.

GEORGE H. BARBER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

### "THOMAS" PEAL.

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

*On Sunday, May 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5086 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 8.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS T. GOFTON, and  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th. It is the first peal in the method on ten bells by a band of the same Christian name.

### The Provinces.

#### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Tuesday, May 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CECIL T. H. BOXWELL .. Treble.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 4.	JOSIAH STEPHENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

#### LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES ROOKWOOD .. Treble.	† ALFRED KING .. .. 5.
JOHN MALYAN* .. .. 2.	FREDERIC BONNER .. 6.
BERT WILSON† .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITEBREAD .. 7.
RICHARD CHALKLEY† .. 4.	HARRY SHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

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

#### NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES ROBERTSON .. Treble.	THOS. W. O. BROADBENT 4.
JOSEPH SYMM .. .. 2.	EDWARD LOWRY .. .. 5.
HAROLD WHITE .. .. 3.	JAMES SYMM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SYMM.

First 5000 by all the above and the first on the bells. They are all service ringers at the church.

#### TUNSTALL, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, one of Woodbine, 360 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight and Plain Bob.

FRED CUTTING .. .. Treble.	HENRY PUTTOCK .. .. 4.
JAMES DANIELS .. .. 2.	ALDERMAN LING .. .. 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. WISKENS .. 5.
ERNEST V. POPPY .. .. 2.	JAMES BASON .. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SALTER .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rang with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. George Day, of Eye.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. .. Treble.	HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	HARRY THOMPSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.	FENTON G. THOMPSON .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

†First peal in the method.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, May 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 2.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Reference elsewhere.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

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

FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. .. 4.	FRED LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. L. Amphlett who is leaving the town.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method. Rung on the second anniversary of the 14,112 of London Surprise.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY .. .. Treble.	EDGAR H. HAXLEY .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROBERTS .. .. 7.
FRED HOPPER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ERNEST GALE, and Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Three Hours One and ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 7.
JOHN ALLEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of James Tann. First peal in the method by Alfred Smith. This is E. Borrett's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

HARRY J. BAGSHOT .. Treble.	ARTHUR N. WOOFF .. .. 5.
REGINALD O. STREET .. 2.	ALBERT BEST .. .. 6.
TOM F. BEST .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. 4.	BERT KERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal, age 15. Rung as a welcome home to Heron Court of Lord and Lady Malmesbury from their honeymoon.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REV. H. L. JAMES .. Treble.	JOHN CURRY .. .. 5.
JOHN T. BROWN .. .. 2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	WILLIAM JARVIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE LADD .. .. 4.	C. WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by C. W. SMITH.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.



**MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

CHARLES MOULDEN* .. Treble.	JAMES AVERY .. .. . 5.
MARY CHILLINGWORTH† .. 2.	JOHN SWAIN .. .. . 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. . 3.	CHARLES GILES .. .. . 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 4.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

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

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BRESTON .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. . 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. . 5.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. . 2.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. . 6.
WALTER BARRETT .. .. . 3.	JAMES BETTS .. .. . 7.
WALTER MOBBS .. .. . 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

**MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.****THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	F. HALL .. .. . 5.
E. SHAW .. .. . 2.	J. PRIESTLEY .. .. . 6.
J. GODDARD .. .. . 3.	J. SCHOFIELD .. .. . 7.
SAM STOTT .. .. . 4.	C. H. MARSLAND .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

**CATTERICK, YORKS.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
MAURICE B. DALBY* .. 2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 6.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. . 3.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 7.
THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 4.	† WILLIAM HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal. This is J. Baxter's fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

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**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDGAR BAILEY .. .. Treble.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 5.
CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 2.	*CHARLES WHITING .. .. 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. 7.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 4.	†CHARLES F. BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

**LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT HUTTON .. Treble.	FREDERICK HOUSEGO .. 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. 2.	WALTER CHANDLER .. 5.
GEORGE SMITH, JUN. .. 3.	ROBERT BARNES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

First peal on the bells.

**ALWALTON, HUNTS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being twelve 6-scores of Canterbury, ten 6-scores of Grandsire, and twenty 6-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL .. Treble.	ERNEST G. BAKER .. .. 4.
GEORGE BURNHAM* .. 2.	FREDERICK J. BARHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

First peal. \*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

**ISLIP, NORTHANTS.****THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

DANIEL REDHEAD .. Treble.	*FREDERICK STURMUN .. 4.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 2.	JAMES M. NICKERSON .. 5.
GEORGE LINES .. .. . 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

**BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.****THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS GRANT .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
HAROLD GREENE* .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
RICHARD LYNCH* .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 4.	*JOHN W. NOBETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 15, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER Treble.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 5.
JOHN COOPER .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CATTELL .. 6.
BERT HORTON .. .. 3.	JAMES TYLER .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WALLATER† .. 4.	JOHN MALPASS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

B. Horton was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

EDWARD GOSS* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
AMOS CLARK† .. .. 2.	HENRY BROOKER .. .. 6.
CYRIL F. JOHNSTON* .. 3.	EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM HILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DR. CARPENTER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of the ringer of the 3rd, son of Councilor A. A. Johnston, of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, Bellfounders, of Croydon.

Handbell Peals.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CHINERY, WESTGATE STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 3-4.	*JAMES CHINERY .. .. 7-8.

Composed by J. Wilson, and Conducted by JAMES CHINERY.

Umpire—B. Dehenham. \*First peal of Major as conductor. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chinery.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. MOORE .. .. 3-4.	ROBERT MOORE, SEN. .. 7-8.

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Umpires—Messrs. Turner and Chinery. This is the first peal in the method by father and three sons. Rang as a birthday compliment to R. Moore.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The number of changes in the peal of Bob Major rung at Taunton was 5024; and the name of the ringer of the 5th is G. W. Challice not Challen.—The peal of Bob Major on April 25th, reported as rung at Holy Trinity, Nottingham, was rung at Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham. The calling is in the Collection of Peals, Section II., No. 115, not page 115.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Easter Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. A. Peacock, T. Saiginson, H. Parrish, G. Handley, H. Pauli, R. Burrows. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by the Guild,

and first by all except the 5th and tenor men. On Sunday, April 30, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Peacock, T. Saiginson, H. Parrish, G. Handley, H. Jones, R. Burrows conductor.

KIRBY MALZEARD (Yorks).—On a recent Thursday, 360 Plain Bob. W. Sykes, G. Handley, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli. Also at Masham the same day 336 Bob Major.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Monday, April 24th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. H. Springall conductor, Y. Green, R. Turner, J. Jones, J. Scholes, S. Parmenter, E. Hall, G. Barrell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. A. Kitcat, Rector. The Rector met the band on leaving the tower, and expressed his regret at the loss of the peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, at St. Peter's church, 352 Bob Major. H. T. Pye, G. Burch, W. Green, F. G. Manning, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. T. Pye, F. G. Manning, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. On Easter Monday, 1008 Bob Major. G. Burch, H. T. Pye, W. Honeywood, F. G. Manning, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield. Also two touches of 576, with W. Green, 3; the rest as before. And 704 Kent and 576 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Burch, H. T. Pye, W. Green, F. G. Manning, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 30th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, J. T. Barker, J. Luckey, G. Jordan. W. Watts conductor, G. Greenhill. Also 168 Stedman Triples, T. J. Watts, the rest as before.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 2nd, at the church of St. Magnus the Martyr, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. T. L. Simmons, T. H. Taffender conductor, T. Faulkner, T. Langdon, T. H. Colburn, T. Newman, T. Card, T. Lincoln, T. Groombridge, T. Langdon.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Everson, F. J. French conductor, J. Wheadon, R. Morgan, W. B. Rose, H. Simmons, R. Brett, F. Barker. Rung as a welcome home to William B. Rose, he having landed in England on April 26th from a long term of foreign service, and this is his first touch since 1892.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine Service at St. Wilfred's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Wheeler, J. Ashworth, A. Kinsey, W. West, S. Horsfall, J. Hughes, F. T. Spence conductor, W. Leigh.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. A. Beecham, E. H. Cooper, T. Gibbs conductor, H. Grosvenor, H. Pratt, G. Hitchman conductor, H. Letts, W. H. Keys. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hayes.

LONDON.—On Friday, May 12th, at St. James's church, Islington, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. May, H. Bottril, C. Potheary, R. Charge, W. Bennett, H. F. Hull conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late H. Stubbs, a member of this company, whose interment took place the previous day.

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On Easter Monday last, the ringers of St. Matthew's church, Harwell, and others from Abingdon and Blewbury, were entertained to a very enjoyable tea in the schoolroom, given by Mrs. Rice.

During the whole afternoon the fine ring of six bells were kept going in various touches. A 720 was attempted, but it was found impossible to keep the back bells going properly, owing to the rough go and long draught. It is hoped that this year a ringing-chamber will be built closer to the bells.

Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were struck well. At 5 p.m. the ringers adjourned to tea, after which handbell ringing was resorted to, Grandsire Minor and Triples being rung, a lady ringing 7-8 in the Triples. Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CATTERICK.—J. Baxter's 50 peals.—Stedman Caters, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 22, conducted 11; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major 6, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 3; Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 2. Total 50, conducted 16. Rung in thirteen towers, under sixteen conductors.

THE PEAL AT EALING.—This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung to commemorate the redecoration of the church. The ringers, who represented nearly every ringing society in the kingdom, tender their best thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Templeton King, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and entertaining them to a substantial supper after the peal. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed and ably responded to, the proceedings terminated.

THE PEAL AT PULHAM.—E. Borrett's 100 peals. Bob Major, 3; Grandsire Triples, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 28, conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 8, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 19, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 12; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 4; Superlative Surprise, 15; New Cambridge Surprise, 3; London Surprise, 1; total 100.

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## OLD RINGING BOOKS—(continued from p. 124)

The two following methods have been sent me from Sheffield, in reply to my statement *re* a double Treble Bob method, and although not good musical examples of method they are double ones; but as they are of the Surprise class they do nothing to prove the truth or otherwise of my statement. So you see, Mr. Editor, your readers have not yet grasped the situation or problem, and so the method published in your issue of October 29th, 1904, as the nearest approach, will I think still stand, and it should be understood that Treble Bob method is not a Surprise, and a Surprise method is not strictly speaking Treble Bob.

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235461	263451
325416	236415
234561	324651
243651	342561
426315	435216
246351	453261
423615	542316
243165	452136
421356	451263
423165	542136
241356	451236
214356	415263
123465	142536
213456	412356
124365	143265

P 142635 L  
B 142356 L

P 134625 L  
B 134256 L

In my last letter I said I had not traced London Surprise back beyond Annable's note book, and I may further say I do not find it there. It is mentioned and some touches given by lead ends and bob changes. London Surprise Minor is given, and a note says it is very much like the Major. I mention this to show that London Surprise Major is not so old a method as some others. The same may be said of Cambridge almost. Cambridge Minor is given by Annable, and a version of the Major. Your readers next week will see by the lead that it is not like the Major in Standard Methods, *The Clavis*, or *Shipway*; in fact it is almost or quite a different one. It does not hold up to Bob Major lead-ends. One wonders when did the alteration take place. It really seems these methods were first published in *The Clavis* in 1788.

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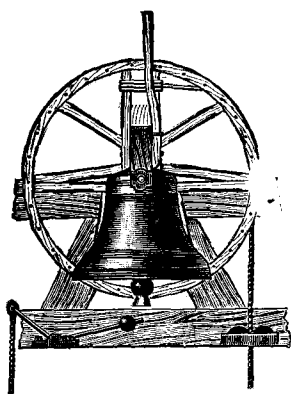
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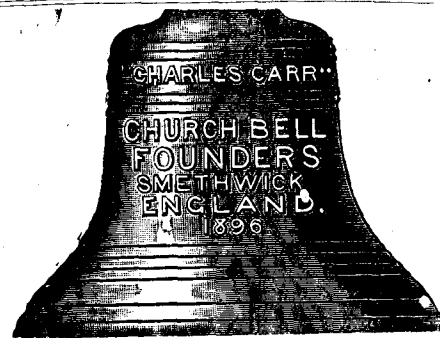
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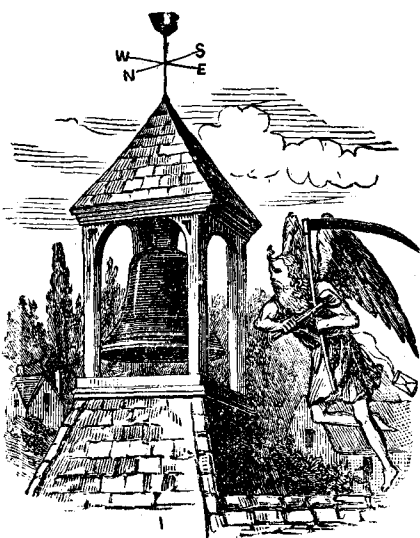
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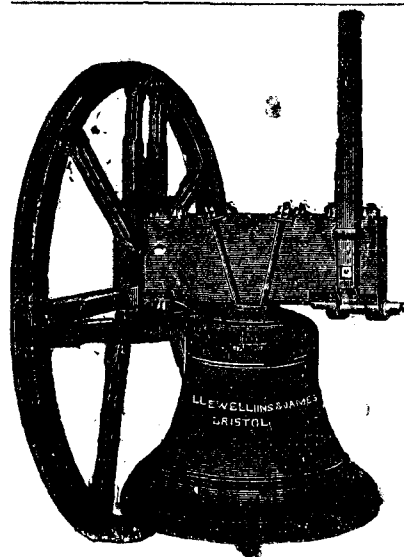
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WOKINGHAM (Berks.) St. Paul. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Warner 1864. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner 1886. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: irregular, 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

All Saints. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 7th and tenor by Knight, 1704; 3rd and 6th by Mears, 1814; the rest by the same 1903. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Webb 1903. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8. Visitors always welcome.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire). St. Margaret. Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Eight bells; treble, 5th and tenor by Mears 1884; the rest by Randall 1714. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Mears 1884. Repairs are done as required. Ropes fair. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8, from Michaelmas to Whitsuntide.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Staffordshire). St. Luke. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells; all by Barwell 1897. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing for evening service. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

St. Peter. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Ten bells; the two trebles by Mears 1827; the rest by Rudhall 1698. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1889. There are also a clock bell, 36 cwt., by Bagley, 1740, and a small Sanctus bell dated 1637. It is proposed to increase the ring to twelve. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 2nd and 4th in month, 10 to 11, and every Sunday evening 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8. Saturday, 2 to 7 for peals.

## ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK; AND GEOFFREY CHAUCER.

It will be sufficient for us to start with the Romans, though there were inhabitants of what we call London long before the Romans came. When the Romans did come, however, they found London useful, not as a camp like Colchester, nor as a city like St. Albans, but because between London and Southwark runs the narrowest stream of the Thames below Battersea. Hence it was the most convenient site for a bridge for military purposes and for the accommodation of travellers having occasion to journey from the northern and midland parts of what is now England to the southern counties, and to pass from the southern shores to the European continent. Accordingly the Romans built a wooden bridge, and either that or its successor was burnt by the Danes in Saxon times. Ultimately what is known in our day as "Old London Bridge" was built from the plans of a secular priest named Peter of Colechurch, between the years 1176 and 1209, and this, with many repairs and strengthening works, lasted till the year 1831, when the present London bridge was opened; and until the year 1750, when Westminster bridge was constructed and opened for traffic, the old bridge was the only one on the Thames in what we now call the metropolitan area.

It was the existence of this bridge which gave importance to Southwark. The highways to Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire branched off from it. This fact has still an effect, for it has caused Southwark to this day to be the head quarters of the London hop trade. Prior to the days of railways, from early times Southwark was noted for the number of its inns for the accommodation of travellers to and from the parts of the country I have mentioned. We find many names to-day of yards, inns, and public houses in the Borough High Street which recall this: The White Hart, The George, The Tabard, The Spur, The Blue-eyed Maid, and others. Chaucer, in his "Canterbury Tales," makes himself and his fellow-pilgrims to the shrine of Becket in that cathedral to meet by chance at "The Tabard," whence they journey on together into Kent; and Dickens sends Pickwick, Wardle, and Perker to these Southwark inns to look for the runaway couple, Jingle and Rachel, as the natural place where people from Kent would be found; and there, at The White Hart, we are introduced to Sam Weller. These old places have been much altered in late years, the best specimen left being The George, where some of the galleries and the coffee room remain as in the old coaching days.

It was natural that our forefathers should provide a religious establishment in so important a place, and they did so. Originally a House of Sisters was founded, which was subsequently reorganised and became a male monastery of the Augustinian order. It was known as St. Mary Overy—which may be said to mean the Church of St. Mary by the river side, and by this title the church was known until the Reformation era, since when it has been called St. Saviour's.

A brief account of this church is a very easy thing to

compile, owing to the admirable book on the subject written by Canon Thompson. The church is cruciform, and including the walls and buttresses is nearly 300 feet long, and about 130 feet broad at the crossing of the transepts. The tower is 35 feet square, and to the top of the pinnacles 163 feet high. There is a Lady Chapel, now used for parochial purposes, at the rear of the choir.

The nave was originally a Norman structure, but went through various modifications till 1838, when it was pulled down to make room for a modern building, which it is gross flattery to describe as disgusting. I do not remember ever to have been inside a building which struck me as being so appallingly mean. Fortunately however, it has now disappeared, having given way to the present edifice erected from the designs of Sir Arthur Blomfield. There are still some mediæval fragments preserved in the modern work. Roughly speaking the Choir and Lady Chapel belong to the 13th century, the tower and transepts to the 14th, and the fine Altar Screen to the early part of the 16th century.

The bells of St. Saviour's have long been celebrated. Those in the tower at the surrender of the monasteries, with some others seized for the use of Henry VIII., were purchased by the parishioners, and ultimately were, with the addition of 64 cwt. of new metal, recast into a ring of twelve by Knight of Reading in the year 1735. The tenor weighs 51 cwt., the 10th and 11th have since been recast at Whitechapel.

Of the many peals rung at St. Saviour's, the most interesting are those of Treble Bob Maximus, the 5040 rung by the College Youths on March 12th, 1758; the 5136 by the Cumberlands on November 10th, 1766; the 6000 by the College Youths on April 1st, 1777; the 7008 by the College Youths on March 10th, 1784; and the 7104 by the Cumberlands on March 22nd, 1802. Of these latter peals Mr. Jasper Snowdon in his *Treatise on Treble Bob* says;

"Certainly the above-mentioned performances are wonderful instances of physical prowess, and although greater lengths have since been rung on twelve bells, yet as they have been accomplished on very much lighter tenors, it can hardly be said that any one of them can compare with the 7000s rung at Southwark."

These performances with some others are commemorated by tablets in the ringing-chamber.

The 8008 Grandsire Cinques rung by the College Youths on December 15th, 1735, and the 5112 Grandsire Maximus by the Cumberlands on May 7th, 1792, are very interesting in their way. The tenor in the former was rung triple-handed, in the latter, single-handed.

To tell of all the famous people connected with St. Saviour's, is quite outside both my limit and capacity. In one way or another we find such different personalities as Bishop Andrewes, John Harvard, the founder of the American University bearing his name, and Lockyer, a person who made pills, amongst their number. A very interesting group is that of the early dramatists connected with the Bankside Theatres. The Globe Theatre, so intimately connected with Shakespeare, stood upon a site now included in Barclay and Perkins's brewery, and the great dramatist's brother, Edmond, was buried in St. Saviour's in 1607; Alleyn, also an actor, and founder of Dulwich College was a benefactor of the parish, and the dramatic poets, John Fletcher and Philip Massinger were here interred.

John Bunyan, that veteran member of the Exercise, used to preach in the parish, and is now commemorated

by a window; Dr. Johnson by his friendship with the Thrales belongs in a sense to the parish; and so, by being buried in a Nonconformist burial-ground, does Alexander Cruden, a remarkable person of the eighteenth century, who went off his head because he could not secure the girl he was courting, and afterwards divided his time in the main between fits of madness and compiling a concordance of the Bible.

But we must not forget John Gower, a friend of Chaucer and a fellow-poet, whose tomb bearing his effigy is still to be seen in the north aisle of the nave. As a figure in Early English literature he commands our interest, though I understand that competent critics do not rank him very highly. Chaucer, however, is a name that will never die. Geoffrey Chaucer was born about 1340, and died in 1400. His family was connected with Ipswich, but he was according to the best authorities born in London, and partly in this way and partly in his journeys as a warrior and diplomatist, he must have been thoroughly acquainted with Southwark. But it is not in either of these capacities, but as a poet that his name remains to us as a household word, and Mr. Forse, in his communications to "THE BELL NEWS" of January 21st last, has connected him with ringing. The lines in the prologue to the Reeve's tale run;—

"The sely tongue may wel ring and chimbe  
Of wretchedness that passed is ful yore."

It is certainly of extreme interest to find that the words "ring" and "chime" are upwards of 600 years old; and looking at the context in which they occur, I take them to be used by Chaucer to express metaphorically the pleasure old people experience in recounting the past. He has made the Reeve to speak of himself as old; to remind his auditors that though the time comes when men's activities are perforce reduced, yet, mirth remains to gladden their declining years, and so he leads up to the lines I have quoted.

And how true the sentiment is! The word "sely" has several meanings, but in this place I take it to mean "happy." Who has not known old people whose tongues may be said to "ring and chime" in talking of the past? And of all past experiences none seem to give them more pleasurable subject of discourse than those which at the time were causes of pain, anxiety and distress, which have done their work, perhaps, in elevating and softening the character, and of which the sting has long been drawn.

R. A. DANIELL.

#### CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

DEDICATION AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 10th, the Lord Bishop of Reading attended a special service for the purpose of dedicating the new treble bell and the work of restoration which has added so much to improve the character of this ancient edifice. While the large congregation was assembling for the special service, the Emberton ringers conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, which clearly demonstrated the advantage of the recent introduction.

Punctually at 3 p.m. the procession of robed clergy and the Bishop left the rectory, and the 84th Psalm was recited as they passed through the churchyard. The service was evensong with special hymns. The first lesson was read by the Rev. S. H. Smith, Vicar of Olney, and the second by the Rural Dean (Rev. G. F. Sams), Rector

of Emberton. The Bishop after preaching a very helpful and practical sermon on the deepening of spiritual life, proceeded to the entrance to the tower, preceded by the Rector (Rev. C. W. Fullmer), and the Bishop's chaplain bearing the pastoral staff. Here the people's warden (Mr. W. R. Scorer) requested his lordship to dedicate the new bell and the other work of restoration. The Bishop then solemnly dedicated the bell, using the special service set apart for this purpose.

After tea the bells were rung, and some friends arrived from Olney, and several short touches of Plain Bob Minor were rung with them. The new treble and rehanging of the bells is the work of Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, Ipswich, and the "go" of them is excellent.

#### NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Retford on Saturday, May 6th. First of all the business meeting was convened in the West Retford schoolroom under the presidency of Canon Gray, the Rector, a warm friend of the Association to whom we are greatly indebted. There was the usual election, or re-election of officers for the ensuing year, and the Secretary's report and financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1904, was presented. The dark side of the report was the announcement of the defection of one of the towers in the Association, one that had been an "original member," if one can so speak of a tower. It is often the case that ringing companies are kept alive by the zeal and energy of some one individual, and if that person dies or leaves the fire of enthusiasm dies away. So it has been with Blyth tower, the defaulter; so long as Mr. R. Beeston lived there his ardour and perseverance kept change-ringing well up to the mark, but when he left the village the Exercise fell into a rapid decline, and is now defunct. The brighter side of the report showed an improvement in the work of the society as a whole, both as to quantity and quality of the performances of the past year; whilst the balance-sheet displayed a sum of £11 on the credit side. The total membership of the Association consisted of ten towers, with 121 performing and 17 honorary members, and three new members were elected to day.

Divine Service was conducted in West Retford church immediately after the meeting by Canon Gray and the Rev. E. Taylor, the preacher being the Rev. G. Nicholson, Vicar of Walesby, who preached an excellent sermon on Psalm xix. 3. It was much above the average of sermons delivered on such occasions, and would have pleased "Plain Speaker" and the Editor and his staff, for the preacher never said a word about—we leave them to guess what it was that he did not mention.

After service came the tea, with a larger congregation than at the service. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be." Then after tea the three towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall, adjoining, were open for ringing; the bands were, as usual at these meetings, mixed bands, and so was for most part the ringing. D.

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

#### FALSE PERFORMANCE.

SIR,—The composition of one of the 720s rung in the seven-method performance at St. Mary Key, Ipswich, on the 6th of this month, and published in your issue of the 13th, is false, and I must ask the band to withdraw all claim to it as a peal. I should have contradicted the truth of the peal last week, but felt quite assured the conductor would have done so.

W. BILLENNESS.

#### SMALL RINGS.

SIR,—I was responsible for supplying the information incorporated in the annual report of the East Dorset branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, to which Mr. Jerram takes exception.

It is now a few years since I saw at the founders a ring of twelve bells in beautiful tune, and sounding much better and clearer than any tubular bells; out of which ring they told me that they could hang eight ready for chiming, for certainly not more than £100. It was clear from the report that I was not referring to bells hung for ringing; and as they would be hung outside a wall, with levers or cords inside, they would take up no room at all.

Of course it would be much better to build a tower and have bells hung to ring, but I think such a small peal far preferable, either to tubular bells, or to the single bell Mr. Jerram desiderates; the latter I condemn utterly, as leading to more prejudice against bells than anything else.

As most of your readers will know, it was impossible to tune such small bells so as to make even a passable ring before the late Canon Simpson made his discoveries; and it is only such founders as carry on his work who can cast small rings which are any pleasure to listen to.

H. DRAKE.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. Soon after 10 a.m. members began to arrive in the city and made their way to St. Helen's church, and very soon a good number assembled. Amid the usual greetings the pleasant news was announced that All Saints' tower (ten bells) through the kindness of the rev. Rector would be open for ringing, and the members gladly availed themselves of his kind offer. At 1.30 service was held at the church of St. Nicholas, where prayers were read by the Rector, and an address given by the Rev. Canon Teignmouth Shore.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter-House of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. the Dean (Dr. Forrest) presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Revs. R. Male (Vicar of Wychbold) and the Rev. G. Williams (Rector of St. Nicholas, Worcester) were elected hon. members, and the Rev. E. W. Poynter a life member; several performing members were also elected. The president (the Dean) and the whole of the clerical and lay vice-presidents were re-elected, as also the treasurer. The Master (Mr. Spittle) and the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Smith) having retired after many years' service, Mr. Salter (of Kidderminster) and Mr. J. Newman (of Worcester) were elected respectively in their room. The retiring officers were cordially thanked for their past services. The newly-elected Master was elected to serve on the Central Council. It was unanimously resolved that the next meeting be held in June at Bromsgrove. It was also arranged that W. Page (Hallow) conduct a peal at Hartlebury during the quarter.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean for so ably presiding, the Chapter for the use of the chapter-house and the cathedral bells, Canon Shore for his address, and the Rev. A. H. Phelps for making such admirable arrangements. The various rings of bells in the city were kept fairly well on the go during the day, and thanks are due to the several Rectors who gave permission.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

In response to an invitation from the North Wingfield company, a special meeting was held at that place on Easter Monday. Fine weather prevailing, a large muster of ringers made the journey to Clay Cross Station, from whence a pleasant ten minutes' walk brings one to North Wingfield church, which stands majestically on a hilltop overlooking the Erewash valley.

On arrival we learned that a peal of Bob Major had been rung in the morning, in which the treble had been rung by Master Butler, a son of one of the local company, who has not attained his 14th birthday. To prevent disappointment and overcrowding in the ringing-chamber, bands were arranged be-ascending. Touches of Plain and Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Peterborough, and London Surprise were rung. At 5 o'clock, in the schoolroom, a substantial tea had been most generously provided by the Rector of North Wingfield (Rev. J. C. Boden), to which upwards of fifty friends sat down with the local company.

Tea over, grace was said by the Rector, when Mr. Sam Thomas proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the rev. gentleman for his kindness in granting the society the use of the bells, and also for providing the members with such an excellent tea. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in a few appropriate words, seconded the vote, which was carried unanimously.

The Rector, in replying, said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the society to North Wingfield. He was pleased that it was during his incumbency that the two new trebles had been added to the old ring of six to make up the octave, and although he was not much of assistance himself as a ringer he took a great interest in change-ringing, and certainly should not stand in the way of others. Referring to the peal of Bob Major rung that morning he was proud to say that the treble had been safely steered by one of his probationers, and although it was not a record, it was a very creditable performance for one so young. He referred to the good feeling that now existed between ringers and the clergy generally, which was a great improvement upon past times. He urged them to regard themselves as officers of the church, and whilst he knew it was not

always convenient for them to regularly attend the services, he hoped they would stay to worship as often as possible and set a good example to their fellow-parishioners. In concluding, he remarked upon the progress of change-ringing in late years, and was pleased to say that he had always found ringers a social body of men.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the ladies for their assistance at the tea table, Mr. D. Brearley said the presence of ladies was always acceptable on such occasions, as they made jolly company. A vote of thanks was then accorded to the local company for having anything in readiness, to which Mr. Allibone jocularly replied, remarking that he hoped they would meet again hundreds of times.

A return was then made to the tower, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Yorkshire, and London Surprise were again rung, the bells being lowered soon after 8.0.

After bidding our local friends good-night, we made our way to the station to catch the 8.42 train to Sheffield, but alas! it was bank-holiday, and we were destined to wait whilst train after train of Matlock and Buxton trippers went rolling by, but to wile away the time an impromptu concert, consisting of courses and tunes on the handbells, was given on the platform, much to the gratification of ourselves and fellow-passengers, Sheffield being eventually reached before midnight.

## ALL SAINTS' FULHAM RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

On Saturday, the 20th instant, the members of the above club had a run to Ashted. The ringing comprised a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and touches of Stedman and Bob Major, the handbells also being brought into use.

This, the first run of the club, was a great success, much of which was due to the efforts of Messrs. Wyatt and Corbett on our behalf.

The next run will be on June 3rd, to Old Windsor—meet at Hammersmith church at 3 p.m. sharp. H.

## Obituary.

## WALTER SHIPMAN.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Walter Shipman, which occurred at his father's residence, 5, Constance Grove, Nottingham, on Saturday, the 13th instant, after four days' illness, at the early age of 35 years. Deceased had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham, for the last fifteen years, and also a member of the Midland Counties Association for several years. He was interred at the General Cemetery on Tuesday, the 16th instant, the Rev. E. J. Powell, of St. Mary's, officiating. Six of his fellow-workmen carried him to his last resting-place. The coffin was covered with many floral tokens, including a beautiful emblem in the shape of a bell, from his brother-ringers. The same evening muffled touches of Grandsire Caters were rung at St. Mary's, and a quarter-peal of the same was attempted but failed. Deceased was widely known and highly respected. His death will be greatly felt among those left behind at St. Mary's.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays June 1st, 15th, 29th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, June 7th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, June 20th. Business meetings will be held on the 7th and 20th.

WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury to-day, Sat., May 27th. Bells available at 4. Service at 5 p.m. The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's, Dudley, on Monday, June 5th, at 7.45 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Yorktown to-day, Sat., May 27th. Bells available from 2 to 6 p.m.  
C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, to-day, Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ludlow to-day, Sat., May 27th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Cheap tickets arranged for by 2.20 train. from Shrewsbury  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association. — The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. There will be an election of Central Council Representatives. Nominations of candidates must be signed by two members, and forwarded to the Secretary a fortnight before the meeting. Application for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary before Wednesday, June 7th. FRED J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.  
W. ASHWORTH, *Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, June 3rd. By kind permission of the Vicar the tower of St. Paul's church will also be open to members.

ARTHUR T. BREESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath on Saturday, June 3rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at Gillingham, on Saturday, June 3rd. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting at 6.30.  
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, June 3rd.

J. HIGSON, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines on Saturday, June 3rd. If possible the bells of St. Mary's will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30, and ringing at St. Peter's church after tea.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields, where Christ Church bells (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley (6), will be at the disposal of members. Dinner at the Northumberland Arms, New Quay, at one o'clock, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Committee meeting at the Parish Hall at 12 noon. Notification of attendance to reach Secretary by June 5th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Usual towers available. Luncheon at The Peacock hotel at 2 o'clock. Election of Central Council representative.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow. Annual meeting at the Vestry Hall, 12.15 noon. Dinner at the Victoria Boys' School 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand; non-members 2s. each. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice should be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than June 7th.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Whit-Monday, June 12th, when several important matters will be discussed, including proposed alteration in the rules. Service, at which the Rev. Canon St. John has kindly consented to preach, will be held in the Cathedral at 10.30, after which a business will take place in the Chapter House. Dinner will follow the meeting. The Cathedral bells will be open for ringing at 9.30, and the towers of St. Michael's and St. Mary-de-Crypt during the day. All members intending to dine must give notice to the Hon. Secretary not later than Thursday, June 8th.  
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Essex Association. — In connection with the annual meeting of the above Association, peals will be attempted at Writtle on Saturday, June 10th, meeting at 5.30 p.m.; and at Widford on Monday, June 12th, meeting at 6 a.m. sharp. Members and

friends desirous of taking part in either or both and will state method required (up to Double Norwich and Stedman), must let me know by Wednesday, June 7th. Ringers desirous of conducting must state method at time of writing.

H. W. KIRTON.

3, Coronation Villas, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association. — Heene Branch.—All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1905.

THE report of proceedings at the annual meeting of the  
North Notts. Association, to be found in another column,  
presents a condition of things which point to danger. We  
find that a ringing company at a tower hitherto affiliated  
with the Association, suddenly cuts its connection with it,  
and drops out of sight altogether, in short, becomes  
"defunct!" How is this? The Hon. Secretary of the  
Association himself tells us plainly. His words will well  
bear repetition. He says: "It is often the case that  
ringing companies are kept alive by the zeal and energy  
of some one individual; and if that person dies or leaves,

the fire of ringing enthusiasm dies. So it has been with Blyth tower, the defaulter; so long as Mr. R. BEESTON lived there his ardour and perseverance kept change-ringing up to the mark, but when he left the village the Exercise fell into a rapid decline, and is now defunct."

The Blyth company was what may be termed—with all deference to the leading character—a one-man company. He appears to have been the only man present, all the others being mere automatons. Directly his fostering hand is removed, the whole concern melts away.

In all cases like this, where a strong man comes to the front, a great danger of collapse is imminent. It would be better that other members of a company should interest themselves in its concerns, and thus be enabled to keep the connection together should any untoward event come to pass.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at St. Andrew's Church House in Canterbury on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 13th, 1905. The Council will meet at 11 o'clock in the morning, the meeting of the Standing Committee being held previously in the same room at 9.45. The following Associations have not as yet sent in their contributions, viz.: Bedfordshire, Birmingham and District (this year and last), Durham and Newcastle, Ely, and Northants. The accounts will be closed on June 3rd. This is the last reminder.

By kind invitation of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, there will be a social gathering of members from 9 till 11 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall in Orange Street. The Cathedral Belfry will be open from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Members who wish to go round the Cathedral are requested to be at the south porch at 6 p.m. Lodgings will be secured for members who write for them to the Secretary, Cathedral company of ringers, The Precincts, Canterbury.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

#### REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have to report that since the last meeting of the Council a set of articles, dealing with ringing, from the pen of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Essex Association, have appeared in *The Guardian*, and have since been re-published at the office of that paper in pamphlet form at the price of 2d. per copy. This pamphlet was reviewed in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 28th, 1905.

Your Committee consider that this is a most valuable publication, and meets the requirement which the Committee was appointed to consider, and the Committee recommend that the various Associations should provide themselves with copies of this pamphlet in order that it may be as widely distributed as possible.

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#### The Metropolis.

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On Monday, May 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7-8.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	*BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9-10.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.	*REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 11-12.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Umpires—W. Keeble, A. J. Perkins, and A. T. King. \*First peal of Cinques on handbells.

#### The Provinces.

##### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*JOHN T. RIPPIN .. .. 5.
TIMOTHY CURE .. .. 2.	*JOHN GOODYER .. .. 6.
WALTER MARTIN* .. .. 3.	HEBBERT CURE .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

\*First peal.

##### THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

PERCY C. WILLIAMS .. Treble	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN .. .. 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. .. 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

(THE UPPER DEAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HENRY C. CASTLE .. Treble	HARRY BARTON .. .. 4.
HENRY W. DENNE .. .. 2.	*ALBERT COURT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FOWLER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal.

#### ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. Treble	W. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. .. 2.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 6.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 4.	ISAAC MYERS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHRISTOPHER WARD .. .. Treble.	HERBERT WAINER .. .. 4
RICHARD MASTERS .. .. 2.	FRED EKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILKINSON .. .. 3.	*THOMAS HUMBERSTONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HUMBERSTONE.

\*First peal as conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	*JOHN THORPE .. .. 5.
FRANCIS WARD .. .. 2.	SYDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WARD* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH .. 4.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT C. SAYWELL* .. Treble.	HENRY CROUCHER .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SEELEY .. .. 6.
ALFRED G. KEDWELL .. .. 3.	STEPHEN BINFIELD .. .. 7.
EDMUND POTTER* .. .. 4.	*CHARLES SHEAFF .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Potter.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TROYTE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.  
Tenor 22½ cwt. 22 lbs. in E flat.

F. PRESTON* .. .. Treble.	F. J. COPE .. .. 5.
C. CHAPMAN† .. .. 2.	†R. P. BRINDLEY .. .. 6.
J. W. TIMMS .. .. 3.	†J. PRATT .. .. 7.
W. CHAPMAN† .. .. 4.	*A. CHAPLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. PRATT.

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

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT HAWKES* .. Treble.	FREDERICK MARGETSON .. 5.
GEORGE WATERMAN† .. 2.	†HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
ERNEST DAWSON† .. .. 4.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method as conductor  
Rung in honour of the coming of age of Mr. Benjamin S. Thompson (District Secretary) who was unable to take part in the peal owing to pressure of business.

ARKLOW, IRELAND—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FERRIS SHEPHERD .. Treble.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 5.
A. TAILYOUR .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
W. SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
T. MYERS .. .. 4.	R. PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is published on page 64 of "Stedman." It is the first time a peal of Stedman Triples has been rung with all the 6-7s at backstroke.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Thursday, May 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HALIFAX YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

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

HARRY REYNOLDS .. Treble.	CHARLES E. CARRINGTON .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
GEO. H. C. COPPING .. 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 4.	FRED SALMONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by LISTER CAWOOD, and Conducted by F. SALMON.

Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the 7th, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN HOYLE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 6.
HARRY LAST .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	*JAMES HUNT .. .. 8.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 9.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

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

\*150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cropley.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal in the method upon the bells.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER, AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST HERBERT .. .. Treble.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 5.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 4.	*REGINALD LATHBURY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since partial restoration.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 31½ cwt.

CHARLES H. GORDON .. Treble.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 5.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	JOHN BURFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY FIGGESS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
AUGUSTUS HARRIS .. 2.	WILLIAM EASTER .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	SIDNEY PEACOCK .. 7.
WILLIAM A. COOKE .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\*First peal.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

W. PEASE† .. .. Treble.	*B. WATKINSON .. 5.
W. BROOK .. .. 2.	†A. STRANGWARD .. 6.
G. WILCOCK† .. .. 3.	*J. FRYEB .. 7.
J. PEASE* .. .. 4.	T. BARKER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. BARKER.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
Rung to celebrate the re-opening of the bells.**ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Treble.	HARRY MILES .. 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOE HOWES .. 3.	HON. A. ERSKINE .. 8.
FRED A. CASTLE .. 4.	WILLIAM FINCH .. 9.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. 5.	WILLIAM STONE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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**PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. 2.	TOM GIBBS .. 6.
HAROLD PRATT* .. 3.	THOMAS COLLINSON .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal.

**STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS E. ROWLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 2.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER .. 3.	GEORGE WOODS .. 7.
FREDERICK MARTIN .. 4.	PETER PRESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor, who had never rang a peal before.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, May 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Treble.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 5.
JOHN NETLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 3.	JAMES H. BLAKE .. 7.
CHARLES SMART .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Blackman.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. 2.	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a farewell to Maurice Hibbert, who is leaving for Winslow.

**Handbell Peals.****BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, May 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE ABBOT ANSELM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1.2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5.6.
HARRY A. TURNER .. 3.4.	JAMES CHINERY .. 7.8.

Composed by J. WILSON, of Leicester, and  
Conducted by J. CHINERY.

Umpire—B. Debenham. Longest peal rang in Bury St. Edmunds. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. A. Turner.

## EDINBURGH.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

EDMUND F. PRICE .. 1-2. | W. C. T. HEATHCOTE .. 5-6.  
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4. | \*R. J. G. THOM.. .. 7-8.  
\*J. McCulloch .. 9-10.

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

\*First peal on handbells. This composition has the 6th her extent wrong and right in the titlums, being six courses each way alternately. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving Edinburgh for Newcastle.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT .. 1-2. | GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.  
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4. | EDMUND CHASTY .. 7-8.

Composed by W. WALKER, and Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.

Umpires—L. L. Watson and H. O. Wiles. This is the longest peal on handbells by all the band, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## Date Touches.

KENDAL (Wesmorland).—On Tuesday, May 9th, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish church to commemorate the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bagot, the daughter of Major Bagot, the popular M.P. for South Westmorland, which took place in London that afternoon. R. Dennison, W. Tyson, J. Baxter, T. Haslam, W. Atkinson conductor, B. Walker, J. Brathwaite, J. Salmon.

MOORSIDE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Thomas's church, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Lawton, J. Ogden, J. Butterworth, C. E. Platt, W. Johnson composer and conductor, F. Chapman, H. Barlow, L. Hampson.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 93 mins. C. Couge, W. Lambert, F. Kettleboro, G. W. Moss, G. W. Bemrose, T. Bettison, J. Flint, F. Wagstaff. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, and conducted by J. Flint.

## Miscellaneous.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

ASHTAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. V. Harvey, W. E. Golby, J. Wyatt, F. J. Jee, —, Corbett, W. E. Judd, J. Herbert, J. W. Driver conductor. Rung during the visit of the cycling section.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFIELD (Berks).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, at St. Andrew's church, 1260 Bob Minor, in 45 mins. Miss K. Smith, Miss M. Chillingworth, G. Aberly, J. T. Herridge, A. Standidge, J. Aberly conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday evening, February 6th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 1008 Double Norwich. R. Potter, W. Howell, W. Dyer, E. Beckwith, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. Buckingham, D. Elliott conductor. On February 7th, on Handbells, 720 Bob Minor. T. W. Howell, D. Elliott conductor, E. Buckenham.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION:

CHATTERIS (Cambs).—On February 6th, for practice at the parish church, 1080 Bob Doubles, in 38 mins. I. Moxon, P. Smith conductor, H. Moxon, A. Abrams, C. Martin.

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WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Hayward, T. Horton, J. Hares, F. Bennett, J. Walker, J. Screen conductor, T. H. Reeves, R. Speakman.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On May 9th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. B. E. Howe, J. Broadley, J. Boddy, A. Gill, H. Good, H. Sugden, T. B. Kendall conductor, S. Palfreman. Rung to commemorate the 55th birthday of Mr. B. T. Copley.

BRISTOL.—Recently, 517 Stedman Caters, on handbells. J. Burford, J. Thomas, R. J. Wilkins, C. H. Horton, W. Apperley. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. H. Horton, J. Thomas conductor, R. J. Wilkins, W. Apperley. On Thursday, April 10th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Apperley conductor, J. Jefferis, P. Williams, A. Pearce, F. Porch, C. H. Horton, J. Thomas, W. Strawbridge.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On Saturday, February 25th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Smith, C. H. Chamberlain conductor, J. P. Beeson, A. J. Chamberlain, E. Foster, G. Moore. Rung as a farewell compliment to J. Smith, who is leaving for Canada.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Friday, January 13th, at St. Michael's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Goodger, C. Chapman, F. Sweetzer, E. Osborne, R. Chapman, F. Haines, W. Newell, R. Haines. On Friday, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hatherall, E. Osborne, R. Chapman, C. Chapman, W. Newell, W. Horne conductor. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, December 24th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. Munday, W. Rowe, jun., C. Fray, H. Carter, W. Rowe conductor, Walter Rowe. On Wednesday, December 28th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Munday, A. Marks, C. Fray, Walter Rowe, W. Rowe conductor, W. Rowe, jun. And 720 of Doubles, being four 6-scores of Plain Bob and two 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. E. Munday, A. Marks, W. Rowe, jun., C. Fray conductor, W. Rowe, Walter Rowe.

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## STEDMAN CATERS.

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5067.

231456 5 16

*312564		†412365
4265	-	5263
5462	-	3562
513264	-	314265
4362	-	5462
415263	-	513264
3562	-	4362
2365	-	2463
214563	-	215364
3465	-	4563
5364	-	3465
512463	-	312564
512364	s	312465
4263	-	5264
3462	-	4562
315264	-	413265
4562	-	5362
413265	-	514263
5362	-	3462
2563	-	2364
214365	-	215463
5463	-	3564
3564	-	4365
312465	-	

\*By bobs at 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17. †By bobs at 1, 2, 10, 13, 14, 16. First rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on May 4th, 1905, conducted by F. G. May.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby*.

5017.

123456 Start slow six.

4 5 16

612453*		
613254	-	
614352	-	
416253	-	
413652	-	
412356	-	
214653	-	
213456	-	
312654	-	
314256	-	
316452	-	
316254	s	
314652	-	
312456	-	
213654	-	
214356	-	
216453	-	
612354	-	
614253	-	
416352	-	
512346	-	
216345	-	
612543	-	
412365	-	
415263	-	
413562	-	

4 5 16

314265	-	
315462	-	
312564	-	
213465	-	
215364	-	
512463	-	
513264	-	
514362	-	
514263	s	
513462	-	
512364	-	
215463	-	
213564	-	
312465	-	
315264	-	
314562	-	
413265	-	
415362	-	
412563	-	
214365	-	

\*Bobs at 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 24, 26. This composition has the 5th twenty times, and the 6th twenty-three times behind the 8th, in the handstroke home position throughout.

## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By HENRY DAINS.

5005.

123456 6 19

213456*		
216354	-	
214653	-	
412356	-	
416253	-	
613254	-	
316452	-	
312654	-	
314256	-	
314652	s	
312456	-	
316254	-	
613452	-	
612354	-	
614253	-	
416352	-	
412653	-	
214356	-	
216453	-	

Repeated, except first course, which call 2, 5, 6s, 13, 14s, 15, 19. Go off slow six, producing 2143658709x.

\*1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14s, 15, 16, 17.

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7232.

23456 M B W H

23564	-		
523	-		
352	-		
42563	-		
542	-		
254	-		
32564	s	-	
532	-		
253	-		
36254	-		
236	-		
623	-		
43256	-		
243	-		
324	-		
42536	-		
542	-		
254	-		
54326	-		s
354	-		
435	-		
62534	-		
562	-		
256	-		
63254	-		
263	-		
32654	-		
65234	-	s	
265	-		
526	-		
52346	-		
352	-		
23546	-		

Repeated; has the 6th her extent wrong and right.

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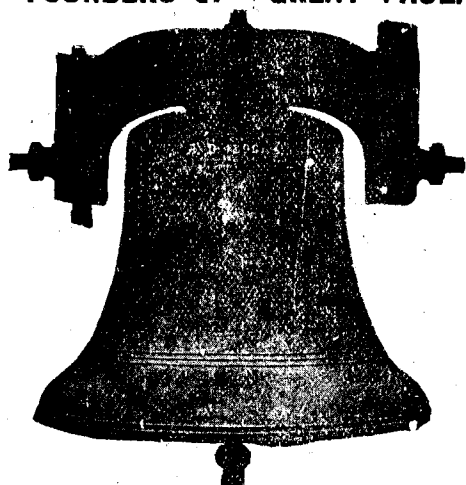
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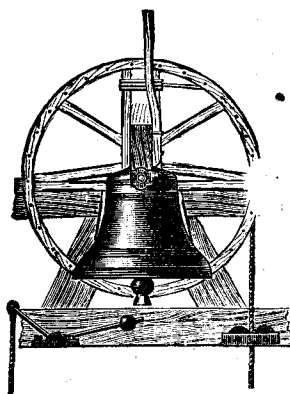
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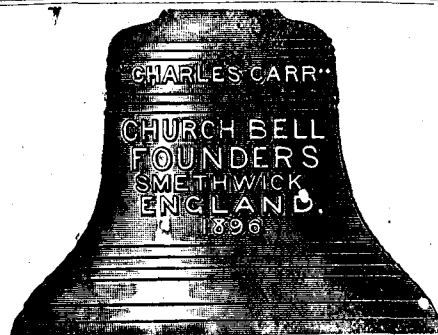
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire). St. Benedict. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells; the two trebles by Barwell 1890; the rest by Bagley 1744. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1890. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Darlaston Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8. Peals can always be arranged for except on Sundays and Fridays.

WOOBURN (Bucks.) St. Paul. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; the two trebles by Mears 1814; 3rd and 7th by Phelps 1718 and 1712 respectively; 4th, 5th and 6th, 1813, 1790, and 1868. Founders names not given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. by Lester 1762. Timber frame. Bells do not go very well. Clocking permitted. Slight repairs by Mears recently. Further repairs have been suggested, but there are no funds. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 5.30 to 6 in winter. Practice: Monday, 7.

WOODBIDGE (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; all by Osborn 1779. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Day 1887. Recommendations are at once attended to. Ropes good. Half-pull ringing, but no method stated. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.45. Practice: Thursday, 7.

### ST. KEW, SOMERSET.

Some months ago we intimated that the bells of the grand old church of this parish were about to be restored, and had been placed in the hands of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, bellfounders, of Bristol, for this purpose. This work has been executed in a splendid manner by the above-named firm. On the 4th March, the ringers, parishioners, and many outside friends assembled to celebrate the restoration. Two of the bells have been recast, and the whole six have been hung on the most approved

scientific methods. The special dedication service was most impressive, and in the forcible address given by the Rev. Vernon Collins (Rector of Blisland and Rural Dean) mention was made of the four bells recorded in Edward VI's time, 1552, and which were taken to Gloucester and recast into six in 1818. The tenor was again recast in 1845, as still later was the third. After the address the Rev. V. Collins proceeded to the belfry and solemnly dedicated the two new bells, each being tolled by the Rev. H. O. Every, assistant priest. This was followed by a short peal perfectly rung by the senior ringers of the parish. The hearty singing of the "Old Hundreth" brought to a close the unique service, long to be remembered by all present. A public tea in the schoolroom proved a great success. It was presided over by the wives and friends of the ringers, and the latter and the choir were invited. The many ringers from adjacent parishes rang throughout the evening, and expressed their very keen satisfaction at the way in which the work had been carried out by Llewellyn and James. The Bristol firm have been doing excellent work of late in various places. No greater proof can be afforded of the love and devotion of the people of St. Kew for their church bells than the way in which they exerted themselves to collect such a large sum of money in so short a time, and of the many friends who at one time or another have visited the parish.

This work has been successfully carried through mainly owing to the initiative and energy of Miss Mary Scott, daughter of the churchwarden of St. Kew, who was an active member of the band of handbell change-ringers at Three Cross, Dorset, which was in existence some years ago.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-third annual meeting was held at Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. John's St. Mark's and St. Saviour's being at the disposal of the ringers from early in the day, and if the number of ringers who visited the City on this occasion may be taken as a guide, they were well patronised.

The record peal band had arranged for a touch at St. John's at 3.30 p.m., but it was found at the last moment that unfortunately one of the band was unable to be present. Mr. R. F. Lane kindly took his place.

A first-class tea was served in the High Cross Coffee House, 152 sitting down, the comfort of many being spoilt through the neglect of 50 to notify the local secretary of their intention to be present: luckily there was an abundance of food in the house.

At the subsequent general meeting Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. took the chair, supported by Mr. J. Taylor, junr., Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treas., the Rev. Canon Randall of St. Margaret's, Canon Sanders, of St. Martin's, Rev. J. H. Molesworth (St. John's), Rev. — Mackenzie (St. Mark's), Rev. D. Dewar (South Wigston), Rev. C. B. Hulton (Melton Mowbray), Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), Messrs. T. H. Taffender (London), T. R. Hensher

(Kettering), and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

Sir Arthur Heywood in addressing the meeting said how pleased he was to see so large a number present, and particularly so many clergy. The report of the past year was no doubt in the hands of many of the ringers, and they would find the work of the past year recorded there. Thirty-one peals had been rung since December 31st, particulars of which he read out.

The balance-sheet was passed on the proposition of Mr. W. Wakley, seconded by Mr. C. Draper. Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. M. H. Pimm for kindly auditing the books of the Association, and regretting his absence from the meeting. He also mentioned that the other auditor (Rev. A. D. Hill), had been unable to be present at the audit on account of a slight illness. The Rev. C. B. Hulton seconded the proposition.

The retiring officers had all been nominated, and were re-elected on the following propositions: President—Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Pervin; Vice-President—Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., proposed by Mr. J. S. Needham, seconded by Mr. H. Briggs; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. W. Wakley, proposed by Mr. H. Argyle, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. E. White, proposed by Mr. J. Buttery, seconded by Mr. J. S. Needham. Thanks were accorded to them for their services during the past year, Sir Arthur Heywood speaking in very complimentary terms of the work done by the Hon. Secretary.

Melbourne, Barwell, Wirksworth and Matlock were proposed as places for the next quarterly meeting. The proposition for Matlock having been withdrawn, the other places were put to the meeting, and Wirksworth chosen by a majority.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for their presence at the meeting and for the use of the bells was passed on the proposition of Mr. R. W. Baker, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., to which Canon Rendall, Canon Sanders, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson suitably replied.

Sir Arthur Heywood alluded to the loss sustained by the Association and the Leicester branch in particular, through the death of Mr. Stephen Cooper. He proposed a sincere vote of sympathy with his family, which was seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and carried in silence.

Three life members and thirty-three ringing members were elected.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Many of the towers were again visited, and later the meeting-house of the Leicester ringers was visited, where they were entertained with music, singing and handbell ringing, which finished up a very enjoyable day. Thanks are due to the Leicester men for doing their part so well.

[This report has undergone delay through an oversight on our part.]

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## Correspondence.

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

### SMALL BELLS.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Mr. Drake for his explanation. The report of the Wareham meeting certainly did not state that small carillon bells were intended. I quite agree that even these would be preferable to tubes; although, as a rule, very small bells are not satisfactory. I know of one or two peals of five or six bells, hung for ringing, with tenors something under 7 cwt. To my mind a single bell weighing from 15 cwt. to 20 cwt., not higher than F., would be preferable to these.

J. R. JERRAM.

### STEDMAN TRIPLES COMPOSITION.

SIR,—In last week's issue of your valuable paper Mr. Washbrook stated in the footnote of his account of the peal at Arklow that he rung and conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples with all the 6-7s at backstroke. I wish to ask him to withdraw that statement. The first peal of Stedman Triples containing these properties was rung on King's Norton bells on January 31st, 1895. It was the first peal ever composed on the plan, and was composed and conducted by your humble servant,

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—With reference to Stedman peal—Rev. Earle Bulwer's—rung at Arklow on May 18th, Mr. Wood, of Bedford, has pointed out to us that a peal composed by Mr. John Carter, with all the 6-7s at backstroke, was called by him at King's Norton some time back. We must therefore apologise to Mr. Carter for claiming, unwittingly, what was really his distinction.

Arklow, Ireland.

A. TAILYOUR.

### DEATH OF A RINGER'S WIFE.

Many ringers of a decade or two ago, and many also of the present day, will be pained to hear that the king of terrors has visited the domestic circle of their old and valued friend, Mr. George Dorrington (of Bethnal Green), a prominent and much-respected member of the College Youths. On the 24th ult., after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Dorrington passed away at the age of 64, in the presence of her sorrowing husband and family, and to the intense grief of many friends.

Though not acquainted with members of the Exercise generally, Mrs. Dorrington had for a number of years been well-known to many ringers who met at Bethnal Green. This acquaintance with members of the Exercise will not be forgotten by many now in the flesh, who will be reminded of her by this sad news; and we are sure they will be among the first to condole with their old friend George Dorrington on the loss he has sustained; and their sympathy with the children who have been bereft of their mother will be earnest and sincere.

### THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS.

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## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

12345678	28647513	75841632
21436587	82465731	57814362
12463857	84256713	75183426
21618375	48527631	75814362
26143857	84256731	57183426
62418375	48527613	51784362
62143857	45872031	15873426
26418375	54786213	51837246
62481735	45876123	15382764
26847153	54781632	P 15837246 L
28641735	57486123	B 13587246 L
82467153		

## PLAIN HUNT METHODS.

The following three methods are of an highly interesting class, as will be found quite a history could be written of them. I have given them under the titles as they stand in Annable's note-book, and I think all will agree that but little value belongs to the titles: but these methods will, I hope, some day be properly classified by the committee appointed for that purpose.

## CAMBRIDGE SINGLE. ANNABLE'S MAJOR. BRENTFORD SINGLE.

123456	123456	123456
213465	214365	213465
231645	241356	231645
326154	423165	326154
362514	432615	362514
635241	342651	632541
653421	324561	623451
564312	234516	263415
546132	243156	236145
451623	421365	321654
415263	412356	312564
145236	143265	132546
P 142563 L	P 134625 L	P 135264 L
B 145236 L	B 134256 L	B 123564 L

It will be seen almost at a glance that the last of the three foregoing methods is a double one, and it is one of those that will extend to Major, Royal and Maximus. Such methods are very few, be they new or old ones. But these in each case, from Minor to Maximus show a family likeness or characteristic feature, such as I believe are only to be found in Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob methods, that is upon an even number of bells of course. Now if those of your readers who have access to the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" for December 4th, 1886, and subsequent issues, there will be found on page 299 under the title of "Lynn Court," by John T. Secombe, a method given as new. This method is the same as I now give as Brentford Single. In your issue for January 8th, 1887, a letter appeared written by R. Binns, under the heading of Lynn Court, wherein this method is claimed as the invention of Christopher Iles, of Leeds, Yorkshire, about 1879. But here is another disappointment or revelation from Annable, and the method will be seen to be 120 years older than the date of the oldest claim thereto.

## LAMBETH BOB. DUNSTABLE BOB. LEDBURY BOB.

123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365
241635	241356	241356
426153	423165	423165
246513	432615	432615
425631	346251	346251
245361	432651	436521
423516	346215	345612
243156	364125	354162
421365	631452	531426
412635	613425	513462
146253	164352	154326
B 142635 L	P 146325 L	P 145362 L
P 164235 L	B 146532 L	B 145236 L

## MAGNUS DOUBLE.

123456
214365
241356
423165
243615
234651
326451
362415
632145
361254
316245
132654
P 136245 L
B 123645 L

## SEPULCHRE DOUBLE.

123456
213546
231564
325146
235416
253461
523641
532614
352164
531246
513264
153624
P 135642 L
B 156342 L

## STEPNEY DOUBLE.

123456
214365
241635
426153
246513
264531
624351
642315
462135
641253
614523
165432
P 164523 L
B 156423 L

HENRY DAINS.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE "THOMAS" PEAL (rung at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on May 14th).—The idea of this peal originated from one of Stedman Triples ("Thomas" Thurstan's one-part) rung by all Thomases (in which several of this band took part) at the church of St. Thomas, Brentwood, Essex, on St. Thomas's day, 1901, but it was found a difficult matter to get a company of ringers having the same name able to ring Stedman Caters. London was found to be the central position, then the men could not leave their businesses in sufficient time to get there, ring the peal, and return, so a Sunday was fixed upon; then another difficulty arose, viz.: that of obtaining permission to ring, but the authorities of St. Magnus kindly gave their consent, and on Sunday, April 2nd, the band met after travelling 520 miles, only to find a disappointment in store for them. A start was made, but after ringing seven courses, a shift in the slow work altered the sixes, and "stand" was called. There not being time to start again, a quarter-peal was rung. It should be noted that in this first attempt the ringing, although not bad, did not satisfy. Sunday, April 14th, was settled for the next attempt, providing arrangements could be made; this accordingly was done. The same band met, the conductor placing the men in a different position, the result being a well-struck peal. The company were congratulated on their performance as they left the tower. This note cannot be closed without an allusion to the treble ringer, aged 16 years, small in stature, less than 5 ft. in height, the rope having to be lowered so that he could catch the sallie. His tuition (by Mr. G. N. Price) has been a short one. The manner in which he rung and struck was similar to that of a veteran adept, and deserves the highest commendation. The company came from the following places: the treble-man from Bushey (Herts.), the conductor from Southwark, Faulkner from Barking (Essex), Newman from Caversham (Oxon), Colburn from Loughborough (Leicestershire), Card from Edmonton (late of Tunbridge Wells), Lincoln from Writtle (Chelmsford), Langdon from Walworth, Groombridge from Chislehurst, and Langdon (p) from Pentonville (London). The composition was obtained Thomas Goffon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

T. H. T.

THE PEAL AT HALEWOOD.—Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble in this peal for the way he rang his bell, never having rung Major in any method previously, and it is eighteen years since he rung a peal. It is ten years since the ringer of the 3rd scored a peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar of Halewood for allowing the peal to be attempted, and the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

THE PEAL AT CHESTERFIELD.—(Mr. Samuel Wesley's fifty peals.)—Bob Minor 1, Darlaston Bob Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 2), Stedman Triples 20, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1. Total 50.

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## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JOHN CARTER.

5019.				
231456				
	5	6	19	
216453*				
3654				
4356				
412653				
3256				
314652				
2456				
6254				
316452	S			
2654				
4256				
413652				
2356				
214653				
3456				
6354				
612453				
512364				
4263				
415362				
2563				
214365				
5463				
215364†				
4563				
3466				
312564				
4265				
413562				
2365				
5263				
415362	S			
2563				
3265				
314562				
2465				
213564				
4365				

\* 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21.

† 2, 5, 6, 13s, 14, 15, 19.

Has the 5th seventeen times right, and the 6th six times wrong, in the tittums position; and the 6th fifteen times in the hand stroke home position, with all the 5678s with the treble a second bell.

Rung at St. Martin's Birmingham, on February 21st, 1905, conducted by A. Walker.

## Exchange.

Will exchange peal of eight Handbells, size 15 (recently restored by Shaw and Co.) for Double, 12-bore, central fire Gun.—DAN GRIDLEY, Clare, Suffolk.

## LONDON SURPRISE.

By F. DENCH.

5120.				
23456				
43652	M	B	W	H
35642				
54326				
56423				
45623				

Four times repeated. By calling M in and 5th H in the first course of any one, two or three parts, the peal becomes 5088, 5056, 5024 respectively.

## BOB MAJOR.

By F. A. HOLDEN, Deal.

5088.				
23456	W	B	M	H
45236				
24536				
52436				
35264				
23564				
52364				
36245				
23645				
43256	S			
24356				
32456				
53264				
25364				
32564				
56234	S			
25634				
63254				
26354				
32654				
52346	S			
35256				
23546				

Repeated.

By H. J. TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

5088.				
23456	W	B	H	
45236				
24536				
52436				
35264				
32564				
56324				
35624				
62354				
36254				
23654				
65234				
26534				
53264				
25364				
23564				

Twice repeated.

First rung at Broxbourne, April 12th, 1904, conducted by its author.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, Minehead, Somerset.

5040.	
234567	
752634	I
347265	2
523647	I
475362	2
234675	I
752463	2
S 437652	I
524763	2
375624	I
S 423567	2
754623	I
237465	2
542637	I
375264	2
423675	I
754362	2
237654	I
* 542763	2
375642	I
S 243567	2
752643	I
437265	2
524637	I
375462	2
243675	I
752364	2
437652	I
S 254763	2
372654	I
S 453267	2

Seven times repeated.

\* s in second, fourth, sixth and eighth parts, bob half-way and end.

## BOB TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, Minehead.

5040.	
234567	
235746	I
645273	4
423765	2
563472	4
642753	2
352674	4
564732	2
234576	4
S 536724	2
426573	4
* P 254367	I

\* B in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th parts, single midway and end.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. D. Matthews, has removed to 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W.—Mr. J. R. Sharman has removed to 19, Hampden Road, Hornsey, N.

## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays June 15th and 29th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, June 7th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, June 20th. Business meetings will be held on the 7th and 20th.

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

The Kent County Association. — The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. Towers open for ringing: Tenterden, Headcorn, Rolvenden and Benenden. Service at 11 a.m., with address by the Vicar, Rev. S. C. Lepard. Offertory for the widow and family of the late Wm. Hadlow, of Lenham. Committee meeting in the vestry at 12. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Town Hall. Application for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary before Wednesday, June 7th.

Canterbury. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Stockport Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Statybridge, to-day, Sat., June 3rd. By kind permission of the Vicar the tower of St. Paul's church will also be open to members.

ARTHUR T. BEESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath to-day, Sat., June 3rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association. — Rochester District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gillingham, to-day, Sat., June 3rd. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines to-day, Sat., June 3rd. If possible the bells of St. Mary's will be open from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30, and ringing at St. Peter's church after tea.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields, where Christ Church bells (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley (6), will be at the disposal of members. Dinner at the Northumberland Arms, New Quay, at one o'clock, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Committee meeting at the Parish Hall at 12 noon. Notification of attendance to reach Secretary by June 5th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Central Northamptonshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Usual towers available. Luncheon at The

Peacock hotel at 2 o'clock. Election of Central Council representative.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow. Annual meeting at the Vestry Hall, 12.15 noon. Dinner at the Victoria Boys' School 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand; non-members 2s. each. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice should be given to the Hon. Secretary not later than June 7th.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Whit-Monday, June 12th, when several important matters will be discussed, including proposed alteration in the rules. Service, at which the Rev. Canon St. John has kindly consented to preach, will be held in the Cathedral at 10.30, followed by the business meeting in the Chapter House. Luncheon will be at Garrett's Restaurant, Westgate Street, to members who send notice to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, June 8th, 1s. each, to all others 2s. each. The Cathedral bells will be open for ringing at 9.30, and those at St. Michael's, Quedgeley, and other churches during the day.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Ely Diocesan Association. — A district meeting of the above will be held at Linton on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Meeting in schoolroom at 3 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association. — A district meeting will be held at Abbots Langley, one mile from Kings Langley station, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available at 4. Tea at 5.30; 6d. per head for all who inform me they are coming.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. Western Division.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), and St. James's (8). Dinner, 1s. each to members, at Wiskenden's restaurant at one o'clock. Business immediately afterwards. Service at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Members intending to dine should inform me by Tuesday, June 20th.

A. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Northern Branch. — The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 24th. Tea free to members producing receipt for their subscriptions for 1905, in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45. Service in the Cathedral at 6.20. Business meeting immediately after service in the Ringers' Chapel. There are still a large number of members whose subscriptions for the current year, due in January last, are unpaid.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Essex Association. — In connection with the annual meeting of the above Association, peals will be attempted at Writtle on Saturday, June 10th, meeting at 5.30 p.m.; and at Widford on Monday, June 12th, meeting at 6 a.m. sharp. Members and friends desirous of taking part in either or both, and will state method required (up to Double Norwich and Stedman), must let me know by Wednesday, June 7th. Ringers

desirous of conducting must state method at time of writing.

H. W. KIRTON.  
3, Coronation Villas, Chelmsford.

The Sussex County Association. — Heene Branch. — All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, R. STANDING, 15, Tarring Road, Worthing, Sussex.

## VISIT TO LONDON.

The Sheffield and District ringers will visit London on Saturday, June 10th. The following towers will be open for ringing, one hour each: St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, at 11.30 a.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral at 3 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 6.30 p.m. A reception will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., at 4 p.m., and a grand convivial evening at The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, at 8 p.m. They would like to meet as many London ringers and friends as possible. Further particulars can be obtained on application to either Mr. W. T. Cockerill or Mr. T. H. Taffender.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1905.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at St. Andrew's Church House in Canterbury on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 13th, 1905. The Council will meet at 11 o'clock in the morning, the meeting of the Standing Committee being held previously in the same room at 9.45. Of the Associations named in last week's notice as not having sent in their contributions, one, Bedfordshire, alone has responded. Those of the others, to wit, Birmingham and District (two years), Durham and Newcastle, Ely, and Northants., still remain unpaid. I can only hope that they will reach me by Saturday. I have

also to report that the Committee on Legitimate Methods have not sent in their draught report on the Classification of Methods, though I wrote some few days ago asking for it.

By kind invitation of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, there will be a social gathering of members from 9 till 11 p.m., at the Odd Fellows Hall in Orange Street. The Cathedral Belfry will be open from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Members who wish to go round the Cathedral are requested to be at the south porch at 6 p.m. Lodgings will be secured for members who write for them to the Secretary, Cathedral company of ringers, The Precincts, Canterbury.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.  
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

#### AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Statement of accounts and sales of publications.
- 3.—Election of honorary members.
- 4.—To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees:—
  - (a) Peal Collection.
  - (b) Condition of Rings.
  - (c) Church Press.
  - (d) Points for peals.
  - (e) Legitimate methods.

To discuss the following:

5.—That all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells, shall be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung in hand single-handed, or upon tower bells.

6.—That having regard to the recent correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," it is desirable to appoint a Committee to submit to next year's meeting a short descriptive catalogue of the known printed books and mss. relating to change-ringing not readily accessible to members of the Exercise.

7.—That an annual grant of £5 5s. be paid from the Council Funds for the preparation of the Peal Analysis.

8.—That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised, and that peals in them should not be booked.

9.—That Double Norwich Court Bob Caters be accorded the same number of points per peal as Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

10.—Other business, if any.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 9.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LEWISHAM,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOSEPH LAW .. .. Treble.	REGINALD EDWARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 4.	HARRY WARNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by G. H. DAYNES.

First in the method as conductor. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1898, No. 502.

#### The Provinces.

##### DORCHESTER.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

S. G. HODGE .. .. Treble.	J. E. BENGEB .. .. 5.
T. WOOLEY .. .. 2.	C. B. HURST .. .. 6.
H. UPHILL .. .. 3.	G. T. WHITE .. .. 7.
H. COOMBS .. .. 4.	T. HYDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. T. WHITE.

##### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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

H. HAWES .. .. Treble.	W. KING .. .. 4.
F. CRAPNELL .. .. 2.	H. BURCH .. .. 5.
W. STEELE .. .. 3.	C. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Day, of Eye.

##### OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

H. HAWES .. .. Treble.	W. KING .. .. 4.
W. STEELE .. .. 2.	C. KING .. .. 5.
G. WHITING .. .. 3.	A. HATCHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

##### HARWICH, ESSEX.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. 5.
EDWARD EVANS* .. .. 2.	†JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
HARRY MOSS† .. .. 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
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### HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS† .. .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR JONRS .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 6.
RICHARD H. GREEN† .. .. 3.	JOHN TURNER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH .. .. 4.	JOHN ALLAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

†First peal of Major. Rung as a memorial peal to the late Rev. C. Yeld, Vicar of Grassendale, who was interred in the above churchyard on May 5th last.

### GRAVESEND, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE HAYES .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
REUBEN COPELIN* .. .. 2.	JAMES TULETT .. .. 6.
LEWIS SILVER .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LANE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\*First in the method.

### HITCHIN, HERTS. THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

A. H. PILGRIM .. .. Treble.	S. PAGE .. .. 5.
F. FURR .. .. 2.	A. PITSTOW .. .. 6.
W. ALLEN .. .. 3.	J. F. FOSTER .. .. 7.
F. R. BACON .. .. 4.	F. PITSTOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Hensley), who attained his 81st birthday on that day.

### ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS'. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEO. DOUGHTY .. .. Treble.	GEO. PIPES .. .. 5.
J. HALL .. .. 2.	S. HALL .. .. 6.
WM. ALLSOP* .. .. 3.	F. WATKINSON .. .. 7.
J. BROOK .. .. 4.	F. KAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. HALL.

\*First peal away from the treble.

### LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED H. EDWARDS .. Treble.	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND JUN. .. 3.	JOHN ALLAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung to supplant the false composition rung here on March 27th last. The original 5024 is here extended to the above number by calling the 5th part at the first.

### FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, May 22, 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.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 2.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
WILEY HAZELL .. .. 3.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 7.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Newman, by whom the ringers were afterwards most kindly entertained to supper.

### BRISTOL.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, May 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES. Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING .. .. 6.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	ALGERNON LEWTON .. .. 8.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 9.
SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

Rung to commemorate the institution of the Rev. Vernon Holt as Vicar of St. Nicholas.

### CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5075 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRED R. KETTLEBOROUGH* Treble.	SAM PRICE .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. MOSS* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 8.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 5.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal in the method. The above is W. Lambert's 90th peal, and S. Wesley's 50th. A list of the latter's appear elsewhere. Rung on Empire Day.

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

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

Rung in celebration of Empire Day.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE† .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN.* 2.	RALPH WOOD .. .. 6.
GEORGE GUNNER .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
THOMAS RADFORD .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell. Rang on Empire Day.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by EGBERT BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHAW* .. .. Treble.	JOEL HERN .. .. 4.
JAMES A. SCOTT† .. .. 2.	JOHN T. HOGG .. .. 5.
ROBERT M. HOGG .. .. 3.	THOS. A. TEASDALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. HOGG.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. ‡First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on his attaining the age of 21; also as a birthday compliment to T. A. Teasdale. Quickest peal on the bells.

## LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT* .. .. Treble.	FRANK S. STURT .. .. 4.
GEORGE F. TYLER* .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 5.
JAMES A. HART* .. .. 3.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED J. TURNER.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Fletcher, for the use of the bells.

## WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY WHITE (age 15)* Treble.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 4.
JABEZ WALTER* .. .. 2.	FRED A. HOLDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOD* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

\*First peal.

## HORLEY, SURREX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1).

ALFRED ETHERIDGE* .. Treble.	ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 5.
STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 2.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 6.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 7.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 4.	ROBERT CAWTE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

\*First peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to N. Wakefield.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 6.
HARRY PERRY* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

\*First peal in the method. Rang as a compliment to Harry Perry on the occasion of his 20th birthday.

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

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. E flat.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
CHARLES LEMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 6.
EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. 3.	FRED. A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 4.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

ROBERT ROWELL .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. BARHAM .. 4.
ERNEST G. BAKER .. .. 2.	HARRY EDGELEY .. .. 5.
HERBERT STEVENS* .. 3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

\*First peal.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK GALLIMORE* .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 2.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SLADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new church of All Saints, Burton-on-Trent, which had been built at the expense of Mr. W. Bass, grandson of the late Mr. M. T. Bass, founder of St. Paul's and St. Margaret's churches Burton-on-Trent.

## EYE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM ROSE* .. .. Treble.	*FRANK CULLUM .. .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE CATTERMORE .. 6.
ELIJAH BROOME .. .. 3.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 7.
ALPHABUS BERRY* .. 4.	†ERNEST POPPY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by E. POPPY

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal as conductor.



## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

WILLIAM LIDBETTDE .. Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 2.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. 6.
EDWIN V. HARVEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR HARDING .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 4.	ALBERT SHEARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. JUDD.

Rung on the occasion of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill's return from his holidays.

## WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 6-scores of St. Simons, eight of Plain Bob, ten of Grand-sire, and twenty of St. Dunstan's.

T. E. HENSON .. .. Treble.	*WM. NEAL .. .. 3.
J. W. MANN* .. .. 2.	J. H. RODEN .. .. 4.
	*WM. TILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. RODEN.

\*First peal.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. KNOTT .. .. Treble.	S. GOODALL .. .. 5.
J. W. LANG .. .. 2.	F. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
W. AINLEY .. .. 3.	J. RANGELEY .. .. 7.
G. WILSON .. .. 4.	W. WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

Messrs. Knott and Lang were proposed members of the Association before starting.

## WELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 57½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD .. .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 7.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. 9.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 5.	PERCY W. CAME .. Tenor.
	WILLIAM BEVAN .. ..

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which next week.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE HOWSE* .. .. 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER, SEN. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 8.
JAMES W. WILKINS* .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. 9.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 5.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. This was Mr. Hart's 350th peal.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WM. WATTS.

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

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

WILLIAM HANCOCK .. Treble.	OLIVER BOND .. .. 5.
WILLIAM YOULDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM BOUNDY .. 6.
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 7.
THOMAS LAVER .. .. 4.	GEORGE STOCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.

Messrs. Bond and Stocker are members of the local band; the remainder are from the Heavitree society.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES COUPE* .. Treble.	*THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
FREDK. R. KETTLEBORO .. 2.	FRANK WAGSTAFF .. 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	THOMAS BETTISON .. 7.
GEORGE MOSS .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HORGWOOD, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late H. T. Rhodes, a former resident and churchwarden at Bolsover.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the 100th peal rang in various methods by Mr. W. P. Garrett, recently the presiding Master of the above society.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lbs.

ALFRED BROOM* .. Treble.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS .. 5.
WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 2.	†GEORGE MARTIN .. 6.
FRANK BELSEY* .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

\*First peal. †First with a bob bell. First in the method on the bells. Arranged for A. T. Morris.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BAILEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 2.	EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 6.
SIDNEY BAILEY .. .. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. 7.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

## EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT DAY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	BRN KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 7.
ERNEST BUTLER .. .. 4.	JOHN PHILIP TARLTON .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## GLOWICK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, May 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6160 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JAMES BAILEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER* .. .. 2.	FRED H. BUCKLEY .. .. 6.
ELIJAH GEARY .. .. 3.	JAMES W. TAYLOR .. .. 7.
JAMES LEES .. .. 4.	ALBERT CLEGG .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEEVER.

\*Fiftieth peal.

## Handbell Meals.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN BURFORD .. .. 1-2.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5-6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3-4.	WALTER A. APPERLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire—Frederick Porch.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	ALBERT KETTEL .. .. 5-6.
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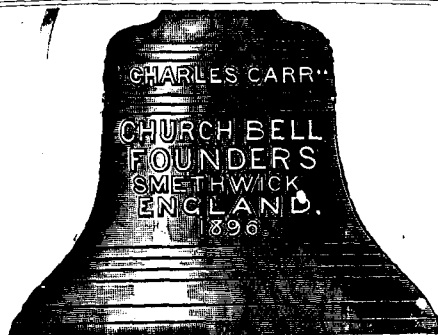
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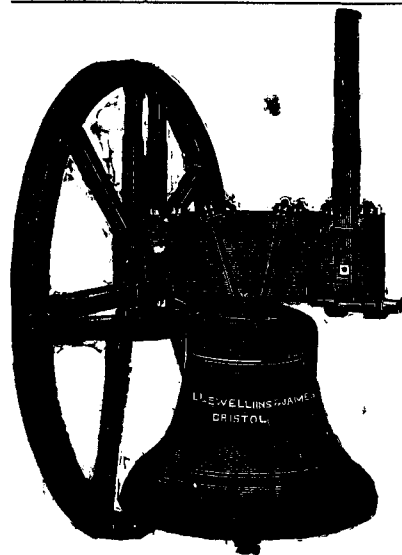
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

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

### SCHEDULE (continued).

WOODBURY (Devon.) St. Swithun. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears 1898; 3rd by Evans 1737; 4th and 5th by Byrdan 1624 and 1605 respectively; 6th very old bell, no date or founders' name; 7th by Purdue 1677. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. by Pennington 1629. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Stokes 1898. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 2 to 3. Practice: Wednesday and Saturday 7.30, except in Lent.

WOODSTOCK (Oxon.) No dedication known. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Wells 1785; the rest by Bagley 1708. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Welsh, 1894. Treble needs repair, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1897. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing in evening. Practice: Thursday, 8.

WOOLTON (Lancashire). St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor 1888. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go splendidly. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Taylor 1898. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 10.15 to 10.40. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

### CRUWYS MORCHARD, DEVON.

Picturesque Cruwys Morchard was *en fete* recently on the occasion of the re-opening of the parish church bells after having been rehung at a cost of £130, in memory of the late Mr. G. J. Cruwys, an old ringer. When set on foot, the movement was heartily taken up, and only about £30 was required to wipe out the debt. The Lord Bishop of Crediton conducted the service of dedication in the presence of a large congregation. The service was of a hearty character, and after the bells had been dedicated, ringers rang a short touch. A brass plate, bearing the following inscription has been hung in the chamber where the bells are hung: "The bells in this tower were rehung by parishioners and friends A.D. 1905, in memory of

George James Cruwys, M.A., J.P., who was a ringer 30 years." The service over, the company adjourned to the Sunday School, where luncheon was served. Later in the afternoon tea was provided, and a sale of work was held at the Manor House, situate near the church, the residence of Mrs. Cruwys, the widow of the late Mr. G. J. Cruwys.

The bells, which were rehung by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, in a new oak frame and fittings, were merrily rung during the afternoon by companies of ringers from the adjoining parishes, including Washfield, Mariansleigh, Poughill, Cheriton Fitzpaine and Bickleigh.

### LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.

The five bells in the ancient tower of the above church have been rehung, and a sixth bell (treble) has been added. Empire Day was fixed for the opening, and bands of ringers came from Bratton, Broadwood, Broadwoodwiger, Maristowe, Kelly, and Lew Down to assist. The Rev. Maitland Kelly and his band rang touches of Grandsire during the afternoon. All present spoke in high terms at the easy going of the bells. The tenor weighs about 8 cwt. Evensong was held in the church, the Rev. Maitland Kelly preaching to a large congregation.

The above work which consisted of a new oak frame and new fittings, was admirably carried out by Mr. H. Stokes, Church Bell Hanger, of Woodbury, and the new treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

### BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 24th, the ringers from St. Cuthbert's, Pateley Bridge, paid their nearest neighbours—Birstwith—a visit. At this village the ring have been recently augmented to six, and a grand ring of six they are, the rone and "go" of them being all that can be desired. The treble which has been added, is the gift of the Vicar (Rev. —. Baskett). The work of rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Warner. The ringing consisted of 720 Bob Minor (being the first 720 on the bells), 360 Kent, and a plain course of Woodbine. A. Rutter, 1; R. Thompson, 2; A. Ditchbourne, 3; A. Haigh, 4; H. Roberts, 5; J. Summersell conductor, 6.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also the ringers for putting off their practice-night.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The May meeting took place at Otley on Saturday, May 20th. The interesting old church and town lie at the foot of the Chiven, a hill boasting some 1000 feet of elevation above the sea. The view from the summit is far-reaching and excellent, embracing as it does most of the lower portion of the valley of the Wharfe, practically the whole plain of York with its Minster, having as a background the Hambleton Hills, which beyond blend with the mass of highlands in the N.E. of the county. Although we have here a stretch of some sixty miles, it is

not very easy with the naked eye to pick out the Minster, which is only some thirty miles off. But if the hilltop be visited at the right time towards the close of a summer's day, the low rays of the western sun may be caught flashing back from the windows of the noble pile like a fiery reflection from a mighty gem.

"With flame condensed thou dost thy jewels fix."

Opposite us is Farnley Hall, the seat of the Fawkes family, where the immortal Turner so loved to come for a rest and paint in his beloved Wharfedale, hence the valuable collection of his paintings that have there found a home. And yet in this old-fashioned market-town of Otley, which possesses its May-pole, and is linked a thousand times with everything from the country side, we have an engineering industry that sends its produce all over the civilised world. Such is a fair sample of England's industry, for the "Wharfedale" printing machine is known wherever the "power of the press" has reached, or literature has found an abiding city.

Wending our way down to the church, through the trees in their spring garb, the bells talking to us the meanwhile, we find much to interest us in the sacred edifice itself which we soon reach. Had we time we could write much thereon, but we must content ourselves by mentioning the tombs of the Fairfax family, who afterwards produced the famous General of Cromwell's time, Sir Thomas Fairfax; any one with an hour to spend in Otley should not miss the brasses and specimens of ancient carving that are there to be found in the old church.

Mixing now with our living brethren, we learn that the peal "gone for" in the morning came to grief, alas, "something wrong below the sallie" (we trust that this little sally on our part may be forgiven). And here we get many a hand-shake, which, but for these meetings would not come to us with their many memories. Here we are glad to see our old friend Mr. Copley, so long the Hon. Secretary of our now fully-developed Association.

Tea—by which we mean a solid Yorkshire one—was served at 5 o'clock in the Church schoolrooms, to a company approximating to some 250 in number, the fine room allowing this number to be accommodated at one time. This interesting and refreshing function over, the President, before the tea-tables were left, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Frost), for his kindness in lending his bells and schools for their visit, which was mentioned as being the first paid by the Association to Otley, although a previous date had at one time been all but fixed. The Vicar, who along with his curates had joined the company at the tea-tables, in replying said that he felt that the non-ringers were much indebted to those who so perseveringly attained perfection in their difficult Art. Nothing as it appeared to him was more in keeping with English views than the way their bells, handed skilfully, could voice the feelings of a patriotic town on the occasion say, of some great victory over a foreign enemy; or again in any great national troubles what could take the place of a muffled peal; what voices could compete with the bells, as with subdued tone they solemnly but eloquently spoke out their sadness. Personally he had much enjoyed the gathering, as it much enabled him to renew old friendships with former ringers in a previous parish.

The business meeting followed with the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting at Pudsey having been read and passed, it was agreed on a motion from the chair, seconded by Vice-President Bolland, that the vote of thanks passed to the Vicar at the tea-table

should be entered on the day's proceedings. Referring to the lamented death of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield, the action of the Committee in at once moving a vote of sympathy, and in not waiting for the General Meeting was explained and unanimously approved. The Committee's motion was as follows: "That the Committee of the Y.A.C.R. desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered by the late Mr. T. Hattersley in his threefold capacity of officer, conductor, and ringing-member; the more so because of the constant support and ever kindly enthusiasm he threw into all he undertook for the Association during a period extending over more than a quarter of a century"; and it was further agreed that the President be empowered to write both to Mrs. Hattersley and to their brother-officer, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and convey this expression of their feeling, together with their deep sympathy with them in their irreparable loss.

A kind invitation to visit Kirkburton had been placed in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by Mr. J. Pickering, jun., who had been compelled to leave earlier. The Hon. Secretary therefore moved its acceptance, and this was seconded by Mr. Broadley, and supported by Mr. Stainthorpe. As an amendment Mr. Cryer proposed his tower, Selby, stating that the members would, one and all, be more than interested in their grand old Abbey church, one of the most beautiful of Yorkshire's many beauties.

This was seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, who jokingly said it would be not only an excellent meeting-place, but one very handy for those at Hull.

The choice fell on Selby, with an expression of feeling that the visit to Kirkburton would only prove a pleasure deferred.

On the motion of Mr. Pratt Cordingley (Pudsey), seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Otley branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea-tables. This was ably responded to by Mr. Councillor Craven, who claimed for Otley a due share in the original formation of the Association nearly thirty years ago, and hoped they would soon have another visit paid them.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. Stainthorpe, seconded by Mr. Cotterell, and supported by Mr. Abbishaw, brought the business to a close.

A word of praise is more than due to the excellent arrangements made by the Otley committee, to whom Mr. E. G. Clark acted as Hon. Secretary, and to whom, along with his Committee, the heartiest thanks of all present were more than carried.

#### THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Recently the society received a handsome present at the hands of some of its members, in the form of a splendid peal-book, a beautiful piece of workmanship. It is made something after vols. I. and II.; size about 12 x 18, containing 400 gilt-edged leaves of Whatman's best paper. The binding is red Morocco leather. This society's records are probably unique, as in addition to the excellent penmanship, both ancient and modern, some being highly illuminated, the pages are often adorned with the figures of compositions rang, forming interesting history for future reference, etc.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Wenden on Saturday, May 20th, the bells (a newly-augmented ring of six which hang in the old Saxon tower of St. Mary's church) being at the disposal of the members after 3.0 p.m. through the kindness of the Rev. C. E. Barnes, Rector.

Ringers were present from Stansted, Elmdon, Saffron Walden, and Woodford, in the county of Essex; Bishops Stortford, Ware, and Royston, Herts.; Ickleton, Cambs.; and Fakenham, Norfolk. The towers of Littlebury (six bells) and Saffron Walden (eight bells) were also visited after 6 p.m.

The business meeting was held in Wenden Sunday Schoolroom, situate near the church, the District Master presiding, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed by Mr. Ernest Pitstow, and seconded by Mr. W. Watts, and carried, That Mr. R. Strong be elected a ringing member; and also by the Master and seconded by Mr. G. Jordan, and carried, that Mr. C. E. Barnes be elected a probationer.

It was decided that the annual meeting in September next be held at Harlow. On the proposition of the Master the Secretary was requested to ask for a contribution from the Association towards the expense of a conveyance from Audley End railway station to Arkesden and Elmdon, at a bye-meeting to be held between this and the annual meeting in September next. Carried.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom was proposed by Mr. Ernest Pitstow, seconded by Mr. G. Jordan, and carried unanimously.

## NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

By the kind invitation of the local company, a meeting was held on Saturday, May 20th, at Stebbing. Twenty-four members were present from Braintree, Great Bentley, Coggeshall, Feering, Dunmow, Bardfield, etc., as well as the local company. Tea was served at 5 o'clock in the schoolroom, under the direction of a number of local ladies, who made the visitors at home thoroughly. The Vicar was present, looking quite well after his dangerous illness; the churchwarden was also there. The Dunmow company was proposed as members, and elected, as well as several others, including the Rev. N. H. Johnson, of Manningtree. The ladies were heartily thanked for their services, and also the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and schoolroom. Minor in various methods was rung during the day.

## A NEW ZEALAND WEDDING.

On April 5th a wedding of interest to ringers in New Zealand took place between Mr. T. W. Biddle and Miss Kathleen Farr, of Christchurch, the ceremony being performed at St. Saviour's church, Sydenham, by the Ven. Archdeacon Scott. Mr. Biddle's brother-strings presented him with an upholstered cane chair, in which it is hoped he may give some attention to the noble art during the long winter evenings. During the evening the band indulged in some ringing on the church bells, and some of the members took the handbells down to the bride's late residence, and after drinking to the health of the happy couple some double-handed touches were tapped off in good style. Mr. Biddle is an Australian by birth, and learned to ring at Ballarat, Victoria. He has conducted peals in Ballarat, Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand, having the only two peals rung in the latter colony to his credit. When Mr. Biddle came to Christchurch ringing was at a low ebb, but under his energetic and able guidance considerable progress has been made. All ringers in Australia and New Zealand will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Biddle a long and prosperous life.

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## STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

The fortieth anniversary of the ringing of the first 720 of Plain Bob, in which Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford took part, on the Stanstead church bells, was celebrated on Saturday, May 20th, when a few of his old friends met him at the above church, and by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. G. Aitkens, rang two or three 720s in commemoration thereof. The proceedings opened with a 720 of Plain Bob. T. E. Slater, H. Symonds, A. Symonds, E. Simpson, S. Slater, G. Smith conductor. This was followed by 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. S. Symonds conductor, C. Honeybell, P. Garwood, E. Simpson, T. E. Slater, B. Maxim. The ringing concluded with 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Symonds, H. S. Symonds, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, E. Simpson, S. Slater conductor.

The following is a copy of the record of the first 720 taken from the peal book: "Stanstead, May 20th, 1865.—A peal of Plain Bob 720 was rung by J. Slater, 1; F. P. Adams, 2; C. Adams, 3; J. Pettit, 4; S. Slater, 5; John Slater (conductor), 6. This was S. Slater's first peal, and was conducted by his father."

It will be seen that S. Slater rang the same bell as he did forty years ago, and by his son taking part in the ringing on the above date, completes three generations of Slaters who have performed upon the above bells, dating from the 720 as above recorded. Joseph Slater and John Slater were brothers, and in the 720 on May 20th; A Symonds and H. S. Symonds are father and son. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rector for his continued kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.—*Local Paper.*

## RINGING IN ESSEX.

On Saturday, May 27th, a tower outing was arranged by Mr. W. J. Nevard. The proceedings commenced at Sible Hedingham, where Messrs. Rudkin, Shufflebotham, Hazell, Sillitoe and Wiseman turned up at 3 o'clock and rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, permission having been kindly granted by the Vicar. The bells here go very heavy, and require the attention of a bellhanger. A mile further on brought the party to Castle Hedingham, where three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The bells here are in capital order. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells. Gestingthorpe was next reached, the party being welcomed by the Rev. C. T. Bromwich. Here 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court were rung by C. Sillitoe, L. Wiseman, W. J. Hazell, A. Shufflebotham, F. Rudkin, W. J. Nevard conductor. This makes the 100th tower in Essex in which Mr. Nevard has rung, which he claims as a record. Refreshments were then partaken of, and after Mr. Nevard thanked the company for meeting him, tracks were made for home, all having had a capital day's outing.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The tower of Lavenham church will be open to any brother-ringer after 12.0 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21st.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Waterford on Whit-Monday.

G. LINDOFF, *Hon. Sec.*

Any ringers attending Wolverhampton on Whit-Tuesday for the United Men's Service who would like to ring for the same can have seats reserved in the church by sending postcard to the undersigned. Ringing to commence 2.30. Service 3.30.—R. Pickering, 109, Beacon Street, Wolverhampton.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21354687	21436587	21354687	21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	12536478	24163857	12536478	12463578				
42618375	21563487		21356487	21645387	24163857	24163857	24163857	24163857
		42136875	12534678	12654378	42613875	42613875	42613875	42613875
46218735	25136847	41263785	21543687	21563487	24168357	24168357	24168357	24168357
64127853	52163874	14627358			42618375	42618375	46281735	42618375
61472583		16472538	25134867	25136847			64287153	
16745238	25618347	61745283	52318476	52318674	46281735	46281735	46281735	46281735
17654328	52681374	67154823			64827153	64827153	64827153	64827153
71563482	56218734		53281746	53281764				
75136842	65281743	76518432	35287164	35827146	68472513	68472513	68472513	68472513
57318624		75681342	53821746	53287164	86427531	86742531	86475231	86742531
	56827134	57618324	53287164	53821746	68245713	68475213	68742513	68475213
53781264	65872143	56781234	35821746	35281764	86254731	86745231	86745231	86745231
35872146			53827164	53827146	68527413			
38527416	68527413	65872143			86572431	87654321	87654321	87654321
83254761	86572431	68527413	58372614	58372416	68754213	78563412	78563412	78563412
82345671	68754213	86254731	85736241	85734261	86745231			
28436517	86745231	82645371				75836142	75836142	75836142
24863157		28463517	87563421	87543621	87654321	57831624	57381624	57386124
42681375	87654321	24836157	78536412	78456312	78563412	75386142		75831642
	78645312		87354621	87465321		57381624	53718264	57381624
46281735	87463521	42863175	78356412	78643512	75836142		35178246	
64827153	78436512	48236715	87534621	87634521	57831624	53718264	53712864	53718264
68472513		84327651	78543612	78365412	75386142	35172846	35172846	35172846
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87654321	47836125	38745216	75834162	73856142		31527486	31527486	31527486
78563412		37854126	57381426	37581624	53718264	13257468	13257468	13257468
75836142	74381652				35172846	31524786	31524786	31524786
57381624	47318625	73581462	53718246	35718264		13254768	13254768	13254768
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## STEDMAN CINQUES.

By F. DENCH.

5014.

231456	5	6	19
315624			
314526	-		
316425	-		
613524	-		
614325	-		
615423	-		
516324	-		
514623	-		
415326	-		
416523	-		

The last nine courses three times repeated, adding bobs at 5-6 in first course produces 312456; round by s10, s13, B22. Go off 1, 5, 6, 7, 19.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, Minehead, Somerset.

5040.

752634	1
S 327546	3
S 563427	1
275346	2
752346	4
637452	1
376452	4
763452	4
527346	2
S 365427	1
743265	1
527643	1
S 635427	1
276543	2
S 342657	2

Eleven times repeated; bob midway and end.

## BOB MAJOR.

By H. MOORE, Minehead.

5376.

23456	W	M
43652	-	
24635	-	S
54632	-	S
25643	-	-
65342	-	
26354	-	S
36452	-	
26435	S*	S

Five times repeated; B\* third and sixth parts.

\* \* The Handbell Coupon will be found on the 15th page. Letters on this subject requiring an answer must enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

## 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."

## DELINEATION OF METHODS.

SIR,—The useful and interesting articles by Mr. Dains on old books bring up again the question whether some way could not be found of exhibiting the structure of a method in a more graphic manner than merely a lead. The diagrams of "Standard Methods" are of course excellent, but impracticable for every day use. Could not a way be found of using an ordinary font of printers' type to give something like the shortened diagram we use in teaching beginners? There are many among your readers capable of working out such a problem. If a sufficiently speedy and graphic way could be found it would be an incalculable help to the study of the various methods and systems.

H. DRAKE.

## SMALL BELLS.

SIR—I quite agree with Mr. Jerram that small carillon bells are not satisfactory. And for that reason I avoided calling these bells which are exceeding satisfactory, "carillon bells."

Perhaps I may quote what the late Lord Grimthorpe says on this matter in the 1903 edition of "Clocks, Watches, and Bells" (p. 394):—

"It is now however asserted that this difficulty has been entirely overcome by the new method of tuning; to prove which a very small set of six bells, the largest only a little over 4 cwt., was exhibited at the London Church Congress of 1899. Canon Simpson called attention to the subject in a letter to *The Times* (Oct. 8, 1899), in which he said: 'This little chime shows that the difficulty of small bells has been mastered, and there can be no reason why carillons of any size should not now be made in perfect tune.' Messrs. Taylor have placed a similar miniature peal of 8 in their tower at the Loughborough foundry."

My objection to the single bell, which Mr. Jerram desiderates, is that the ringing of a single bell for more than a few blows at a time is the most annoying sound that can be produced by these instruments. The result of a large bell being placed alone in a tower has, in many cases that I know of, been that a prejudice against its ever being superseded by a ring has become ineradicable. The argument is telling, though false: "If one bell causes so much annoyance, what will several do?"

I still hold that ringers should always use their influence to have a ring of small bells placed in a tower, rather than one heavy bell. The small ring will not be at all likely to annoy, and will encourage the authorities to exchange them for a heavy peal when opportunity offers.

This might be an interesting subject to discuss at the meeting of the Central Council. I am sorry that I shall be unable to be present this year, as I should have been glad to have supported every item on the very useful agenda now before us.

H. DRAKE.

## FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—After sending report of the peal of Treble Bob rung at All Saints, Pontefract, on May 20th, it was proved to us that it was crossed. So on behalf of the band I beg to withdraw it. We also intend attempting it again on Saturday next.

THOS. M. BARKER.

## BOB TRIPLES, ETC.

SIR,—I see by this week's paper that clause 8 of the Central Council's agenda is a discussion on the desirability or otherwise of booking peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, the same not being legitimate methods.

As I have not the honour of membership of the C.C., it may be looked upon as bad taste for me to interfere, but I cannot help saying that I consider it inconsistent of this body to legalize the ringing, and I suppose the booking, of a 5040 in any one Minor method, which I, for one, do not consider legitimate, and after that objecting to peals of Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, which, though perhaps undesirable are, I think, legiti-

mate. No one, I hope, would object to the C.C. endeavouring to raise the standard of the peals rung; and this I take it is their object in cutting these methods. I at least would support the idea, but do let us have it fair all round. I have previously stated that a Minor 5040 in one method is not worth the ringing nor the booking.

OLD STRING.

## OLD RINGING BOOKS.

SIR,—In my list of old methods you kindly published in last week's number, one was given as "Annable's Major." This should have been given as "Annable's Magot." It is built upon the lengthening lead plan. It is a good method, and the oldest plain method with that particular quality.

Mr. G. A. Black writes me to say that the method I gave as "Cambridge Single," is what they ring at Woodford (Essex) as "Canterbury Pleasure." He says he had understood that this method was a modern one, and so we all did, although I never what Canterbury Pleasure was like, nor who the author was supposed to be; but perhaps he will now identify himself, and let us share his disappointment upon the loss of this not very charming method.

H. DAINS.

## Obituary.

## HARRY STUBBS.

It is with painful regret that the death of this enthusiastic ringers has been announced. He was for many years a respected member of the Royal Cumberlands, and this is the fourth member who has passed away within twelve months. The poor fellow, we are told, was knocked down and run over by a locomotive or railway truck while at his work and killed almost instantly, and not by any fault of his own. A wife and several young children are left to mourn the loss of a good father. At the usual fortnightly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, his brother-members rung the whole pull and stand, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to his memory.

H.D.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On February 8th, six members of the above Guild from Farnham Royal visited Horton, by kind permission, and rang 720 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire Minor. H. Batten, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, J. J. Parker, R. Flaxman, C. Clarke. And several 120s of Doubles with the local ringers. Stoke Poges was also visited on March 8th, where various 120s of Doubles were rung with the local band. On April 29th, Fulmer was visited, when a 720 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire and various 120s were rung with the local company. The Rector, the Rev. H. Bridges, kindly gave the visitors tea. On May 10th, at Farnham Royal, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. H. Skuse, F. Reed, J. J. Parker, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, G. Gutteridge, H. Batten. On May 13th, at Burnham, several good touches of Oxford Bob Triples were rung with the local band, Messrs. Basden, Clarke and Parker conducting.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1905.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council will be held at  
St. Andrew's Church House in Canterbury on Whitsun-  
Tuesday, June 13th, 1905. The Council will meet at  
11 o'clock in the morning, the meeting of the Standing  
Committee being held previously in the same room at  
9.45.

By kind invitation of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon.  
Secretary of the Kent County Association, there will be a  
social gathering of members from 9 till 11 p.m., at the  
Odd Fellows Hall in Orange Street. The Cathedral  
Belfry will be open from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Members who



wish to go round the Cathedral are requested to be at the south porch at 6 p.m. Lodgings will be secured for members who write for them to the Secretary, Cathedral company of ringers, The Precincts, Canterbury.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

#### AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Statement of accounts and sales of publications.
- 3.—Election of honorary members.
- 4.—To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees:—
  - (a) Peal Collection.
  - (b) Condition of Rings.
  - (c) Church Press.
  - (d) Points for peals.
  - (e) Legitimate methods.

To discuss the following:

- 5.—That all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells, shall be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung in hand single-handed, or upon tower bells.
- 6.—That having regard to the recent correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," it is desirable to appoint a Committee to submit to next year's meeting a short descriptive catalogue of the known printed books and mss. relating to change-ringing not readily accessible to members of the Exercise.
- 7.—That an annual grant of £5 5s. be paid from the Council Funds for the preparation of the Peal Analysis.
- 8.—That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised, and that peals in them should not be booked.
- 9.—That Double Norwich Court Bob Caters be accorded the same number of points per peal as Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.
- 10.—Other business, if any.

THE FINEST PEAL OF BELLS IN ENGLAND.—There is a newspaper printed in a town called "Cheadle" in Staffordshire, known as *The Cheadle Herald*. In reporting the proceedings at a wedding which took place at a village called "Wormhill," the account states that as "the happy pair left the sacred edifice, merry peals were rung on the bells, known as the finest peal of bells in England." We confess our complete ignorance both of Wormhill village and its bells. Perhaps some of our friends would enlighten us, and give us particulars of what our contemporary declares is the "finest peal of bells in England."

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED PECK .. .. .	Treble.	FREDK. RICHARDSON ..	5.
ARTHUR JACOB .. .. .	2.	RICHARD BEVAN .. ..	6.
FREDERICK PERRIN .. ..	3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. ..	7.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. ..	4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. ..	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

The above is an eight-part composition, and is now rung for the first time.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. ..	Treble.	REUBEN CHARGE .. ..	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .	2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. ..	7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. ..	3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .	8.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. .	4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ..	5.	FRANK HULL .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Whitehead. It is also the conductor's 300th peal, a list of which next week.

##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM JOHN ALDRIDGE ..	Treble.	RICHARD GEORGE CARTER	5.
HARRY HOSKINS .. .. .	2.	*GEORGE CARTER .. ..	6.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON ..	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREYS ..	4.	HARRY BECKFORD .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman. This is the conductor's 990th peal.

#### The Provinces.

##### Handbell Peal.

##### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD NEW TOWN,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. DORAN .. ..	1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. ..	5-6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. .	3-4.	JOHN MOULE .. .. .	7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on handbells by W. H. Doran, and was rung to celebrate his 60th birthday, on May 27th, when the attempt for the peal failed after ringing 1 hr. 50 mins. This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of April 29th.

##### MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

C. V. SMITH .. .. .	Treble.	T. COLLINS .. .. .	4.
R. NEAL .. .. .	2.	W. FREER .. .. .	5.
T. F. SANDERS .. .. .	3.	J. WAINWRIGHT .. ..	Tenor.

Conducted by T. COLLINS.

First peal on the bells by a local band.

##### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and Plain Bob, and 360 each of Violet, Oxford Delight, Double Court and College Single.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.



HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN R. GREEN .. .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WARD .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WILKINSON .. .. 2.	HERBERT WAINER .. .. 5.
THOMAS HUMBERSTONE .. .. 3.	FRED EKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED EKINS.

\*First peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 5.
ROBERT W. HYNTER .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. .. 3.	REV. F. F. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING† .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 4.	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

†First in the method. \*First in the method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the 14th birthday of T. Groombridge, jun., the band wishing him the usual compliments.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 7.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 4.	JOHN S. MACDONALD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

All the above are members of the local company.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, June 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

EDWARD SHEERWOOD .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 5.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Nevard and Steel. The Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, kindly invited the company to tea at the Vicarage after the peal.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the eve of the spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch at Freeland.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, June 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.

FRANK LAWTON .. .. Treble.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH OGDEN .. .. 2.	HERBERT BARLOW .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. MARSLAND .. .. 7.
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH* .. 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BARLOW.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice Smith.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rang in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also in honour of the birth of a son to the wife of the Rev. H. W. L. O'Rourke, Rector of Farnham, which took place on May 26. This is believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells since 1807, and is the conductor's 50th peal, a list of which next week.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

E. H. MITCHELL, SEN.* .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RHOADES* .. .. 2.	*GEORGE SULLY .. .. 6.
E. H. MITCHELL, JUN.† .. 3.	JAMES H. CLARKE .. .. 7.
VALENTINE GOSLING .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. BARRATT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. CLARKE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. E. Clarke, a member of the band, who was unable to take part in the peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 3.	*FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 7.
HARRY RICHELL .. .. 4.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal of Triples, and for whom it was specially arranged.

## WYLAM-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM STORY .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. GOFTON .. .. 4.
R. ALDER GOFTON .. .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE* 3.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GOFTON.

\*First peal of Surprise Minor.

## STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Treble.	*BERTIE MAXIM .. .. 4.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. .. 2.	*THEODORE E. SLATER .. .. 5.
PERCY GARWOOD* .. .. 3.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

\*First peal.

## Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 1.

WILLIAM J. THYNG* .. 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5-6.
ALBERT KETTELL .. .. 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires—Walter Coates and George Lewis. The latter took down every lead and as rung. \*First peal on handbells.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. W. BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix.

## EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN H. SINGLETON'S WORKSHOP,

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

REUBEN BURTON .. .. 1-2.	HENNA SINGLETON .. .. 3-4.
EDWARD HUBBARD .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by H. SINGLETON.

Witness—W. Jesson. First peal by all. First peal in the parish. The conductor is a member of the Framland Society.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. V. Sear, H. Sear, H. Hopkins, W. Sear, E. Marks, J. George composer and conductor, T. Henry, F. Mawby. This is V. Sear's first quarter-peal away from the tenor, and the first quarter-peal by H. Hopkins and T. Henry.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 3rd, at St. Faith's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Sear, F. Booth, W. Freeman, F. Mynard, N. Alderman, J. George (con).

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. Edward's church, for evening service, 1280 Double Norwich. G. Roughton, F. Gill, H. Catterwell, A. J. Perkins, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble composer and conductor, E. Pye, W. Watson.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, June 4th, for the Children's Flower Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. White, Dora White, C. Holdaway, C. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, G. Martin. For evening service 518 in the same method. J. Ward, E. Ham, C. Holdaway, C. Hansford, H. White, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard conductor, G. Martin.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 45 mins. J. Driver, C. Charge, W. Pickworth, J. Kelley, W. Troughton, J. Herbert, A. Jones, W. Elson conductor, H. Langdon, C. Hunt.

FORDINGERIDGE (Hants).—On Saturday, May 13th, at the parish church, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. W. Lucas, T. Carter, W. H. George, S. M. Lockyer, H. Bevan conductor, J. Hookey. And another 120. W. Kensington, T. Carter, W. Lucas, W. H. George, H. Bevan conductor, J. Hookey. On Saturday, May 20th, four 120s of Grandsire Doubles. W. Kennington, T. Carter, W. H. George, S. W. Lockyer, H. Bevan conductor, J. Hookey. On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 120 with 7-8 covering. The ringers at this place have been under the tuition of Mr. W. H. George.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 41 mins. A. Lulham, W. Workman, A. T. Webb, W. B. Jones conductor, C. Boxwell, G. Nash.

MOORSIDE (Lancashire).—On a recent Monday evening, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Lawton, H. Barlow, J. Butterworth, J. Adams, W. Johnson, C. H. Marsland, L. Hampson, I. Schofield. Composed and conducted by W. Johnson.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths; Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays June 15th and 29th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, June 29th. A Business meeting will be held on the 20th.

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

The Kent County Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. Towers open for ringing: Tenterden, Headcorn, Rolvenden and Benenden. Service at 11 a.m., with address by the Vicar, Rev. S. C. Lepard. Offertory for the widow and family of the late Wm. Hadlow, of Lenham. Committee meeting in the vestry at 12. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Town Hall.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood to-day, Sat., June 10th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Basset to-day, Sat., June 10th. Ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields, where Christ Church bells (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley (6), will be at the disposal of members. Dinner at the Northumberland Arms, New Quay, at one o'clock, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Committee meeting at the Parish Hall at 12 noon.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Usual towers available. Luncheon at The Peacock hotel at 2 o'clock. Election of Central Council representative.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30 a.m., with address by the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow. Annual meeting at the Vestry Hall, 12.15 noon. Dinner at the Victoria Boys' School 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand; non-members 2s. each.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester on Whit-Monday, June 12th, when several important matters will be discussed, including proposed alteration in the rules. Service, at which the Rev. Canon St. John has kindly consented to preach, will be held in the Cathedral at 10.30, followed by the business meeting in the Chapter House. Luncheon will be at Garrett's Restaurant, Westgate Street. The Cathedral bells will be open for ringing at 9.30, and those at St. Michael's, Quedgeley, and other churches during the day.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*  
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Linton on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Meeting in schoolroom at 3 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Abbots Langley, one mile from Kings Langley station, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available at 4. Tea at 5.30; 6d. per head for all who inform me they are coming.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. Western Division.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringers desirous of an opportunity to practice Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major should attend this meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, June 14th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at St. James's church, Leyland. Bells at 3. A short service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), and St. James's (8). Dinner, 1s. each to members, at Wickenden's restaurant at one o'clock. Business immediately afterwards. Service at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Members intending to dine should inform me by Tuesday, June 20th.

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

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 24th. Tea free to members producing receipt for their subscriptions for 1905, in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45. Service in the Cathedral at 6.20. Business meeting immediately after service in the Ringers' Chapel. There are still a large number of members whose subscriptions for the current year, due in January last, are unpaid.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Tea at 5, provided by the Rector to those who let me know not later than Tuesday, June 20th.

R. J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*  
64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The anniversary of the above will be held on Monday, June 26th.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Christchurch on Monday, July 10th. Unattached Members residing outside the diocese are reminded that they may compound for all subscriptions by a single payment of 2s. 6d. Those residing in the diocese must pay their subscriptions to the District Secretary. The names of those who do not compound, or whose subscriptions are unpaid, will not be included in the next report.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Essex Association.—In connection with the annual meeting of the above Association, peals will be attempted at Writtle on Saturday, June 10th, meeting at 5.30 p.m.;

and at Widford on Monday, June 12th, meeting at 6 a.m. sharp. Members and friends desirous of taking part in either or both, and will state method required (up to Double Norwich and Stedman), must let me know by Wednesday, June 7th. Ringers desirous of conducting must state method at time of writing.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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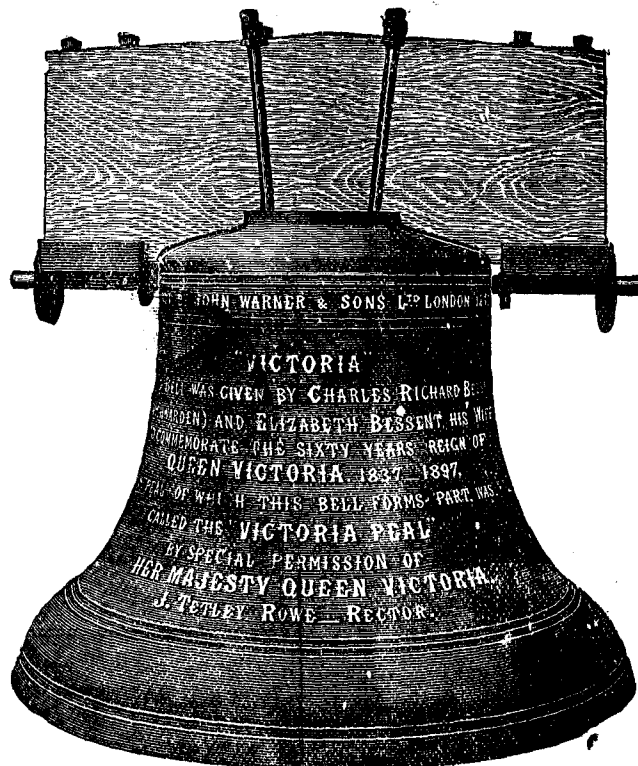
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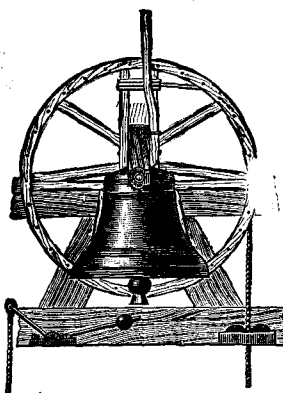
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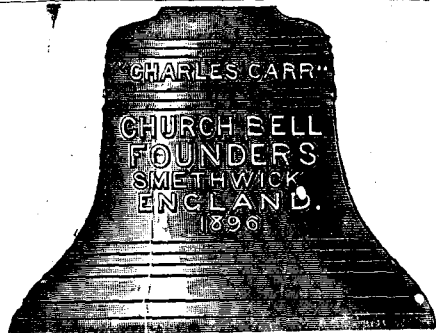
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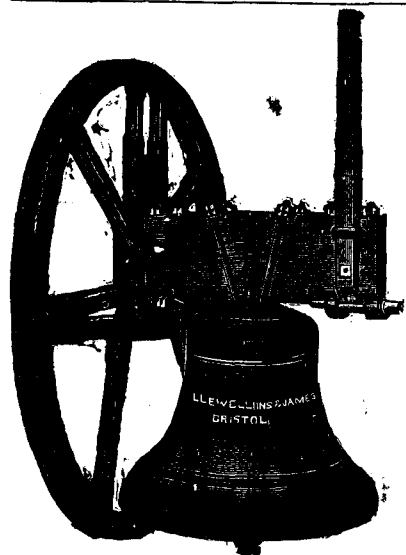
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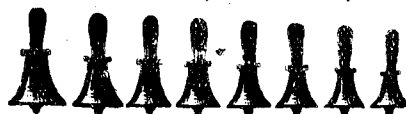
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WOOLWICH (Kent).—St. Mary Magdalene. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears 1821. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn, 1893. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. A short service is held in the belfry by one of the clergy at the commencement of ringing. Practice: Thursday, 8.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts.) All Saints. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; 4th, 7th and tenor, 1633, believed to be by Purdue; the rest by Warner 1890. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. (?) Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Rehung by Hooper 1890, when three trebles were added, and 5th and 6th recast. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.15 on festivals, and occasionally on other Sundays. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

WORCESTER. All Saints. Worcester and Districts Association. Ten bells; believed to be by Rudhall. No dates given. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All the bells are clocked every Sunday. No repairs for a long time past. No answer as to ropes and methods. Occasional ringing on Sundays and festivals, but there is no band attached to the church, and the rector discourages ringing, as it causes dust in the vestry below. Ringing is further troublesome, because it involves untying the ropes from all the clappers, which annoys the old tower-keeper.

St. Mary's Cathedral. Worcester and Districts Association. Twelve bells, and three additional bells to form a lighter peal of eight. All by Taylor 1869. Tenor 50 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing; alternate Sundays, 9.15 to 10.20. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, beginning as usual with service at St. Mary's church, at which an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Andrews, Vicar of Harlow, from Colossians iii. 23—"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not unto men"; showing how St. Paul's precept applied to ringers in the patient, persevering practice of their "beautiful and fascinating art," and to their personal conduct as men and as churchworkers. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Butler in the absence of the Rector, the Lesson (Col. iii.) being read by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Association, and another of the Chelmsford curates, the Rev. H. Ham, presiding at the organ. It was a bright and hearty service, the hymns and chants being well taken up by the ringers present.

At the business meeting, held in the Vestry Hall, the officers for the past year were re-elected. The Master, Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Mr. W. J. Nevard and Mr. C. H. Howard were appointed representatives on the Central Council for the years 1906-7-8; the last-named taking the place of Mr. B. Keeble, who did not seek reappointment. The Master then presented his annual report for the year 1904, congratulating the Association on its prosperous condition, shown by an increase during the past year of membership from 626 to 700; of towers in union with the Association from 61 to 66; and of peals rung from 57 to 65, passing the previously highest record of 58 in 1902. The list of peals, it was specially noted, included one of London Surprise on handbells by the Messrs. Pye and W. Keeble, and eleven peals in four Surprise methods rung by one company (Stansted) on their own bells. Twenty-two members had acted as conductors in Association peals—W. Watts (Stansted), 13; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 10; W. Pye, 8; W. H. Judd (Prittlewell), 6; four in three peals each; two in two; and twelve in one peal each. The new system of local organisation was, said the Master, justifying the hopes that had been formed of it; and he was glad to note that the Association was being better supported by the clergy than in former years, there being 40-50 among its honorary members. Though the balance-sheet showed a diminution of the balance in hand, this was partly due to extra expenses not likely to recur. The report of a committee on incidental expenses, such as travelling allowances to officers, contributions towards tea or dinner expenses at meetings, etc., was received and adopted. It was resolved to instruct the representatives at the Central Council to protest against the resolution upon the Council's agenda to disallow peals of Grandsire Major and Bob Triples.

Dinner, to which about 60 or 70 members sat down, was served in the Victoria Boys' School. The Master presided, supported by the Mayor of Chelmsford (W. P. Gepp, esq.), and the Revs. J. B. Andrews, H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Secretary), L. Butler and E. G. Norris. A cordial vote of thanks to the preacher for his excellent sermon, and to the church authorities for the use of the Chelmsford and other towers, was responded to by Messrs. Andrews,

Butler and Gepp, and a similar vote to the chairman was adopted with "musical honours." Of three peals attempted in connection with the meeting only one proved successful, a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Widford on the morning of the day of meeting.

### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Bangor, Carnarvon, on Easter Monday. There was a large assembly of ringers present from the following towers; Bangor, Portmadoc, Llandudno, Beaumaris, Rhyl, Rhuddlan, Wrexham, Gresford, Llangollen, Dolgelly and Buckley.

The Bangor ringers had been untiring in their efforts to arrange an elaborate programme of the day's proceedings, and no stone had been left unturned to make the Association's visit to the ancient city a most successful and memorable one. Owing to the extensive area of this Association, it will be noticed that many of the ringers had to undertake long railway journeys, and it is highly creditable that all the ringers had arrived in the city by noon, the last arrivals being Wrexham, Llangollen and Gresford. At 12.30 the ringers sat down to an excellent luncheon at The Queen's Head Cafe, and afterwards adjourned to St. David's church, where the annual meeting was held in the church schoolroom. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, and vice-president of the association, occupied the chair. The annual report was read by the Secretary, and showed that four new towers had joined the association during the year, making a total of fifteen. The association reported fifty-six new members, bringing the total membership of the association to 212. There have been six peals rung during the year, and the association is to be highly congratulated upon the excellent progress.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Rev. T. Lewis Jones (Vice-President); Mr. W. T. Pegler (Master); Mr. W. Rogers (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. S. A. Cullington (Hon. Secretary).

During the meeting the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bangor arrived, and extended a warm to the association to Bangor.

A service for ringers was subsequently held in St. David's church. The Lord Bishop preached a most appropriate sermon from the text; "And they made bells of pure gold and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates."

After the service the ringers accepted an invitation from the Lord Bishop to accompany him to the Palace. The Palace lies on the Anglesey side of the Menai Straits, and a short voyage across the straits was necessary. The Lord Bishop had made ample arrangements for the convenience of his guests, and the boys of the training ship "Clio" with their three large boats were in waiting to row the visitors across. The ringers were soon comfortably seated in the Palace enjoying the good things so kindly provided for them. The Clio sailor lads who rowed the party across the straits were also entertained, and there is no question about them having enjoyed themselves. Their antics caused considerable amusement to the party, and, indeed their presence tended greatly towards making the afternoon roll away pleasantly.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop and his good lady for th

great honour rendered to the association by inviting them to his Palace that day.

Mr. W. H. Evans (Portmadoc), in a very humorous speech, seconded the vote of thanks, and stated that this visit would long live in their memories. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The Lord Bishop in response, alluded to the time when he tried to gain a knowledge of change-ringing. It was, he said, one of the most difficult arts he had ever tried to solve. His Lordship paid a high tribute to the ringers for their painstaking efforts to become thorough change-ringers, which was such an important part of church work. He (the Bishop) wished all a most enjoyable afternoon, and a safe journey home.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in admiring the magnificent scenery overlooking the straits. A course of Caters was rung, and tunes by the Wrexham ringers were given on the lawn outside the Palace. The order to the Clio boys to "man" their boats was an intimation that the time had come to a conclusion all too soon. The greatest credit is due to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Bangor, and the ringers under his care, for the excellent arrangements made by them for the reception of their guests.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Romsey on Saturday, May 13, members attending from towns in the neighbourhood. By the kindness of the Vicar the fine ring of 8 bells of the abbey was available from 2 p.m. An excellent meat tea was provided, of which 37 partook. The Master of the Guild presided, and there were present the Vicar of Romsey, the curate, and Captain R. S. Matthews (brother of the Master).

The Secretary reported that since the last quarterly meeting several young members in the district had rung their first peal, and that at St. Michael's (Southampton) a band of young men were being instructed, and he hoped would soon be members of the Guild as probationers. Two full members and three probationers were admitted to membership, and the Rev. E. L. H. Tew (Upham) has become an honorary member.

The Vicar had arranged for full choral evensong at 5.30, at which a special anthem, and the hymn 303 (A. and M.) were sung. After service the bells were again rung until 8 o'clock.

The thanks of the district are due to the Vicar and choir of Romsey, and to Mr. R. White and his brother-ringers of the Romsey band for a most enjoyable meeting.

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES.—Meeting at Canterbury, 13th June, 1905.

ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	ASSOCIATION.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Soc. of College Youths ...	A. Hughes ...	W. T. Cockerill J. W. Rowbotham T. H. Taffender	Liverpool Diocesan Guild... ..	A. T. King ...	W. Bentham J. Basden
Royal Cumberland Youths ...	H. Dains ...	A. Hardy	Middlesex Association ... ..	J. Waghorn ...	
St. James's Society... ..	R. A. Daniell ...	A. Jacob C. F. Winney W. Weatherstone	Midland Counties Association ...	Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. ...	W. Wakley
Bath and Wells Dio. Association .		Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge H. J. Poole	Northants Central Association ...	J. Griffin ...	
Bedfordshire County Association .	Rev W. W. C. Baker ...	G. Walker	North Notts. Association ...	J. W. Taylor ...	H. Haigh
Birmingham and District Amal....		W. H. Godden	North Wales Association ...	F. Wilford... ..	Rev. T. Lewis Jones W. L. Catohpole
Birmingham St. Martins's Guild.			Norwich Diocesan Association ...	C. E. Borrett ...	J. Motts C. Mee
Chester Diocesan Guild ... ..	J. Ashmole ...		Oxford Diocesan Guild ... ..	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ...	W. P. Routh
Cleveland and North Yorks. ...	H. Dew ...	G. J. Clarkson Rev. W. P. Wright	Salisbury Diocesan Guild... ..	F. W. Hopgood ...	
Devon Guild ... ..	Rev. M. Kelly ...	A. W. Searle		Rev. F. E. Robinson ...	Rev. H. Tilney-Bassett Rev. H. Drake
Durham and Newcastle Dio. Assn.	R. S. Story ...	W. Holmes T. Hudson C. L. Routledge	Stafford Archidiaconal Association	S. Reeves ...	A. P. Morton Stewart R. Cartwright
Ely Diocesan Association... ..	Rev. W. W. C. Crump ...	W. J. Nevard	Surrey Association ... ..	C. Dean, jun. ...	A. B. Carpenter, M.D.
Essex Association ... ..	B. Keeble ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon N. J. Pitstow	Sussex County Association ...	H. B. Bennett ...	G. F. Attree
Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Assn..	Rev. H. A. Cockey ...	Rev. E. B. James F. G. May	Winchester Diocesan Guild ...	S. Saker ...	G. Williams
Hereford Diocesan Guild ... ..		J. G. Buchanan J. E. Groves	Worcester and Dist. Association...	J. W. Whiting ...	Rev. C. E. Matthews
Hertford County Association ...		H. Baker	Yorkshire Association ... ..	C. Willshire ...	H. White R. E. Grove
Irish Association ... ..		R. R. Cherry, K.C.			J. Smith G. Bolland
Kent County Association ... ..	E. Barnett ...		HONORARY MEMBERS ... ..	Rev. E. W. Carpenter ...	C. H. Hattersley W. Snowdon
	J. H. Cheesman... ..			Rev. C. D. P. Davies ...	W. Stainthorpe Rev. A. H. Boughiey
	W. Haigh ...			J. A. Trollope ...	J. Carter T. Lockwood
	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore ...				J. Pettit Rev. J. H. Pilkington
Lancashire Association ... ..	Rev. H. J. Elsee ...	J. Eachus J. Shepherd			J. S. Pritchett W. H. Thompson
Leeds and Dist. Amal. Society ...	R. Ridyard ...	J. W. T. Holgate G. Chester			F. E. Ward
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ... ..	Rev. H. Law James ...	C. W. P. Clifton			
	R. Richardson ...				

### SUMMARY.

MEMBERS.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	TOTAL.
Representatives ...	37	53	90
Honorary ...	3	8	11
Total ...	40	61	101

ASSOCIATIONS.	
Fully represented ...	5
Partially " ...	16
Not " ...	15
	36

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Walmer on Saturday, May 20th. Members were present from Ash, Bekesbourne, Dover, Birchington, Deal, Lyminge, Canterbury, Teynham, and Wickham. Touches in the standard methods were rung at St. Mary's, Walmer (8 bells), and Minor and Doubles were rung at Upper Deal (6 bells). Forty members sat down to tea at The Station Hotel. The Rev F. J. O. Helmore presided at the business meeting. Ten members were elected. The district representative, Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Lyminge; and the district secretary, G. Denne, of Deal, were re-elected.

Faversham was chosen for the next annual meeting, and by-meetings at Bekesbourne in the autumn and Canterbury in the spring.

The rev. chairman having replied to a vote of thanks, a good course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by S. White (aged 15), E. Trendall, H. Barton, F. Holden, and W. Fowler.

## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Hindley, when fifty members attended from Aughton, Ormskirk, Rainford, Wigan (parish church and St. James's), Upholland, and the local company. The bells were soon in motion, when various touches were rung by the companies present until 5.30 a.m., when they adjourned to St. Peter's school, where an excellent tea had been provided. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Holt, presided. In the course of an excellent address the chairman gave the Guild a warm welcome to St. Peter's, and regretted the absence of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, who was heart and soul in promoting the Guild's welfare. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the donors of the tea, brought a very pleasant meeting 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."

## CORRECT AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to say that the peal of Grandsire Triples in your last issue does not belong to Mr. Moore, as it is only a transposition of my 12-part, in fact, it is the form in which it was originally extracted from the composition table.

J. J. PARKER.

[Other letters have been received to the same effect.—ED.]

## Date Touches.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Whit-Monday, before the Foresters' service, a date touch of 1905 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. E. Porter, H. Porter, J. Porter, R. Watson, E. Barker, E. Porter. Conducted by H. C. Watson.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Stone, G. Steer, G. B. Selby, A. J. Lewis, H. J. Selby, D. Wright, W. G. Granger conductor, J. Heath. And 1248 Double Norwich. R. Stone, W. G. Granger, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, A. Jarrett, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, April 24th, 528 Double Norwich. W. J. Goss, W. H. Doran, P. Webb, E. Carter, R. Fenn, G. Parker, N. J. Pinstow conductor, G. Taylor.

TRUMPINGTON (Cambs).—On Monday, April 24th, 360 Grandsire. J. Oldacre, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, P. Webb, J. Webb. And 240 Grandsire and 120 Old Doubles. J. Oldacre, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—Recently, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. W. Braund, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, F. Bowtell, J. Webb. On Thursday, April 27th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Brand, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb, P. Webb conductor.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NESTON (Cheshire).—In Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, 812 Grandsire Triples. J. Roberts, A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Tilley, J. Edwards, H. Dew, J. Meador, W. Briscoe, T. Metcalf.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY (North Wales).—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46½ mins. W. Short, A. W. Brighton conductor, H. Hughes, T. J. Price, E. Messham, R. Dolby, E. H. Griffiths, W. Bellis.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Beams conductor, T. Miles, H. Pederick, E. T. Grove, H. G. Beams, H. Greenhill, C. E. Read, F. Laver. Also 168 in the same method, standing as before.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. Hitchman, S. Grove, A. E. Pegler, J. Carter, W. H. Godden, W. Short conductor, J. Bradney, W. Keys.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, in 46 mins. W. Short, F. Withers, A. Chambers, J. Withers H. Withers, composer and conductor, S. Grove, W. Palmer, A. E. Pegler.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On February 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lovett, R. Smith, W. H. Baldrey, C. Smith, P. Bedingfield, E. Cooper. Another 720 in the same method. W. Lovett, W. H. Baldrey, H. Lambert, H. Collis, P. Bedingfield, E. Cooper conductor. On Sunday, February 19th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lovett, R. Smith, H. Lambert, C. Smith, P. Bedingfield, W. H. Baldrey conductor.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 44 mins. A. Etheridge, P. Etheridge, J. Kenward, N. Wakefield, A. Songhurst, J. Sherlock, S. Kenward, R. Cawte, S. Kenward conductor. On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. O. Sippetts, N. Wakefield, J. Kenward, A. D. Mills, A. Songhurst, E. Dewey, P. Etheridge, A. Etheridge.

MONKS ELRICH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Keeble, T. Reed, C. Green, R. Wilden, A. Keeble conductor, W. Stiff. And 360 Plain Bob. A. Keeble, C. Varo, C. Green, J. Hogger, W. Stiff conductor, R. Wilden.

POLSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 7th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Keeble, J. Hagger, C. Green, T. Reed, A. Keeble conductor, W. Stiff.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 7th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Keeble, J. Hagger, C. Green, T. Reed, A. Keeble. W. Stiff.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On March 26th, the last 700 of Holt's Original. On April 2nd, the first 504 of Holt's ten-part. W. Field, W. Wilder, T. Leader, R. Flaxman, W. H. Fussell conductor, A. E. Leader, E. T. Hooper, F. Purdue. On April 21st, 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Gutteridge.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 4th, at St. Bartholomew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 48 mins. W. Smith, H. Tinsley, C. Wallater, J. Tyler, J. Bates, G. Hughes, J. Malpass, J. Lawton.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday June 22nd; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, June 29th. A business meeting will be held on the 20th.

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

The Hertfordshire Association. — A district meeting will be held at Abbots Langley, one mile from Kings Langley station, to-day, Sat., June 17th. Bells available at 4.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec. Western Division.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn to-day, Sat., June 17th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringers desirous of an opportunity to practice Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major should attend this meeting.

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

The Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held to-day, Sat., June 17th, at St. James's church, Leyland. Bells at 3. A short service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), and St. James's (8). Dinner, 1s. each to members, at Wickenden's restaurant at one o'clock. Business immediately afterwards. Service at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. Members intending to dine should inform me by Tuesday, June 20th.

Bridgewater. A. E. COLKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Northern Branch. — The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 24th. Tea free to members producing receipt for their subscriptions for 1905, in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45. Service in the Cathedral at 6.20. Business meeting immediately after service in the Ringers' Chapel. There are still a large number of members whose subscriptions for the current year, due in January last, are unpaid.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Sussex County Association. — Central Division. — The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Tea at 5, provided by the Rector to those who let me know not later than Tuesday, June 20th.

R. J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*  
64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

The Saffron Walden Society. — Established 1623. — The anniversary of the above will be held on Monday, June 26th.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — The annual festival will be held at Christchurch on Monday, July 10th. Unattached Members residing outside the diocese are reminded that they may compound for all subscriptions by a single payment of 2s. 6d. Those residing in the diocese must pay their subscriptions to the District Secretary. The names of those who do not compound, or whose subscriptions

are unpaid, will not be included in the next report.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, June 24th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association. — A district meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, June 24th. Members intending to be present please let me know by June 20th. Tea at 4.30. Huntingdon, Godmanchester and Hartford bells will be available.

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

East Derbyshire Association. — A special ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, June 24th. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — By invitation of the Bolton company the monthly ringing meeting will be held there on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8), available from 2.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 8.0 p.m. at The Bolton hotel. Members are requested to attend.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. — The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Lichfield. Service in the Lady Chapel at 5 o'clock, when the address will be given by the Right Rev. Bishop Anson. Tea in the Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45. Tickets sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, and whose names are sent in not later than June 26th; to others it will be one shilling per head.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Sussex County Association. — Heene Branch. — All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

R. STANDING,  
15, Tarring Road, Worthing, Sussex.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday last the ringers in connection with St. Laurence's tower, Reading (eleven in number), paid a visit to the charming village of Aldermaston for the purpose of having a few touches on the charming little peal of eight, tenor about 10 cwt. After some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples had been rung, the generous squire of Aldermaston (C.E. Keyser, Esq.), sent to say that tea would be ready at 5.30 in the servants' hall, an invitation which was readily accepted, and to which full justice was done. After tea the ringers returned to the tower and rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as a birthday touch for one of their comrades—William Runham—who had attained his majority on that day, all wishing him many happy returns. A short touch of Bob Major and lowering the bells in peal, brought the ringing to a close, all being well pleased with their little outing to so charming a spot. Aldermaston Court stands on a hill, and the views to be obtained all round are very charming, especially at this season of the year.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Dench has removed to Plumby Cottage, Sydenham Hill Road, Sydenham, S.E.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1905.

AMONG the paragraphs constituting the "Schedule" of "Our Church Bells," we sometimes drop upon one not only original, but in a measure, facetious. We are favoured this week with a paragraph concerning the bells of All Saints' church, Worcester, which appears to be the compilation (in its original form) of some local wag. Reading the information given is certainly apt to provoke one's risible faculties. We are told the Rector discourages ringing, "as it caused dust in the vestry below." There is in fact no "vestry below." The statement can hardly be taken serious, because if the dust does descend into the church the trouble could easily be done away with by placing linoleum in the ringing-chamber.

There is another trouble alleged. Ringing annoys the old tower-keeper. Well we would that no one should feel annoyed. But if this veritable tower-keeper is perturbed in mind and body while untying the rope, for goodness sake let him cease tying them at all.

We doubt the assertion that the Rector discourages

ringing. Instances are known to the contrary. We should be glad to hear that he had stopped the clogging, or clocking, or "tying" of the bells, and adopted another mode of summoning the worshippers; a mode we should be glad to suggest to him, with all due deference.

Is it a fact that the person who supplied the information about the Worcester bells was so much taken up with "dust" and the "old tower-keeper" at one church that he forgot to supply any information about other church bells in the city? One ring of eight and four rings of six are not alluded to in the schedule at all.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

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

VICARS'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY W. MAY* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 5.
CHARLES POTHECARY† .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	HERBERT F. HULL .. .. 7.
HENRY FRANKS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFERIES .. 5.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The rev. gentleman complimented the party upon the excellence and regularity of their striking.

### The Provinces.

#### LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

#### HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY REYNOLDS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. CARRINGTON .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 2.	LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 6.
FRED CROSSLEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. 7.
CHRISTOPHER NIELD .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by O. LANG, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

#### SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

REUBEN COPELIN* .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAYES* .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 6.
FRED. J. RING* .. .. 3.	*ROBERT BRETT .. .. 7.
LEWIS SILVER* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Oxford

#### HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE F. MOORE .. .. Treble.	BERTIE DEBENHAM .. .. 4.
HARRY A. TURNER .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. .. 5.
GEORGE DEBENHAM .. .. 3.	JAMES CHINERY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES CHINERY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

#### WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

REV. E. B. JAMES'S ODD-BOB COMPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM BEVAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

This composition is now rung for the first time by the Association.

#### RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. DOUGLAS G. SMITH* Treble.	HERBERT DAY .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
FRANK HILL† .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM S. PILCHER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. MILLET, and Conducted by FRANK HILL.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Ogle and Mr. S. W. Coupe, of the above parish.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A CIRCUIT OF FORWARD MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble.	*JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
THOMAS RUSSAM* .. .. 2.	*EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 4.	A. PADDON SMITH .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	*JOHN NEAL .. .. 11.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Forward Maximus, and the 2nd ever rung, both being at St. Martin's. This composition has the 4th seventeen times, the 5th fifty-five times, and the 6th fifty-four times in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is now rung for the first time.

#### BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, NEWCASTLE,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lbs.

R. EVANS .. .. Treble.	A. ROWLEY .. .. 5.
W. B. BISS .. .. 2.	J. CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
H. DAY .. .. 3.	J. COX .. .. 7.
W. MILLER .. .. 4.	R. BUNSTONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. CLUTTERBUCK.

## SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, June 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 5.
GEORGE K. TROWBRIDGE † 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ROBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4.	*CHARLES SANGER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal of Stedman. \*First peal.

## NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE MASH* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILLBY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. 2.	CHARLES T. AYERS .. .. 6.
F. ISAAC FUTTER .. .. 3.	WALTER E. AYERS .. .. 7.
ROBERT WILLY .. .. 4.	HENRY BETTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

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

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, June 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 4.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES DOWLER.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
WALTER ALCOCK* .. .. 4.	CHARLES CBUNDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, June 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs.

WILLIAM MOTTS .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang to oblige Mr. Kentish, of London, who is having his holiday in the district. The Vicar (Rev. W. C. Pearson), kindly provided tea for the ringers.

## ROCHDALE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM* .. 6.
THOMAS WALLWORK .. 3.	JAMES HY. BANKS .. .. 7.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. 4.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HY. BANKS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and in the town of Rochdale.

## EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES JOYNES* .. Treble.	HERBERT HAIGH .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. WINTER .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR .. .. 7.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 3.	ARTHUR T. WINTER .. 8.
GEORGE W. METCALFE .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.
ROBERT MILES .. .. 5.	CHARLES CRAWFORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. B. JOYNES.

\*First peal. Rung on the eve of the re-opening of the church after restoration.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 8.
JOHN T. KENTISH* .. 3.	*ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 10.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 6.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Story and Kentish. \*First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED WINCH* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
EDWARD G. BUESDEN* .. 2.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	*FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 7.
CHARLES TRIBE* .. 4.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble. First in the method on the bells.

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

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY MILES .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. CASTLE .. 5.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. 2.	*C. O. SAYER .. .. 6.
REV. G. H. RIDOUT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM STONE .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH .. .. Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 5.
TOM STOCKDALE .. .. 2.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 6.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. .. 3.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CHILD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, M.A., and  
Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Reference to this peal next week.

## FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 2.	WALTER KERLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE K. TROWBRIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

S. G. STEELE* .. .. Treble.	P. C. LONG .. .. 5.
P. O. BIXBY .. .. 2.	†A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
F. H. DEXTER .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
W. H. HEYHOE .. .. 4.	F. W. HARGREAVES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. F. H. Dexter, for whom the peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting.

## CHOBHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Treble.	CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is T. Radford's 100th peal, a list of which next week. First peal in the method on the bells.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 6.
ROBERT S. STORY .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. R. S. Story. This was A. J. Lincoln's 50th peal.

## UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED WARD .. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM BARBER .. .. 5.
HENRY BURCH .. .. 2.	†CHARLES FISHER .. .. 6.
CHARLES LANKESTER† .. 3.	†DAVID LEGGETT .. .. 7.
ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 4.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

†First peal of Treble Bob.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK L. WHITEMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
FRED HAYES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN PAGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PIPPS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS K. BIGGS .. 4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

This composition is in five parts. The band represents seven parishes.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS .. Treble.	FREDERICK WHITE .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 6.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	HARRY GOLDING .. Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

## SONNING, BERKS.

## THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

SIDNEY FRANKLIN* .. Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 5.
GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HANDS .. .. 6.
JOHN WADHAMS .. .. 3.	THOMAS GWYNNE .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal. The ringers of the treble and 3rd were elected members before starting.

## TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. ROBERTS .. .. Treble.	J. JOHNSON .. .. 5.
F. SMITH .. .. 2.	F. DARLINGTON .. .. 6.
G. A. SMITH .. .. 3.	W. FITCHFORT .. .. 7.
W. RIGBY .. .. 4.	W. J. CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. J. CARTER.

First peal of Bob Major by the Association.

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

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 2.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. 6.
FREDERIC LAMBERT .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. 7.
ALFRED WINCH .. 4.	FREDERIC A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. Treble.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 5.
SYDNEY R. ROPER .. 2.	GORDON THOMPSON .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 7.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

In this peal eight towers were represented, viz., Widford, Booking, Stansted Writtle, Braintree, Kelsale, Horsham and Prittlewell.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT HUGHES* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7.
ALBERT WALKER .. 2.	*WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 8.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. 3.	*SAMUEL GROVES .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 4.	REV. C. A. CLEMMENTS .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
JOHN CARTER .. 6.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 5th fourteen times right, with all the 5-6-7-8s in the titum position, with the treble a 2nd's place bell, and the whole of the twenty-four courses of 6, 7, 8 in the handstroke home position. This peal was arranged for Messrs. A. Hughes and W. T. Pegler.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

LLWELLYN BROOKS .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS .. 5.
WILLIAM HEATH* .. 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
HENRY DAY .. 3.	ALLEN ROWLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER .. 4.	*WALTER CANTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. ‡First peal as conductor.

## CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAFFEY* .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. BARNES .. 5.
HARRY PARISH .. 2.	SAMUEL HAWKINS .. 6.
CRISPIN J. WEBB .. 3.	ARTHUR W. WEBB .. 7.
FRED MARSH .. 4.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PARISH.

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

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. 3.	*GEORGE W. MOSS .. 8.
THOMAS BETTISON .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 9.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 5.	*GEORGE MEE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble.	*WALTER KERLEY .. 6.
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH* .. 2.	*GEORGE PRESTON .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 8.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 9.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.	*ALFRED OSMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters; also on the bells. Rung on the twentieth anniversary of W. H. George's wedding.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—With regard to the footnote to the peal of Bob Major published last week as being rung at Farnham, Mr. F. Bennett would like to say there was a peal in that method rang there on November 22nd, 1893.—The peal of Bob Major rung on handbells in honour of W. Doran's birthday, was 5088 changes, and is the composition of Mr. H. J. Tucker. Mr. S. Hayes and Mr. H. Torble acted as umpires, and took off the course-ends as they were rung.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Claims on life policies admitted	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
											£55,359,505	3	5
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THOS. C. DEWEY, *General Manager*.FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary*.  
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary*.EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman*,  
HENRY HARBEN,  
THOMAS WHARRIE, } *Directors*.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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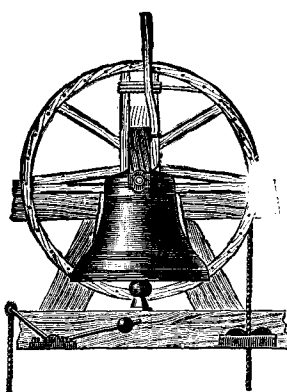
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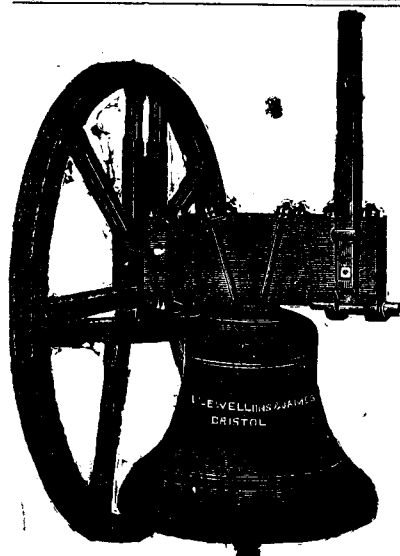
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

WORCESTER (continued). St. Helen. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells; supposed to be by Rudhall 1706, except the 7th, 1712. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Greenleaf 1902. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 9.45 to 10.50. Practice: Thursday, 7.30. These bells have each a quaint couplet commemorative of Marlborough's various victories. The curfew is still rung at 8 p.m.

WORKSOP (Notts.) The Priory Church. North Notts. Association. Eight bells; all by Warner 1883. Tenor 12 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. All recommendations are promptly attended to. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Minor methods only. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.50, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

WORSLEY (Lancashire). St. Mark. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; 3rd, 4th and 5th by Mears 1846; the rest by Taylor 1873. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30., and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

WORTLEY (Yorks.) St. Leonard. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells; all by Warner 1893. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, and College Single. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30., and 2.15 to 3. Practice; Tuesday, 7.

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## BOURTON, DORSET.

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury recently visited Bourton on Wednesday evening for the purpose of dedicating the recently completed tower and the five new bells lately added to complete the ring of six. To celebrate the dedication a public tea was held in the school (which was charmingly decorated by Mrs. Colquhoun, Miss E. Miles, and other ladies). More than 250 parishioners and friends partook of the tea, which was served by a Committee of ladies interested in the work of the Church.

During the two tea hours the Bourton Band, under the leadership of Mr. W. Bristow, played some charming selections in the playground, and the music added to the lovely weather and pretty surroundings made an ideal and appropriate combination of pleasures.

Owing to the limited seating room in the church, it had been announced by the Vicar and Churchwardens that all members of the congregation should be in their seats by 7.10 p.m. The necessity of this announcement was proved by the crowded building, a large number being obliged to stand, while many others were unable to enter the sacred edifice at all. The congregation was probably the largest that has ever been present in the church.

The dedication ceremony consisted of the beautiful Form of Service to be used at the Re-opening of a Tower after Restoration, and for the dedication of bells. It opened with a procession consisting of the church choir and clergy, and sidesmen, the procession starting from outside the main entrance of the church. On entering the building, the procession was joined by the Bishop and Churchwardens, and Psalm xxi., verses 1—7 and 21—end was sung, while the procession wended its way to the chancel steps; the Bishop halted in the centre of the church while choir and clergy entered their stalls. Some versicles were then said, after which the Churchwardens, Messrs. Thomas Miles and Edgar Burpitt, presented the keys of the tower to the Bishop who addressed them appropriately and returned the keys. The Bishop next gave to all present the beautiful address containing the words "Let us humbly pray that our Heavenly Father will favourably approve our present purpose of dedicating afresh the Tower and of dedicating these Bells for His glory and service; and let us faithfully and devoutly ask His blessing on this undertaking." This address was followed by the Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, and a prayer asking for "God's presence at this special service of dedication, and imploring God's blessing on the solemn offices to which the Tower and Bells would be devoted." The Bishop then turned to the congregation and offered petitions appropriate to the occasion. After the concluding petition the Bishop said "Sing we merrily unto God our Strength," the congregation answering "Let us make a cheerful noise to the Rock of our Salvation." A short peal was then rung on the new bells by the Zeals Band of Ringers (Messrs. E. Mees, A. Farthing, J. Parsons, D. Welsh, G. Parsons, W. Gray, under the leadership of Mr. E. Mees), thus completing the ceremony. The whole service was deeply impressive, the

culminating point being reached when the beautiful-toned bells rang forth their first sweet sounds in a solemn peal. Doubtless many present were deeply touched; the feeling of emotion being coupled with humble thanks to Almighty God for permitting the sacred work to be brought to a completion.

The ringing was followed by shortened Evensong, which was intoned by the Vicar. After the Third Collect, the Bishop gave an address on the First Epistle of St. Peter ii. 4 and 5. In the course of the address his lordship gave a brief summary of the recent history of the church restorations and enlargements, of the completion of the tower, and mentioned the excellent work done by the present Vicar's predecessor. He said how thankful he was for the work which had just been finished, and spoke of the spiritual meaning and help such an effort must be to all who had assisted in any way. Many had helped quietly and unobtrusively, and it was such godly, unobtrusive work which had built many of our beautiful cathedrals. The names of the workers would soon be forgotten, but the building and bells would long stand as a memorial to future generations. In conclusion the Bishop stated that £18 was still needed to clear the debt on the bells. Many, he thought, could give a sovereign, and none should give less than a shilling. The offertory amounted to £6 8s. 7d.

At the conclusion of the service the Zeals band of ringers rang several joyous peals on the new bells, thus giving parishioners an opportunity of judging their tone. Their clearness, sweetness, and purity appeared to favourably impress everyone, and all feel justly proud of their fine peal.

A history of Bourton church given by the local press comprises the following:—

Encouraged by an offer of £10 from the Bishop of Salisbury, who had paid a surprise visit to the new tower, and by the liberal manner in which the money had been subscribed to the Tower Fund, the trustees opened a new subscription list to complete the amount required to obtain five new bells which with the one already in the tower would complete the peal of six. The family of the late Mr. Oliver Maggs had generously offered to give the tenor bell (value about £90), and Dr. B. Pope-Bartlett promised to give the treble (value nearly £40). Funds (about £250) were now wanted to obtain the other three bells, and the fittings for five. About £110 of the sum needed was obtained by a Christmas Fair and Market held in the Temperance Hall on December 20th, 1904, and the rest was raised by subscriptions. Mr. Miles again undertook the exacting duties of hon. secretary to the fund, while Mr. A. E. Rankin did yeoman service as hon. secretary to the Christmas Fair. Most of the money needed now being in hand, the work of founding and hanging the five bells was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the far-famed London bell-founders, who finally completed the work on April 20th, of the present year. The most sanguine parishioner would never have believed four years ago that the tower would be completed, and a peal of bells placed in it by Easter, 1905. Encouraged and stimulated by their Pastor—who ably assisted by the hon. secretary has so carefully and thoroughly organised the work throughout, and, who, from the beginning, has made the work a matter of prayer and trust in God—nearly every parishioner, regardless of class or creed, has joined in the noble work of adding to the beauty, stateliness, and impressiveness of God's house; and surely, future gener-

ations on gazing at the handsome structure, and on listening to the pure sound of the sweet-toned bells will speak with pride and thankfulness for the self-denying, noble work of both Pastor and flock, who by God's grace, accomplished a little for His honour.

#### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual ringing meeting of this society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 25th. Members started or arrived about four o'clock, and a visit was at once made to the tower, and the bells were soon rolling out Stedman Caters. As arranged the local company rang from 6 to 7 p.m., Stedman Caters being again rung. The members then assembled at the meeting-house—The Royal Oak hotel, for the business meeting. Mr. T. Maude was in chair, supported by upwards of forty members representing the following towers; Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Bradford, Huddersfield, Holbeck, Headingley, Pontefract, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Wakefield, and the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting at Armley were then read and passed. The balance-sheet was then read, and showed expenses for the past year of £1 11s. 0d., the capital account standing at £8, being an increase on last year of 17s. 4d. This was then passed. A vote of thanks to the returning officers was proposed by Mr. W. Abbishaw, seconded by Mr. F. Woodhead, and carried. Mr. J. W. T. Holgate then moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer (Mr. J. Thackray, who has been Hon. Treasurer of this society for many years, and who on account of ill-health was retiring from the office. Mr. G. Barraclough seconded, and it was unanimously carried. The election of officers next took place; President—Mr. W. T. Maude; Vice-President—Mr. C. Jackson; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Peacock; Hon. Secretary—Mr. F. Barraclough.

A vote of thanks to the hon. auditors (Messrs. Holgate and Broadley) was also carried. Two new members were elected. Other business having been brought before the meeting, Mr. J. Matthews proposed, and Mr. Abbishaw seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. F. Woodhead responded on behalf of the local company. Touches in various methods on handbells were rung during the evening, and the meeting finally terminated at a late hour.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

A District Meeting of the Lincoln branch was held at Caythorpe on Saturday, June 10th. Ringers attended from Lincoln, Gainsborough, Hough-on-the-Hill and Leddenham.

After tea a formal meeting was held at which the question of forming a district with Caythorpe as its centre was discussed. It was decided to hold the next District meeting at Scothorne in August. A formal vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the local ringers for making the arrangements were passed.

Touches in Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich was rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER (rung on the 3rd inst.).—Bertram Prewett's 300 Peals.—Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 15, New Cambridge Surprise Royal 3, Treble Bob Royal 7, Stedman Caters 52, London Surprise Major 18, New Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 65, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 15, Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 104, Grandsire Triples 8. On handbells: Stedman Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 1. Total 300.

THE PEAL AT FARNHAM, SURREY (rung on the 3rd inst.).—Alfred H. Pulling's 50 peals.—Bob Minor 1 conducted 1, Bob Major 12 conducted 7, Bob Royal 1 conducted 1, Grandsire Triples 10 conducted 4, Stedman Triples 16 conducted 1, Caters 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 6 conducted 2, Superlative Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 1. Total 50; conducted 16.

THE PEAL AT CHOBHAM, SURREY (rung on the 12th inst.).—S. Radford's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 19 conducted 5, Caters 6 conducted 1, Bob Major 18 conducted 3, Royal 2, Stedman Triples 31, Caters 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Royal 2, Double Norwich Major 9, Superlative Surprise Major 4. Total 100; conducted 9.

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THE PEAL AT OLDSWINFORD (rung on the 14th inst.). The Rev. C. A. Clements's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples 49, Caters 4, Stedman Triples 19, Caters 2, Cinques 3, Bob Major 9, Kent Major 10, Double Norwich Major (1 on handbells) 4.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford District was held at Shere and Albury on Saturday, May 27th, when the towers represented were Guildford (2), Godalming, Farnham, Bramley, Dunsfold, Shalford, Cranleigh, Merrow, Haslemere, Ewhurst and Chiddingstone, in addition to the two local companies. By desire of the Rector (Rev. F. C. Hill), a short service was held in Shere church at 5 o'clock. The members were afterwards photographed in a group, and tea was taken at The White Horse, where a company of over seventy sat down. The Rev. F. C. Hill presided, supported by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Vicar of Thorpe, and General Secretary), Mr. E. C. O'Brien (chairman), and Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford), District Secretary.

The Rector, in welcoming the members to Shere, expressed his great pleasure at the hearty way in which they joined in the service; the last hymn, he thought, was sung splendidly. He was pleased at that, because it was written by their Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon), when he was curate of Shere. The rev. gentleman bore testimony to the good the Guild had done to the parish of Shere, and expressed the belief that their tower was a model of what a country belfry ought to be. He thanked the members, their own band, and their captain (Mr. Sanders), for the great help they had given to church work. As the Rector took his departure, he was accorded musical honours as an expression of the bellringers' thanks to him. The rev. gentleman briefly acknowledged the compliment, remarking on the pleasure the afternoon had afforded him. For the business meeting, Mr. E. C. O'Brien occupied the chair. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the October meeting as usual at Guildford.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter gave an interesting account of the events leading up to the restoration of the Chertsey bells, remarking that there was every prospect of a good band of young ringers being formed in the future who would finally, he hoped, be a credit to the Guild.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## WHAT COMPOSER?

SIR,—The Committee of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association beg to point out that peals Nos. 272, 300, 301, and 311 have been cancelled in the Association's peal-book, the compositions having been proved false. W. T. ROBSON.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—In the "Schedule of Attendances" at the Canterbury meeting it is stated that only one out of the four representatives of the Essex Association was present. Will you allow me, in correction, to state that Mr. N. J. Pitstow and myself, whose names are given among the absentees, attended the meeting? T. L. PAPILLON.

[We greatly regret this error, for which we must take the responsibility.—ED.]

## WHO'S PEAL?

SIR,—I am surprised to see that Mr. J. J. Parker has claimed to be the author of my 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples, published June 10th. Perhaps Mr. Parker will be good enough to point out how he can call it his. I fail to see that they alike. His peal has thirty-eight singles, and mine fifty-eight. Where is the resemblance? H. MOORE.

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## ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Kent County Association (Lewis-ham District) was held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday May 6. Favoured by brilliant weather, anticipations that this would be a "record" gathering, were fully realized; indeed the "man in the street" might have been forgiven for supposing that it was the Association's Annual General Meeting in progress, as close upon one hundred ringers attended. The bells were set going shortly after 2 o'clock, company quickly succeeding company at the ropes, from the probationary "round" ringers to the exponents of London Surprise. Punctually at 5 p.m., the Mayor of Greenwich, (Councillor Donald McCall, J.P.), arrived, accompanied by the Mayoress and the Councillors of St. Nicholas Ward, Messrs. Amos, Graf, and Sidney Skinner, and his worship's personal attendant Mr. F. W. Thornton, resplendent in a uniform of blue and gold. The Mayor wore his robes and chain and badge of office. The party were conducted to their seats by the Churchwardens and Curate-in-charge. Few, if any, of the ringers, absented themselves from the service, and in addition there was a very large congregation. Service commenced with the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" and a shortened form of Evensong was used.

Usually when a chief magistrate attends Divine Service "officially" he is invited to read the appointed Lessons. On this occasion, however, this course was not followed. Being essentially a ringers service it was considered appropriate that this duty should devolve upon a ringer, therefore the special Lesson (Romans, chap. 12) was read by Mr. Frederick W. Thornton.

At the conclusion of prayers, the Mayor, escorted by eight of the ringers, the District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) the Councillors, Churchwardens, and Clergy, was conducted to the ringing chamber, where he was received by Mr. Thornton, who welcomed His Worship in the name of the Association, and invited him to unveil a handsome tablet (the gift of Churchwarden F. G. Skinner) recording the first peal—Stedman Triples—upon the bells after their restoration, rung on December 3rd last, and conducted by Mr. Thornton.

The Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped the sound of the bells would take a message of peace, and lead many to the one true God. The ceremony of unveiling was performed in full view of the congregation, the ringing-chamber, unlike most, being quite open to the church.

As the party returned to the chancel, a short touch of Grand-sire was rung by Messrs. Weatherstone, Perrin, Lamb, Foreman, Jeffries, Ingham, Thornton and Gooch.

After the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" had been sung, an interesting address was delivered by the Revd. Alfred Shirley, Curate-in-charge, based upon the first verse of the *Benedicite*.

He spoke of the important part which church bells had played in our national, municipal and everyday life—the ringers should never forget that their bells were the music of history and strive to the highest ideal of their office. The ministry of the bells was partly religious and partly secular, and their ringing was a call to duty. It was to be noticed that in the early Georgian days, when the life of English patriotism and English religion was at its lowest ebb and duty very slack, bell-ringing fell to its lowest state, and when with the early days of the 19th century, the sense of duty revived the interest in bell-ringing again arose, and there has been a tremendous up-lifting in this respect in every part of the country.

The service concluded with the hymn "Now thank we all our God," and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea at the Albany Institute by Churchwarden Skinner, and this was followed by a short business meeting at which the Mayor presided. The three councillors of the ward, Councillors Amos, Graf and Skinner, were also present, together with the Mayoress, Rev. A. Shirley, Churchwarden and Mrs. Skinner, etc. Several new members were elected, including Rev. A. Shirley and Churchwarden Skinner, and Mr. Thornton who proposed the names, referred to the satisfactory progress of the ringers of St. Nicholas, who had become efficient enough to ring on Easter Day.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Crayford.

An appeal was made by Messrs. Groombridge and Thornton, on behalf of the widow and family of Mr. S. Hadlow, of Lanham, a deceased ringer. The Mayor started the list with a sovereign, and a collection was made in the room, which realised the handsome sum of £3 15s.

Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O. (Hon. Secy. Middlesex County Association) in proposing a vote of thanks to the preacher, organist, and other church officers, maintained that the share of ringers in the services of the church was an important and dignified one, and spoke of the necessity of interesting the clergy in the bells. This was seconded by Mr. W. J. Jeffries, supported by the Mayor, and carried with applause.

Mr. Shirley, responding, told, amidst laughter, how he had accomplished one feat in his bell-ringing—he had pulled down the gas pipes.

Mr. Thornton then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Churchwarden Skinner, for his generous hospitality and heartily wished success in his ringing career. He mentioned that Mr. Skinner had finished and beautified the belfry at his own expense, and was an example to all the churchwardens in the county (applause).

Mr. Groombridge seconded the vote, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Skinner, in responding, made some interesting references to the history of St. Nicholas Church, and its bells. In 1644 there were six bells, which were subsequently recast, and increased in number to 8. The ringers were known as the Society of Trinity Youths, and a set of hand-bells were presented to them in 1826. These bells were lost sight of, but were subsequently found in a pawnbroker's shop (laughter.) They were redeemed for about 19s., and he had them re-tuned, and he hoped before that meeting separated, the ringers would give a few selections on them (applause).

Mr. Shirley proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their great kindness in coming amongst them that day, and spoke of the energy and assiduity with which his Worship carried out his office.

This was seconded by Mr. Skinner, the company notifying their appreciation of the Mayor's presence by cheering him again and again.

The Mayor, who appeared much touched by the warmth of his reception, thanked the assembly in a few graceful words. He also said that he had no objection to bell-ringing, despite the fact that the Council had declined to pay for bell-ringing on a certain occasion. The Local Government Board had warned the Council that they could not sanction such payments, and he (his Worship) thought that they who called the tune should pay the piper. He had always acted on the principle of not paying for anything he did not order (laughter and hear, hear).

Again ringing was indulged in until a late hour, and the opinion generally expressed was that this was by far the most successful and enthusiastic quarterly meeting ever held in the County. It will, without doubt, give a great impetus to the Art in this somewhat obscure and little-known part of West Kent.

Ringers were present from all parts of the County and even Essex and Middlesex were represented. One careful observer counted representatives from no less than thirty-four parish churches.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a representative gathering of North Yorkshire Ringers at Ripon on Whit Monday at their seventh annual meeting, the time of the visitors being divided between general business and the belfries of the Cathedral, Sharow and Wath, in which short peals were rung at intervals.

A party of about 30 sat down to dinner at the Black Bull Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, Stockton-on-Tees, with the Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingborough Vicarage, Howden) in the vice-chair. There were letters of regret for absence from the Bishop of Ripon and his Chaplain, the Rev. A. E. Ayre, and the Revs. S. Reed, W. J. Newton, and G. E. Alvis (Ripon Cathedral).

The Rev. W. P. Wright presented the seventh annual report, from which it appeared that since last Whitsuntide seven peals of over 5,000 changes each had been rung at Stockton (2),

Northallerton, Middlesbrough (2), Richmond, the number of members taking part being 43.

Congratulations were given to the Richmond ringers for having so soon accomplished a 5,000 of Major on their augmented bells. The local reports were very encouraging in regard to the progress made. There were still several towns where little or no progress was shown in the change ringing.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts were £32 1s. 6d., the expenses £12 2s. 6d., and the balance in hand £19 19s. The membership of the association was as follows. Hon. members, 24; life members, 27; performing members, 179; total 230.

The report having been adopted, Mr. G. J. Clarkson was re-elected President. The Rev. W. P. Wright and Dr. H. C. Pauli (Middleham), were elected vice-presidents, with the Rev. R. Hodgson (Skelton-in-Cleveland) as hon. secretary and treasurer. Several new members were proposed, and it was resolved to hold the September meeting at Middleham, the February meeting at Saltburn, the Easter Monday meeting at Bedale, and the annual meeting at Northallerton. Messrs. J. W. Whittle (Stokesley) and W. Pick (Sharow) were appointed auditors. Ringing was resumed after 4 p.m. in the Cathedral and other belfries.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th, and was largely attended. About eighty sat down to luncheon at the Royal Pavilion at 2 p.m. Mr. Attree (Master), presided, and was supported by Mr. Tompkins (Hon. Treasurer), Messrs. Bennett, Evans, Williams and Saker (Hon. Secretaries). Grace was said by the Master, no clergyman being present. After lunch twenty or more members arrived, including the Rev. Canon Cooper, Vicar of Cuckfield. Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from the Archdeacons of Lewes and Chichester, and others.

Mr. Attree first presented to Mr. S. Saker, who has been Hon. Secretary to the Eastern Division for ten years, a handsome barometer and an illuminated address, from the members of the Association, upon the occasion of his departure from the county. He was elected an hon. Life Member, together with Messrs. Burstow and G. Williams. The latter is also leaving the county, and consequently has resigned his office as Hon. Secretary to the Central Division. The President (the Lord Bishop of Chichester), together with the Vice-Presidents, as well as the other officers, were re-elected, Mr. Watson being elected as Hon. Secretary for the Eastern Division, and Mr. R. J. Dawe for the Central Division.

Mr. Attree in returning thanks for his re-election, said he would use his influence that the Sussex County Association should occupy a high position in the ringing-world. The number of belfries affiliated to the Association was satisfactory, when compared with other Associations, but it must not be considered so till every belfry was affiliated, which could only be done by the united efforts of the members.

The report and balance-sheet was read by the Hon. Secretary. The balance in hand was rather less than last year. The members totalled 703; forty-five towers are affiliated with 461 active members; 148 active, life and independent members, and 94 hon. members. Aldrington and Horsham had left the Association, but Bosham, Burgess Hill and Ditchling had joined it. A fund had been started to assist Mr. Burstow, £18 5s. 6d. having been collected. Seventy-one peals had been rung during the year, with an average of 17'008 points per peal, and ten quarterly peals arranged. In November a Sussex ringing week was held, when permission was granted to attempt peals in thirteen belfries. Of these nine peals were rung. The challenge bell has been won by St. Peter's belfry, Brighton, with 295'925 points. The committee regret that Messrs. Saker and Williams have to relinquish their secretaryships, on account of their removal from the county.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in 1906 at Eastbourne on Easter Monday. The service was held at St. Peter's church at 5 q.m., when the Rev. Canon Cooper preached the sermon from the text—"Glory to God in the highest."

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#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday Meeting was held at North Shields in splendid weather, and some excellent ringing took place during the day, the methods rung being Kent Royal and Major, Stedman Caters and Triples, London Surprise, Double Norwich and Oxford Major and Grandsire Triples. The attendance was not so good as expected, only 32 Members taking part in an excellent dinner provided at the Northumberland Arms Hotel, New Quay.

The Vicar of Christ Church, Rev. T. E. Crawhall, occupied the Chair, and was supported by Messrs. Joel Hern, J. J. Leighton, Geo. Atkinson, W. T. Robson, the vice chair being taken by Mr. W. Sheraton.

After the loyal toast, proposed by the Chairman, had been honoured, Mr. W. Sheraton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and Wardens of Christ Church, North Shields; St. Hilda's, South Shields; and St. Paul's, Whitley, for so kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the ringers. The Rev. T. E. Crawhall responded, and expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Members of the Association to North Shields.

Four new members were elected, including the Vicar of Christ Church, and a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Chairman. Mr. E. A. Hern kindly assisted in the Secretarial duties.

#### SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

On Monday, May 10th, the local company rang a muffled 720 of Bob Minor, as a slight tribute of respect to Mr. Fountaine Pikett, late churchwarden, who passed away on May 4th. The bells were deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was open at backstroke. The peal sounded very mournful and pitiful, but one missed the light and shade of half-muffled bells. This is the first time these bells have been rung so deeply muffled. It was called in the village a *dumb peal*.

There has been a great advancement of change-ringing in this tower of late. In 1871 after the restoration of the church, two bells were added by Warner and Sons, bringing the bells up to six. The other four are all ancient, three bear the date 1652. The second tenor is of much older date. The ring is in a true diatonic scale, good tone and tune, the tenor being in the note of A natural. For many years the ringing was very desultory, the company being content with Bob Minor, rung at intervals on weekday evenings, rounds occasionally on Sundays. Fifteen months ago a young company was formed, and after a while not only Bob Minor, but Treble Bob or College Single was ringing gaily from the tower. Practice is held three evenings in the week, and a 720 is rung before Divine Service on Sundays. In January last the company rang twenty-three peals and two half-peals, which surely is not a bad score. The strong characteristic of this company is their extremely accurate striking, which does them great credit. They have quite recently become members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and we wish them every success with Double Court Bob, which they think of tackling shortly. It is not very common to hear in a village bells raised and fallen in peal. This company have succeeded in falling their bells in peal, which has a charming sound, very different to the usual "jangle, jangle" on these occasions; though one of the villagers remarked, on hearing the quickening of the bells, "I wonder whatever is the matter with the bells to-night." At present the young men are not successful in raising the bells in peal, partly perhaps because the clappers of some of the bells come up on the wrong side. Will some of your readers be kind enough to say whether the clappers coming up in this manner would make it impossible to raise bells in peal, or only more difficult to accomplish. The ringers still keep up the good old-fashioned custom of going round with the handbells on Christmas Eve.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1905.

WE are threatened, apparently, with another discussion, or contention, regarding the authorship of a peal of Grandsire Triples. If any man living understands what is "original" in this method we should say it was JOSEPH PARKER, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. His opponent on this occasion will be told that a different number of singles called does not make an original peal, nor can such be claimed by any one from such conditions. We have several other of Mr. MOORE's peals to publish in the same methods, and one of them has been observed to be very nearly TAYLOR's variation. We will publish these as early as possible; and it will be best for Mr. PARKER, and others who may be concerned, to wait till they have seen them all in print before making any further comment.

MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.—We are exceedingly sorry to hear, just as we are going to press, that this gentleman met with a severe accident through a fall last Saturday.

Upon examination it was found that three of his ribs were broken. The latest we hear is he is going on as well as can be expected, considering the injuries he has sustained. There is hardly any need for us to say that our friend will have the heartfelt sympathy of all, and we hope that in our next we may be able to say that he is progressing favourably.

AN ILLUSTRATED NUMBER.—Our friend Mr. R. A. Daniell has written for this paper an account of that Leeds worthy—JAMES BARHAM, with references to Leeds church and castle. Arrangements have been made to publish pictures of both church and castle to illustrate Mr. Daniell's letter-press, and as soon as the pictures are received from the engraver's hands, we shall do so.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\*First peal in four methods.

#### BATHFORD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently.

PERCY PITTMAN .. .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4.
FRANK W. CANNINGS* .. 2.	OLIVER DERHAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CORDERY .. .. 3.	THOMAS SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

#### WATERFORD, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT .. .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	*HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble. The above is the first peal in the method ever rung out of England, and is the conductor's 50th peal in the method. The band wish to thank the members of the Irish Association for allowing them the use of the bells on an Association meeting day, and also wish to thank their Waterford friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## LANE END, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720s of Plain Bob and four 720s of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lbs.

JAMES LITTLE* .. .. Treble.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 4.
HARRY RICHARDSON .. .. 2.	†MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
GEORGE MARTIN† .. .. 3.	†ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. .. 4.
SIDNEY J. PECK .. .. 2.	JOHN HARE .. .. 5.
HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

It is eight years since a peal was rung at Sharnbrook, and was rung on the same date.

## GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. .. 7.
JAMES TANN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 8.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 9.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 5.	FREDERICK BOBRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

First peal on ten bells by ringers of 2 to 8.

## STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON .. Treble.	JOHN FENNELL .. .. 4.
ARTHUR W. FLOWERS .. 2.	REUBEN BOSWORTH .. 5.
WILLIAM R. BEESLEY .. 3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

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

## HOPTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK DAY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	FRANK CULLUM .. .. 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\*First peal of Minor.

## ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	*WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal in the method. The visitors wish to tender their best thanks to Lord Carysfort for the hospitality shewn them after the peal.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY TORBLE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 5.
GEORGE DAWSON† .. .. 2.	GEORGE HAYDEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK GILL .. .. 4.	WESLEY WATSON .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\*First peal of Major. This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of June 3rd. Rung to celebrate the 23rd birthday of F. Gill.

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

On Wednesday, June 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

STANLEY HUTSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM TASSELL .. .. 5.
HARRY BAKER* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM F. WALKER .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. 4.	*THOMAS W. BAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK ROOPE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
JAMES TANN .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

First peal in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM MASON .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
GEORGE FIGOTT .. .. 3.	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

This is the Rev. C. A. Clements' 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere,

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
(NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.)

*On Thursday, June 15, 1905, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. HOWARD .. Treble.	SIDNEY R. ROPER .. .. 5.
WALTER SADLER .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 6.
FRANK WEBB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMWADE .. 7.
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	HARRY J. COLLINS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by CHARLES H. HOWARD.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Prince Gustavus Adolphus, of Sweden and Norway, and Princess Margaret of Connaught, which took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on that date.

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

*On Thursday, June 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 6.
EDWIN G. BURSDEEN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,**

*On Thursday, June 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS .. .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM .. .. 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
GEORGE WHITING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

**CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Friday, June 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN THE WALLS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DAVIES .. .. Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 2.	JAMES MOULTON .. .. 6.
EDWARD HARRISON .. .. 3.	ALEXANDER WHITE .. 7.
FRANK MILTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS ROWLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr Joseph Nield, for fourteen years vergor of this church.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 3.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 7.
JAMES TULETT .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

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

**LENTON, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BELLAMY* .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
ALBERT H. WARD† .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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

**BRADBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, New London  
Pleasure, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES L. ROBINSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	*MATTHEW BENNETT .. 5.
EGBERT STAMPER* .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LOWERY.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for entertaining them to dinner after the peal.

**MILTON, NEXT GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being two 720s each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain  
Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. AVIS .. .. Treble.	F. HAYES .. .. 4.
J. ALLEN .. .. 2.	C. FENNELL .. .. 5.
W. BEER .. .. 3.	R. COPELIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. COPELIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Beer and Mr. Churchwarden Russell, vice-president of the Milton band.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.**

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
HARRY LAST .. .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	GEORGE WOODISS .. Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the marriage of the daughter of the Patron of the Guild—H.R.H. Princess Margaret of Connaught to Prince Gustavus of Sweden and Norway. First peal in the method upon the bells, which were restored to the memory of Queen Victoria in 1901.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, June 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double  
Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST OVERALL .. Treble.	CHARLES GALE .. .. 4.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT .. 2.	GEORGE H. CARTER .. 5.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.



## ALLIANCE SYSTEM.

The following are given in shortened form of this system :

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
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12346578	24163857	24163857	24163857	24163857	24163857	12346578	12346578
21436587	42618375	42618375	42618375	42618375	42618375	21436587	21436587
24163857	46281735	42613875	46281735	42613875	46281735	24163857	24163857
42618375	64827153	42618375	64287153	42618375	64287153	42618375	42618375
46281735	68472513	46281735	46821735	46821735	46821735	46281735	46281735
64827153	86475231	46281735	64827153	46281735	64827153	64287153	42618375
68472513	68742513	64827153	68472513	64827153	68472513	64287153	42618375
86745231	86745231	68472513	68472513	68472513	68472513	46821735	46281735
68472531	68472531	86745231	86745231	86745231	86745231	64827153	64827153
86745213	86475231	68472531	68472531	68472531	68472531	68472513	68472513
87654123	68742531	86745213	86745213	86745213	86745213	86745231	86745231
78561432	86745213	87654123	87654123	87654123	87654123	86745213	86745213
75816342	87654123	78561432	78561432	87654123	87654123	68472531	68472531
57183624	78561432	75816342	75816342	78561432	78561432	86745213	86745213
51738264	75816342	57183624	57183624	78561432	78561432	87654123	87654123
15372846	57183624	51738264	51738264	75816342	75816342	78561432	78561432
51732864	15372846	57183624	57183624	57183624	57183624	87654123	87654123
15372846	51738264	51732864	51732864	51738264	51738264	78561432	78561432
15738264	15738264	15372846	15372846	15372846	15372846	75816342	75816342
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In Mr. John Carter's list of methods published a fortnight ago the examples No. 7 and 8 I note belong to the Alliance System. As those were given in single form I give Nos. 7 and 8 in double form, and several other variations are obtainable.

HENRY DAINS.

## Miscellaneous.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHARROW.—On Whit Monday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by the local band. E. Burnett conductor, J. Baines, G. Longshaw, E. Tingle, W. Thorpe, W. Gibson, W. Pick. This was followed by touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

RIPON.—On Whit Monday, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Gibson, W. H. Stephenson, J. Clarkson, J. W. Newton, B. Tingle, H. Porter, H. W. Barrett, J. W. Park, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor. And 504 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson, W. H. Stephenson, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, H. W. Barrett, H. Porter, W. E. Walland, G. W. Park, T. Stephenson conductor, Rev. W. P. Wright.

WATH.—On Whit Monday, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Tingle, G. J. Clarkson conductor, G. Longshaw, E. Metcalfe, E. Burnett, T. Metcalfe. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the same band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, June 19th, for practice at the parish church, two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. R. Potter, W. Howell, W. Dyer, A. Shuffebotham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. And another course, with E. P. Buckenham, the rest as before.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Whit Sunday, at Christ Church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine and 120 Kent. Jos. Thackray, C. Lockwood, A. Haigh first 720 Woodbine, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent conductor. J. Heckingbottom.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Read, H. W. Boyles, C. H. Pearce, H. Garfath, jun., F. Nye, A. Smith, W. A. J. Ives, C. Jeffery. Composed by H. L. Garfath, sen., and conducted by H. L. Garfath, jun.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, morning, March 19th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, 1336 Stedman Caters, in 55 mins. F. Hypper, H. Lawrence, H. Rainbow, W. Rogers, J. Metherell, A. Hensman, S. Lawrence, W. Farey, F. Wilford, E. James. Composed and conducted by Fred Wilford.

CHELTER.—On Tuesday, June 13th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. C. Davies, W. Wheeler, R. Sperring, H. Gibson, J. V. Wright, A. White, J. Moulton conductor, T. Rowland.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Bester, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth, A. R. Glasscock, J. Armstrong, S. Wade conductor, A. Dodson. On Sunday, January 22nd, 1280 Bob Major, in 45 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, M. Fensom, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays June 29th, and July 13th and 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, July 4th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 18th.

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

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton to-day, Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (10), and St. James's (8). Dinner, 1s. each to members, at Wickenden's restaurant at one o'clock. Business immediately afterwards. Service at St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bridgwater.

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, June 24th. Tea free to members producing receipt for their subscriptions for 1905, in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Business meeting immediately after service in the Ringers' Chapel. There are still a large number of members whose subscriptions for the current year, due in January last, are unpaid.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe to-day, Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 to 9.

R. J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*  
60, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Huntingdon to-day, Sat., June 24th. Tea at 4.30. Huntingdon, Godmanchester and Hartford bells will be available. G. D. COLEMAN, *Dis. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—A special ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton to-day, Sat., June 24th. Members and ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The anniversary of the above will be held on Monday, June 26th.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Lichfield. Service in the Lady Chapel at 5 o'clock, when the address will be given by the Right Rev. Bishop Anson. Tea in the Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45. Tickets sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, and whose names are sent in not later than June 26th; to others it will be one shilling per head.

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

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, July 1st. Those who intend to be present please give notice to Mr. I. Moreton, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wednesday, June 28th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Strutt Road (six bells),

on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 5 o'clock, meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, July 1st, at 3 o'clock.

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**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Royston, Herts., on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Ringers heartily invited.

D. ELLINGHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, July 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Christchurch on Monday, July 3rd. Service at 12; collection for Guild Funds. Dinner at Town Hall 1 p.m. Annual Meeting 2.30 p.m. Members wishing for dinner tickets (2s. each), should let me know by Wednesday, June 28th. Unattached Members residing outside the diocese are reminded that they may compound for all subscriptions by a single payment of 2s. 6d. Those residing in the diocese must pay their subscriptions to the District Secretary. The names of those who do not compound, or whose subscriptions are unpaid, will not be included in the next report.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, July 8th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available as usual. Committee meeting at 4.0. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30 p.m. in the parish room. Will those intending being present at the tea kindly inform Mr. W. Fox not later than July 6th. If intending visitors who cannot catch a direct train to Wirksworth will book to Cromford by the train leaving Derby at 1.25 p.m., brakes will meet them at Cromford and convey them to Wirksworth. The brakes will be free to all who advise Mr. Fox not later than July 6th of their intention to use them. Parties of eight may travel at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, with the option of returning from Wirksworth if booked to Cromford, but application should be made to the railway company a few days earlier.

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**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—By kind permission of the Rev. R. Digby Ram, the next meeting of the above will be held at Hampton on Saturday, July 8th. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Hillingdon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8th, at Walton, to meet the Bishop of Liverpool. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, or 5, Belmont Place, Garston. W. HUGHES,

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, July 8th. The Rev. W. G. Whinfield, curate, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding con-

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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Bletchley on Monday, July 10th. Special service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the school at 12.40. Dinner in a marquee adjoining school at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualification to me on or before Monday, July 3rd. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. to probationers present at the dinner.

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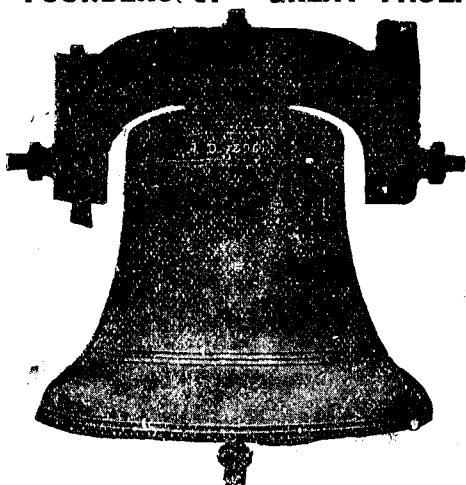
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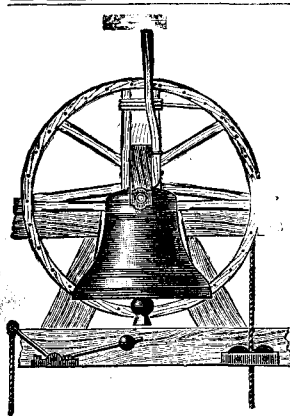
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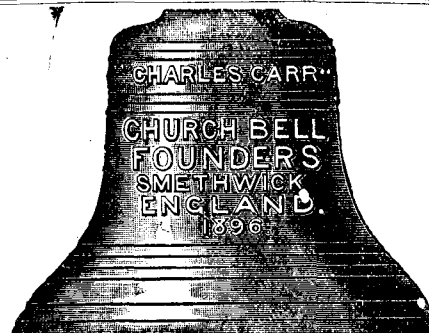
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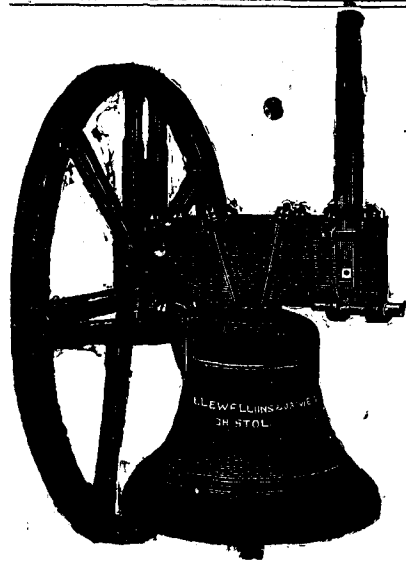
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*Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.*

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

### SCHEDULE (continued).

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE (Gloucestershire). St. Mary the Virgin. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells; treble and tenor by Taylor; date not given; the rest by Rudhall 1756. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor recently. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, 2.30 to 3, and 5 to 6. Practice: Wednesday or Thursday, 7.30. The ropes hang in a left-handed circle.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire). All Saints. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells; 3rd, 4th and 7th by Bilbie 1705; the rest by Taylor about 1897. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor about 1897. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Practice: Monday, 7.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks.) Eight bells. No return.

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## COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

### REHANGING OF THE BELLS.

Cowfold parish church has had its peal of bells rehung at a cost of some £214, and doubtless the happy band of change-ringers will make the most of their new opportunities. It is less than a year since it was found that one of the bells had become cracked, while another one of the then five bells was also found to shew signs of wear, so that it became necessary for the credit of the parish that something should be done in the matter. Cracked bells or bells of defective tone afford the very reverse of pleasure to ringers and hearers alike, and their jarring sounds would hardly add to the joyousness of events for which church bells are so often pressed into service. The Vicar's warden (Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Godman), of Woldringfold, took the matter in hand, and soon put things to rights; more than that, he has had another bell added to the five that have so long done good service, Mr. F. du Cane Godman being the generous donor. It bears the names of the founders, "Mears and Stainbank, Fecit," and also the inscription "The gift of F. D. Godman, A.D., 1905." The 2nd and 3rd bells are dated 1789, and were the gift of the great uncle of the present clerk and verger, Mr. Woolven, whose knowledge of matters concerning the church and churchyard, as the result of some forty years' experience, is very extensive and interesting. Mr. Woolven can tell tales concerning the churchyard that makes the blood run cold; but he is very properly reticent on this point. The new graveyard has added much to his comfort. That by the way. The 4th bell has been recast. It was first placed in the belfry in 1634, but now bears the further date 1905, and the names of the two churchwardens, C. B. Godman and F. Sendall. The 5th bell has also been recast, and dates as far back as 1629, and the same date is found on the 6th bell. But the actual work on the bells is only a fraction of what has been done in the belfry. For one thing, a new floor of considerable strength has been put in; the iron mountings, fittings, and stays are entirely new; while new wooden wheels for the ropes have been fitted. The whole interior appears to have been renewed, and the work has been so well and thoroughly done, that many years will doubtless elapse before further attention is required. Perhaps then some generous donors will fill up the gaps, for room might possibly be found for two more small bells to complete a full peal of eight. Judging by the outer ends of some of the old bells they had to be chipped after their erection in the old days in order to ensure exact and accurate tone. Such a rough and ready method is now quite out of date, modern bells having a much more finished appearance. The change thus effected has certainly been appreciated by the ringers, one of whom has remarked that he could now ring for half a day with as little trouble as was formerly needed for an hour. The church and its surroundings contain many items of considerable interest. One tombstone shews that a male villager attained the great age of 104 years, dying



in 1812. There are some very fine monuments in the church, but what would perhaps attract equal attention from visitors is the very fine carving on the ends of the pews. On some ivy leaves are exquisitely chiselled, on others oak leaves, fruits, and so on; and though there are between seventy and eighty pews, only two designs are found to be alike. There is one other item of outstanding interest, and that is the magnificent brass situate in the centre aisle in front of the chancel. The Vicar (Rev. J. B. Podmore), has taken steps to ensure that more care is taken of this than was formerly the case, and it certainly would be a great pity should it be damaged for want of a little care. The brass is exceptionally large, 10 ft. by 4 ft. 6 in., and is understood to be the largest to be found in England. The inscription round the sides, translated, reads as follows: "This heap of earth covers the bones of Thomas Nelond. There is (or may there be) for him also a tomb under quarried marble. He shone by his gifted virtues and his reason, and increased the glory of religion by his good example. On earth he was a Martha, but for Christ in mind a Mary. On earth he had sorrows, but he possessed heavenly wisdom. He departed to that his place in heaven in the month of May and the fourteenth day."

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The above-named society held its first meeting at Harrold on Saturday, June 10th. It was attended by ringers from various parts of the county. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30 the ringers adjourned to The Wheat-sheaf hotel for tea, and the meeting followed.

Mr. Barker explained the conditions which led to the formation of the society and the meeting.

The rules were then put to the meeting and met with universal approval. The rules are of a formal character, stating the objects of the society, meetings to be held each month, conditions of membership, etc., and one rule stating expressively that the society do in every way possible help and assist the Bedfordshire Association.

The next meeting is to be held at Bletsoe, notice of which will be given in due course. It is sincerely hoped that this society will be a valuable asset of the Bedfordshire Association.

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### Correspondence.

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

#### CLAPPERING UP AND DOWN IN PEAL.

SIR,—I see the ringers of Shouldham (Norfolk) are rightly anxious to rise and fall their bells the right way. A bell clappering up and down the wrong side does not by any means make it impossible to get a good rise or fall in peal; the only drawback to it is that the music can never be so perfect as when the bells clapper the right way. When a bell clappers wrong, the clapper clings to the wrong side of the bell, and instead of giving one blow and leaving that side, it gives another very slight rebound and hits again; now that second tiny hit would just take place when it was the turn of another bell to come in and theoretically there is a slight discord. I have found in practice that bells sound almost as grand risen and dropped in peal where the clappers of some of them clapper wrong as on other peals where they clapper right. It is very nice when bells all clapper right; but it is a terrible mistake to "chuck up" rising and falling on the excuse that some bells won't clapper rightly. It seems a terrible pity (I can think of it nothing less than the crying curse of ringing) that ringers after they have thoroughly mastered their bells in rounds, with perfect striking, do not then give their whole attention to rising and falling in peal. It is a fine training for skilful handling of the rope and the ear, and when one can ring rounds perfectly and rise and fall perfectly, then it is time enough to think about change-ringing. The Exercise is full of fellows who call themselves change-ringers and half of them cannot ring rounds decently, let alone rise and fall, and yet these are the very foundation stones to good ringing. If the Shouldham ringers would like any more help, they can get my address through "THE BELL NEWS." I have spent some considerable time in studying rising and falling and the action of the clappers, so as to get absolute perfect "rises" and "falls." I used to do it a great deal on the piano, it sounds very fine. The secret is thoroughly knowing the action of the bells' clappers and you can get a perfect rise and fall without a single clash or unevenness in falling, the heavy bells dropping out first till only the front ones are left chirping away, and in rising the heavier bells coming in one by one and bit by bit. I have taken part in rising and falling in different parts of England, and look back on some of that part of ringing with as much pride as some peals. Should only be too pleased to give any further information or sketches, or anything that would help.

CLAPPERS.

#### HANDELL RINGING IN PROCESSIONS.

SIR,—Having read your report on musical handbells in the pageant held at Lichfield, on Whit-Monday, as being the first and only instance that ordinary handbells were ever known to appear in the street procession, kindly allow me to state that the writer evidently is not acquainted with the handbell ringing in Yorkshire. For in the town of Huddersfield and the villages surrounding I have known handbell ringers take part in street processions 20 years ago and also from 1868. The renowned Shelley handbell ringers used to march along the streets playing lively airs in the same manner as a brass band.

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## THOMAS A'BECKET.

Although my subject is not even remotely connected with bells and ringing, I feel sure that some at any rate of those who were privileged by Mr. Helmore's kindness to visit Canterbury Cathedral last Whitsuntide will be interested in a short account of the tragedy which took place there 700 years ago. And even those who have never been to Canterbury nor heard of Becket will no doubt welcome a change from the ordinary "BELL NEWS" topics.

Thomas a'Becket was born in the city of London in the year 1118 or 1119. He received a good education, and as a young man was introduced to Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, who employed him on several delicate missions and appears to have been much impressed by his abilities. He was a man of tall but meagre form, with a strong and stubborn will and fierce in temper when roused. Exceedingly brave, all through his chequered career he never showed to such advantage as when in danger.

The archbishop brought him under the king's notice and with the latter he speedily became a great favourite. This king was Henry II., the first of the Plantagenets, one of the best as he was one of the strongest of the long line of kings that have sat on the English throne.

The great problem of the day was then the peculiar relations which existed between the king on the one hand and the bishops and clergy on the other. The clergy claimed special privileges. They owned vast lands, but they refused to be taxed except by their own consent. They refused to submit to the general laws of the country. Nor would they recognise that a felonious priest could be tried except by a Bishop's Court. He could commit murder or incest; the law could not touch him. On the other hand the king contended that the bishops ranked as nobles with the earls and lords, and so far as they were temporal lords they should acknowledge him as their only sovereign. And he demanded that priests who had broken the law should suffer like any other criminals.

Becket had rapidly risen in Henry's estimation. Favour after favour was bestowed upon him and at last he was made chancellor. Shortly after this Archbishop Theodore died, and Henry, thinking Becket was the most likely person to aid him in his dispute with the clergy, had him appointed archbishop in Theodore's place. Never was hope more quickly and utterly falsified. Directly his appointment was completed the new primate took up a far more extreme position than any of the bishops had yet done. He claimed not merely to be independent of the ordinary law, but in virtue of his spiritual position to be above the king himself.

Of course this led to a bitter quarrel. On the one side was the power of the sword. On the other the power of excommunication. The sentence of excommunication pronounced by a bishop was the one thing in an age of blood and iron against which steel was powerless. The excommunicated person was deprived of all temporal and spiritual benefits and became an outcast from society. Anyone could harm him with impunity. No one might help him in any way. It was this power that Becket wielded; his only restraint being the jealousy of some of the other bishops and the reluctance of the pope to commit himself too deeply in the quarrel with the king.

After some years of dispute Becket's life was seriously in danger. His popularity with the poor was unbounded,

but among the nobles his enemies were numerous and powerful. He therefore fled to France, and under the protection of Louis, king of France, continued his quarrel. At length a kind of truce was patched up between him and Henry. The king and archbishop met at Freteval in France and a compromise was agreed upon. Becket was to return to England and remain quietly at Canterbury. He reached his cathedral in December 1169 and was received in triumph by the common people. But his enemies had not forgotten nor forgiven him. One of them insulted him in a way that roused him to frenzy. Notwithstanding his promise to the king he determined to launch his spiritual thunders against his enemies. In his cathedral he publicly cursed and excommunicated by name a long list of persons, including many of the king's warmest supporters. At every curse a lighted candle was dashed to the ground to signify the victim's total ruin body and soul.

Henry was in France at the time, but the news was speedily carried to him. All the old sores were open again and in a fit of disappointed anger he burst out, "Is this varlet whom I have loaded with gifts to continue to insult me and mine? Will no one of my servants rid me of this turbulent priest?"

Four knights among those who heard him determined to take the quarrel on themselves. Their names were Reginald Fitzurse, Hugh de Morville, William de Tracy, and Richard le Breton.

To avoid being stopped on the road, they left France by different routes and met at the castle of a confederate at Hythe, in Kent.

(To be continued.)

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Heath on Saturday, June 3rd, members being present from Ault Hucknall, Blackwell, Bolsover, Heath, Tibshelf, South Normanton, North Wingfield, Pentrich, Swanwick, Shirland, and ringing friends from Clowne.

The Vicar (Rev. F. Brodhurst), entertained the ringers to tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m., to which forty-two sat down, and did ample justice to the good things provided.

After tea the minutes were read and duly confirmed. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the tea and use of the room and bells for the day.

The Vicar suitably replied, and welcomed the members to Heath, and invited all who wished to do to visit the vicarage grounds. The majority of the members did so, some playing at bowls on the lawn, whilst others strolled round and enjoyed their weed.

The bells were well used during the day to various five-bell methods, notably 120 of Stedman, which was brought round in good style by a mixed band.

This beautiful ring of five (by Taylor) in F were greatly admired for their tone, but would repay for a visit from the bell-hanger, the tenor going very heavily.

About 9 p.m. the bells were lowered, the ringers wending their way to their respective homes, well pleased with their visit and reception at the pretty little village of Heath.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Third Session of the Fifth Council was held in St. Andrew's Church House, Canterbury, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 13th, when there were thirty-seven representatives and three hon. members present as given in the official schedule of attendances already published, (see p. 171).

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., presided. Letters expressing regret were read from Revs. A. H. Boughey and C. E. Matthews, and from Messrs. J. Carter, F. E. Ward, W. H. Godden, and J. S. Pritchett.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Hon. Sec.), submitted the accounts as audited by the Standing Committee, a summary of which was as follows:—Balance for last year £56 8s. 3d., affiliation fees £11 7s. 6d., Sale of Publications £8 os. 2d., making a total of £75 15s. 11d. The expenditure included Meeting 1904, £2 14s. 6d.; Printing £35 os. 3d., Postage 13s. 4d., Balance £37 7s. 10d. The following copies of the publications had been sold by Messrs. Bemrose: Preservation of Bells, 27; Reports on Catalogue of Peals and Calls, 17; Glossary, 25; Model Rules for Associations, 30; Model Rules for Companies, 81; Bells, Belfries and Ringers, 7; Collection of Peals, Section 1, 47; Section 2, 87; Rules and Decisions of Council, 124. The Hon. Secretary proceeded to explain that the net value of publications in stock amounted to £86 3s. 8½d., which would bring the total assets of the Council up to £130 14s. 2½d. The £8 os. 2d. for sales was that of the previous year, the cheque not having arrived in time to be included in last year's accounts and since the making up of the present year's accounts Messrs. Bemrose and Sons had sent in a cheque for £7 2s. 8d., which would bring the total cash in bank up to £44 10s. 6d. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the whole of the publications could be obtained at the published price post free, and if those requiring copies would send direct to the publishers it would assist the funds of the Council, as when copies were ordered through local booksellers there was a discount of 25 per cent. allowed them, and so the Council lost money.

The President said it should be borne in mind that although the Balance of £100 in 1903 had been reduced to £44, yet there were Publications to the value of £86 in the publishers' hands which would bring the net sum up to over £120. Of course something would have to be written off for those publications which might not be sold. It did not appear that the Collections of Peals were selling as was anticipated. It would be a step in the right direction if representatives could induce more members of the Exercise to take copies of this valuable publication. The Council had to thank those gentlemen who undertook the preparation of the work at the desire of the Council. It was a work which had to be done with great care, and it was most desirable that its sale should be pushed. There were other collections to follow, and it might be difficult to find the money unless a fair sale of those sections already published was secured. The sale of Snowdon's book on Treble Bob showed how the exercise appreciated a good work, and there could not be any doubt that this collection would be most valuable to the exercise. It should also be borne in mind that the Collection would help to prevent many ridiculous compositions from appearing, as now was the case, in "THE BELL NEWS." It often happened that compositions appeared, and in the course of a week or two some one wrote pointing out that so and so is false, or that the composition is a variation of something which has appeared before. He hoped that much of this sort of thing would be stopped when the whole collection was issued. He did not know of any other art or science in which people were so reckless in rushing into print as in the science of change ringing. A scientist was usually ashamed to bring forward as his own something similar to what another scientist had previously introduced; and he saw no reason why there should not be the same feeling in the science of Change Ringing. Some young men as soon as they could put a few rows of figures together at once published them as a peal, and no doubt think there are unlearned readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who will give them credit for what they have done.

In passing the accounts he trusted the Council would most heartily thank the Hon. Secretary, for the large amount of work Mr. Davies was doing for the Council. He could assure them that he often feared Mr. Davies would say that the work had increased to such an extent that he could no longer manage it.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved the adoption of the accounts, and that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Hon. Secretary.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, in seconding, said there could not be but admiration for the clear statement of accounts which had been rendered. As to the words which had been spoken by the President he was afraid those for whom it was intended were not present. He hoped that they would however be able to read what others thought of them and mend their ways.

The resolution having been adopted the Hon. Secretary thanked the Council for their vote of thanks. It was true that there was a certain amount of work which came chiefly during the past month. So long however as he had charge of a country village the Council need not fear his resignation if it chose to elect him.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said the two hon. members whose term of office expired were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and Mr. T. Lockwood. If these gentlemen were re-elected there would still be the one vacancy which it had been the custom of the Council to reserve. He did not know at present there was any name which it was advisable to add.

On the proposition of Mr. Story, seconded by the Rev. W. C. Baker, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. Lockwood were both re-elected hon. members.

## PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Dains, who has charge of the Double-Norwich Section of this work, said the copy had been in the hands of the printer for some time and a proof of the first sheet only had been returned for correction.

The Hon. Secretary said Mr. Trollope had made an excellent selection of the peals of Bob Major, and the list of Double Norwich which Mr. Dains had in hand had been prepared, but the work was proceeding very slowly through the printer's hands. As soon as the first section is issued, the second will be proceeded with. He was not able to say definitely, but thought there would be about nine sheets. Under these circumstances it would be seen that the work at present was but in its infancy as there were the Treble Bob, Surprise, and Stedman Selections to follow. The arrangement was that after the member of the Committee had corrected the proof of his portion of his work that it should then pass through his, the Hon. Secretary's, hands for final correction. He was now waiting for proof of the first sheet of the third section.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said it appeared that under the present arrangements it might be some years before the work was complete. When the present section was done would it not be desirable to make some other arrangements by which the work could be proceeded with more promptly.

The President thought this a question best left with the Standing Committee. The funds would not permit the work to go on very rapidly.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought if the whole Collection was issued there would be a larger demand.

## CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President, in reporting upon the condition of rings said he could only repeat what he said last year. The list was still appearing, and upon its conclusion there will be an appendix of omitted towers. Many of the returns were very disappointing because they had not been given with the accuracy which was desired. Next year the Committee would be in a position to present a report, after being called together to decide as to the form in which the information obtained should be given. He thought it would only be necessary to issue a Summary. To repeat the whole would not only be expensive but much of the information would be out of date. There could be no doubt that much valuable information had been got together, and it was satisfactory to find that the condition of rings was better than had been anticipated. Notwithstanding that it was well known

that "clocking" was a very dangerous practice there were still a number of towers where it was permitted. Attention would also be drawn to the happily considerable number of towers where it was stated that the Church authorities were willing to do all that was necessary to keep everything in order. He would suggest that if there were any members of the Council who knew of towers of which particulars had not appeared that the name of the representative ringer of each should be sent to him, and that a form for filling up, could be sent in each case, so as to get the particulars into the appendix.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker asked if corrections could be made as to rings, particulars of which had already appeared. In one case that had come under his notice the bells were said to be in good order but were unringable.

The President said a list was kept and as corrections were received these were noted opposite the particulars of the tower to which they related. All this information would be taken into account when the abstract was prepared. Any such corrections as were referred to by Mr. Baker could be easily dealt with.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly asked if information could be accepted from outsiders or only from ringers connected with the particular towers.

The President said the information had only been taken from those authorised to give it. It had not been accepted on hearsay. He should be prepared to accept information from reliable persons such as members of the Council as to the actual condition of bells.

Mr. A. T. King said it would occupy a considerable time to look through the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" to ascertain what towers had not appeared. Could a list of those towers from which no returns had been furnished be given.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker thought that the Secretaries of Associations who supplied the original list of towers might assist in this matter as most of them would know the names omitted.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought the want of information in many cases was due to the indifference of the individual who might have supplied it. He suggested that in cases where the local representatives had not given the information it might be possible to get all that was necessary either through the local representatives of the Council, or through the Association, or Guild Secretary for the district.

The President saw no reason why this should not be done. The signature of one member of the Council would be as reliable as the two signatures upon some of the returns.

#### CHURCH PRESS.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said one of the objects for which this Committee was appointed was to get some publication which would give the public some information about ringers and bells in general. He thought that the thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Papillon from whose pen well written articles had appeared in *The Guardian* which had twice been published in pamphlet form. He thought the ice had been broken, as was shown by the attention that the press had commenced to give to ringing matters. This was clearly illustrated when the Bishop of London gave the address at St. Clement Danes. He thought the Committee had done all it could. He moved the adoption of the report of the Committee which had already appeared.

The Rev. M. Kelly seconded.

Mr. C. E. Borrett said he had not experienced the same difficulty in getting ringing information into the press as some of the Council appeared to have done. His experience was that the press was not only willing to receive information but also to pay for it, provided that it was written in a manner that was interesting to the general reader. This was his experience when the Council met at Norwich, and he wished the Council would come again so far as his pocket was concerned. It was no use writing simply for ringers. Such matter the press would not accept. Anything supplied to the press should be of a racy nature written in the right fashion and for the interest of the general reader.

Mr. A. Hughes said one of the Nottingham journals had gone so far as to give a ringer's corner.

The President said he fully agreed that the thanks of the

Council were due to Mr. Papillon for the excellent articles he had written. He trusted that every Association would make good use of the pamphlet, which gives some very useful information.

#### LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The consideration of "Points for Peals" having been deferred so that it might be taken in conjunction with the subject of points for handbell peals which came later in the Agenda, the Rev. H. Law James, after explaining that the Committee were not agreed in the definition of certain terms, read the draft report on the Classification of Methods. This was a very carefully considered document, and was illustrated by diagrams, and expounded with great fullness and clearness by the speaker. The President said that the Report was one of much value, with which great pains and care had evidently been taken, but that it was highly desirable that before adopting it, or even fully discussing it, that it should be printed in "THE BELL NEWS." After Mr. Trollope had spoken, the Hon. Secretary proposed, and Mr. R. S. Story seconded, a resolution to the effect that, while thanking the Committee on Legitimate Methods, the Council defers the discussion of the matter until its next meeting, asking the Committee to publish their draft report in the meanwhile in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" and to include in it any matters that they consider germane to the subject. After some further remarks by Mr. Dains and the President the resolution was carried.

#### THE ANALYSIS.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, in moving that an annual grant of £5 5s. od., be paid from the Council funds for the preparation of the Peal Analysis, said he had no personal feeling in the matter. To draw up the Analysis must entail some amount of work and this he thought should be paid for.

Mr. J. Cheesman seconded.

Mr. A. B. Bennett said it was necessary for Mr. Attree to have some one to do the work, which he managed by securing the co-operation of Mr. Baker, whose name had been associated with that of Mr. Attree for some years.

Mr. Story asked if some arrangement could not be made by which the Analysis could appear at different dates without so much delay.

Mr. A. B. Bennett said Mr. Baker had stated that the returns could be completed within a reasonable time.

Mr. R. A. Daniell did not consider that the funds of the Council should be used for the purpose and thought that the Associations should pay for the work if it was to be paid for. He could not see that the Analysis was worth £5 5s. od., a year to the Council, but at the same time he did not see why Mr. Baker should do the work for nothing; if anything was paid it should be by the Associations.

Mr. A. T. King supported the views expressed by Mr. Daniell. He was not an admirer of the Analysis, but no doubt there were a number of people who from time to time liked to see it. He did not approve of the Council paying for the work, and thought whatever was paid should come from the Associations, and had no doubt that if steps could be taken to collect from the various Associations there would not be any difficulty in raising the amount; the question however would be the machinery by which the different contributions could be collected. If the Hon. Secretary could make an appeal to the various Associations for 2s 6d., or 5s., he had no doubt that the amount would be forthcoming.

The Rev. H. Law James did not approve of dragging down the Exercise, which he considered the analysis did.

The President pointed out that the proposed sum was nearly half the annual income of the Council. If the Council commenced payment for work done by ringers in one direction it would have to pay in other directions, among which would first of all be that of the Hon. Secretary, in which case it would be necessary to have a much larger income than the present.

No one voted for the resolution, which was consequently lost.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1905.

THE only regrettable circumstance about the recent meeting of the Central Council appears to have been the number of absentees. Fifty-three representatives did not put in an appearance; only five Associations were thus fully represented, sixteen but partially, and fifteen not at all. Consequently there was some amount of financial wastage, for it may be supposed that the accustomed statutory fees were paid to the Council by those who did not attend. This is perhaps not a very important matter; the most important, it may be said serious consideration, is that some of the most prominent Associations did not,



in consequence of the absence of delegates, have any part at all in the proceedings. This we hold to be very mistaken conduct on the part of those Associations implicated.

We think it absolutely necessary that every ringer should exert himself to have a voice, not now and then, but always, in the deliberations of the Council. Ringers can only have this privilege through the Association or Guild to which they belong. And when one or more of these bodies are unrepresented, ringers are shut out, as it were, from the Council altogether. It is hoped the Exercise generally will bring pressure to bear upon those who may be selected as their representatives, that they may obtain a share in the Council's decisions in the future. From the first this journal has endeavoured to set forth in plain language the importance and advantages of the Council; how necessary its existence for the purpose of effecting every object the ringer has at heart. But if those who are elected to take part in its deliberations fail to carry out that duty, the affair becomes ridiculous in the extreme. For many years the Exercise yearned strongly, and agitated for a representative body; surely it is reasonable to suppose that now they have such a splendid organisation they will support it in an intense degree by the avoidance of absenteeism.

And we would say that this neglect in attending the Council's meeting is calculated to treat lightly the work and efforts of those whose official position in the Council is one of anxiety and care. A labor of love no doubt these official positions comprise: but even then an appreciation of such labour is vastly more welcome than indifference.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

An interim meeting of the Ashford district was held at Mersham on Saturday, May 20, 1905, when thirty-six members were present representing the following towers:—Appledore, Brabourne, Elmsted, Folkestone, Headcorn, Hythe, Mersham, Stowling, Tenterden, and Willesborough. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. and continued to 9.30 Touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples being brought round. The Rev. Canon Dyke provided a substantial meat tea for those attending and also spoke a few words expressing the hope that Change-ringing would continue to spread in the district. On the proposition of Mr. P. W. Crunden, Hythe, seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, Tenterden, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Canon for the use of the bells and also his generosity in providing Tea. As Canon Dyke was unable to be present during the whole of the tea time the meeting was presided over by Mr. Geo. Paine, District Representative on the Central County Committee. Nine new members were elected. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Rolvenden if the tower could be obtained.

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On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE DAYNES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. 8.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 4.	FREDK. RICHARDSON .. 9.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 5.	ARTHUR HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. MILES, and Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

#### The Provinces.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MYNARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 4.
EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

First peal on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN COPELIN .. .. Treble.	LEWIS SILVER .. .. 5.
JAMES TULLETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

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

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. ELLIS* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. PARKER .. 2.	*JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
HARRY MOSS* .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. RAMSEY .. 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE,

\*First peal in the method.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.**

*On Saturday, June 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES E. PERKINS* .. Treble.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. . 5.
WM. HINTON .. .. . 2.	NOAH HOLLYOAKE .. .. . 6.
FREDERICK BYWATER .. 3.	JOHN PIPER .. .. . 7.
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 4.	FRED PLANT .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by JOHN PIPER.

\*First peal.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND  
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.**

*On Monday, June 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Taylor's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RICHARD PERKINS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 5.
ALFRED WHATMORE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. . 6.
JOHN PIPER .. .. . 3.	FRED PLANT .. .. . 7.
NOAH HOLLYOAKE .. .. 4.	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel W. G. Webb, M.P., J.P., of Woodfield, Wordsley. †First peal in the method.

**MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, June 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN EACHUS .. .. Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 8.
ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM H. COOPER* .. 5.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by A. ED WREAKS.

\*First peal in the method. It is twenty-five years on the above date since A. E. Wreaks rung his first peal, which was also one of Grandsire Caters.

**PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES W. BAXENDALE .. 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS .. .. . 2.	J. W. CORDINGLEY .. .. 6.
J. C. BOOTH .. .. . 3.	J. E. PROCTOR .. .. . 7.
SAMUEL WARD .. .. . 4.	HARRY WARD .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by P. CORDINGLEY.

Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. Thomas Maude, who was married at Scarborough parish church on June 20th.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**

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

*On Thursday, June 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. . 4.	HENRY DAINS .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, June 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.**

EDWIN COOMBS .. .. Treble.	HARRY COOMBS .. .. . 5.
HARRY MILES .. .. . 2.	ROBERT MILES .. .. . 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 4.	*FRANK COLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal.

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

*On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.**

HARRY WALLACE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.**

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. . 2.	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 6.
CHARLES ROOPE .. .. . 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

ALBERT RUFFELLS .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 5.
JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. . 2.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. . 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 7.
THOMAS MCKEGG .. .. . 4.	*JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

**PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE TREVETHIN CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being ten 6-scores of Grandsire, and thirty-two of St. Dunstons, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

DANIEL PINNEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS .. 4.
THOMAS MORGAN .. .. . 2.	THOMAS JENKINS .. .. 5.
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On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN* .. 2.	EDWARD BUESDEN .. 6.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 3.	*HENRY C. CASTLE .. 7.
SIDNEY WALTER* .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal in the method.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**Handbell Peals.**

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

H. OLIVER WILES .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	LOUIS J. FLINT .. .. 7-8.

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.

Umpire—Lewis L. Watson. This is H. O. Wiles's first peal, who is 15 years of age, and much credit is due to him for the manner in which he rung.

**Date Touches.**

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, June 8th, for practice at St. Bartholomew's church, a date touch of 1905 changes in the following Treble Bob Minor methods: 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 240 of Woodbine, and 225 of Violet, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. C. Lawrence, F. T. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, E. A. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon.

**Miscellaneous.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins. A. E. Ashe, C. Scott, C. Armitage, G. Halksworth conductor, H. Brook, R. Baylis, H. G. Wilson, G. Clow.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Dale, J. Brown, H. Butstow, L. Paice, W. Short, T. Thorn, G. F. Williams conductor, W. J. Rice. T. Thorn, for whom this was arranged, bails from Bushey, Herts.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, June 18th, 1264 Bob Major, in 43 mins. E. V. Harvey, S. Collins, A. Jones, W. J. Troughton, W. E. Judd, J. Howes, W. Elson conductor, G. Condick. Composed by C. Charge. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, June 11th, for morning and evening services at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, W. H. George, W. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., J. George conductor. And 360 in the same method. E. Dumper, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun, A. Marks, W. H. George, J. George conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, F. Eade, J. Bagley, T. Lade, A. R. Miles conductor, A. Groombridge. On Saturday, February 18th, 720 Stedman Doubles. R. T. Lade, F. Eade, J. Bagley, T. Lade, A. R. Miles conductor, A. Groombridge. On Saturday, February 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. T. Lade, T. Lade, F. Eade, J. W. Wilkins conductor, J. Bagley, A. R. Miles. On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. G. Fenner, A. R. Miles conductor, T. Lade, M. Richardson, F. Eade, A. Groombridge.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEADENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, March 18th, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford. J. P. Paley, J. Hoyes, G. Scott, J. W. Woods, A. Mackears conductor, J. Cragg. The Double Oxford was rung by J. P. Paley, J. W. Woods, J. Hoyes, G. Scott, J. Cragg, A. Mackears conductor. Supposed to be the first 720 in the methods on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON WEST (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Gosden, W. H. Joiner, P. H. Wild, Rev. H. G. Bird, E. Hancox, A. Finch, H. Waite conductor, J. Peddle. On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. J. Peddle, E. Hancox conductor, A. Finch, H. Waite, J. J. Pratt, W. H. Joiner, H. H. Chandler, N. Foster.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. West, E. N. Howard, T. Booker, S. Smith, R. Baldwin first quarter-peal as conductor, A. Bates first quarter-peal, R. Brett, A. Bailey first quarter-peal.

BOURN (Lincolnshire).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor. J. Man, J. Bainbridge, F. Tunniadine, J. Cragg, J. Rowden, A. Mackey conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Holmes, C. Neaverson, F. Tunniadine, A. Mackey, J. Cragg, Rev. H. L. James conductor. And 720 Double Oxford. T. Bainbridge, A. Holmes, F. Tunniadine, W. Smith, A. Mackey conductor, J. Cragg.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, April 19th, a Confirmation Service was held at the parish church by the Bishop of Birmingham, and for this service a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the local company. C. Cottrell, A. Paddon Smith, W. Stobart, G. Swann, B. W. Witchell conductor, T. Russam, W. Hatwell, J. Preston.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 41 mins. A. Youngs, A. E. Bassett, W. Challen, A. Brown, T. Self, D. Snelling conductor, W. Gearing, A. Shrubbs.

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"Are you going to London?" Such was the question that every change-ringer in Sheffield was asking each other for several weeks prior to June 10th, on which date a raid on the Metropolis by the Sheffield Change-ringers had been most carefully planned. The trip originated from the casual visit to the City of London last year of two of Sheffield's noble brethren in the art, who were loud in their praises of the way they were received by a few of their fellow-strings they chanced to meet, hence, it was unanimously agreed that nothing could be better than to make the first of a series of annual outings a holiday trip, and also one by which some benefit might be obtained by a pre-arranged visit to the head quarters of the ringing world, and by making acquaintance with the shining lights contained therein.

Nothing daunted, the necessary arrangements were boldly commenced, and with the assistance of our esteemed friends Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and T. H. Taffender, a programme was very soon mapped out and everything in apple-pie order when the eventful day arrived.

It was with light hearts that the party of 25, including several ladies, met at the Midland Railway Station at the early hour of 1.45 a.m., starting time being 1.55 a.m., where it was augmented by Mr. and Mrs. Woodhead, and F. Renton from Leeds, and Mr. C. Glenn from Rotherham. After all had made themselves comfortable in the saloon provided for the journey, each member was supplied with a programme of the day's proceedings, with instructions to strictly adhere to the scheduled times, and thus ensure the enterprise being crowned with success, which fact, it is needless to say was carried out to the very letter. The four and a half hours' train confinement was whiled away with courses, touches, and tunes on the handbells. Some, however, endeavoured to get a nap, whilst others admired the scenery, special attention being given to South Wigston tower, where the record length of Double Norwich was rung last Christmas.

St. Pancras was reached at 6.30 a.m., where we were met by Mr. Taffender, who had most generously turned out early to be our guide. Breakfast was the first item on the programme, and this was set about in proper Yorkshire style, and brought round without a hitch, greatly to everyone's satisfaction.

The tour then commenced in real earnest with a walk through the City, our worthy guide pointing out the various places of interest on the way, amongst which included a view of the Central Meat Market, G.P.O. Buildings, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Bow Church, Cheapside, Royal Exchange, Mansion House, Bank of England (otherwise known as "The Old Woman of Threadneedle Street") where we were taken under the subway, St. Michael Cornhill, St. Botolph Aldgate, and the tower of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, duly arriving at Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's Foundry, where permission had generously been given by Mr. Hughes for the whole party to have a thorough look round, the said gentleman kindly assisting by explaining the different processes a bell must undergo before being turned out complete. Great interest was taken in the various kinds of bells, etc., whilst a heavy chime of four with a hour bell weighing 41 cwt, which we were informed were being despatched to Canada, called for special comment. Before leaving the foundry, the party was photographed in a group by Mr. Herbert Hughes, the company being placed into position by that eminent specialist "Dick Swiveller," who showed considerable skill and experience in the matter. It will certainly not be his fault if a good picture is not the result, as on this occasion no invisible soap was used, neither did the photographer get bewildered by the presence of "His Eminence."

After bidding adieu to Mr. Hughes, who promised to meet us later in the day, a further walk brought us to the Tower of London, where we viewed the Armoury, regalia, crown jewels, etc., and also had a good look round the exterior, but as time did not allow for a prolonged visit, we made our way over the Tower Bridge and on to St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, permission having been granted to ring for short touches at 11.30 a.m., but unfortunately our first attempt at ringing in London was not accompanied by success, owing to the bad "go" of the bells, which, we found were in striking contrast to what prevails in Yorkshire, and we can now fully appreciate the splendid efforts of Messrs. H. R. Newton and Co. on the peal of Superlative Major rung there a short time ago. Just prior to this

Mr. Taffender was obliged to leave us for a short time owing to pressure of business, and the services of guide were taken up by Mr. E. J. Webb, and Mr. J. Pryor, who had previously joined the party.

Dinner being next on the programme, we were taken over London Bridge, along Cheapside and on to Bow Bells Restaurant, Bow Lane, where arrangements had been made for our requirements. Having satisfied the inner man, an adjournment was then made to the principal and most important place on the programme, viz.: St. Paul's Cathedral, where we were met by Messrs. J. Pettit, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon and others, as well as being rejoined by Mr. Taffender. Here the Dean had most kindly given special permission to view the Cathedral, and to ring from 3 to 4 p.m. for the afternoon service. An inspection of the interior was first made, the official guide explaining to our satisfaction the many interesting and historical features, descending to the crypt, and ascending to the golden gallery, whispering gallery, and out at the top where a magnificent bird's eye view was obtained, our London friends here rendering valuable service by pointing out the numerous churches and places of interest on all sides as far as the eye could reach. A return was then made to the ringing chamber, a start being promptly made at 3.0 p.m. with three courses of Stedman Cinques by the following, J. Pettit, (conductor) W. Bugar, J. Atkin, F. Bugar, J. Mulligan, B. Harrison, C. Glenn, S. F. Palmer, T. H. Taffender, S. Seed, F. Woodhead, and G. O. Dixon, followed by three leads of Treble Twelve by J. Pettit, J. Rowbottom, J. Smithson, F. Bugar, W. Bugar, S. F. Palmer, C. Glenn, J. Thorpe, T. Langdon, W. Biggin, F. Woodhead, and W. T. Cockerill, the rest of the time being occupied with more Stedman Cinques by the same band. Here the go of the bells was everything that could be desired, and modestly speaking the ringing very creditable.

(To be continued.)

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of this Association took place at Norton on Saturday, May 6th, when upwards of fifty members attended from the following towers: Uttoxeter, Kids Grove, Leek, Biddulph, Fenton, Brown Edge, Newcastle, Tunstall, Stoke, Kingsley, Burslem and Crewe. The tower was opened for ringing at three o'clock, when various methods were indulged in until six o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom for tea, during which the Morton ringers gave selections on the handbells, assisted by Mr. J. Mason of Kids Grove. Mr. G. Ryles afterwards performed his first public function since his election as the people's warden by presenting three certificates of proficiency the recipients hailing from the Fenton tower.

Mr. J. R. Wheeldon on behalf of the Association thanked Mr. Jack for his kindness in coming to the meeting and for the great interest he had taken in the day's proceedings and to tender him the gratitude of every member present. Thanks are also due to the ladies for their kind attention at the tea tables. The majority of the members then made their way again up to the belfry, and others enjoyed themselves by manipulating the handbells in the schoolroom to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major &c. Ringing was kept up on the tower bells until 9.30, which terminated one of the most successful meetings of the year.

J. E. W.

## Obituary.

### HENRY MERRILLS.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of the above. He had been a ringer at Ordsall, near Retford, Notts., for about 15 years. He was a member of the North Notts. Association, and although he had only rung two 5040s, he was a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing and practices. He died after a brief illness on Friday, June 23rd, aged 45 years, and was buried in the churchyard on Saturday afternoon, being borne to the grave by four of his fellow ringers. Later in the evening a 720 Canterbury Pleasure was rung with bells half-muffled by J. Belk, D. Blagg, J. Gilbert, G. R. Winter, H. Blagg (conductor), J. White. May he rest in peace.

**Notices.**

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays and July 13th and 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, July 4th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 18th.

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

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., July 1st, at Lichfield. Service in the Lady Chapel at 5 o'clock, when the address will be given by the Right Rev. Bishop Anson. Tea in the Pool Walk schoolroom at 5.45. Tickets one shilling per head.

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

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, July 1st. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley to-day Sat., July 1st, at 3 o'clock.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Royston, Herts., to-day, Sat., July 1st. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Ringers heartily invited.

D. ELLINGHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, July 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Christchurch on Monday, July 3rd. Service at 12; collection for Guild Funds. Dinner at Town Hall 1 p.m. Annual Meeting 2.30 p.m. Unattached Members residing outside the diocese are reminded that they may compound for all subscriptions by a single payment of 2s. 6d. Those residing in the diocese must pay their subscriptions to the District Secretary. The names of those who do not compound, or whose subscriptions are unpaid, will not be included in the next report.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wirksworth on Saturday, July 8th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available as usual. Committee meeting at 4.0. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30 p.m. in the parish room. Will those intending being present at the tea kindly inform Mr. W. Fox not later than July 6th. If intending visitors who cannot catch a direct train to Wirksworth will book to Cromford by the train leaving Derby at 1.25 p.m., brakes will meet them at Cromford and convey them to Wirksworth. The brakes will be free to all who advise Mr. Fox not later than July 6th of their intention to use them. Parties of eight may travel at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, with the option of returning from Wirksworth if booked to Cromford, but application should be made to the railway company a few days earlier.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—By kind permission of the Rev. R. Digby Ram, the next meeting of the above will be held at Hampton on Saturday, July 8th. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8th, at Walton, to meet the Bishop of Liverpool. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to H. Barker, 42, Irton Street, or 5, Belmont Place, Garston. W. HUGHES,

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, July 8th. The Rev. W. G. Whinfield, curate, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Musbury, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. W. ASHWORTH, *Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, July 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house.—The Pack Horse.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Bletchley on Monday, July 10th. Special service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the school at 12.40. Dinner in a marquee adjoining school at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualification to me on or before Monday, July 3rd. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*  
20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head. Those intending to be present must give three days' notice. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. J. C. Hatten and churchwardens at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Evensong at 6.45, after which further ringing until 9. Members intending to be present are requested to send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 12th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., (ten bells), by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers

will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcester Cathedral.**—SIR.—I beg to inform you that the ringers have decided to abandon their practice at the Cathedral on Monday evenings until further notice, owing to the hot weather.

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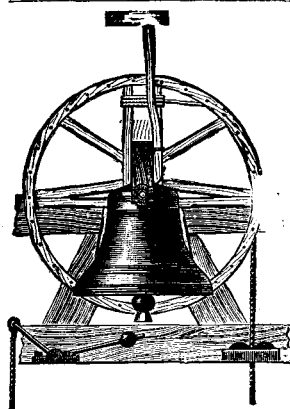
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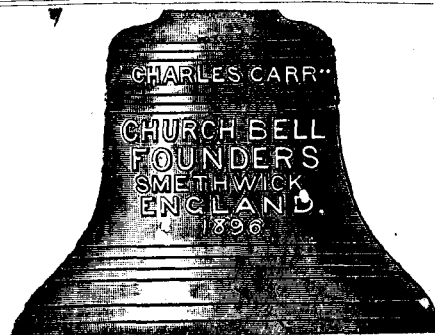
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### SCHEDULE (continued).

WROTHAM (Kent). St. George. Eight bells; all by Lester, 1754. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Clocking permitted. The tenor is cracked, and all the bells require quarter-turning. No steps have been taken, as there are no funds. Ropes good. Half-pull ringing is being practised. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WYE (Kent). St. Gregory and St. Martin. Eight bells; 2nd and 3rd by Warner, the rest by Pack, 1774. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1896. Ropes new 1896, fair. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday fortnightly, from March 25th to September 29th at 7.30, the rest of the year weekly at 7.

WYKE REGIS (Dorset). All Saints. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1891. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8. Visitors are welcomed.

YARMOUTH (Norfolk). St. Nicholas. Norwich Diocesan Association. Twelve bells; all by Mears; the two trebles in 1898, the rest in 1808. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1898. Ropes new 1895, moderate. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

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## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Some months ago Mr. Snowdon wrote to me saying that he was contemplating the issue of a second edition of "Grandsire," and in connection with this informed me that Mr. Thompson disputed the accuracy of my statement on page 165 that the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon is in error when he states on page 78 that the two halves of Holt's Ten-part start from the same place. I should have thought that the full explanation on page 164 and the figures on the next page are sufficiently clear and unmistakable. But from the correspondence that ensued between Mr. Thompson, Mr. Snowdon and myself, I find that Mr. Thompson at least is unable to understand it. The correspondence just mentioned ended in a letter of great length (28 pages of foolscap) addressed by Mr. Thompson to Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Thompson courteously sending me a copy of it.

Two or three weeks ago Mr. Snowdon happened to say that he is at work on the proposed second edition. Though just at present I am simply overwhelmed with work, and nothing could be more inconvenient at this particular juncture, I feel bound to write in defence of my statement in question, which I fully uphold as being absolutely true and accurate.

Mr. Thompson's letter being not a public one, I feel some difficulty in regard to it, as of course it is often not fair to canvass or criticise in public that which was meant only for private perusal. But the assertion that it attacks is a public assertion, and must therefore be upheld by a public defence; in which there must be necessarily and inevitably frequent allusions to Mr. Thompson's letter, but I shall make them as general as possible, and treat the subject so far as is practicable on original and independent lines. This happily is rendered all the easier by the fact that a large part, indeed more than half of Mr. Thompson's letter, is occupied with mere theoretical, unnecessary, and therefore, strictly speaking, irrelevant matter.

In the pages of "Grandsire" above mentioned, I employed a diagram to illustrate my meaning. Let me now try another illustration, if it be another, for of course they all come to the same in the end.

Suppose the two half-peals of which Holt's Ten-part is compounded—for the present ignoring the singles, of which anon—suppose them written out evenly on two long ribbons row by row, the first half on one ribbon starting from and ending with 1234567; the second half on the other ribbon starting from and ending with 1234576. Let the rows in the interior of the leads be written in black ink, the plain lead ends in blue ink, and the bob lead ends (*i.e.* the second row after the bob has been made) in red ink. Next let there be a drum of such size that a length of the ribbon containing 504 rows will go exactly once round it. It is at once evident to the veriest tyro in composition that if we proceed to wind a half-peal (we take the first half-peal to begin with) round the drum, it will take exactly five rounds, neither more nor less, to wind

it all; and that after the first round every blue row will fall on another blue row, and every red one on a red one.

Now take the second half-peal, and wind it round on the top of the first half in such a manner that every blue row shall always fall on a blue row, and every red one on a red one. As we all know quite well this second half will, like the first half, take just five rounds of the drum, but—it must be wound in the contrary direction. Now comes the point—the only point at issue. Look for the row 1234567 (it happens to be a red one). Then look for the row 1235476, which also happens to be red. *How far are they from each other? This is the point.*

If the two rows in question are found in the same heap, then I say that the two half-peals start (in opposite directions) from the same place; but if they are not in the same heap, then I say that the two half-peals start from *different* places. As a matter of fact they are *not* in the same heap—it is not a matter of argument, and there can be no real argument about it—as a matter of fact, then, they are in different heaps, the two heaps in which they are situate being fourteen rows, or one lead, apart, and I therefore say that the two half-peals do *not* start from the same place, but that the second half starts one lead away from the first half, and I repeat that the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon was in error when he said that they started from the same place. This is quite sufficiently shown by his own figure on page 78, with its outstanding “ones” at the top left and bottom right. The fact is that that figure or schedule with its right hand half all out of joint and awry with its other half, the left hand half having had to be squashed down a step all through to make the interior P and B intervals correspond, is of itself a flat and palpable proof of my contention. But I pass on.

Perhaps this will be as good a place as any to speak of the singles. Their function is simply to “jump” us from the row 1325476 to the row 1235476, and from the row 1324567 to the row 1234567 wherever on the drum these rows may be found. To use a French expression they are simply a *tour de force* and nothing else, and for the rest of our argument we need trouble no further about them.

Now look at Holt's six-part peal. The case of this peal is *different* from that of the ten-part, so that if the two halves of the six-part do start from the same point then the two halves of the ten-part do *not* start from the same point; and if, as Mr. Thompson contends, the two halves of the ten-part do start from the same point then the two halves of the six-part start from *different* points, in which case let Mr. Thompson specify them. For six-part peals we must of course have a drum such as will be encircled once exactly by a length of ribbon containing 840 rows. When the first half-peal has been wound three times round, it will be found that, as in the ten-part so now again, the second half must be wound the contrary way, and that there is only one point from which it can start so that blue shall always fall on blue and red on red. Looking next for the rows 1234567 and 1235476 they will be found in this peal to be in the *same* heap, this time a blue heap. But the colour, be it red or be it blue, makes not one jot of difference. The point is that whereas in the ten-part they were in different heaps, they are now in one and the same. Once more I assert that the cases of the ten-part and six-part are not identical, and that if Mr. Thompson is determined that in one of them the two halves shall start from the same point, he may choose which he likes, but *he cannot have both*.

In support of his contention Mr. Thompson appeals to

the late Mr. Snowdon's diagram on page 78. This to my mind is, like any other diagram fairly representative of facts of the case, entirely subversive of Mr. Thompson's contention. For, as already once remarked, in order to make the two halves correspond, Mr. Jasper Snowdon *had to lower his second half one division*, the result being that he has a “1” sticking up in the cold at the top left hand, and another “1” in the same charming position at the bottom right. “Oh, but,” says Mr. Thompson, “cut them out and paste them into a circle, and they fit beautifully.” Certainly. And what do we get then? Nothing more nor less than my diagram on page 165, and one of Mr. Snowdon's “ones” is simply the journey from my letter A to B, and his other “one” is the journey from B to A!

Will Mr. Thompson kindly make a diagram for Holt's Six-part on the model of that on page 78? I shall be interested to see what he makes of it.

In what has so far been advanced I have confined myself to the usual division of the method into “leads” of fourteen rows, and have worked with the time-honoured “lead-ends.” There is another system of division, and it is with this other that Mr. Thompson works—when he really does get to work—the first half or more of his long letter being occupied with very pretty but wholly unnecessary and therefore irrelevant matter. This system of division consists in considering the method as composed of “pieces” (Mr. Thompson's name for them—by all means let it stand) of fourteen rows each, the first row of the “piece” being the handstroke lead of the treble, and the last row that in which the treble is in seconds on the way down: that is to say, the line dividing the pieces falls immediately before the treble's lead at handstroke. In ordinary ringing phrase the lines mark the position at which the operation P or B takes place. If we adopt this system, and I have no particular objection to it, it of course follows that we must alter our drum arrangements to suit it. The alteration is really very slight. Instead of writing our *lead-ends* in red or blue, we simply draw a blue or a red line after the row containing the treble in 2nds on her way down according as the next row has in 7ths the bell that is in 7ths immediately above the line, or the bell in 3rds that was in 3rds—in plain English, we draw a blue line for a plain lead, and a red one for a bob. And now what we have to do is to wind our ribbon on the drum in such a way that, not the lead-ends but the *lines* shall fall on one another—blue on blue, and red on red. Together with this change on the drum goes of course a change of use, or rather of interpretation of my diagram on page 165. Instead of the division lines on this diagram standing, as they did, for lead-ends, they now stand for the lines between the pieces. And what follows? Simply that instead of starting from the line itself we start just after it—to be quite exact, from the row next but one to it. We now come to what, if I rightly fathom the depths of Mr. Thompson's wonderfully involved language, is the crux of the question. Mr. Thompson quarrels with my use of the words “same place,” and seems to have a special grudge against the last of the two. I can only appeal to the reader, who I think is not likely to have found much difficulty in my meaning hitherto. The fact is Mr. Thompson seems to have a sense of the word “place” which is all his own. Unless I am seriously mistaken he employs it to mean no less than the *whole region* between the two lines bounding a “piece.” In other words a “piece” and a “place” are to him one and the same. I grant that the two halves of Holt's Ten-part start (from

opposite ends of) the same piece; and that the two halves of Holt's Six-part start from adjacent "pieces." But as the blue and red lines are the framework on which our present view of the question is based, I still say that as in Holt's ten-part the two halves start in as close proximity as any two starting-points can be to two different piece-lines, I still say therefore that they start from different places; and as in Holt's six-part the two halves start as close as any two starting-points can possibly be to each other, that is with their backs to the same line I say that they start from the same place, and I repeat once more that the late Mr. Snowdon was in error in saying that the two halves of Holt's Ten-part start from the same place.

(To be continued.)

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Linton on Whit-Monday, June 12th, in the school-room, presided over by the Rev. K. H. Smith, of Ely, treasurer and founder of the Association, who said he was sorry there was such a small attendance and also sorry that the newly appointed vicar did not reside at Linton at present, as he had come chiefly to support Mr. Webb, and to introduce the Association to the new vicar, the Rev. A. Rutter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the district secretary, Mr. P. Webb, and passed.

Although only a small number were present, several towers were represented.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Chairman and Clergy for the use of the bells. This was seconded by Mr. Penning, who said he thought the reason why several did not attend was because there were only five bells. He hoped that someone would start a fund so that another bell could be added. The bells were rehung in an iron frame, with a space left for a treble, by Warner & Sons, a few years ago, the "go" being all that could be desired.

### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The twenty-third Annual Festival of this Guild was held at Poole, on May 17th. Ringers attended from Coombe Bissett, Shillingstone, St. Peter's Dorchester, Maiden Newton, Horningham, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sherborne, Sturminster Newton, Dinton, Wyke Regis, Salisbury, Verwood, Ringwood, Christchurch, St. Peter's Bournemouth, and Devizes. The festival commenced with Guild service in St. James's church, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Stoke, and the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Lawson. An able and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe from Zech. xiv. 20. He made a brief reference to the few allusions to bells in Holy Scripture, and said that if they did nothing else they started us upon their history. He then dwelt upon several points of interest—their size, development and uses, drawing from this the facts of how they had entwined themselves round the life of individual and nation, and had thus risen to a place of unique importance. Having dwelt upon this side of the question he asked those present to return to the text. The bells of the horses, he said, here represented the pomp of the outside world, which was to be inscribed with Holiness to the Lord, and pressed into the service of Jehovah. This might be almost taken as a sort of prophesy. Bells were now almost entirely a sacred thing; the ringers' office a sacred office. He considered this one of the chief uses of the Guild, it did a great work in giving its members a position in the diocese. But it could do little unless it was assisted by the individual lives of the ringers. He then left them with two considerations: the necessity of regularity in public worship, both in church and kneeling at the altar; and a spirit of unity and forgiveness. Ringers were often said to be

quarrelsome sort of people, but they as a body might be a great power for unity.

At one o'clock luncheon was served at The Antelope hotel, when the Master of the Guild, Captain Acland, presided, supported by the Revs. J. A. Lawson, H. Farley, C. W. B. Cobbe, J. C. Mansel-Pleydell, C. Wood, H. Drake, C. A. Phillips, F. B. Phillips, and H. E. Tilney Bassett.

After luncheon the Master referred to the suitability of their Festival commencing with a service in the House of God, and proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the church, and to the organist and choir for their kind service, and to the incumbents who had lent their bells.

The Rector of Poole suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks, and welcomed the ringers to Poole.

The Master then referred briefly, but very sympathetically, to the loss sustained by their President, Earl Nelson, in the tragic death of his son Viscount Trafalgar, and those present showed their sympathy with the suggestion as to the Hon. Secretary writing a letter of condolence to his Lordship by rising from their seats.

All the officers were re-elected, Captain Acland as Master, and the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett as Hon. Secretary.

The Master, in acknowledging his unanimous re-election, observed that the past year had been one of uninterrupted peace, which he hoped would continue. He desired also that every encouragement should be given to beginners, so that the number of good ringers might be increased.

Two vacancies on the committee were filled by the election of Mr. G. Preston and the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe. Salisbury was chosen as the place for the next festival. The company then dispersed to visit the towers of St. James's Poole, St. Peter's Bournemouth, Canford, Wareham, and Lytchett Minster.

### 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."

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

SIR,—I hope the officials of the Council will not seriously accept the view put forward in your editorial of last week—"That neglect in attending the Council's meeting is calculated to treat lightly the work and efforts of those whose official position in the Council is one of anxiety and care." I think as far as the Canterbury meeting was concerned it was simply £ s. d. which prevented a larger attendance. There are few Associations which can afford to pay the railway fare of say four representatives to a place as remote as Canterbury. Even if they could afford it would it be right to expend such a large proportion of their income in this way, however loyal to the Council they might be? Take for instance the Norwich Association. The rail fare of our four delegates would have cost us £4 15s.; adding the 10s. subscription to the Council brings the amount up to £5 5s. We could not afford such a sum, hence our partial representation. There are other Associations at a still greater distance from Canterbury, and I do not think their loyalty to the Council should be questioned if they are unrepresented or only partially represented at a distant place of meeting.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 197.)

## POINTS FOR HANDBELL PEALS.

The Rev. H. Law James, in moving "That all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells, should be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung in hand single-handed or upon tower bells," said personally he did not take much interest in the analysis, for as he had already said he considered it was lowering the Exercise. Some of the members of the Council might therefore think it strange that he should move this resolution. He did so to help to raise the standard of ringing and to encourage handbell ringing. It would also be encouraging for ringing a variety of methods, as when a band had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples, they would go on to something else. It would also encourage double-handed ringing without encouraging single-handed ringing. There could be no doubt that a peal rung double-handed was worth double the number of points of a peal rung single-handed.

The President asked if the question had been considered by the Points Committee to whom it had been referred.

The Rev. H. Law James said as he was not a member of the Points Committee he could not say. He had moved the resolution in accordance with the notice that he gave at York last year when he expressed an opinion that the whole question of points should be gone into. He was, however, if desired, willing to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Storey said there was also the question of points for Minor Surprise and Treble Bob Minor with "broken leads" which was referred to the Points Committee at the last meeting of the Council. Could any member of the Committee state when the matter had been before him?

Mr. Dains said, as a member of the Committee, the matter had not come before him.

The President said he was afraid the Committee had overlooked the question of points for Minor referred to them last year, consequently nothing had been done. Mr. Attree's attention would, however, be called to the matter. Would not Mr. James consent to refer his resolution to the Committee as a recommendation?

The Rev. H. Law James said his resolution was in accordance with the notice that he gave at York.

The President said that the Points Committee had a thorough knowledge of the value of points and that it would be better to leave the question for them to report upon.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Points Committee had to deal with the value of points for Stedman, Double Norwich and other methods. This was a question of points of handbell peals.

Mr. Dains asked who was in charge of the Committee. He had not heard of it for some time.

The President said the Committee had not reported since 1900; in fact they were discharged, but last year were asked to reform themselves. He was afraid there had been some misunderstanding.

Mr. Dains said he was desirous of knowing if more points could not be given for "Duffield" and "Alliance."

The President said this also would be a question for the Committee, and pointed out that Mr. Law James's resolution had not yet been seconded.

Mr. Richardson seconded the resolution.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon said he did not claim to be in a position to speak from personal experience upon the matter. On the previous day at the annual meeting of the Essex Association he put the question as to what was the opinion of those interested, and one ringer told him that he considered that if a peal in one of the Surprise Methods was rung double-handed it should be allowed double the points allowed for a peal in the same method on tower bells, but not so with Bob Major; while another, who he considered could speak with greater authority, said a double-handed peal should have double points and a non-conducted one a third more.

Mr. King said, like Mr. Papillon, he did not intend to speak with any experience, but he had the opportunity of asking an eminent handbell ringer who, while not prepared to say what

number of points should be given, expressed an opinion the question should receive consideration.

Mr. Daniell considered the Council should do what it could to encourage double-handed ringing and thought the resolution would do so.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly asked what was the present rule. Did double-handed handbell peals receive only the same number of points as a peal upon tower bells?

The President replied in the affirmative.

Mr. C. E. Borrett said a great difficulty which handbell ringers had to meet was securing an umpire, especially in cases where it was necessary to start three or four times. Undoubtedly the strain upon the nerves in ringing a double-handed hand bell peal was far greater than in a peal upon the tower bells.

A member of the Council having remarked that the resolution would raise the question of the value of a single-handed hand bell peal,

The President read the resolution adopted last year in which the Council discountenanced single-handed peals.

The Hon. Secretary moved to strike out "in hand single-handed or."

The Rev. H. Law James said he would accept the amendment.

The President said the resolution would be more in order if it was adopted as a recommendation to the Points Committee, in which case it would not hamper their judgment. The Committee might at the same time be glad of the advice of the Council, and would be in a position to go fully into the whole question and submit a report at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. Law James did not object to this, provided another whole year was not wasted.

The resolution was then amended as follows:—"That it be a recommendation to the Points Committee that all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells, should be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung upon tower bells."

This was adopted *nem. con.*

Mr. Storey asked who acted as convener of a meeting of the Committee. He remembered that in the case of a committee of which he was a member the late hon. secretary called the committee together.

The President said it appeared that the whole matter had been overlooked since last year. Mr. Attree had hitherto kindly led the work in connection with the Points Committee and that gentleman would be communicated with.

## RINGING LITERATURE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell proposed that, having regard to the recent correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS," it is desirable to appoint a committee to submit to next year's meeting a short descriptive catalogue of the known printed books and manuscripts relating to change ringing not readily accessible to members of Exercise. The resolution was seconded by Rev. T. L. Papillon.

The President reminded the Council that some years ago, on the proposal of Mr. Strange, they had taken this matter in hand, entrusting it to Mr. Strange as a one-man committee, but that after long delay and correspondence, Mr. Strange had finally given this matter up. After further conversation, in which many members joined, the resolution was unanimously carried, the matter being placed in the hands of the Press Committee. On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the names of Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. Henry Dains were for this purpose added to the Committee.

## GRANDSIRE MAJOR AND BOB TRIPLES.

Mr. Trollope, in moving that Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised and that peals in them should not be booked, said the resolution was the outcome of the report on legitimate methods adopted by the Council two years ago. He should have moved the present resolution at York had he been able to be present. He remembered when the resolution was before the meeting two years ago many spoke very kindly about the report, but he was afraid not many knew what they were speaking about. He did not now ask the Council to say that Grandsire Major



and Bob Triples were not legitimate methods; this the Council had already done. Among the arguments to be brought forward would be that the Council has no right to say what ringers should ring and what they should not ring. That was correct. The resolution did not say that they should not ring either Grandsire Major or Bob Triples. But what he did say was that the Council had undertaken to endeavour to raise the standard of ringing, and if the Council thinks these peals should not be rung, let the Council advise ringers not to ring them. It the Council did this he did not believe such peals would be rung. He thought that only one peal of Bob Triples and not one of Grandsire Major had for some time been rung, whereas previously there were several. If the Council adopted this resolution he believed both would die out. Some might no doubt say that the Council had no right to dictate, and it might be as well to leave out the last sentence "and that peals in them should not be booked." This he would leave with the Council. Another argument was that these methods were necessary for teaching a young company; while a third argument was that Grandsire Major was a very nice method. There were scores of better methods that could be rung; then why trouble to ring either Grandsire Major or Bob Triples? He failed to see the necessity of using either method for teaching purposes, and had no doubt that if the resolution was adopted it would help to raise the standard of ringing.

The President suggested that the words "and that peals in them should not be booked" should be struck out.

Mr. Trollope had no objection if the Council desired this.

Mr. Dains seconded the resolution.

The Hon. Secretary said he gave the resolution his most hearty support; it was what he had aimed at for many years.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon said the Essex Association at its annual meeting had requested its representatives to vote against the resolution. He thought the average ringer who did not look at the question from a scientific point of view would ask, why are not Grandsire Major and Bob Triples legitimate methods? To the average unscientific ringer it would be difficult to give an answer. There were not many peals rung in either method and in some places both methods helped to make a variety.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker considered the resolution could be summarily dealt with. In teaching a young band it might be one which did not know anything of change ringing. A commencement is made with Plain Bob with a view of ringing Bob Major. Having got Bob Doubles, a start is made with Bob Minor, and it might happen that there were seven men who could ring the front seven bells with another tenor-man and so get on to Bob Triples. It might be a makeshift, but let them ring Bob Triples as soon as proficient to do so, and it would be a stepping-stone to Bob Major. A start should be made in one method and kept to. If this was practised, progress could be made, but to make a start in two or three methods would often result in failure.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed an amendment leaving out the last sentence of the resolution. He considered, however, that the ringing of the methods under discussion should be discontinued as much as possible.

The President said the Council had never taken upon itself to pass such a drastic resolution as the one upon the paper.

The Rev. H. Law James said, when the report upon calls was issued it was laid down that peals such as Grandsire Major and Bob Triples were not peals at all. That was some years ago, and now the Council was discussing if these were legitimate methods.

The President said the Council had not absolutely pledged itself to everything that the report contained. He would recommend the Council to pass the present resolution in a milder form.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said Grandsire Major was an odd-bell method adapted to even bells and Bob Triples was an even-bell method adapted to odd bells. He seconded the amendment made by Mr. Helmore, being desirous of discountenancing their practice.

Mr. A. T. King said Mr. Trollope had told the Council that ringing of these methods was gradually dying out. If so, why not leave them alone. In many villages one of these methods, especially Bob Triples, might be the only one that the local

band could ring, and it did not concern them if what they were ringing was legitimate or not; the band did not stop to inquire about this. As time goes on and we all get so very clever, local bands may become ashamed of themselves and not ring Bob Triples, so it might be as well to emphasise these things from time to time.

The Rev. H. Law James said if the resolution went forth that the Council did not want bands to ring these methods, in time the average Englishman would get to know something about it. He would suggest the amending of the resolution by leaving out Grandsire Major and Bob Triples and putting in that the Council discountenance the ringing of any method not legitimate.

Mr. Trollope said the reason why these methods were dying out was because the question had come before the Council. He asked himself if the Council was to continue to be a reliable guide in the matter. Was it going to say: "If you cannot ring a true peal, ring as true a one as you can." If the Council set up a high standard an effort to reach it would be made, whereas, if a low standard was set, many would not rise above it. He did not advocate compulsion, but to show what was right practice. The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought there were many country ringers who did not know what was a legitimate method, neither would many of them take the trouble to inquire.

The Rev. W. W. Covey Crump seconded the amendment moved by the Rev. H. Law James.

The President said this would be cutting out the whole essence of the resolution. He thought it would be admitted that they did not all live in the exalted atmosphere breathed by Mr. James. There must be a little sympathy for the less advanced brethren both within and outside the Council. In speaking previously of The Glossary, Mr. James had wisely said that he would leave its definitions of principles for those not so far advanced. The same applied to the resolution as amended.

The amendment proposed by Mr. James having been put to the meeting and lost, and Mr. Helmore's amendment having been accepted by the original mover and seconder, the resolution as thus amended was put to the meeting as a substantive resolution in the names of Messrs. Trollope and Dains and was carried *nem. con.*

#### POINTS FOR THE DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

Mr. Trollope said he had been requested to submit a resolution that Double Norwich Court Bob Caters be accorded the same number of points per peal as the Double Norwich Court Bob Royal. This he did for one of the London companies who was fully qualified to give an opinion. He thought the resolution must commend itself to all and he would leave it in the hands of the Council.

The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, said Double Norwich Court Bob Caters was a continuous Cater method throughout.

Mr. A. B. Bennett asked if the resolution was not a question for the Points Committee.

The President replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Trollope said he was willing to agree to this.

The President said that, as regarded the name, in his opinion the Cater method was not Double Norwich at all.

Mr. Trollope said the method had been got from Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the introduction of a bell in the hunt with the treble.

The Rev. H. Law James said it was a true method for nine bells. He considered a peal was worth about double the number of points of a peal of Grandsire Caters, and not worth as much as a peal of Double Norwich Royal. If given double the number of points of Grandsire Caters it would receive 18, whereas if the resolution was adopted it would get 28. From a practical point of view he thought the former would be satisfactory. He moved accordingly and that the question be referred to the Points Committee.

The President said he had not found any difficulty in teaching a band to ring the Double Norwich Royal and thought Mr. James rated it too high. He was sure it would be best to refer the matter to the Points Committee.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey seconded the amendment, which was adopted as a recommendation to the Points Committee.

(To be continued.)

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1905.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the central division was held on Saturday, June 24th, at Balcombe. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. with a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, the veteran ringer of St. Nicholas, Brighton, ringing the tenor, the members arriving in two's and three's by different ways, some on foot and some by cycle, and others by train, till about 5 o'clock, by which time the following towns were represented:—Lindfield, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Horley, Southover, Pevensey, Lower Beeding, Balcombe, Brighton, St. Nicholas and St. Peters, together with Mr. Dewey (Redhill), Mr. F. W. Rice (Crawley), Mr. Hart (Brighton), as independent members. A move was then made to the rectory, where

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the rector, the Rev. R. G. Mead, had kindly provided tea on the lawn, but the somewhat threatening aspect of the weather caused him to have it moved into the spacious dining room of the rectory, overlooking a most beautiful stretch of wooded country. Here about 30 members did justice to the good things provided, the rector kindly taking the chair. After tea the usual short business meeting, followed by the minutes of the last meeting being read and passed. The Rev. G. N. Stephens (the curate), was then unanimously elected as honorary member. Mr. Gasson then proposed, and Mr. Dewey seconded, that the next quarterly peal be one of Minor, at Balcombe, was carried.

Mr. Ebrall, the hon. secretary of the Southover branch, then asked if the Association could do anything to induce some of the five-bell towers in the country to join the Association, of which he pointed out there were about twenty-four. Mr. F. Bennett, as one of the committee, said he would see that it was brought forward at the next committee meeting. Mr. C. E. Merrett then proposed in a very eloquent speech a vote of thanks to the rector for kindly granting the use of the bells for the meeting and also providing the tea and presiding at the meeting; also thanking the ladies and the curate for the kind way in which they had assisted. The members then had a walk round the grounds, which are indeed very beautiful just now; after which the tower was again visited and various touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, etc., etc., were rung, the bells being lowered about 8 p.m., after which a very pleasant hour was spent relating old yarns, listening to the band, etc., etc., by which time all had departed with the exception of one who was staying for the night and two of St. Nicholas' members who preferred walking  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Hayward Heath station, so as to make a nice long afternoon of it, reaching Brighton about 12.30 a.m. Thus ended one of the best meetings of the division. There had only been one previous meeting at Balcombe in 1891.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	*ERNEST S. POOL .. .. 5.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday; also of G. B. Lucas; of T. Card and his daughter; and also of the son of the conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY DICKENS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 6.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

### SHERE, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

MAURICE BIGNOLD .. .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 5.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. .. 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 6.
THOMAS RADFORD .. .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT  
First peal in the method of the bells.

### YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

CHARLES ROSE .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	*DAVID WHITING .. .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\*First peal of Minor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 5.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .. 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference next week.

### Handbell Peals.

#### BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

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

On Wednesday, June 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE CURFEW TOWER,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

ALBERT C. HARDY .. 1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 5-6.
ROWLAND FENN .. .. 3-4.	CALEB FENN .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Umpires—H. E. Parker and G. W. Faulkner. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and is now rung for the first time.

### WATFORD, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 7, CASSIO ROAD, WATFORD,

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

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8.

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**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

**LONDON**—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1008 Double Norwich. W. R. Crockford, F. G. Perrin, A. Hardy, F. Richardson, —, Matthews, W. Hartshorne, J. Cattle, J. Davis conductor.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**DICKLEBURGH (Norfolk)**—On Sunday evening, April 9th, in the parish church tower on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. Barrett, L. Aldous, R. Hammond, A. Clarke, C. More, W. Steggall conductor. Also another 720. G. Barrett, A. Clark, W. Steggall, 3-4; R. Hammond, C. More (conductor). Also three courses with G. Barrett, 2; the rest as before.

**ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk)**—On Sunday evening, May 7th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Lawrence, W. Daniels, R. Etridge, J. Daniels, S. Daniels, T. Sapey conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. First 720 of Oxford by the company.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

**COLNE ENGAIN (Essex)**—On Thursday, April 13th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. F. Padney, J. K. Padney, J. Turner conductor, P. Wiffen, L. W. Wiffen, sen.

**ROMFORD (Essex)**—On Sunday evening, April 16th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Rainbird, G. A. Black, A. J. Perkins conductor, G. R. Pye, H. Catterwell, H. Dawkins, W. Watson, E. Pye.

**HALSTEAD (Essex)**—On Saturday, May 20th, at St. Andrew's church, 1280 Bob Major in 47 mins. A. Saunders, L. Wiseman, E. Ridgwell, W. Burst, G. Arnold, N. Hawkins, H. Cooper conductor, A. Avis. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Ward, who for many years was a ringer at the above church.

**GRENSTEAD GREEN (Essex)**—On Thursday, May 11th, at the church of St. James, 300 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Saunders conductor, O. Laver, W. Burst, G. Arnold, W. Wiffen, E. Ridgwell. On Thursday, May 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Burst, O. Laver, W. Root, G. Arnold, W. Wiffen, E. Ridgwell conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Ward.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire)**—On Sunday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. P. Paley, sen., F. W. Stokes, T. Cragg, J. H. Haynes, P. J. Stokes, J. Cragg, J. W. Wood conductor, T. Blake. Composed by J. George.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

**HEANOR (Derbyshire)**—On Sunday morning, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Bryan, W. Brunsdon conductor, W. Henson, E. Walker, G. Blanchard, P. Walker, J. Stirland, L. Farnsworth. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Brunsdon, E. Walker, W. Henson, P. Walker, G. Blanchard, W. Boam, J. Stirland, L. Farnsworth.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**BEVERLEY (Yorks.)** On Tuesday, April 11th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. G. Osgerby, T. Southwick, F. Osgerby, G. C. Constable conductor, J. Taylor, C. P. Bradley, W. Middleton, W. Gibson, A. Naylor, T. Sherston. On Thursday, April 13th, for Confirmation by the Bishop of Hull, 521 Grandsire Caters. T. Southwick, A. E. Osgerby, C. P. Bradley, G. C. Constable, J. Taylor, T. Morton, A. Moody, W. Gibson conductor, G. Ford, W. Middleton. After service 503 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Osgerby, T. Southwick, A. Moody, G. C. Constable, J. Taylor, C. P. Bradley, W. Middleton conductor, W. Gibson, G. Ford, T. Morton. Tenor 48 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES (Durham)**—On Sunday evening, April 2nd,

for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Harrison (first in the method), C. Hodgson, W. Bell, J. Simpson, J. Baxtrr conductor, T. Newton. On Thursday, April 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Harrison, R. Goldsborough (first in the method), C. Hodgson, J. Baxter, T. Newton conductor, R. Newton. Also 360 Plain Bob. R. Goldsborough, W. Harrison (first in the method), C. Hodgson, J. Simpson, T. Newton conductor, R. Newton.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey)**—On Sunday, April 23rd, 352 Bob Major. J. W. Harrison, H. Holden, G. Luff, H. J. Ellis, W. G. Brockhurst, J. Capp, W. T. Cox, A. J. Bartlett conductor. Also 252 Stedman Triples. H. Holden, G. Luff, A. J. Bartlett conductor, T. Attwell, H. J. Ellis, J. Capp, W. G. Brockhurst, J. W. Harrison. On Wednesday, April 26th, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Holden, G. Luff, W. G. Brockhurst, T. Attwell, A. J. Bartlett conductor, J. Gardiner. Also two 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

**WITLEY (Surrey)**—On Friday, April 28th, for practice, four courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Hammond, G. Hardy, J. Capp, W. Mitchell, A. J. Bartlett, D. Ayling, H. Gale, A. Elliott.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**ASHOVER (Derbyshire)**—On Saturday, May 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Garner, H. Kerry, Rev. J. B. Nodder, T. Stimpson, W. Buxton conductor, T. Dent.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

**HORSHAM (Sussex)**—On Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine Service, 1400 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. W. Short, J. Netley, C. Blackman, J. Brown, J. H. Blake, G. Woodman, G. F. Williams composer and conductor, W. J. Rice. Tenor 24 cwt.

**WARNHAM (Sussex)**—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service, 210 Court Bob Triples. C. Smart, H. Doick, T. Andrews, A. Greenfield, G. F. Williams conductor, G. Woodman, W. Short, W. J. Rice.

**CHELSEA**—On Sunday evening, April 1st, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. G. Turner, H. Turner, J. P. Kent, E. Cassell conductor, F. Skevington, R. Lathbury, A. E. Newman, G. Chesterman.

**DUNMOW (Essex)**—On Friday, April 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Barker, H. Smith, E. Claydon, G. Barrack, A. Ribbons, W. Smith conductor. Tenor 22½ cwt.

**RANMOOR (Yorks.)**—On Wednesday, April 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thrustans's four-part. O. W. Layng, F. Ward, A. H. Ward, L. Charlesworth, J. Thorpe, S. Thomas conductor, C. Haynes, W. S. Plant.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex)**—On Sunday, April 16th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins. A. Dodson, J. E. Miller, \*G. Bester, S. Wade, J. Armstrong conductor, M. Fensom, H. Miller, W. Pickworth. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell. On Thursday, May 11th, for the induction service of the new Vicar of this parish (Rev. C. D. Stooks), a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. F. Budd, A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, J. Miller, W. Pickworth, F. Tegg, S. Wade conductor, H. Palmer. On Sunday, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. G. Bester, H. Baalam, jun., W. Pickworth, J. Miller, N. Tomlinson, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, May 14th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Baalam, G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, E. Tomlinson, T. Tegg, J. Miller, H. Miller.

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VISIT OF THE SHEFFIELD CHANGE-RINGERS  
TO LONDON.

(Continued from page 202.)

Next came a visit to the much talked of "Coffee Pot," the head-quarters of the College Youths, where Mr. Cockerill had kindly arranged for our benefit a full inspection of the peal books, property, etc. When these had been thoroughly overhauled, a very pleasant hour was spent in friendly intercourse, during which a well struck 504 of Stedman Triples was given on the handbells by Messrs. H. R. Newton (conductor), C. Glenn, H. Langdon and W. Burgar, also a course of Grandsire Cinques by Messrs. M. Wood, H. Langdon, C. Glenn, H. R. Newton, W. Burgar and F. Burgar. Next came tea at Messrs. Lyons and Co., Ludgate Hill, and then for the first and only time in the day the whole party treated themselves to a 'bus ride as far as Trafalgar Square, our worthy guide pointing out the various places of interest *en route*, modestly omitting his famous citadel, St. Clement Danes, but this, however, did not escape the eyes of your humble servant and others. An hour's ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was the next item on the programme, where we were welcomed by the Royal Cumberland youths, including Messrs. H. Dains, A. Jacobs, J. E. Davis and others. Ascending the tower, the first attempt at Treble Twelve came to grief owing to the tenor not going very well, and a further attempt at Stedman Cinques did not meet with much better success. This, however, although disappointing, did not damp our spirits, and accompanied by a few London friends we proceeded to wipe off the remainder of the programme by a walk along Whitehall, viewing the various Government offices, and so on to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, arriving there in time to hear the hour of 8 p.m. struck on Big Ben. Turning, we finished up with a very pleasant walk along the Victoria Embankment, and into the Strand, duly arriving at the "Cheshire Cheese," Milford Lane, the head-quarters of the London County Association, at 8 p.m., where a grand convivial was to wind up the day's proceedings. The Master of the L.C.A., Mr. Geo. R. Fardon, occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. R. A. Daniell, A. Jacobs, H. Dains, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, J. Rowbottom, W. G. Matthews, J. E. Davis, F. G. Perrin, and many others too numerous to mention, the seating capacity of the room being taxed to the utmost. After the toast of "The King" by the chairman, Mr. J. Atkin commenced the harmony with a typical Sheffield song, entitled "Tuesday Afternoon," in his accustomed style. Mr. Pryor followed with "Mr. Gruty's Widow," which caused much laughter. Next came a selection on the handbells, "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations, by Messrs. F. and W. Burgar and J. Dixon, which earned a round of applause. The chairman, in a neat little speech, gave the toast of "The Visitors," and said it gave them all great pleasure in welcoming the Sheffield ringers to London, adding that he hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and wished them a safe journey home. Mr. Atkin then gave one of his special recitations called "Betty Hutches," which was followed by another ably rendered song by Mr. Pryor.

Replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Mr. R. Harrison, in a few appropriate words, commented on the day's proceedings and remarked that every one had thoroughly enjoyed the outing, which had been a success in every way. In supporting same, Mr. S. F. Palmer thanked all the gentlemen present for so kindly meeting the party there that evening, and also those who had, by their services or otherwise, contributed towards the day's enjoyment. Continuing, Mr. Palmer made special reference to the services of Mr. Taffender, and said, that excepting himself, no one really knew the amount of trouble this gentleman had been put to in making all the necessary arrangements and he felt he could not thank him enough, as without his valuable assistance he was sure the outing would not have met with the great success it had done. Referring to the ringing, he understood that this was the first occasion special permission had been given to ring at St. Paul's to a party visiting the Metropolis, and it would be taken by them as a great honour, to be ever carried in their memory.

Mr. Renton also thanked them all on behalf of himself and Mr. F. Woodhead from Leeds, and stated that should any ringers from London make a trip to the north, they would try and give them as good a reception as they had had that day.

In reply, Mr. Taffender said he was only trying to repay what was done for himself and others when on a visit to Yorkshire last year, as he should never forget the reception given them on that occasion. Mr. Hughes also rose and said he had spent some very pleasant times during his travels in that part of the country. Mr. Weatherstone then caused much merriment by his rendering of "The Famous Crocodile," whilst the handbell selection, "Hallamshire March," by Messrs. J. Evinson, F. Burgar, F. G. Sarel, and J. Dixon, called for special comment. More songs followed by Messrs. J. Pryor, R. A. Daniell, S. F. Palmer, T. Chown and J. Evinson, whilst great interest was centred on a touch of Grandsire Triples tapped on the handbells by Mr. C. Glenn, to the calling of Mr. Geo. R. Fardon.

A vote of thanks to the chairman by Mr. W. Burgar for his kindness in presiding, reminded us that it was getting near to train time, and as all good things must eventually come to an end, the entertainment terminated at 11 p.m. with the singing of "God save the King" and a general joining of hands amid the strains of "Auld lang syne."

A few accompanied the party to St. Pancras station, the return journey being commenced at 11.45 p.m.

Thus ended one of the most enjoyable day's outing ever experienced by any of the visitors' and the way in which we were met and entertained at all points speaks volumes in itself of the hospitality and good fellowship extended by our brother strings in London, and which will never be forgotten. S.F.D.

(Concluded.)

## ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

Canon and Mrs. Escreet, by their usual forethought and kindness, issued invitations to the annual supper on the 23rd May to the Woolwich band of ringers (including the honorary members, churchwardens and Mr. T. Groombridge, Secretary of the Lewisham District). After being formally introduced to Mrs. Escreet, twenty-two sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. W. J. Aldridge, Master of the company. The courses, enlivened by cheerful conversation, were got through without a hitch, and at 9 p.m. an adjournment was made to the parish room, which adjoins the rectory. Here the guests were supplied with cigars and the conveniences for spending a pleasant evening. Whist seemed to occupy much attention, but the games were interspersed with touches upon the handbells, songs and speeches.

Mr. Masters proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Escreet for so kindly entertaining them again this year, and remarked that as the annual outing had been hinted at he produced particulars respecting various places, including railway fares.

Mr. Aldridge, in seconding the vote of thanks, stated that the band had worked well during the past year, Double Norwich being added to the methods practised. He hoped good fellowship would still continue.

Mr. Groombridge, who was pleased to be present, stated that the Kent County Association was receiving fresh additions to their numbers as well as the acquisition of new towers, instancing the recent meeting at Deptford as affording an illustration of the interest taken in ringers and their work. At the annual meeting this year at Tenterden he thought if sufficient members promised to go the railway company might be induced to issue them tickets at a reduced charge.

The Rector said this was the largest gathering of ringers he had ever had, and thanked them for their services during the past year.

At 11 p.m. all crossed hands, and joined in singing Auld Lang Syne, which was followed by the National Anthem.

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## THOMAS A'BECKET.

(Continued from page 195.)

The knights reached Canterbury on December the 28th. They halted and dined at St. Augustine's Monastery outside the city walls, and from there they rode to the archbishop's palace gate. Here they dismounted, and leaving their horses and swords at the lodge, they passed into an inner room, where they found Becket, sitting on a bed surrounded by his chaplain and some monks. They proceeded in the king's name to command him to take off the excommunications and to do other things.

Becket refused haughtily, and high words arose between them. With threatening words the knights left the room, and soon the report was brought that they were arming and probably intended violence. The frightened monks hastily barred the door and implored the archbishop to fly. He refused to move. He had told the knights that if they wanted to find him, they would find him there; and there he would remain. Just then the bell in the cathedral began to toll for vespers, and again they implored him to seek safety. He replied that his place was at vespers and he would go to the cathedral. He entered the cloisters by a door at the north-west corner, his cross borne before him, and walked slowly and majestically along the north and east sides to a door at the north-west corner of the north transept, and crossing the transept began to ascend some steps leading to the choir.

Meanwhile the knights had succeeded in breaking into the palace, and finding the door open had followed the archbishop into the cloisters. They came by the west and south sides and reached the transept door as the archbishop got half way up the steps.

It was now about five o'clock in the afternoon and little or no light could have come through the narrow Norman windows of the transept. A slight gleam shone from the candles on the altars of two adjoining chapels, and from the choir where vespers had already begun a glimmer of light showed to the knights the outline of the archbishop's figure as he stood on the steps leading to the choir. He turned as he heard his enemies enter and one of them called out, "Where is the traitor? Where is Thomas Becket?" No answer was given. Another called, "Where is the archbishop?" "Here I am," he replied, descending the steps and meeting them. "What you want I will not do." One of them touched him with the flat of his sword and whispered to him to fly. He refused and reproached the speaker, a former dependent of his, with ingratitude. They probably did not intend to kill him, at least not there, and one of them took hold of his gown to drag him out of the church. Up till then he had been calm, but this indignity roused his fierce temper. He tore his gown out of the knight's hand. "Touch me not!" he burst out, "off, thou pander, thou!" Two others laid hold of him, Tracy one of them. He seized Tracy and flung him with a crash to the stone floor. Another of the knights drew his sword and to intimidate him swept it over Becket's head, knocking off his cap but not hurting him. Tracy rose from the floor, and struck direct at the archbishop's head. One of the monks present flung himself between and received the blow. His

arm fell broken and the sword with its remaining force wounded the archbishop's head. He saw his end was come and prepared to meet it calmly and bravely. Folding his hands and bending his head, he said in a low voice, "I am prepared to die for Christ and His Church." Tracy struck again and brought him to his knees, and the others quickly killed him with their swords. While the body lay on the ground an apostate priest who had followed the knights through the cloister, but had remained skulking in the doorway while the archbishop was still alive, strode forward and putting his foot on the dead man's neck, scattered his brains over the floor with the point of his sword. "The traitor is dead," he said. "Come, we may go now."

The knights returned the way they came. The frightened monks scattered to hiding places in the crypt and other parts of the cathedral and monastery. The lights before the altars guttered out. And through the remainder of the long winter's night, in the sombre gloom of the vast church, the body of the archbishop was left lying where he fell. With morning the monks' courage returned and taking up the dead body, they reverently buried it in the crypt below the high altar.

But it was not all over yet. Becket defeated in life was more than victorious in death. Haughty he had been to his equals and to the king, but to the poor he had always been a friend. The sacrilege of killing an archbishop in his own cathedral shocked the public conscience, and when the circumstances of his death got known, a wave of horrified indignation spread over the whole Christian world. Becket was at once recognised as a saint. Miracles began to be reported from his tomb. Some of the monks had seen visions of the dead man.

The murderers were driven from the country to hide themselves in obscurity, and the king himself was compelled to humble himself before the storm. On July 12th, 1173, Henry the Second, king of England, Ireland, and half of France, one of the haughtiest of the proudest line of monarchs that ever sat on any throne, walked bare-footed and clad in a sackcloth from without the city walls to the tomb of his late enemy. Then he flung himself on the ground while the assembled monks flogged his bare back with ropes.

Some years after a magnificent shrine was built in the retro-choir of the cathedral, and to it the remains of Becket were translated with great pomp and ceremony. It became one of the most famous places of pilgrimage in Europe, and vast treasures of gold and jewels were bestowed in it from all parts of the world. For over 300 years it lasted, till the hour of monasteries in England was ended. Henry VIII. let loose Thomas Cromwell, the "Hammer of the Monks," and through the length and breadth of the land the work of spoliation went on. Among the rest, Becket's shrine was plundered and destroyed, and his ashes thrown to the winds. Of the vast magnificence of his tomb nothing remains. Only the furrows in the steps leading to where the shrine was, show where thousand of worshipers have worn away the solid marble with their knees.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, July 13th and 27th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 18th.

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wirksworth to-day, Saturday, July 8th. The eight bells at the parish church will be available as usual. Committee meeting at 4.0. Tea, 1s. each, at 4.30 p.m. in the parish room. If intending visitors who cannot catch a direct train to Wirksworth will book to Cromford by the train leaving Derby at 1.25 p.m., brakes will meet them at Cromford and convey them to Wirksworth. The brakes will be free to all who advise Mr. Fox not later than July 6th of their intention to use them. Parties of eight may travel at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, with the option of returning from Wirksworth if booked to Cromford, but application should be made to the railway company a few days earlier.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—By kind permission of the Rev. R. Digby Ram, the next meeting of the above will be held at Hampton to-day, Saturday, July 8th.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Sat., July 8th, at Walton, to meet the Bishop of Liverpool. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30.

W. HUGHES.  
5, Belmont Place, Garston.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Bromsgrove, to-day, Sat., July 8th. The Rev. W. G. Whinfield, curate, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be handed over at this meeting.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bransford, Worcester.

**The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Saturday, July 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Pack Horse.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Blechley on Monday, July 10th. Special service in the parish church at 12 noon. Preacher—the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oxford. Business meeting in the school at 12.40. Dinner in a marquee adjoining school at 1.30.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*  
10, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head. Those intending to be present must give three days' notice. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall.

**The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. J. C. Hatten and churchwardens at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Evensong at 6.45, after which further ringing until 9. Members intending to be present are requested to send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 12th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim district meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Rolvenden can now be reached by train service.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe Kent.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 15th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Newark.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C. (ten bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The weekly practice (Thursday night), will be discontinued at St. Martin's parish church, Tipton, until the first week in September. Ringing friends please note.

JOHN SMITH, *Towerkeeper.*

**Hoddesdon (Herts.)**—All communications for ringing or the tower to be addressed to

S. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Stanborough, Hoddesdon, Herts.

## THE ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

On Saturday, June 3rd, the above club held its second run of the season, the venue being Old Windsor, which was reached about 6.30, the handy ring of eight being soon in use. As the date coincided with that of the Middlesex County meeting at Staines, St. Mary's church was visited on the outward, and St. Peter's on the return journey. The members take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Gnttridge for his efforts on their behalf.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APPLEDOKE (Kent)—On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. B. Peck has removed to 77, Autill Road, Bow, E.—Mr. J. Holman has removed from Bath to 74, Ellerton Road, Firvale Sheffield.—Mr. G. Smithers has removed from Oakfield Court Lodge to 1, Polesden Road, St. Peter's Estate, Tunbridge Wells.—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed to 82, Sandringham Road, South Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Mr. Walter C. Hunt has removed to 851, Stockport Road, Manchester.

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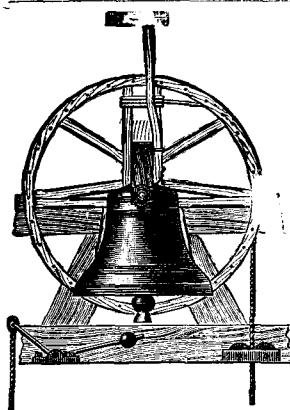
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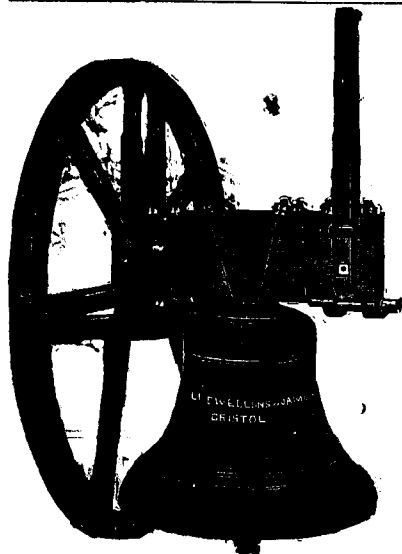
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### 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).

**YATTON** (Somersetshire). St. Mary. Eight by Carey, 1852; 5th and 7th old bells, 1622, no name of founder. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in.; the rest by Rudhall 1824 (?) Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Barwell, no date given. Ropes good. Half-pull ringing begun, but method not stated. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 7.

**YEovil** (Somersetshire). St. John. Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ten bells. No particulars beyond that there are bells by Purdue, Bilbie and Warner. Tenor 40 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1891. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes good. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing or practice.

**YORK.** St. Martin-le-Grand. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells: all by Seller 1730. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Mallaby; no date given. Ropes bad. "We always ring one of the three methods when we do meet." No Sunday ringing or practice.

The Minster. Yorkshire Association. Twelve bells; all by Mears. No date given. Tenor 54 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mallaby. No date given. Ropes fair. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.15 to 10. Practice: Saturday, 7, in winter only.

**YOULGREAVE** (Derbyshire). All Saints. Eight bells; all by Mears, date not given. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears twenty years ago. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before each service. No regular practice.

The present issue completes the synopsis of reports. An appendix of late reports will follow.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

(Continued from page 207.)

I have taken the trouble to enter into the question from the point of view of the "pieces," not because it throws any additional light upon it, but simply to meet and answer Mr. Thompson on his own ground. The divisions between the pieces are mere and sheer abstractions with no objective existence whatever, quite different to the lead-ends, with which we have to deal when we regard the method as divided into leads. Lead-ends are real and tangible things. But Mr. Thompson starting with these abstractions has been forced by the exigencies of his dream to turn them into solid barriers, and having empowered himself within them proclaims the whole of the enclosed space to be "one place." The worst of Mr. Thompson's long letter is that it is so mystical that he explicitly states that he does not suppose that there are more than a very few in the world who can understand it, and indeed in one place he plainly says that there are probably no others but himself and Mr. Snowden. This is a pity. If he will only come down from his aerobatic flight and confine himself to the question of the actual rows involved, it would materially shorten and simplify the discussion. With this view I give the actual rows themselves, first for the ten-part, and then for the six-part as they would be found on our two drums, except that instead of being on the top of one another as they would be there, they are here given side by side.

### TEN-PART.

#### 1st half.

2351746  
3215476  
3124567  
1325476  
1234567  
2135476  
2314567  
3241657  
3426175  
4362715  
4637251  
6473521  
6745312  
7654132  
7561423  
5716243  
5172634  
1576243  
1752634  
7156243

Begins here

### SIX-PART.

#### 1st half.

5371624  
3517264  
3152746  
1325476  
1234567  
2135476

Begins here

2134567  
1325476  
1324567  
3142657  
3416275  
4361725  
half.  
2nd

Begins here

2nd half.

Now here we have before us the very rows themselves without any distracting lines or abstract divisions of any sort, but simply having their rows placed side by side according to the plan that Mr. Thompson himself adopts, and I



Blessed Vergin Marie of Lincolne," which was formed in October 18th, 1612, as their "hall" or "chapel," and on the walls are inscribed the names of the Masters from 1614 to 1635, from 1714 to 1720, and in 1725. The chapel is invariably called "St. Hugh's Chapel," "Pele Altar," or "The Ringers' Chapel." It occupies the south-western corner of the west front, on the south side of the south-western or St. Hugh's tower, in which St. Hugh's bells hang. Later it was used as a store-room for temporary platforms erected in the Cathedral, but this has for some time been discontinued. Members of the Northern Branch, particularly Mr. F. Linley, of Gainsborough, have been striving for years past to obtain the use of this chapel for the ringers in the diocese. These efforts commenced in the time of Dean Butler, a sincere supporter of ringers, and have been brought to a partially successful termination, owing to the kindness of Dean Wickham, who allows the ringers to hold their annual meeting in it. It is hoped the time will come when they will be allowed to hold their annual service in it, and that it will be looked upon by ringers in the diocese as their central place of worship.

The chair was taken by Mr. C. W. P. Clifton. The Secretary presented the report and balance-sheet, which shewed an income, including money in hand, of £85 6s. 8d., and an expenditure of £34 2s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £51 3s. 9d. Owing to the death of Canon Andrews the branch had lost its President.

To mark their appreciation of the interest taken in the branch by Mr. F. Linley—who has completed his twenty-first term of office as Vice-President, which position he has held continuously since its formation in 1884—the members present unanimously elected him President.

Fifty new members were elected, among whom were Mr. James Marshall, Mr. F. M. Burton, Archdeacon McCarthy, Rev. —. Ker (Gainsborough), Rev. A. Hunt, Vicar of Welton, Rev. F. Worsley, Vicar of Corringham, and Mr. C. Sibthorp, of Canwick Hall, Lincoln.

Market Rasen was the place chosen at which to hold the half-yearly meeting. On the motion of Mr. Linley it was resolved "That to mark the twenty-first year of the existence of the branch, a sum of £5 be set aside to form the nucleus of a fund for the better keeping, or furnishing, or restoration of the Ringers' Chapel in the Cathedral, and that the Dean and Treasurer of this branch be asked to act as joint trustees of this fund, and that in the event of the Cathedral authorities declining to allow such a scheme, the fund shall revert to the Northern Branch and be treated as though such fund had never existed."

Mr. P. O. Bixby moved "That Rule 6 be altered so that it shall read 'For the better working of the branch it shall be divided into five districts, viz., Lincoln, Grimsby, Gainsborough, Market Rasen and Caythorpe.'" This was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and Chapter, Chancellor Crowfoot, and the various incumbents for the great help they had extended to the ringers that day. The bells were kept going till 9 o'clock, affording a very pleasant outing for the visiting ringers.

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On Sunday we rang at Diss for morning service, and then drove to Eye, remarkable for its splendid perpendicular flint tower. 576 Double Norwich and a touch of Grandsire having been rung we had dinner and proceeded to Thornham Magna. Here we were met by the local company, who were ringing some splendidly struck Treble Bob as we arrived. Touches of Cambridge and a 720 of Wells concluded our ringing, and the return journey was made to Diss, where tea and train for London concluded our programme. Throughout the trip the weather was glorious, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Each of the churches visited had something of special interest, and the ropes and "go" of the bells in all cases left nothing to be desired.

In conclusion our best thanks are due to all who by their kind assistance helped to make this visit to Norfolk and Suffolk so successful. In the first place our special thanks are due to the various incumbents for the kind permission to use their towers and bells. Secondly we must thank the various steeple-keepers and local ringers who met us and had everything in readiness, and last, but not least, we are deeply indebted to Mr. J. Souter, of Diss, and Mr. F. Day, of Eye, for meeting us and making all arrangements for our comfort. G. A. B.

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

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Some years ago I pointed out in "THE BELL NEWS" the similarity in construction between Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples and Reeves's 13,440 of Bob Major; more recently I shewed that a simple touch was the foundation of Reeves's peal, and also of a good many other very different compositions; and now because I believe this same touch to contain all the essentials of the construction of Holt's ten-part I should like to shew what light it throws on the present controversy between Mr. Davies and Mr. Thompson. This touch in its simplest form really consists of two touches, and is as follows, given by the bob leads:—

2345678		3254678	
2357486	I	3247586	I
4523678	6	4327586	7
2453678	7	5243678	6
2437586	I	5237486	I
5324678	6	3527486	7
2534678	7	4235678	6
2547386	I	4257386	I
3425678	6	5427386	7
2345678	7	3254678	6

Putting beside these the two halves of Holt's ten-part we find the following points of resemblance:—

1. G. T.—Contains the extent (in-course) at back stroke leads of changes on 234567.

B. M.—Contains the extent (in-course) at back stroke leads of 2345 (6-7-8 being fixed).

2. G. T.—Five bells are displaced at a bob (one less than number of bells we have to work on.)

B. M.—Three bells are displaced at a bob (one less than we have to work on.)

3. G. T.—Each half is in five parts, same number as bells displaced at a bob.

B. M.—Each half is in three parts (same number as bells displaced at a bob.)

4.—Second half of each starts from similar row.

5.—Second half of each is nearly a reverse variation of first half.

6.—The two halves of each may be joined by two doubles.

Now I do not say that these similarities amount to a complete proof that the two cases are identical, but they are of such nature as makes me believe that a proof of identity can be found. Assuming this what answer does this touch give to the question. Do the two halves of the ten-part start from the same place?

Now if you write down the first half of the Major touch and reverse it direct you get—

23456	W	R	23456	M	R
45236	-	-	42356	-	-
24536	-	-	63254	-	-
53246	-	-	26354	-	-
25346	-	-	43652	-	-
34256	-	-	64352	-	-
23456	-	-	23456	-	-

But if you start the reverse variation one lead earlier you get—

23456	W	R
52436	-	-
43526	-	-
24536	-	-
53246	-	-

J. W. DUNSTON, 45236  
23456

which is the exact calling of the second half of our touch. This seems to prove that the two halves do not start from the same place, but from places one lead apart. But let us look a little closer into the matter.

In our touch as we are tied down to fixed 6-7-8 we can only call bobs at w and r and on 2, 3, 4, 5. The coursing order of these bells is 5324. A bob at w affects 5, 3, 2. A bob at r affects 3, 2, 4. Thus:—

W
5 3 2 4
R

These two bobs are therefore equal and complimentary to each other in their work.

Now suppose you have a touch and you want to reverse it. Usually you start from a r on either side of the r at equal distances are w and m—one forward, the other backward. So that if in the original we have a call at m it becomes a w in the reverse, and vice versa. But suppose instead of starting your reverse variation at r you suppose an imaginary line midway between r and w, and start your reverse from that. Then just as the m and w lay at equal distance on either side of the r as we saw above, so now r and w lie at equal distances on either side of this imaginary line. Consequently if we reverse from this line and not from r, in our reverse variation r becomes w and w becomes r. Which is exactly what happens in the touch of Bob Major we started with. We can therefore settle the question so far as Bob Major is concerned by saying that the two halves do start from the same place, and that that place is a point midway between the home and the wrong. Now when you turn to the ten-part I can only conjecture, but I assume from the similarity of the two cases that there are two bobs in ten-part (probably the one which brings the 2nd into the hunt, and the one which takes her out) which two bobs are in some special way complementary of each other, and that the two halves of the peal start from a point midway between these bobs.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

SIR,—Sir Arthur Heywood is reported as saying at the Council meeting that Double Norwich Caters is not Double Norwich at all. I should like very much if I can find time, and you will give me space, to write a short chapter shewing the way the Caters is got from the Major, and how any Major method can be treated the same. Meanwhile may I ask that the great weight that the Exercise deservedly attaches to anything that Sir Arthur Heywood says should not prejudice the case. On our side it may be sufficient to say at present that Shipway was the man who first got Double Norwich Caters from Double Norwich Major, and that the ancients evidently knew and recognised the structural identity of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—In your report of above I see the Council has made a recommendation to the points committee that double-handed handbell peals shall be allowed twice as many points as those on tower bells. And the Rev. H. L. James's reasons for moving this to raise the standard of ringing and to encourage handbell ringing. And he considers the analysis "lowering to the Exercise." All rules of Associations that I have seen state that the Associations have been formed to encourage change-ringing and promotion of belfry reform. Belfry reform, I take it, amongst other things includes securing regular Sunday ringing on "tower" bells. The Rev. H. L. James therefore is trying to discourage the necessary at the expense of the unnecessary by means of an analysis "lowering to the Exercise." Further he would allow as much for Bob Major on handbells as for Treble Twelve on St. Paul's.

FRED. R. BORRETT.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCES.

SIR,—Please allow me to inform the members of the Worcestershire Association that I was present as their representative at the meeting of the Central Council at Canterbury. In the "Schedule of Attendances" it stated the above Association was not represented. The Hon. Secretary of the Council was informed of the change in the representation of our Association.

T. J. SALTER.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting was held on Whitsun-Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. In consequence of the opening of the new light railway from Headcorn it was decided to hold the meeting in what had previously been a rather inaccessible district. Possessing as it does one of the finest, if not the finest, rings of eight in Kent, hung in a world-famous steeple, with a noble church standing in the midst of a most beautiful country, Tenterden on a fine day in June would be a most delightful venue. Unfortunately the elements were not propitious; rain fell the whole day. There was very little good ringing, therefore, and those who were paying a first visit to the old Cinque Port town (though the sea has now receded a long way from it) could hardly appreciate its beauties or those of its surroundings.

Matins, in slightly shortened form, was sung at 11 a.m., the officiating clergy being the Revs. S. C. Lepard, Vicar, and A. G. Lepard, curate. The organist, Mr. A. Smith, and a large contingent of the church choir attended. The hymn "Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove" was sung before, and "Our blest Redeemer" after the address, which was given by the Vicar from Col. iii. 23—"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord." The offertory, amounting to £1 4s., was given in aid of the widow and family of the late William Hadlow, of Lenham, a well-known and respected member of the Association; a collection taken at the dinner afterwards for the same object realised £1 1s. The dinner was excellently served by Mr. A. E. Bishop, of the Woolpack hotel, in the Town Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by his churchwarden, E. H. Hardcastle, esq., the curate, the hon. secretary, and other officers and members of the committee. The company numbered altogether one hundred and sixteen. The usual toasts, King and Queen, proposed by the Chairman, and Archbishop and Clergy, proposed by Mr. F. W. Thornton (St. Nicholas, Deptford), were duly honoured, the Vicar returning thanks for the latter. The Hon. Secretary proposed the toast of the officers of the parish church, churchwardens, organist and choir, to which Mr. Hardcastle briefly replied. The business meeting was then held. Mr. Groombridge, Hon. Secretary Lewisham district, proposed in an addition to rule iv. to the effect that any member neglecting to pay his annual subscription, and so *ipso facto* ceasing to be a member, should not be re-elected until after the lapse of three years. This was seconded by Mr. G. Paine (Mersham), and carried. The Secretary then read his annual report. From this the flourishing state of the Association was very evident, though one token of weakness was deplored, to wit, the absence of five-bell towers from the list of towers in union. The bands at Leeds, Aylesford, Boughton-under-Blean, St. Laurence and Frindsbury were no longer members; but the Association had gained Rochester Cathedral, St. George's Beckenham, St. Nicholas Deptford, Hawkhurst, Aldington, Sturry, Ash-next-Sandwich, and Ash-by-Wrotham. Much amusement was caused by the acquisition of the last two being likened to the achievements of our English cricketers in Australia. There were now eighty-four towers in union, and the total number of members had for the first time reached four figures. The Rev. D. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny, at Speldhurst, Canon Dyke, at Mersham, and Mr. Churchwarden Skinner, at St. Nicholas, Deptford, were thanked for their kindness in entertaining members at district meetings. The balance-sheet shewed a net gain of £12 in the general account, and there was a balance of £54 1s. in the belfry repairs fund, from which a grant of £3 3s. had been promised towards the rehanging at Hadlow, but had not yet been claimed. After notice of the repairs to bells effected in the county during the past year, the report stated that eighty-six peals were rung in 1904, being one less than in 1903. It seemed more than probable that 1905 would be a record year in this respect; but members were requested to consider quality rather than quantity. Not much paid instruction had been given; but it was hoped that weak bands would derive material aid from the committee's decision to allow the travelling expenses of one or two experts who would be willing to give occasional help in towers where change-ringing was not thoroughly established.

The election of representatives for the next Central Council (1906-7-8) resulted in the re-election of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (97), J. H. Cheesman (93), E. Barnett (74), and W. Haigh

(63). F. W. Thornton, the only other candidate, received 47 votes. The vice-presidents and other officers were re-elected, the Marquis Camden, Lord Lieutenant of the county, being elected in place of the late Earl Stanhope, and Dean Lane, of Rochester, instead of the late Dean Hole. The other towers open for ringing besides Tenterden were Rolvenden—where a peal of Treble Bob was rung in the early morning—Headcorn and Benenden. Permission to ring at Biddenham was not sought, the bells there being sadly in need of restoration. In spite of the rain and other drawbacks the meeting was in was in many respects an enjoyable one; and though the place was by some described as "outlandish," there were those who hoped they might live to see another general meeting at Tenterden.

## ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of this district was held on Saturday, June 3rd, at Gillingham. Members were present from Rochester Cathedral, St. Margaret's Chatham, Gillingham, etc. Mr. W. Hunt was elected to the chair, and he called upon Mr. A. Osborne, Hon. Secretary, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly carried. The Secretary next had some names to submit to the meeting to become members of the Association, and Mr. W. Haigh proposed, and Mr. Easter seconded, that they become members, which was duly carried. The next item was the place for annual district meeting. Mr. Easter proposed, and Mr. S. Peacock seconded, that Swanscombe be the place for the annual meeting. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Haigh proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the chairman for presiding. The chairman returned thanks and the meeting ended.

## THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 27th, at Oldbury, Worcestershire. The bells, a ring of eight in good going condition, were at the disposal of the members from four o'clock. A service was held in the church at five o'clock. Prayers were said by the Rev. A. P. Roberts, Vicar, who also delivered a very practical address, laying stress upon the opportunities for good so often missed by ringers absenting themselves from the services of the Church, after giving such stirring invitations to others to come and worship, and pointed out the inconsistency of walking away from the church in the presence of the congregation coming to worship. He lovingly invited his hearers to think of these things and use their best endeavours not to give the enemies of the Church such a cause for reproach. At the close of the service he gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild to Oldbury, and a kind invitation to tea in the schoolroom. Members to the number of fifty from Dudley, Tipton, Smethwick, Netherton, Westbromwich, Brierley Hill, Sedgley, Old Hill, and the local band sat down to a bountiful tea provided by the churchwardens, E. H. Wedgewood and W. S. Clark, esqs., Mrs. Parish and Mrs. Clark presiding at the tables. After tea a business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed. After several questions had been satisfactorily answered several new members were added to the roll. Propositions for peals to be attempted during the quarter were passed, and Coseley was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks were given to the ladies, the Vicar and the churchwardens, the Vicar and Mr. Clark responding, each expressing a hope that the Guild would pay Oldbury another visit where a hearty welcome awaited them. Touches in various methods were rung on the bells, which were kept going until 9 o'clock.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1905.

IN the present number two of those gentlemen who are regarded as "higher critics" have quite a field-day. Mr. DAVIES deals in a spirited manner with Holt's ten-part, but we fear very few will understand the contention between him and Mr. Thompson. The last-named, so we gather, has been writing a letter or publishing an article, or something else, which has brought the Rector of Fretherne into the fray. We must expect by-and-by a rejoinder, which possibly will not be very clear to an ordinary person. Our old friend Mr. Trollope has also indulged himself with a look-in on the question, and we may shortly look for some lively episodes in the correspondence column.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH), AND  
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8th, by kind invitation of the Rector and ringers of Walton parish church, a joint gathering was held at Walton to meet the Bishop of Liverpool. About eighty members were present. Ringing began about 4.30, and at 5.30 a service was held, at which Canon Leigh (Rector), read the special prayers, the Bishop being the preacher. His lordship's address was based on two principles: "Honour your office," and "Walk worthily of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The preacher pointed out how the ringer's office was a ministry; (1) national in character; (2) entering closely into the life of the individual; (3) holy, because rendered to God. He emphasised the high importance of that branch of Church work and the necessity for ringers, who, like the clergy, were marked men, to live consistent Christian lives, making the very pertinent remark that a ringer who called others to church, but did not attend himself, was just as bad as a clergyman who did not practice what he preached.

After the concluding hymn the Bishop pronounced the Blessing, and then proceeded to the door, where he shook hands with each ringer as he passed out.

An adjournment was next made to the school, where by the Rector's kindness tea was provided. During tea the Walton ringers under the able direction of Mr. H. H. Barker, played selections of handbell music.

Canon Leigh, in addressing a hearty welcome to all the company, reminded them how Walton was once the mother parish, when Liverpool was a poor fishing village. He said that Walton people were now proud of their connection with the daughter city. They were also proud of their church, their bells and their ringers, so that altogether they were well satisfied.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Leigh and the Walton ringers for so kindly arranging that successful gathering; also to the Bishop (who had been obliged to leave early) for his admirable address, which was so much appreciated. He referred in particular to the praiseworthy efforts of Mr. H. H. Baker, and the success which had attended his labours. He also called attention to the fact that the present gathering included both the oldest and the youngest ringer in the diocese—Mr. Gough, of Garston, who was over eighty years of age, and Master W. Davies, of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, aged twelve years.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Gough, who mentioned that he rung a peal on his eightieth birthday; and Mr. Hill, another veteran ringer from Southport, a representative of the Diocesan Guild, added a similar expression of thanks, after which suitable replies were made by the Rector, the Rector's warden, and Mr. Barker.

Ringling was then resumed, touches in the following methods being successfully brought round: Plain and Oxford Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine, London Surprise (all Minor), and Stedman Doubles. A 360 of Superlative was attempted, but came to grief. A course of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9-10.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5-6.	REUBEN CHARGE .. 11-12.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE  
Umpires—A. W. Brighton and A. T. King. Rung on the occasion of the formal opening of the South London Cathedral by His Majesty the King, and also to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to H. P. Harman.

The Provinces.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(PULBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. Treble.	FRANCY H. DOICK .. .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE .. .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
TOM DOICK .. .. 3.	HUGH W. GREENFIELD .. 7.
SYDNEY W. CORDON .. 4.	JOHN BLAKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.  
\*First peal with a bob bell.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one 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.

GEORGE SHERLOCK* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN KENWARD .. .. 3.
JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 2.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 4.
ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

\*First peal, and was elected a member of the Association before starting. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of Frank Sadler, one of the local ringers.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT STRONG .. .. 5.
J. F. PENNING .. .. 2.	N. J. PITSTOW .. .. 6.
CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. 3.	ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. 4.	WALTER PARISH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. J. T. Steele, Vicar of this parish, to Miss Gertrude Augusta Gosling, of Hassobury Park, Bishops Cleeve.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BROOKS .. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	HARRY BROOKS .. .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	ALBERT HUMPHREY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY .. .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE H. KITE* .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS WARD† .. Treble.	†THOMAS O'HARA .. .. 5.
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE* .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WARD† .. 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM, AND THE  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH PIGOTT .. Treble.	†JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS* .. 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS* .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the treble.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, July 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is E. W. Beckwith's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## BRISTOL.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 7.
ALFRED PEARCE .. 4.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	HARRY BORRETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 2.	*ARTHUR LEEDER .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 3.	†ALBERT WOODCOCK .. 7.
WILLIAM DUFFIELD .. 4.	ARTHUR FULLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal other than tenor to Triples. †First peal. Rung after the re-opening service, 20,000/ having been spent upon the necessary repairs.

## HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH .. Treble.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD .. .. 5.
WALTER WOOD* .. 2.	CHARLES H. MOSS .. .. 6.
PERCY JOHNSON* .. 3.	HENRY LINDSAY* .. .. 7.
WALTER BURN† .. 4.	DAVID YORK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in any method. First peal as conductor in any method.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

FREDERICK MEE .. Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. MEE .. 2.	REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 6.
HARRY J. MEE .. 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY* .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	*ROBERT BRETT .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. Treble.	*ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 2.	JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 6.
JOHN F. RUMMING* .. 3.	*WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. 7.
FREDK. H. PASKINE* .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6208 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MCKEGG .. .. Treble.	JAMES EVINSON .. .. 3.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 6.
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH .. 3.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 7.
JOHN THORPE .. .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the hand. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lewis.

## COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and four of Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES H. BLAKE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.
JOHN AKEHURST .. .. 2.	JOHN PULLEN .. .. 5.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been augmented to six.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY SEAR .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
S. LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
FRANK WEBB .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM STONE .. .. 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rang on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES BISHOP* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5.
SIDNEY CHURTON .. .. 2.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 6.
ALBERT J. MILLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 7.
GEORGE WOODS .. .. 4.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, July 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOL.. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 8.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 5.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang to oblige H. J. Tucker.

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

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY GEORGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM ROBERTS .. .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

## KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

HENRY GEORGE .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 5, 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.

TOM HARRIS* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ABRAM G. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rang on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Ward, sidesman of St. Peter's, and Miss E. K. (Nellie) Hewitt.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 7, 1905, in Three Hours,

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.

FREDERICK PALMER .. .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED WILFORD .. .. 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Askham, of The Bull hotel, Irtlingborough.



## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, July 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 5.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM TILLET .. .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## Handbell Peals.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3-4.	*JOHN THORPE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Sidney F. Palmer. \*First peal on handbells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, for the Visitation held by the Archdeacon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Saffery, V. Street, S. Best, E. Hinton, A. Wooff, B. Best, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley. On May 24th, being Empire Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 36 mins. S. Best, V. Street, R. Street, T. Best, A. Wooff, E. Hinton, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On May 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Burrows. On May 21st, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On May 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Metcalfe, W. S. Forshaw, G. Rawlins, T. Suart conductor, T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Burrows. On May 25th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Jackson, T. Suart, T. E. Shuttleworth, W. S. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, T. Lamb. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, J. Williams, W. H. Dennison, T. Lamb conductor, J. Burrows. On May 28th, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart conductor, W. S. Fordham, J. Burrows.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, June 19th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Emery, R. Hims, G. French, A. Darvill, R. Brett-Smith, G. Durling, T. Groombridge conductor, G. Head.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 2nd, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. J. H. Hesse, J. Rice, G. F. Williams, F. Bennett conductor, G. Woodiss, A. D. Mills, K. Hart, F. W. Rice.

COWFOLD (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Snmmersell, J. Akehurst, A. Feist, W. Denman, J. Pullen, G. F. Williams conductor. First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 9th, for morning service, 360 Kent. J. H. Blake, W. Short, others as at Cowfold.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Friday, May 5th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Moulton, C. Davies, F. Weston, P. Cain, F. Milton, J. W. Davies conductor, J. P. Wright, J. Crook.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Whitsea, W. Gosling, G. Hardstaff, W. G. Christian, C. Carr, H. Alsopp, F. May, W. Gosling, jun. conductor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, May 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1600 changes. T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, May 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 55 mins. C. H. Lomas, D. Prentice, F. Houlten, H. Welham, F. W. Froude, F. Lee, A. Hammond, R. T. Long.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. C. W. Owens, S. M. Doddington, G. R. Newton conductor, E. H. Lewis, R. Birchall, J. W. Evans, F. S. Barnes, S. Moston. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. D. Exhelby, a sidesman of this church.

REDDISH (Cheshire).—On Monday evening, May 15th, some of the ringers from St. George's, Stockport, journeyed to Reddish, and with the assistance of a member of the local company and Mr. J. A. Teale, of St. Matthew's Holbeck, they rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Jackson, A. Barnes, J. Booth, G. D. Warburton, G. Astbury, J. A. Teale, J. W. Bayley conductor, G. Marshall. And three courses of Bob Major with H. Meakin in place of G. Marshall, conducted by J. A. Teale. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Smithson, wife of the chief ringer at this church, who was interred at Christ Church, Denton, on that day.

SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 14th, for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. W. E. Day, S. Hughes, J. Grazier, W. Murray, H. Mills, P. Foulkes, E. Brown, A. Bennett. For evening service, 700 of Holt's Original. W. E. Day, S. Hughes, J. Grazier, W. Murray, H. Mills, P. Foulkes, E. Brown, T. Lowe. For evening service 120 Grandsire Minor. P. Foulkes, W. Murray, W. E. Day, S. Hughes, H. Mills, E. Brown.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the parish church, 1008 Oxford Bob Triples, in 39 mins. N. W. Tarling, A. Brown, T. Saban conductor, Rev. H. W. Parker, H. Saban, E. J. Webb, W. Tarling, W. Boyton.

TROWELL (Notts).—On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. H. Savage, E. Gobey, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Savage, F. Calow, A. Walker. This is the longest length by the local band, who have only recently commenced half-pull ringing.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, July 27th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 18th.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head.

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

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tower open at 3. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. J. C. Hatten and churchwardens at 5.30, followed by short business meeting. Evensong at 6.45, after which further ringing until 9.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim district meeting will be held at Rolvenden to-day, Sat., July 15th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Rolvenden can now be reached by train service.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
101, High Street, Hythe, Kent.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham to-day, Sat., July 15th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Newark.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., (ten bells), by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Puriton on Saturday, July 22nd. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Puriton inn at 5 o'clock. Tickets 9d. each, 5d. to members. Bells available all day.

F. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, July 22nd. A plain tea will be provided at The Eagle inn. Members intending to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, July 20th. The bells will be open for ringing.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Bungalow, Wildford, Chelmsford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next and annual meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells at 3. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton church on Saturday, July 22nd, at 4.30.

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

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual annual meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday the 25th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the parish room, the Rector in the chair.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
"Oakleigh," Chislehurst.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will take place on Saturday, July 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints parish church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*  
25, Chadwick Street.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT IPSWICH (REPORTED LAST WEEK).**—E. EVANS' FIFTY PEALS.—Grand-sire Triples 1; Caters 1; Double Norwich Major 11; Royal 2; Maximus 1; Stedman Triples 6; Caters 6; Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Royal 1; Maximus 5; Superlative Surprise Major 5; Cambridge 1; London 6. Total—50.

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Margate for dinner, and when the stragglers had all appeared on the scene, they sat down to a well-earned repast, the relish of the roast lamb and mint-sauce being greatly enhanced by a full view of the briny deep. They eventually reached home again about 11 p.m., after a very pleasant day's holiday, and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of St. John's, Margate, and St. Peter's, Broadstairs, for the use of their bells, and also Messrs. Saxby and Hiscocks for having every-thing in readiness at their respective steeples.

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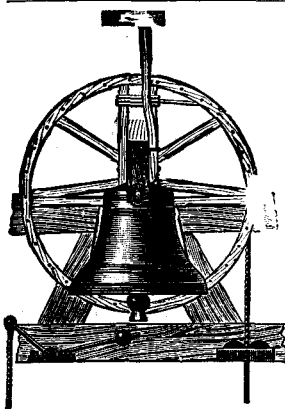
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

ALDERMASTON (Berks.) St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and tenor by Warner 1900; 2nd by the same 1895; 4th and 6th by Knight 1681; 3rd and 5th by Mears 1860; 7th by Mears 1787. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1900. 4th and 6th require recasting, but archaeological sentiment prevents. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

ALFRETON (Derbyshire). St. Martin. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; 4th 5th and 6th by Turner, 1775; 6th, no date or founder known; 7th by Taylor, 1881; the rest by the same, 1900. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1900. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

AMBLESIDE (Westmoreland). St. Mary. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1901. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Bells go well. Ropes new 1901, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, October to April.

APPLEDORE (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1900. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Recast and hung by Warner, 1900. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.15.

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The minutes of the last annual meeting being read and confirmed, Mr. S. Reeves was elected Hon. Secretary for the next twelve months. The balance-sheet was presented and passed, and although the balance is not so good this year as last, it is still on the right side.

Seventeen new members were elected, and two tower elections were ratified. The places for the quarterly meeting were fixed as follows; Breewood, Walsall and Tamworth, with the annual at Lichfield, as near June 24th, 1906, as convenient.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the Society for their services during the past year, and to the Right Rev. Bishop Anson for his address at the service; to the Rev. Prebendary Bolton, for the use of the schools for the tea and meeting; and to Mr. E. Gallimore for so kindly making the arrangements for the meeting.

The eight bells at St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon, although the "go" of them is anything but good from a ringer's point of view. Some touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were brought round in the evening on the Cathedral bells, and so brought a very pleasant afternoon's outing to a close.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Ilfracombe on Whit-Monday. Situate at the extreme north of the county, several bands failed to accomplish the long journey. Nevertheless there was a goodly company of nearly 100 ringers from Heavitree, Clyst St. George. Littleham, Calverleigh, Lynton, Walkhampton, St. Sidwell's and St. David's (Exeter), Plymouth, Harpford, Tiverton and Lypstone. The early part of the day was devoted by some bands to visiting the neighbouring towers at Barnstaple, Pilton, Heanton, West Down and Mortehoe, while the fine peal of eight at Ilfracombe was in general requisition during the whole of the day. At four o'clock tea was provided in the girls' school, Mrs. Martin and other ladies presiding at the tables. After tea there followed the meeting at which the Rev. Maitland Kelly

presided, and amongst the company were the Revs. Prebendary Martin (Vicar of Ilfracombe), A. E. Robinson, F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary), W. E. Cox, H. L. Pigot, Messrs. D. Guilding (churchwarden), E. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, F. Davey, H. Myers, etc.

The Hon. Secretary moved the adoption of the report of the Committee, which showed that during the year fifty-five members and four honorary members had been elected. Thirteen peals had been scored, including a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral, being the first peal on the bells rung by members of the Guild resident in the county. Two meetings had been held during the year, the one at Teignmouth, the other in Exeter, and both had been attended by an unusually large number of members. Reference was made to the first attempt to repair a cracked bell in the county of Devonshire by Herr Ohlsson, of Lubeck, and the original note and tone of the bell has apparently been restored. The Ringers' Cycling Club had visited twenty-seven different towers, and had scored two peals. Although the expenditure had been considerably in excess of other years, there was a satisfactory balance of £34 carried forward.

The officers were re-elected: Rev. Maitland Kelly (President); Rev. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). The Rev. M. Kelly in returning thanks said it was forty years ago since the first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Devonshire men, and compared that event with the peal at the Cathedral, and the advance that had been made in new methods. A vote of thanks was accorded to Prebendary Martin, the clergy who had granted the use of their bells, and the ladies who had assisted at the tea.

A service in the parish church, with an address by the Rev. A. E. Robinson, concluded the arrangements of the meeting. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting next year at Plymouth.

#### HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday evening, July 4th, the company of ringers at St. Mary's church, met and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob, on the occasion of the golden wedding of their respected Assistant-Secretary—Mr. William Baker, who has been connected with the above church as a chimier and ringer for a great number of years, and is still a regular attendant for Sunday ringing, although the oldest man in the company. At the conclusion of the ringing the band adjourned to the clubhouse, and were most kindly entertained by their old brother-string. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Baker was proposed by Mr. F. C. Lambert (Secretary), and cordially received by the company, and that they may long be spared to each other and their numerous circle of friends, is the heartfelt wish of every member of the St. Mary's Society.

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The usual summer quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, July 8th, in perfect weather, and was well attended. Service was held in the fine old church at 5.30, at which the Rev. W. G. Whinfield, Curate-in-charge, gave a most impressive address.

After service an adjournment was made to the school-room, which had been kindly lent for the business meeting, when the Rev. Whinfield suggested that, as the vicarage was empty, the late Vicar, the Rev. Vine Hall having just left, and the new incumbent having not yet taken up his residence there, and as the weather was so warm, the meeting be held on the vicarage lawn, a proposal gladly accepted. The rev. gentleman presiding, the business was then gone into. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were elected, and Kings Norton was selected as the place for the next meeting. Mr. W. C. Jones was elected conductor for the quarterly peal to be rung at Bromsgrove. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Whinfield for his address at the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the tower and bells.

During the afternoon and evening the bells, a fine ring of ten by Rudhall, tenor 20 cwt., were kept going, some very good touches of Grandsire and Siedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich being brought round.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, June 3rd, members being present from Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland, Penwortham, Preston and Standish. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung. A short service was held in the parish church at 5.30, conducted by the Rev. R. Stowell (curate), who delivered a very interesting address. After service a first-class tea was partaken of at The Clarence hotel, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the President, Mr. Gartside. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed; also by request the minutes of the last annual meeting. Next the auditors gave their report, which gave satisfaction to all. The election of officers and other business having been transacted, votes of thanks were given to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Stowell for his address, and to all the officers for their past services, brought the meeting to a close.

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## OUR RINGING COMPANY: HOW IT GREW.

(Continued from page 100.)

I mentioned in my previous paper that we had succeeded in getting control of St. Hilda's tower, one of the conditions imposed being that we should chime the eight bells for the two Sunday services. We were anxious about the following Sunday duty on account of our inexperience, but we got over this in a manner by "clocking" the bells, a practice not to be recommended. The "striking" was a deal below par, but getting through it without hearing of any complaints gave us confidence. The following evening we had a meeting in the tower to discuss our prospects, and to determine upon our future course of action. There was not only the chiming to make us anxious, but the fear lest Mr. Warden should get suspicious about our silence during the week. He might make his august presence felt some evening, and upbraid us all for keeping back from him the fact that we were inexperienced. But he never came near. Meanwhile we had a good lock and key put on the belfry door to prevent surprises, and determined to be at the belfry every morning not later than five o'clock to teach (with the clappers lashed) the four "colts" how to handle a bell. As all worked with a will, this preliminary was soon got over, and six of us had soon the necessary confidence (or conceit) in ourselves that we could ring the back six in rounds, for we had had plenty of dumb practice with these six bells clapper-tied. Thursday evening was supposed to be the proper practice night; accordingly on the succeeding Thursday we attempted rounds with these bells open, and it proved a complete success without any mitigating circumstances. Those readers who have gone through the mill in this way will recollect their own feelings when they first rang rounds. There was no resting, for the two "colts" had to be broken to harness, and this being soon done, rounds on the eight bells were produced in a few weeks—and good ringing indeed.

At this time it dawned upon us that it was getting time to look after something more classical than rounds. We knew very well that there was such an Art as change-ringing, for the town had been looked upon what we should now call a "centre" of the science. Our possession of St. Hilda's spoiled us for the time being with the All Souls' people; they would have naught to do with us. Thus we remained in ignorance of how to make a start. But one night as we were ringing rounds and call-changes, a visitor, somewhat travel-stained, entered the ringing-chamber, and sat down. When the bells were set, we tackled him. He told us he was a travelling tailor from a town in the west of England, and that he was a change-ringer. No visitor could have been more welcome. From him we received the elementary information we were thirsting for, or some of it at least. Not having any handbells he showed us to use our arms in just the same way we should have done had our hands held handbells, and we readily learnt by these means how to hunt. His stay was very short, but we practised this movement, until the time came when we thought we could with some degree of safety essay it upon the front five bells, with 5-6-7 covering. This was rang so many times that we got the affair by heart, then we began to yearn for something more. Ringing by keeping all the bells in the hunt, only gave us ten changes, and these over

and over again. After a while one of our party brought in the figures of a plain course of Grandsire Doubles with some "observations" written beneath it. At first this was unintelligible.

AUDITOR TANTUM II.

(To be continued.)

## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A monthly meeting was held at Bletsoe on Saturday, July 25th. There was a fair attendance of members, and various methods were rung upon the bells. Mr. F. G. Wells made arrangements for a splendid rural tea, which was much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. R. H. Moss), for the use of the bells was carried unanimously. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Amphill on August 19th.

## BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 15th, the ringers of this church, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. G. E. Badger, M.A.) and one of the churchwardens (Mr. Goffe), left the church by brake for Knowle, arriving at a quarter to four, where they were received by Mr. Tracey, the vergier, who introduced to the company a lady visitor, who took a deep interest in change-ringing (as he had informed the lady they were coming over), and she rang the 2nd in two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, when an adjournment was made for tea, the Vicar kindly providing the needful. Mr. Carròd thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and alluded to the presence of the churchwardens who was with them for the first time.

Mr. Goffe, whose health was drunk later on, not in tea, expressed his pleasure at being with them, which he hoped would not be the last time.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 209.)

## SUGGESTED AMENDMENT OF RULES.

The President said there were one or two points which had come under his notice in which it might be desirable to slightly amend the rules. There was no provision in the rules for the introduction of new members. He thought it was desirable that all new members of the Council should be introduced to the chairman, as otherwise new members were not known except through their friends. Another point which it would be well to consider was the number of hon. members. At present the number was limited to 12. An occasion might arise when it might be found difficult to make a place for some one who was not re-elected as a representative, and who it was necessary to have upon the Council. It might therefore be as well to make the number 15 instead of 12. This was a matter which would come before the next meeting.

## VOTES OF THANKS.

The President said before the Council rose he should like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Council of thanking the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for the very excellent arrangements that had been made, and for the hospitality he was offering. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Helmore.

The Hon. Secretary in seconding, said Mr. Helmore had greatly assisted in making the meeting a success, by taking a great deal from his (the Hon. Secretary's) shoulders, for which he was very grateful.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said he desired to thank them for their appreciation of what little he had done. He wished more could have been present, and should have pleasure in seeing as many as possible at the social gathering in the evening.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the President.

This concluded the meeting. In the evening most of the members attended a social gathering given by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, where excellent singing, both glees and solos, gave great pleasure.

## NOTE.

The following Reports of the discussion on the question of a Catalogue of Ringing Literature, and on the presentation of the Report of the Legitimate Methods Committee, have reached us since our last issue. They are here given by way of Appendix, and should be read in connection with the brief *résumé* of each of the subjects given in their proper place in the report of the meeting—that on the Classification of Methods on p. 197, and on Ringing Literature on p. 208.

## PROPOSED DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF KNOWN PRINTED BOOKS AND MS.

Mr. R. A. Daniell in proposing this motion said that the proposal was not a novelty, as there had previously been a Committee of one on this subject, which however had produced no result to the Council. The contributions of Mr. Dains, Mr. Pearson and others to "THE BELL NEWS" within the last few months had shewn there was in the old books and manuscripts, some of which were very scarce, a good deal of information not readily accessible, and for the want of it composers of methods and peals had produced as original what had long been anticipated; also that Mr. Ellacombe's lists were in many cases not classified, so that a pamphlet entitled "The Ringers' True Guide," which would appear from its title to have something to do with the science, was in reality an address by a dissenting minister; and also that notices in the press in the course of time became almost as inaccessible as their originals, instancing Mr. Jasper Snowden's review of Dr. Mason's Manuscripts, which is only now to be found in a volume of *Church Bells* somewhere about thirty years ago. Having regard to these facts he thought it was desirable that a short descriptive Catalogue of such works as these which should include references to the notices of them in the ringing press, should be prepared, and he also thought that they would form a valuable addition for the purposes of the Exercise to Mr. Papillon's pamphlet.

The Rev. T. L. P. H. seconded.

The President said on the agenda for the year 1892 there was an item bearing upon the question, and at the meeting in the same year a resolution was adopted that it was expedient that some such list should be published, after which the matter was referred to Mr. Strange, who undertook to prepare the list. From time to time Mr. Strange reported upon the work which he had in hand up to 1898, when he appeared to have given it up. Did any one know at the present time where Mr. Strange was?

Mr. King said he understood Mr. Strange was at South Kensington.

Mr. Pittsow said Mr. Strange informed him that he was too busy to get on with the work.

Mr. King said the result of Mr. Strange's labours had to some extent appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," but this was not what Mr. Daniell wanted. No doubt the idea was a good one, if you could get people to give the necessary time to the work.

The President asked if Mr. Daniell would be prepared to assist; if so, would he suggest a small Committee.

Mr. Daniell said he should be prepared to make a start with the work, provided the Council appointed him upon the Committee.

Mr. Dains said in Annable's note-book there were scores of both good and indifferent methods. He did not know if it was Mr. Daniell's idea that these should all be published.

The President said it was the title of the book and an abstract of its contents that was wanted.

Mr. Daniell: So that the Exercise can know what is in them.

The President suggested that the Rev. H. A. Cockey should be added to the Press Committee, and the work left in the hands of that Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. H. Dains and the Rev. H. A. Cockey were added for this purpose to the Press Committee.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee suggested that particulars should be given as to where those books which were rare could be seen.

The President suggested that if the price of any rare work was known, known, it would be useful as a guide to its value. Possibly some member of the Committee could see Mr. Strange and ascertain if he would present the Council with his work as far as completed.

Mr. Daniell said whatever might have been done would have to be revised. Nothing could be taken for granted. Only reference need be made to those works from which extracts had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS."

## LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James said last year his brother was added to the Legitimate Methods Committee. Soon afterwards his brother sent a letter to Mr. Dains written some years ago upon the subject, and the Committee had been at work upon the report for some time. There were certain definitions with which the whole of the Committee did not agree.

The President said it was customary at the commencement of a report to give any definition required of the terms used therein, so that the reader had the meanings before him whenever necessary.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Committee did not agree.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson: "Take the opinion of the majority."

The President said Mr. Law James had better give his own definition.

The Rev. H. Law James said if he sent the report out it came back to him, some of the Committee not agreeing. In one instance it was five to one, but there was a wider difference among the Committee upon the definition of certain words. It would therefore be for the Council to put the whole matter right. Mr. James then proceeded to read an exhaustive report illustrating the same by carefully-prepared diagrams showing leads of Cambridge, Double Court and Treble Bob, and dealing with consecutive place-making.

The President said he was sure every member of the Council was gratified with the excellent report which Mr. James had prepared. The Council were however in this difficulty, the report had not been published beforehand in "THE BELL NEWS," and he feared it was impossible for the Council to grasp the full meaning till it was in print; he would therefore suggest that the report should be again revised by the Committee, after

which it should appear in "THE BELL NEWS." This would give all an opportunity of going thoroughly into the whole question. To do so that day, he thought, was impossible, as the Council ought not to come to any definite conclusion without careful study of the entire report.

The Rev. H. Law James said what was wanted was for the Exercise to interest themselves in these questions in face of what had been said and done. Methods were still rung which should not be rung; not that the report would make much difference to those who did not understand it.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the majority of the Committee would be in favour of adjourning the consideration of the report, as there were several points which might be amended. He considered the Council should have the opportunity of reading the report, and comparing the same with the Glossary.

Mr. Dains said the report could without much delay be published—say in course of a few weeks. This would give everybody interested an opportunity to go fully into the matter; with the reports might be published a list of legitimate methods.

The Rev. H. Law James said some ringers still continued ringing methods that were not legitimate. If the Council could publish such a list as suggested by Mr. Dains, some ringers might be found who would take up the ringing of methods that were worth ringing. He thought the list should be arranged according to classification.

The Hon. Secretary moved the resolution given in full on p. 197.

Mr. Story seconded.

The President said that this was one of the most important works that the Council could take up. He hoped that there would be a clear understanding, and that the whole question would be most carefully considered before any decision was arrived at. Mr. James had referred to the Glossary. It should be remembered that the late Hon. Secretary was to a large extent responsible for what appeared in the Glossary, the whole of which Mr. James did not appear to agree with. After all it was possible for two persons to look at the same thing from two different points of view. As time went on it might be necessary for the Council to modify its decisions upon certain points. He would urge upon all the importance of making a careful study of the report when it appeared, and so be prepared to deal with the whole question at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. Law James said two years ago at the meeting in London, the Report upon legitimate methods was adopted, which ruled out the whole of the appendix of the Glossary. There were many things which appeared legitimate that were not so under the report which was adopted by the Council. It was the appendix to the Glossary that wanted removing, where London Surprise was termed London Marvel. If it was anything it was London Surprise.

Mr. Griffin said: "Could not those who had to do with the Glossary that were living, consider their definitions, and Mr. James put his as far as possible in accordance with them?"

The President said it was possible that Mr. James might bring forth from his fertile brain ideas which might when put before the Council bring about such results as had not been anticipated, and so cause the Council to change its views. The Glossary was a very valuable work for those who did not desire to go deeper into the science. But he trusted the Committee would continue their work for the benefit of the Exercise, and especially for the advanced section.

The Rev. H. Law James said he agreed that the Glossary was a valuable work, but it was the classification with which he did not agree.

The resolution was adopted.

### 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."

#### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Allow me to thank you for the pains and care which you have bestowed on the printing of my long letter on the above subject. From first to last, with just one single exception, there is not a misprint or mistake worth mentioning. The

single one to which I refer is the insertion of the lines between the rows on pp. 217 and 218. This is unfortunate, for it not only throws the corresponding rows in the two columns out of juxta position with one another, but renders some of my sentences nugatory, for I expressly state that I had *purposely omitted all lines*. What I did, or meant to do, was merely to put marks at the side indicating the starting points.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCES.

SIR,—Immediately after seeing Mr. Salter's letter I wrote to Mr. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, as I had not the slightest trace, clue, or recollection of ever having heard from him that there had been any change in the representation. He tells me that he sent a post card on or about April 27th announcing that Mr. Salter had been elected in the place of Mr. Grove, resigned. As I still have no recollection whatsoever of the matter I feel very sure that the card never reached me. I am however asking Mr. Smith if he has any recollection of receiving any acknowledgment of the card from me, as most assuredly would have been the case had I received it. I am very sorry for any trouble that has been occasioned to Mr. Salter, but no real harm has been done, as I will see that all is put right in the Council's Minute Book.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

#### HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to say, with due respect for the views of our valuable friend Mr. Thompson, that I quite agree with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies that the calling of the two halves of Holt's ten-part does not start from the same place. I had almost decided in my own mind that this must be so in all cases, unless P.L. singles were used. For it was a notable fact with all the peals I had examined, that if the calling was commenced at any point, so that a P.L. single was used at the half-peal end, the calling of the second half would reverse from that point. However, I have taken the trouble to look further into the matter, and find that the above rule, and many others, does not apply by any means to peals having reverse calling for the second half, when no regard had been paid to bobbing all reverse 9 sets. I also find that the following transposition of Reeves' Variation (32555125512) will give a peal with 8 singles, and the second half reversing from the half-peal end. I give below a few leads before and after the two singles to show the calling at those points.

-276354	-326547
237405	352764
-542637	375426
564723	347652
576342	364275
8234567	-523764
253746	-475623
275634	467352
-462375	8235476
436527	243657
-754236	-762543
	-357462
	345276
	324657
	362745
	376524
	-453276

For this variation it may be said that the beginning of the peal is the reverse of the end, and that the beginning of the second half is reversed from the half-peal end. Viewing the matter in this light we have the suggestion that there are *two* places, and that it is not correct to say that the two halves start from the same place, but, to be strictly correct, that the second half is reversed from the half-peal end.

J. J. PARKER.

#### Re POINTS.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to your report of the Canterbury meeting in your issue of the 8th inst. In this report I am supposed to enquire what number of points are allowed for peals rung in Duffield and Alliance, whereas my enquiry was what points are allowed for Duffield and Forward. This enquiry was prompted by my old friend J. Carter, who was unable to attend the Council meeting.

HENRY DAINS.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1905.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Barton-le-Clay on Saturday, July 1st. Though there was rain in the early morning the weather cleared up, and there was a good attendance of members from various parts of the county. Various methods were rung until 5.30. At that time the members adjourned to the village room, and partook of a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. J. Spokes. After tea he was thanked by the members for his kindness to the ringers on this and other occasions. The weather being rather warm, the Rector thought the members would cool themselves better in his splendid gardens, so accordingly they went there. These gardens are laid out both tastefully and unique. Admiration was

freely bestowed, one ringer saying that it was like a corner of the Garden of Eden. The handbells were brought out, and while some were enjoying ringing without work, others were being punted up and down the lake by the Rector. A few of the more energetic then tried their skill upon the tower bells.

About 7.30 the members began to think of home, all remarking upon the splendid time they had had that afternoon. From what was gathered from the local inhabitants we easily came to the conclusion that what they say about the Rector is perfectly true, viz.: "That Mr. Spokes is never happy unless he is making other people happy." B.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 5.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 2.	*JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, July 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 13, HARBLDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Reference elsewhere.

### The Provinces.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	HARRY HARRIS .. .. 5.
BEN CHORLEY .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE* .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 4.	RALPH WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal of Stedman with a hoh bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath, jun., and it is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS REEVES .. .. 6.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 8.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 9.
JOHN NEAL .. .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal now rung for the first time has the 6th and 3rd twenty-four times in 2-4 of the titum position with the octave bells behind; also the treble and 6th twenty-three times in 2-5 at the handstroke home position, and is the first peal of Stedman Caters ever composed on this plan. The figures will be published later.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 2.	ALFRED GRIMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

#### HARWICH, ESSEX.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

BERTIE G. BOULTON* .. Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	*HARRY WRIGHT .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	ALBERT J. RAMSEY .. .. 7.
ARTHUR J. TURNER* .. 4.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

\*First peal in the method

#### BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. H. CHARLESWORTH* .. Treble.	THOMAS MCKEGG .. .. 5.
TOM O'HARA .. .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 6.
JAMES EVINSON .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	*ARCHIE BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

#### HAWLEY, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 2.	CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HY. L. GARFATH, JUN. 4.	GEORGE W. BRION .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath.

#### CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 33½ cwt. in C.

EDWARD HARRISON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 2.	ALEXANDER WHITE .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. BETHELL .. 3.	JAS. MOULTON .. .. 7.
JAS. V. WRIGHT .. .. 4.	CHARLES DAVIS .. .. Tenor.
	THOMAS ROWLAND ..

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This peal was kindly arranged by Mr. Bethell for the ringer of the 5th who was visiting this neighbourhood, and was elected a member of the Guild.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH. NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
ALFRED EVERITT .. .. 2.	LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Arranged for Messrs. Lilley and Hare; the latter was prevented owing to having hurt his foot, of which we are glad to hear he is progressing.

## ECCLESFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIS WHITHAM .. .. Treble.	THOMAS KITSON .. .. 5.
JOHN THEORPE .. .. 2.	OLIVER CANWOOD .. .. 6.
WALTER KITSON .. .. 3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 7.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by S. F. PALMER.

First peal as conductor.

## Handbell Peals.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3-4.	HENRY HODGETTS .. 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 7th in the peal at Fulborough, reported last week, should be Hugh W. Herrington, not Greenfield, as published.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Bob Major, rung at North Wingfield, has been sent without any number of changes being stated.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRET福德 (Lancashire).—On Thursday, July 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Birchall, J. J. Moss, W. J. Moss conductor, C. W. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, T. Birchall. Also various other touches, with T. Robinson and F. Barrow. Rung in honour of the visit of the King and Queen to Stretford.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 785 Stedman Cinques. G. Pigott, W. H. Godden, A. Jones, J. Reynolds, A. Walker conductor, J. Neal, T. Westwood, A. Chambers, S. Groves, A. P. Smith, A. E. Pegler, S. J. Jessop. On Tuesday, July 18th, at St. Martin's church, 631 Stedman Cinques. W. Short conductor, W. H. Godden, J. George, A. Walker, T. Reynolds, A. Chambers, G. Swann, S. Reeves, S. Grove, Rev. C. A. Clements, A. P. Smith, S. J. Jessop. And 894 in the same method, T. Russam, S. Reeves, J. Neal, G. Swann, A. Walker conductor, A. Chambers, T. Westwood, A. P. Smith, S. Grove, Rev. C. A. Clements, J. George, W. Painter. The above two touches were rung specially on the 150th anniversary of the original St. Martin's Youths.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, June 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, in honour of the marriage of Mr. T. Maude, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Flit, P. Johnson, H. Williams conductor, W. Wood, W. Talbot, B. Shaw, H. Lindsay, A. Haste. On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, 806 Double Norwich. W. Wood, W. Talbot, R. Thomas, B. Shaw, H. Williams conductor, J. McKell, H. Lindsay, A. Haste.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Friday, June 30th, at the Cathedral, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. S. Peacock, A. Osborne, O. Sullivan, J. Kidd, J. Tulett, W. Walker, W. Haigh conductor, J. Raynor. Recently a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. A. Robson, G. Chandler, O. Sullivan, J. Kidd, W. Easter, J. Tulett conductor, W. Haigh, A. Osbourne. These are the first quarter-peals ever rung on these bells.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYNESBURY (Bucks).—Recently, for practice, 1440 of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, in 50 mins. S. J. Coleman, S. Peck, L. J. Flint, H. Fields, G. D. Coleman conductor, E. C. Chasty. And 720 Double Oxford. S. W. Hawkesford, S. Peck, S. J. Coleman, L. J. Flint, G. D. Coleman conductor, E. C. Chasty. And 720 Woodbine and 360 Double Court.

BLETSOE (Beds).—On Monday, June 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. R. Lilley, J. Hare, E. C. Chasty, S. J. Peck, H. Fields, W. J. Goss conductor.

THURLIGH (Beds).—On Monday, June 12th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. H. Fields, J. Hare, S. J. Peck, C. R. Lilley conductor, E. C. Chasty, W. J. Goss. 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Lilley, J. Hare, H. Fields, S. J. Peck, E. Chasty conductor. On June 3rd, at Salisbury Street, Bedford, on handbells, 240 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. Lilley, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2-5; J. Hare, 3-4.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGS LANGLEY (Herts).—On Thursday evening, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins. A. E. Weeden, L. A. Walker, J. W. Lane, A. G. Cook, R. S. Cook, W. Lowe. On Thursday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. C. Huckle, L. A. Walker, J. W. Lane, A. G. Cook, A. E. Weeden, R. S. Cook.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, May 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 55 mins. C. H. Lomax, D. Prentice, F. Coulten, H. Welham, F. Froude, F. Lee, A. Hammond, R. S. Long. Composed by F. W. Froude, and conducted by C. H. Lomax. On Saturday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. C. H. Lomax, J. Cobb, F. Coulten, H. Frost, F. W. Froude, A. Hammond, R. S. Long, H. Lomax, jun. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 12th, at the parish church, 1323 Stedman Cinques, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Holman, J. H. Bower, W. Lomas, F. Bugar, J. Atkin, J. Mulligan, J. Thorpe, W. T. Pates, S. F. Palmer, S. Seed, G. Holmes, W. Bugar. Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to inaugurate the Sheffield University.

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## ANOTHER VISIT TO ERIN.

The following may be of some interest to readers of your journal. In the first place it will be necessary to refer to the record of peals rung on this date, in order to boil down any confusion in names. The writer of this sketch is evidently familiar with sound, but from what source he is at a loss in making out a description unless it is intended to educate the ignorant—to him I give the palm; it is amusing nevertheless.

Extract from the *Waterford Evening News*, Monday, June 12, 1905. "The Irish Bellringers' Association. The annual gathering of the Irish Association of change-ringers took place in Waterford to-day, and the company was composed of representatives from St. Patrick's and Christ Church cathedrals, Dublin, St. Augustine's and St. John's, Anugier Street, Dublin, and Christ Church, Waterford. The visiting bands arrived at 10.15, and were met by Mr. R. S. Blee, Dr. George Mackey and Mr. Wm. Boyd. No time was lost in getting to work, and the bells were rung for 3 hours and 16 minutes, and the changes running to a fine total of 5056. We need scarcely say that those who were not aware of this visit felt somewhat surprised at the lengthened ringing of the bells, being of course unaware of the fact that a mighty exposition of campanology was being carried out by 'the people—ah, the people that dwell up in the steeple all alone;' and certainly the ringers were isolated from the outside world, for the cathedral was locked hard and fast against all outsiders, while the performers were—Messrs. W. C. Hunt, 1; Gabriel Landorff Itshade, 3; George Pye, 4; Washbrook, 5; James J. Pye, 6; Chapman, 7; and T. Sheppard, 8. Edgar Allen Poe doubtless would have been delighted, or otherwise, had he listened to the twanging and the clanging and how the danger ebbed and flowed in the sinking and the swelling of the bells. It is happy to relate the people at a distance would believe there was a fire raging in Waterford in the most awful manner, were assured that such was not the fact, and that they did not—

"Hear the loud alarm bells—  
Brazen bells!

What a tale of terror now their turbling tells!

In the startled ear of night,  
How they scream out their affright,  
Too much horrified to speak,  
They can only shriek, shriek,  
Out of tune.

In a clamorous appealing to the mercy of the fire,  
In a mad exostulation with the deaf and frantic fire,  
Leaping higher, higher, higher,

With a desperate desire,  
And a resolute endeavour,  
Now—now to sit or never  
By the side of the pale-faced moon.  
Oh the bells, bells, bells,  
What a tale their terror tells  
Of despair!

How they clang, and clash, and roar  
What a horror they outpour  
On the bosom of the palpitating air.

This notice would be incomplete without mentioning that amongst the change-ringers was our fellow citizen, Mr. Richard Cherry, K.C., who was one of the veterans of the Waterford Branch of the Association, and amongst the original members his picture will be found in the belfry of Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. Tailleur, of Arklow, and several other well-known Irish gentlemen were present and took a deep interest in the proceedings."

From an Englishman's point of view the weather in Ireland was all that could be desired, even from the commencement of our landing at North Wall. After travelling all night, mingled with forty winks, night caps, railway abuses, etc., we were happy to find ourselves on terra firma once again, amongst a strange people and strange in speech. Happily two of our company arrived the night previous (not to mention they were compelled to train in accordance with railway regulations in feast time) in order to arrange breakfast and to snatch a visit to Messrs. Guinness's establishment, which is well worth a visit at any time. One is able to observe the various samples and not allowed to come away empty-handed. Literature is well

provided in order to initiate those less fortunate in making the journey of the enormous output and the manner in which it is put up.

The programme before us was good—with an extension. The attempt for London at Bray regretfully failed us, but as one member remarked (who is invariably in tune) "No damage had been done." We immediately adjourned for lunch, and after an hour or so's conversation on misfortune boarded again for Dublin to ring on that very fine peal of ten at St. Patrick's. Failure was in its magnificence after about an hour. As we had nothing to record for three days we must pass on to 5 p.m. Monday, at which time we had advised the knocker-up to commence his duties. Having partaken of cold comfort for breakfast it was arranged for us to join the saloon at 6.40 a.m. at Knightsbridge, for Waterford, with our Irish friends. Everyone was elated at the prospect of a pleasant journey, and certainly settled down for about four hours, with the exception of dropping into one another's seats and throwing cannon balls lest some should lose consciousness during the journey. Other experiences for the day will undoubtedly be noted elsewhere. About eight hours was spent in Waterford, during which time many post cards were despatched, the mails suffering great strain thereby. 6.30 p.m. saw us safely housed for the return journey, which was not uneventful. From time to time passengers insisted upon encroaching upon our preserves through the dilatoriness on the part of the railway officials, who are not systematic turnkeys, and not averse to overcrowding, and shout "clear" all along the line. One of our party, having power, as well as brain, caused a secured partition, and invited all hands on deck, but like "too many cooks spoil the broth," when one advised a steel hawser or a telegraph wire. Our worthy conductor was left in charge. The penalty for sleeping on sentry go—is! "Duble-in." Fortunately we scaled the last train for the city on arriving.

Arklow was our next point of meeting, this being an important visit, nevertheless a lucky one, being invited by Mr. Tailleur and Mr. Washbrook to ring Superlative. The former kindly arranged to have dinner provided at the close of the peal, which we need hardly say was most welcome. The authorities here are ever thoughtful towards ringers, and their kindness was much appreciated. Our party broke up at Holyhead. Our noses to the grindstone must be for another year; when it is hoped old acquaintances will be renewed. W. C. H.

## ST. MARY OF CHARITY, FAVERSHAM.

On Tuesday, the 4th instant, the company belonging to the above church, together with a few friends who brought the number up to fourteen, had a most enjoyable outing, the first of its kind which had been arranged for some twenty years. Starting in a brake shortly after 7 a.m., the party visited three towers, Chilham, Wye, and Charing, permission being kindly granted for the use of the bells. At Chilham, the tenor was found to be bors-de-combat, which made ringing somewhat difficult and unmelodious; but the Wye bells provided ample compensation, the tenor, especially, eliciting universal admiration for its mellow tone. Here a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully completed, and it is hoped that a full peal may shortly be placed on record in "THE BELL NEWS" to the credit of the same band on the same delightful bells. A venerable ringer of 87 years, Mr. Post, was a welcome guest at dinner, who rang the tenor in the record peal in this part of the country (13,000 odd changes, lasting over 8 hours). He is known as the Wye Poet, his success in this direction being remarkable for having been attained without the aid of any high education. After a short stop at Ashford, Charing was eventually reached, where a few touches were rung on the nice little ring of six; and then, after tea, a start was made for home, where the party arrived at about 9.45 p.m. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the captain of the band, Mr. A. Briggs, and those who assisted him, for the success of his catering and other arrangements, and the hope was expressed that the excursion should, if possible, be repeated next year.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, held on 2nd March, 1905.

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Claims unife policies admitted	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
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THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

15th February, 1905.

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

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, July 27th.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, Sat., July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., (ten bells), by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Puriton to-day, Sat., July 22nd. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at The Puriton inn at 5 o'clock. Tickets 9d. each, 5d. to members. Bells available all day.

F. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood to-day, Sat., July 22nd. A plain tea will be provided at The Eagle inn. The bells will be open for ringing.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Bungalow, Wiford, Chelmsford.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton church to-day, Sat., July 22nd, at 4.30.

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

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual annual meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday the 25th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the parish room, the Rector in the chair.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
"Oakleigh," Chislehurst.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will take place on Saturday, July 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints parish church, Old Glossop, on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*  
25, Chadwick Street.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, at The Cricketers' Arms at 5.15 p.m.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Swan hotel at 7.30 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Ye Olde Whyte Hart at 5.30. Meeting after.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact a good attendance of members is earnestly requested.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 5th. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as important business will be brought forward. If permission can be obtained, members may have a look through the Hall grounds. It is expected that the committee will have a meeting also.

J. SMITH, *Branch Secretary*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Newton Hall, Stocksfields-on-Tyne, on Saturday, August 5th. The six bells in St. James' church (tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members during the day. Tea at Mr. John Symms, The Wellington inn, at 5 o'clock. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary by Tuesday, August 1st.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE HANDBELL PEAL AT FULHAM.** This peal was arranged by Mr. Daniell, Mr. H. S. Richardson being his guest while on a visit to London, and was attempted at the residence of Mr. Daniell on June 29th, but came to grief soon after the half-way owing to the bob-caller losing interest, through a stupid blunder occurring in the plain course, missing a bob at 7. Umpires—W. H. L. Buckingham, H. Dains and R. A. Daniell. Mr. S. How heard the latter part of the peal.

## ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH.

On Friday, June 16th, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Bardsley, the ringers met at the vicarage, and a very pleasant evening passed all too quickly. Dinner was served in the garden, and ample justice done to the good things provided, after which the Vicar handed round some Burmah cigars, which

were fired continually to the end. The churchwardens with their wives and friends having arrived, the remainder of the time was spent in a musical manner, songs being rendered by Miss Airey, Mrs. Hollis, and the Vicar. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to the Vicar (Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, M.A.), and his wife, for so kindly providing such a splendid evening's entertainment.

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**PRINTERS.** General Jobbing and Poster hand seeks work. Job on list taken. P., office of this paper.

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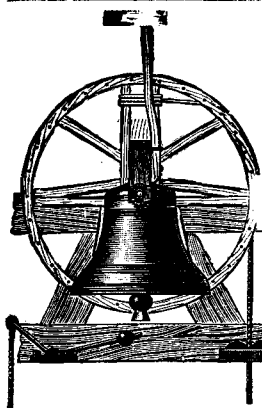
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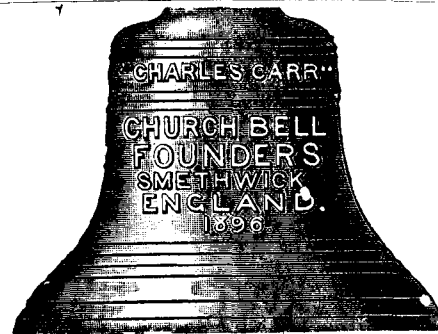
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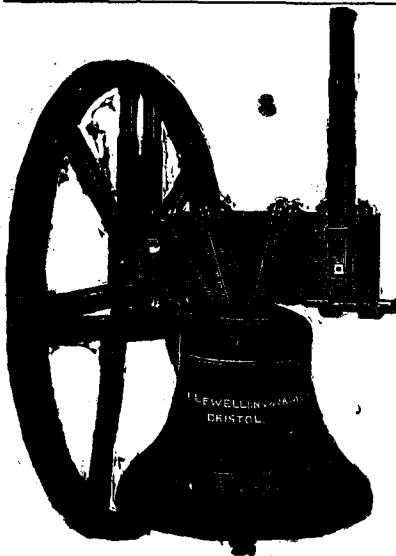
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

ARDLEIGH (Essex). St. Mary the Virgin. Essex Association. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 5th by Mears, 1892; 3rd and 4th by Darbie, 1676; 6th by Newman, 1689; 7th by Briant, 1802. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in., no name or date. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Howell, 1892. No statement as to ropes. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 8.

AXMINSTER (Devon). St. Mary. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1897. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Hung by Stokes, 1898. Ropes good. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

AYLESBURY (Bucks). St. Mary. Hertford County Association. Eight bells; 5th by Mears, 1854. Tenor 22 cwt. by the same, 1850; the rest by Pack, 1773. Timber frame. No further information given.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk). St. Michael. Norwich Diocesan Association. Ten bells; 5th and tenor by Gilpin, 1700; 6th by Tooke, 1677; 7th by Mears, 1860; 8th by Stephens, 1726; 9th by Newman, 1741; the rest by Osborn, 1775. Tenor 20 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day, 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No further information given.

#### DEDICATION OF SIX NEW BELLS AT WYVENHOE CHURCH, ESSEX.

Thursday, July 20th, was a gala day at Wyvenhoe, which will be long remembered owing to the combined attraction of the dedication of six bells and the Church Sunday School treat. The ceremony began punctually at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, which was crowded with the children, the usual members of the congregation, and

their Nonconformist friends, including the Rev. Franklin Tyler. A special form of service had been provided by the churchwardens (Messrs. F. C. Price and J. E. Heath) for the use of the congregation.

The Rector then gave an address from Zachariah xiv., 20. "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord." The Rector afterwards proceeded to the belfry, and after the conclusion of a hymn sung by the congregation, taking bell ropes, pronounced the dedicatory prayer. A few "rounds" on the six bells were then struck by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, after which the choir sang the hymn, "Now thank we all our God." The seating arrangements were in the hands of the churchwardens and sidesmen (Messrs. W. T. Wadley and J. G. Moore.) Miss E. Barker presided at the organ with her usual skill. During the afternoon and evening the new bells were rung under the superintendence of Mr. Nevard. The tone of the six bells is excellent and reflects the greatest credit on the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the original founders.

During the day the Rector read an interesting memorandum made on February 14th, 1803, by the grandfather of the present Mr. George Page, of Finringhoe:—"This day there was much bellringing at Wyvenhoe in consequence of their having six new bells. The parishioners invited some men from Great Tey to ring them for the first time, which they did to the satisfaction of all present, they being quite proficient in the art. The wind being about west, they were not heard very distinctly at Finringhoe, but I being on the North Geeting marsh, shooting wild fowl with John Gill, Esqre., the sound of the bells there had a very pleasing effect."

The total cost of the work is close upon £300, which amount has been locally raised by donations, a café chantant, organised by Mrs. A. K. Barlow, of Wyvenhoe Hall, and a grand bazaar held last Easter.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year, was held at Wirksworth, on Monday, July 8th, and was a great success from every point of view. By the kindness of Wirksworth friends, brakes were provided to meet the trains at Cramford and convey the visitors across the hill, past the famous "Black Rocks," to Wirksworth. It was a very hot afternoon and ringing was very warm work, but this was not allowed to interfere with the desire of the visitors for a pull, and the bells were continually going in one method or another.

A capital tea was served in the parish room, fifty-eight members and friends sitting down. At the subsequent meeting, the vice-president, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and also particulars of the 'peals rung during the last quarter. For the next place of meeting Melbourne was proposed by W. Hickling, sen., and seconded by C. Draper. Colston-Bassett, proposed by W. E. White and seconded by W. Hexter, and on being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by a large majority.



Twenty-seven ringing and one honorary member were admitted. The vice-president read a letter from Joseph Griggs, Esq., of Wignell Grange, an honorary member of the Association, who regretted his inability to be present, and enclosed a cheque for the benefit of the funds. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Griggs on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Wirksworth for the use of the bells and parish room on the proposition of Mr. W. Wakley, who said they were all sorry the Vicar was absent, but they were pleased to see the Rev. —. Wardrop and the Rev. —. Cowan, curates of the parish. This was seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. —. Wardrop replied, and in the course of his remarks said he was pleased to meet the members of the Association, and hoped this first visit to Wirksworth would not be their last.

Thanks to Mr. W. Fox and the other members of the Wirksworth band, for the great share they had taken in making the meeting a success, were proposed by Mr. W. Wakley, seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and Mr. W. Fox seconded a vote of thanks to the vice-president, who having replied, the meeting terminated.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival was held on Monday, July 10th, at Bletchley, with marked success. A peal of Stedman Triples, already recorded in our columns, under the leadership of the Master (his 997th in number), was brought round before Matins at 12.15 in the parish church. The Rector (Rev. W. Bennitt), read the prayers, the Master read the lesson, and the Archdeacon of Oxford (a vice-president of the Guild), was the preacher. He took his text from the lesson, 1 Cor. xiv., 8: "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" He reminded his hearers that the chapter from which the text was taken, appeals to Christian men to put their whole heart into public worship. It deprecated all that is unreal. The church bells filled the air with beautiful sound on Sunday mornings. The bellringers who did not aim at giving their best to God's service were not doing their duty. When they called Christians together for public worship on Sunday morning they must see to it that they did their part. The bells summoned Christians to worship. Christian worshippers should set forth Christ's work. If the sound was certain then they would teach their brothers to fight out the battle manfully. Christianity is the most manful thing in life. The Christian is not afraid to live a good life. Bell-ringers should give a certain sound—their life should answer to their profession. They had life's battle to fight, and it was their duty to do their best. They must give a certain sound. Thank God that they were members of the Guild. God gave them strength to ring—they must use God's gift in His service. Let them try to think of the text. Then they would endeavour to fight against sin, the flesh, and the devil, and so give a certain sound in Christian worship and in the purity of their lives.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the schoolroom. A noticeable feature in the election of officers was the selection of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for the newly-created post of Deputy-Master. No better

choice could be made, and his assistance should lighten the work of the Master.

The only other matter of special interest was the resolution to set apart the amounts received from Life Members, and Life subscribers to form a Reserve Fund. The Guild was never more prosperous either in numbers or finance. There were on January 1st 1525 members on the roll, of whom 1081 were change-ringers, and now that the branches had generously conceded two-thirds instead of one-half of their subscriptions to the General Fund, there is a good sufficiency of money, with the further good result that the branches have been able to enlist the help of more honorary members and have suffered no loss.

Luncheon was served in a marquee adjoining the school. About seventy-one sat down. Colonel Giles presided, and proposed the toasts of "The King," and "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," which were duly honoured.

The Master of the Guild responded. He thanked the Rector of Bletchley for the use of the church and belfry, and he thanked also the organist (Miss Gate) and the choir for assisting with the service. He (the Master) had for many years past taken an active part in bell-ringing. He had that morning, in Bletchley church tower, completed his 997th peal.

As Linslade, Newport Pagnell, Newton Dongville, and Fenny Stratford towers were open for ringing—unfortunately illness prevented ringing at Newport Pagnell—the members dispersed to the towers for more ringing. Among the occupants of Bletchley tower were Mr. A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary), Mr. George (Rugby), the well-known enthusiast Mr. V. Sear, and Mr. H. Sear, who brought home a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by Mr. George: also a 630, composed and conducted by Mr. George, was also brought round. The day's proceedings came to a most happy conclusion at 8.45.

Henley was chosen as the place for the annual meeting in 1906, and Wokingham was chosen as the place for the autumn meeting this year.

Mr. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary) desires on behalf of the Guild, to thank the Rector and churchwardens of Bletchley for the use of the church and tower; Mr. G. Cook for the use of his field, and all who so kindly contributed to the enjoyment and comfort of the Guild.

### EXETER.

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## COMPOSITION—ORIGINAL OR OTHERWISE.

I sometimes wonder how many compositions in a simple method like Bob Major have been put together during the last two hundred years. The number of those that have found their way into print is a goodly one; but of course that represents a very small part of the total. You take a man like Sottanstill, who lived to a good old age, and most of that time no doubt was busy with pencil and paper. How many peals did he produce? I should not like to say how many peals I have myself composed, thrown aside and forgotten. Small wonder then when we hear, as we are hearing every now and then, that Bob Major is worked out. And yet you will hardly ever make the assertion but someone will produce a peal which in some respects at any rate is different from what has already appeared. I am reminded of this by receiving within the last month or so, a couple of fine compositions from the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, who already has produced some of the most distinctive and original peals in the last Council Collection. So I suppose there is still scope for further work in the method. But the limits are very narrow. What strikes one very forcibly in reviewing the peals published up to say 1880, the start of "THE BELL NEWS," is that with the field practically clear, the old composers, I mean the old composers of first rank, confined themselves so much to imitations and even variations of other people's work.

Annabe gets a peal. Holt gets a variation and calls it his own, and a round score of people follow Holt's example. Reeves discovers his fine 13,440 Bob Major, and such men as Hubbard, Johnson and Harrison are not above passing off as their work the simplest variations of it. As for Sottanstill he had no more compunction in taking another man's work than the commonest pick-pocket. The result in reducing the number of really original peals published up to 1880 is surprising. When I was editing and selecting peals for the C.C. collection, it several times happened that under different names and slightly different forms the same peal appeared four or five, and in a few cases as many as eight or ten times. I should not like to say that in every case the theft was intentional. Even if you possess a good ringing library it is a somewhat tedious job to make a thorough search to see if your peal is original. And in the simpler plans of peals a composer must repeat what has already been done. He can't help it. But on the other hand it is pretty certain that the standard of variation and authorship was lower then than what it is now. Lower for this reason: that composers were fewer, and themselves the only people capable of judging their compositions. The advent of "THE BELL NEWS," which meant greater publicity and freer intercourse between ringers, has changed all that. Not that even now your ordinary composers always understand what a variation is. But things are improving. Now when a peal is published which is an impudent copy of an old one, the chances are ten to one that it is the work of ignorance.

A young man has a fancy to be a composer. Mostly he selects Bob Major for his maiden effort. He gets a peal, asks his friends if they have seen anything like it, and publishes. He does not know, how should he? how few are his chances of originality. And even if he has heard that the united wisdom of the Central Council has declared that the publication of worthless peals reflects great discredit on their authors, you must not suppose that he would class his work as "worthless." This is just where the Central Council resolution will miss its end.

Every now and then the interest in composition appears to die down. The older composers cease to publish, and no new ones appear. We go perhaps for months and never a peal in the paper. Then some one starts, and presently a small epidemic breaks out. We have had a long spell of quiet, and now we seem to be in for a period of activity (broken into recently, perhaps, by the publication of other necessary matter). Already we have had a series of "new" touches, and one or two peals by new names.

How shall we guard against them being "worthless?"

I see that some one has undertaken to write some chapters shewing how to ring the advanced methods. I should like to suggest that when he has finished that, if he has any patience left, he should try and write a few chapters on elementary composition. He would hardly have an easy task. It's not that there is anything so very difficult in understanding how to compose a peal of Bob Major, but it is an exceedingly difficult thing to put into words. The more one reads the various attempts to explain the elementary part of composition the more mystified one is likely to become. The best you can say about some of these efforts is that after you have found the thing for yourself you begin to realise what the man is driving at. I am not referring to the writings of Thompson, Heywood, Bulwer, Davies, and such-like. They are not elementary. If you care to have a joke with one of your friends go to him innocently and ask him to explain to you the in and out of course of the changes. He probably will know as much about the subject as anyone, but see how he gets himself involved in a tangle of meaningless words and contradictions, and probably in the end loses his temper trying to explain that two and two make four, and not three.

So while I emphasise the necessity for someone to write some really good hints on composition, what it is and what it is not, I warn the man who undertakes it that his task is anything but an easy one. But if he can do it well he will have done what no one else has been able to do up till now.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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## Correspondence.

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

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Continuing the parallel I drew the week before last between Bob Major and Grandsire Triples I argued that if a three-part touch of the first corresponded to the ten-part of the latter there ought to be a five-part touch of Bob Major to correspond with the six-part. I won't give my reasons for arguing this, because they do not amount to a proof. Anyhow, I found the touch I looked for, and here it is:—

(a)	23456	W	M	R	(b)	32465	W	M	R
	64235	-	-	-		43265	-	-	-
	26435	-	-	-		24365	-	-	-
	42635	-	-	-		53462	-	-	-
	63425	-	-	-		45362	-	-	-
	46325	-	-	-		34562	-	-	-
	36425	-	-	-		25346	-	-	-

Each to be repeated four times, and if the two halves are joined by an in-course single you will have a touch of 6720 changes containing the extent of the method (in-course). (b) is the direct reverse of (a). That is the calling of (b) starts from the last R of (a) in reverse order. In the same way the second half of Holt's 6-part is the direct reverse of the first half. So that so far as I can see, both in the ten-part and the six-part the two halves start from the same place, but while in the six-part that place is where a call can be made in the ten-part that place is half-way between where calls are made. Mr. Davies' illustrations bear this out. But Mr. Davies seems to argue that because we start to ring at a certain row in the tower the peal must start there. That is a fallacy. The reverse of no touch or peal of Grandsire Triples can ever start at a lead-end. It must start either at the place where a bob can be called or midway between two such places. Again the reverse of a peal of Double Norwich starts not from the course-end but from the lead next before, though we always write it out as if it started at the course-ends. All the same I fully agree with Mr. Davies that Jasper Snowdon meant that the two halves of the ten-part are direct reverses as we usually understand the term, and meaning so he was wrong.

I will just give a Bob Major illustration of the difference in the reversal of Holt's ten-part and six-part.

(a)	23456	W	R	(b)	23456	W	R	(c)	23456	M	R
	45236	-	-		45236	-	-		64352	-	-
	24536	-	-		34256	-	-		36452	-	-
	52436	-	-		53246	-	-		43652	-	-
	43526	-	-		24536	-	-		26354	-	-
	54326	-	-		32546	-	-		32654	-	-
	35426	-	-		43526	-	-		63254	-	-
	42356	-	-		52436	-	-		42356	-	-
	34256	-	-		35426	-	-		34256	-	-
	23456	-	-		23456	-	-		23456	-	-

(c) is the direct reverse of (a) every composer will recognise that (b) is in some way or other a variation of (a) but I don't think anyone has ever before pointed out how it is a variation. It is got from (a) by reversing from a point midway between home and wrong.

As (b) is the reverse of (a) so is the second half of the ten-part the reverse of the first.

As (c) is got from (a) so is the second half of the six-part the reverse of the first.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—I should like to say that in my opinion the solution of the question as to where begins the calling of the reverse half of a peal depends simply upon the kind of single employed.

If the peal is of the nature of Holt's ten-part, i.e., if the two halves are equal and each half the reverse of the other, then in the process of composition the two halves must grow simul-

taneously. Whatever lead-ends are employed in the first half you must have in the second half for each one of them that lead which stands in the relation 257364 to it. The consequence is that when your first half is finished whether it be two-part, six-part or ten-part the second half is also done. The only question which remains is where the singles will unite the halves. If Holt's singles are employed all that is necessary is to find where 235476 occurs in the second half and begin the calling from that point. If this lead occur (as in a 6-part it will may) in the first half then some other single such as 325467 must be employed.

Below, to make my meaning plain, I have written out the first part of Holt's ten-part peal with the corresponding part of the second half along side; but in order not to have the figures upside down I have written the latter upwards from the bottom.

It will be seen that each row stands in the relation 257364 to its own correspondent.

Now if we chose to substitute for Holt's the single 325467 we should have to begin the calling of the second half from the row which stands fourth in the second column (really fourth from the bottom) and call bobs at the intervals 12155523215.

234567	257364
752634	764532
765423	743625
347265	325467
324576	356274
352647	367542
365724	374625
376452	342756
243576	256473
254637	267534
265743	273645
276354	234756
237465	245367
542637	567432
765342	732645
736254	724356
427536	456237
452673	463572
465327	437625
734265	725364
723546	756243
657423	643527
645372	632475
634257	627354
623745	675243
672534	654732
456372	432576
435267	427365
423756	476253
472635	465732
467523	453627
354267	327564
325746	376245
372654	364752
367425	345627
346572	352476
253746	276543

and the part-end comes four plain leads after. The part-ends would then be—

423675  
624753  
726534  
527346  
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## ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

Three more red-letter days were added to the already long list of such in the records of this society, at Whitsuntide, when, at the invitation of Mr. Churchwarden Davies, vice-president, and his son, Mr. A. J. Davies, of Downham Market, ten members again took an extended ringing tour through the West Norfolk district.

The party, which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Davies, Miss N. Watson, Messrs. A. J. Carter, R. Fenn, E. Fenn, Geo. Faulkner, A. C. Hardy, G. Cottis, and Tom Faulkner, had a pleasant journey from Liverpool street, marred only by a misadventure which left one member of the party behind at Cambridge. He turned up, however, at the tea-table at The Castle hotel, Downham, which was again the head quarters during the stay. A peal of Stedman Triples had been arranged for Saturday evening at St. Edmund's, Downham, but after about two hours splendid ringing it came to grief.

On Sunday morning all were early astir, ringing some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich before and after the early celebration. Punctually at 9 o'clock a large motor-car, again provided by the kindness of Mr. Davies, appeared, and soon was on the road to Wisbech, where arrangements had been made to ring for morning service at St. Peter's. Some Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise, probably the first on the bells, were rung. Another capital run of about 12 miles and King's Lynn was reached, and on the magnificent ring of ten, tenor 36 cwt., at St. Margaret's church Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung. Luncheon and ringing for afternoon service at Swaffham came next. For evening service Swaffham had been selected, a journey of another 15 miles brought the party to that place in good time for tea and 1½ hours for ringing. Stedman, Grandsire, Superlative, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were rung here in fine style. After evening service Stow (again by request of the Vicar and the local ringers) was visited, London Surprise and Stedman Triples being rung. Downham was reached at 8.40, and in response to a wish expressed by the Rector, the hand-bells were rung on the rectory lawn.

Monday was a longer day, a much greater distance having to be travelled. Two motor-cars were ready at 9 o'clock, and graced by the company of the ladies of the party, were soon on the road to Mildenhall, a journey of 25 miles. The first disappointment was found here, as the bells of St. Mary's went very badly. Two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and it was thought advisable, in view of the long day's work, not to attempt the higher methods. A special treat was next in store: two rings at Bury St. Edmunds were reserved for the use of the Barking visitors as long as they could stay there. At St. Mary's, eight bells, was rung some Stedman Triples and London Surprise. After luncheon, the Norman tower, with its ring of ten beautiful bells, famous through all England for their splendid tone, was visited. This structure, which is used as a bell-tower for the neighbouring church of St. James, is reputed to be the purest example of Norman architecture in Great Britain. Two touches of Stedman Caters was all that time allowed, as Newmarket had to be reached by 4 o'clock. Ringing for a short time at All Saints church, the party proceeded to Soham, where on the ten fine-toned bells at St. Andrew's a touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung. A capital run home of 35 miles, and The Castle hotel, Downham, was safely reached at 9.30.

After supper a social hour was spent, during which hearty votes of thanks were passed to Messrs E. A. and A. J. Davies for their kindness in taking the trouble to once more arrange the details of such an excursion, details which took them many weeks to complete. Mr. A. J. Davies, responding, said what he had done was very little indeed. He hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves, and if ever they cared to come that way again he would do all he could to make arrangements.

Mr. A. E. Davies said it gave him a great amount of pleasure to be with the St. Margaret's ringers, not only on the present occasion, but at all times, for he had a warm and kindly feeling towards them. He would do anything he was able to further change-ringing at Barking, and so strengthen the unity and good feeling which he knew at present existed.

Tuesday morning another attempt was made on Downham bells for the peal of Stedman Triples, which was unsuccessful.

After breakfast the motor was again in readiness to convey the party to have a ring at Hilgay. Here some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a touch of Cambridge Surprise to wind up the tour with. Barking was reached on Tuesday evening, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The weather was splendidly fine, and everything went off without a hitch. The ringing at all places, except Mildenhall was very good throughout. As on the last occasion, great interest was taken by the inhabitants of the various towns and villages. At Downham the ringing was the subject of much comment, and was listened to with the keenest interest. At Swaffham some of the band were warmly thanked by members of the congregation for their excellent ringing. At Stow on Sunday evening a good number of people waited in the vicinity of the church to hear the music of the bells, being well rewarded by splendidly-struck touches of Stedman and London Surprise. "Thank you very much," "When are you coming again?" "Wish you were stopping longer," were among the many remarks passed as the party left.

At Soham, a small country village in Cambridgeshire, the last call on Whit-Monday evening, a large crowd had assembled to hear their bells rung by "they London ringers." Here, in the early part of the last century, there was a first-rate company of ringers, as the tablets on the belfry walls show; but ringing has been allowed to die out. It is hoped that this visit to these out-of-the-way places will do some good by inducing the local men to take up the study, and practice the art of change-ringing.

## THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY, EXETER.

The members of this Society visited Plymouth for their annual outing on Saturday, July 8th, being favoured with glorious weather. On arrival at Devonport, and the inner man satisfied they proceeded to the Dockyard, where they had arranged to spend a couple of hours. At the gates a policeman met them and showed them round. The sights were many and varied, the two battleships in dry dock and the ill-fated submarine A8 exciting most attention, while in the workshops the steam hammers, powerful punches and the machines designed for cutting iron as easily as if it were cheese, attracted much attention. After seeing the Dockyard the party boarded a tram and rode to St. George's church Stonehouse, where a well-struck 518 of Grandsire Triples was tapped off. Dinner was the next performance, which was well provided at Sleeman's restaurant, presided over by the Rector, and to which all did ample justice. Dinner over the trams were again patronised, the party proceeding to Emmanuel Church, Compton, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were indulged in, in which two local ringers took part, the "go" of this fine new ring being all that could be desired. After this the party separated, some embarking for H.M.S. "Cambridge (gunnery school), while the rest made tracks for the Hoe to hear the band and see the Sound. All re-assembled at Sleeman's for tea, and afterwards strolled slowly station-wards, the train time coming far too soon.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1905.

THERE is a rumour current that a ringing Association or Guild for the new diocese of Birmingham is about to be formed. It is said that the proposal has emanated from the St. Martin's Guild of that city; and the idea gains ground that the Guild will, if the proposals before the members are carried out, become merged into the diocesan organization. We should be among the first to welcome a Guild of Ringers for the young diocese, with the various Church dignitaries in connection therewith, but it would be a matter of regret if the St. Martin's Guild was absorbed by the new body. The

Guild has a valuable and interesting history completely its own, which should never become endangered by absorption. The members of the Guild can influence the growth of a Diocesan Association in their individual capacity and collectively, but let them by all means preserve the old local Guild, and the honour and standing it enjoys in the Exercise.

We have always been in favour of a Diocesan Guild or Association, and now that changes have been effected in the diocese of Worcester, it would be well if a change took place in the name and jurisdiction of the Worcestershire Association.

### CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A large clock with Cambridge chimes has just been erected in the parish church here by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and was made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm recently erected the clock and chimes in the neighbouring church of Dursley.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Mary's, Eccleston. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and touches of Bob Minor. College Single and Kent Treble Bob was rung before an adjournment to The Blue Anchor was made. Here a splendid repast was waiting, and received great attention. The ringers being loud in their praises both of the excellent quality of the food, and also of the generosity of the Rev. H. W. Bretherton, Rector of Eccleston, in providing for them.

The business meeting followed. Mr. R. Sanderson was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. R. Taylor was nominated branch representative to the Committee of the Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the local company, and to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The next meeting fixed for August 26th, will be held at Penwortham. A move was then made to the tower where a few more touches were rung, after which tracks were made for home. The church is kept in a beautiful condition. The rectory grounds were open to ringers, and the bells go excellent.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

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Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

### The Provinces.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

F. MASON .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. . 5.
F. FARRANT* .. .. 2.	G. ATKINS' .. .. . 6.
SAM MASON .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. . 7.
G. HARDWICK .. .. 4.	C. DAWSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal in the method.

#### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE W. BRION† .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT .. .. . 5.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 4.	ROBERT ROFFEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal in the method away from the tenor. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 999th peal. The conductor will attempt his 1000th peal at Drayton on August 7th.

#### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES .. Treble.	*ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN* .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 6.
THOMAS HOBTON .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. . 7.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal in the method.

#### SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 20, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. . 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. . 6.
GEORGE SWANN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. . 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. PIGOTT.

#### NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDON .. Treble.	JONAH COTTRELL .. .. 4.
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITEHURST .. 5.
JOHN R. BURGESS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. CARTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 37th birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.



## WORCESTER.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by T. J. SALTER.

First peal in the method in the city of Worcester. W. Page was unable to take part in the peal owing to illness.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE† .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	*JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAME .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method. \*First peal in the method away from the treble.

## COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

PERCIVAL PRICE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD .. .. 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. PRICE .. 6.
REV. M. H. PIMM* .. .. 3.	E. J. OLIVER .. .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR J. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Rev. M. H. Pimm.

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT RUFFELLS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MCKEGG .. .. 5.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH .. 3.	JAMES EVINSON .. .. 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 4.	JOHN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 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 12 cwt.

GEORGE PICKERING† .. Treble.	J. H. LENTON .. .. 5.
JOHN WEDGWOOD* .. .. 2.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUDD .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
THOMAS H. PINKNEY† .. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This peal was arranged for R. Newton who hails from Manchester, and is his first peal in the method. †First 5000. \*First peal with a bob bell.

## LIMPSFIELD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, THE CHART,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE BROWN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. COWLARD .. 4.
ALFRED A. JARRETT* .. 2.	*SAMUEL G. HEATH .. 5.
EDWARD J. HOAD .. .. 3.	DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

\*First peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

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

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

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—O. Wiles.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. CATTERWELL, 64, MARKS ROAD,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	SERGEANT-MAJOR PYE .. 7-8.

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

Umpire—H. W. Catterwell. The above is the first peal rung in hand by four brothers, and was rung as a farewell peal to A. Pye who is leaving Woolwich for Salisbury.

## Date Touches.

MINEHEAD (Somersetshire).—On Wednesday, June 21st, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Reed, F. Farrant, G. Stacey, C. E. D. Bouflower, C. Summers, G. A. Atkins, H. Moore conductor, C. Dawson.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. A. Coard, S. H. Green, G. G. Margetson, K. C. Fox, J. Kimberley, G. A. Black conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor for many years by an entirely local band. After service 720 in the same method standing aa before.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, June 28th, for practice, 336 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Roope, E. Barrett, W. Steele, F. Roope, F. Surridge, C. Baker, W. Roope, F. Borrett.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Saturday, May 20th, the Bearsted ringers paid a visit to this place, and were entertained to tea by the Rev. A. L. Brine. Afterwards 720 Bob Minor was rung. E. Pollard, W. Cheesman, G. Foster, Rev. A. L. Brine, G. Burbridge, J. Shorter conductor. This is a curious ring of six, the bells run 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 6, left-handed, which makes it bad for strange ringers.

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## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. G. Woods, A. Latham, W. Fitchford, F. Goldstraw, F. Mountford, S. Churton conductor, J. Titterton, H. Roberts.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

LEA (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 18th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Butler, R. Dawson, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, E. Credland, G. Wilson conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Credland, F. Butler conductor, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, R. Dawson, G. Wilson. First 720s of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARRINGTON (Cambs.).—On Thursday, June 8th, 720 College Single. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkinson (conductor, R. King. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, R. King, R. Wilkinson, A. King, E. Bonnett conductor. The above are the first in the methods on the bells. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Wilkinson, E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, A. King, R. Wilkinson, R. King conductor. Owing to a death in the village the bells were rung half-muffled according to custom.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH Bucks. BRANCH.)

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Thursday, July 20th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. Henry, H. Sear, F. Hedges, A. E. Powell, E. Marks, H. Hopkins, J. George composer and conductor, V. Sear, First quarter-peal by A. E. Powell.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COLSTON BASSETT (Notts.).—On Saturday, July 15th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. Rev. M. H. Pimm, J. Wagstaff, W. E. White, A. Spencer, A. Faulkes, W. Allison, W. Hexter conductor, T. Squires.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Monday, July 10th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Sear, C. Herbert, E. Herbert, A. E. Powell, A. E. Reeves, H. Hopkins, J. George conductor, V. Sear. Also 686 Grandsire Triples. T. Henry, F. Vickers, M. Lane, A. E. Powell, H. Sear, H. Hopkins, J. George conductor, F. Mawby.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 11th, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. H. Turner, H. Day, E. Broome, F. Day, G. Day, E. Poppy, D. Brunning, T. Turner. Rung for the 7 o'clock celebration.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. R. Manning, E. Ruck, A. Gower, E. Turner, G. Paine, F. W. Crunden, S. Gower conductor, H. A. Pettis. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. R. Manning, W. Fright, jun., A. Gower, E. Ruck, C. Turner, S. Binfield, A. Gower, G. Paine. And a plain course of Stedman Triples.

IVINGHOE (Bucks.).—On Saturday, July 8th, the ringers of St. Barnabas church, Linslade, visited this place, and by kind permission of the Rev. T. Harvey rang at St. Mary's church some touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and two 180s of Bob Minor. The local band also rang some call-changes. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. T. Harvey for giving them permission to ring, and the local band for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.—On Thursday, June 29th, at St. Paul's church, Hammer-smith, after meeting short for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. R. Mackrill, J. Kent, E. F. Cole, C. C. Cox, A. F. Harris, J. E. Davis conductor, F. Skevington, G. W. Coombes. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, June 11th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. C. Pilcher, F. F. Hill, H. Day, J. Bourne, G. A. Goodman, H. George, J. Pagett conductor, T. Clarke.

SEAFORD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, June 6th, at the church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. C. Morling, W. R. Madgwick, T. R. Morling, W. Clayton, B. Simmons, G. Piper, F. Bennett conductor, A. Banks. Also 504 in the same method. F. Bennett conductor, W. R. Madgwick, J. C. Morling, W. Clayton, B. Simmons, E. C. Morling, F. W. Harding, A. Banks.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently at Christ Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. A. Smith, A. Clay, J. Dar-

lington, H. Smith, F. Smith, J. Godber, W. Thompson conductor. For practice 448 Double Norwich. F. Smith, J. Darlington, G. A. Smith conductor, H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. Clay, J. Godber, W. Thompson. Also a 560, standing as above, J. Johnson conductor. And 420 Stedman Triples. G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, F. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, A. Clay, Rev. H. P. Barchard.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

BY J. A. TROLLOPE.

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The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

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The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161: their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.**

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.					
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital .. .. .	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities .. .. .	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds .. .. .	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities .. .. .	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds .. .. .	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds .. .. .	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Claim unife policie admitted .. .. .	..	..	147,936	16	5	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates .. .. .	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
						Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties .. .. .	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
						Freehold and leasehold property .. .. .	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
						Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
						Railway, Gas and Water Stocks .. .. .	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
						Suez Canal shares .. .. .	..	..	165,742	7	5
						Telegraph and other shares .. .. .	..	..	97,789	2	6
						Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds .. .. .	..	..	267,930	13	7
						Bank of England stock .. .. .	..	..	200,359	18	6
						Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks .. .. .	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
						Foreign Government securities .. .. .	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
						Reversions and Life Interests .. .. .	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
						Loans on Company's Policies .. .. .	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
						Rent Charges .. .. .	..	..	308,901	7	10
						Outstanding premiums and agents' balances .. .. .	..	..	403,073	18	8
						Outstanding interest and rents .. .. .	..	..	456,268	15	3
						Cash—In hands of superintendents .. .. .	..	..	35,155	17	0
						Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand.. .. .	..	..	221,237	1	8
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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

15th February, 1905.

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on Tuesdays, August 1st and 29th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on August 15th; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, August 10th and 24th.

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

**The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Crayford to-day, Sat., July 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. in the parish room, the Rector in the chair.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
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**Halifax and District Association.**—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will take place to-day, Sat., July 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints parish church, Old Glossop, to-day, Sat., July 29th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.

CHAS. BOWERS, *Sec.*  
25, Chadwick Street.

**The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.**—A meeting will be held at Dagenham to-day, Sat., July 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham to-day, Sat., July 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at The Cricketers' Arms at 5.15 p.m.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley to-day, Sat., July 29th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Ye Olde Whyte Hart at 5.30. Meeting after.

CHARLES DRAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact a good attendance of members is earnestly requested.

J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 5th. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as important business will be brought forward. If permission can be obtained, members may have a look through the Hall grounds. It is expected that the committee will have a meeting also.

J. SMITH, *Branch Secretary.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The August meeting will be held at Newton Hall, Stocksfields-on-Tyne, on Saturday, August 5th. The six bells in St. James' church (tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members during the day. Tea at Mr. John Symms, The Wellington inn, at 5 o'clock. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those in-

tending to be present must notify the Secretary by Tuesday, August 1st.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, August 5th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Monday, August 7th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. The Rector has kindly consented to preside at the tea and business meeting at 5.30. Members intending to be present, please notify the undersigned by Thursday, August 3rd.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shanklin on Monday, August 7th. Tea, followed by business meeting will be held at the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Any one requiring tea kindly let me know by August 1st.

Fareham J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern Division.**—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Monday, August 7th, when the tower of St. Michael's (ten bells), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea to members 6d. each, non-members 9d. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed. Those requiring tea please inform me by August 3rd.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

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**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**Kent County Association.—Rochester District.**—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, *Sec.*  
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**The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.**—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting that was to have been held at Speldhurst in July is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Devonshire Guild.—Exeter (Devon).**—No practice at the Cathedral during August.

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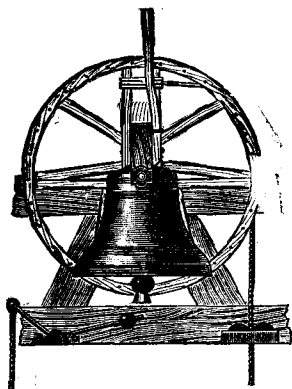
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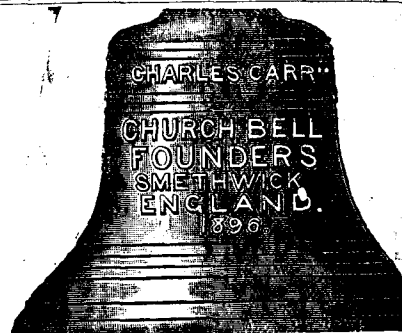
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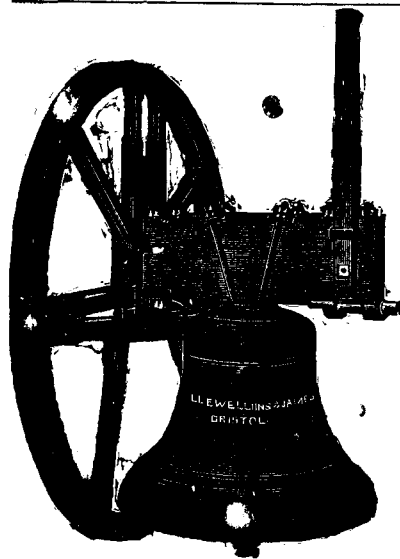
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

BALDERSBY (Yorks). St. James. Eight bells; all by Taylor about 1857. Tenor 24 cwt. Iron (?) frame. Bells do not go well, and require repairs. The steeple-keeper writes that there are neither ringers nor funds, and that he has rung the bells four years by himself. Ropes good. A chiming apparatus is fitted.

BANGOR (North Wales). St. David. North Wales Association. Eight bells; all by Mears 1888. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1902. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10, 5 to 5.30, and 6.50 to 7. Practice: Saturday, 5.30.

BARMOUTH (North Wales). North Wales Association. Eight bells; all by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1902. Method: Grandsire in whole pulls. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.25. No regular practice.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants). St. Michael and All Angels. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 3rd by Lester, 1766; 2nd by Read, 1751; 4th by Mears, 1841; 5th and tenor by Knight, 1670; 6th, no name or date; 7th, 1602: founder unknown. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Blackburn, 1894. Ropes new 1902, supplied as necessary. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, 3 to 3.30, and 6 to 6.30 except in Lent. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

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### RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS.

The bells at this parish church, which have lately been restored, have been re-dedicated. The work was entrusted to Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury. Five of the six bells in the tower have been re-tuned and quarter-turned, while the tenor, weighing about 14 cwt., which was cracked some eleven years since, has been re-cast. This work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The bells were originally cast in 1770 by Pennington, and on the tenor is the following inscription: "I call the quick to church and the dead to grave. Cast T. P. and Co., 1770. Recast 1905. Thomas Wright Little, rector; John Cook and George Snell, churchwardens." The work has cost about £200. About £50 was raised by a sale in July of last year, which, together with the subscriptions, nearly made up the amount. The oak framework in which the bells are set, and the fittings, are almost entirely new.

It is six years since the church, which had been restored, was re-opened. The present work has been satisfactorily carried out, and the parish now possesses a set of bells which are worthy of the church. The architect under whose supervision the work was carried out is Mr. Fellows Prynn, of London.

The festival was commenced with early Communion. A public luncheon was held at mid-day, to which a large number sat down. Mrs. T. Lang and Mrs. Brealy made admirable arrangements. This was followed in the afternoon by a short thanksgiving service. The church presented a prepossessing appearance, having been tastefully decorated with flowers for the occasion by the ladies of the parish. Mrs. Little was responsible for the altar and the stalls, Mrs. Sloman and Mrs. Mannell for the font, and Mrs. Stuart and Miss Hockerty for the windows.

The surpliced clergy present were the Revs. T. W. Little (Rector), Canon Kempthorne (Rector of Liverpool), J. Worthington (Rural Dean), A. B. Portman (Rector of Corton, near Sherborne), H. R. Kruger (Jacobstowe), E. S. Thorne and F. Robinson (Merton). Mrs. Little presided at the harmonium. The choir and clergy formed a procession during the singing of the hymn "Pleasant are Thy courts above," leaving the building by the main entrance and re-entering by the west door. A halt made in the centre aisle, and after the Rector had offered prayer the bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean. The church was filled to overflowing for the ceremony. The Rev. J. Worthington preached an appropriate sermon, and the bells were rung by the parish ringers, and ringers from Northtawton, Southtawton, Winkleigh, and Okehampton. At evensong the Rev. Canon Kempthorne was the preacher. The day was delightfully fine, and was observed as a general holiday. Games were played in the rectory grounds, and were followed by a public tea. The Northtawton brass band was in attendance.

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## ETWALL PARISH CHURCH, DERBYSHIRE.

A new peal of bells were opened at this church on Wednesday, July 26th, when the service was conducted by the Bishop of Derby (Dr. Were), assisted by the Rural Dean (Canon Madon, of Doveredge), and the Vicar (Rev. G. L. Dickenson), after which the bells were opened by six members of the Midland Counties Association, who rang a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Thompson, J. Thompson, G. Basson, J. Davies, H. Found, A. E. Thompson (conductor). And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with A. Hughes, Esq. on the treble.

Tea was served in a tent kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Banks, of Derby, and fixed on the field of Mr. Camp. After tea the ringers again visited the tower, and rang a 720 in the same method. The belfry had but three bells, but now has a splendid peal of six. The work was entrusted to Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who hung the six bells in a new iron frame, and to whom praise is due, the "go" and tone being in every way satisfactory.

## THE JUBILEE OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DEPTFORD, KENT.

Fifty years ago, on July 19th, 1855, the above church was consecrated to the glory and worship of God, and great were the rejoicings of the congregation of this beautiful church during the week. The Sunday preceding the 19th was the first day in connection with the Anniversary, the pulpit at the morning service being occupied by the only surviving of the three former Vicars of the church, the Rev. Evelyn J. Hane, now Rector of Esher. In addition to the usual ringing before service, a touch was rung after service to welcome the former Vicar, who expressed himself as being pleased with the welcome given him by the new band of ringers. The anniversary day itself was begun in good style. 7.0 a.m. was the order, and at 7.0 a.m. the bells were raised one by one, and ringing commenced, and when at 7.45 we were in the Queens, we fired twenty-one whole pulls. A few more changes followed, and the bells were called round.

In the evening a full choral service was held, the preacher being the Ven. Archdeacon of London, who gave some interesting statistics and spoke of the fifty years good work of the church. When St. John's was first built it was in the diocese of London, and under the Archdeaconry of Middlesex, and it was the then Archdeacon of Middlesex (Archdeacon Sinclair), the present Archdeacon of London's uncle, who was so instrumental in procuring the funds for the founding of St. John's church. Previous to the formation of the Southwark diocese, St. John's was in the diocese of Rochester. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung (as it was not convenient to attempt the commemoration peal.) So ended the anniversary day.

On Thursday evening the Vicar gave a garden party in the beautiful grounds of the vicarage adjoining the church, and needless to say, it was well attended. On this occasion it was decided to open the belfry to the inspection of any friends. Now there are a lot of people in the neighbourhood who would like to see the bells tied up, never to be rung again; but none the more for that, the ringers who have worked hard during the beginning of the week in decorating the ringing-chamber, were kept hard at it all the evening in conducting people to the ringing-chamber, and giving them a little idea of ringing matters, and all expressed their delight with their visit, and their

great surprise at finding a belfry such a nice place. I doubt whether any tower has received so great a number of visitors in so little time.

A short touch was rung during the evening, and some selections given on the handbells by Messrs. J. E. Davis, W. J. Jeffries, and F. W. Richardson. R.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western division of the above Association was held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 29th, when members and friends attended from Romford, Hornchurch, West Ham, Barking, Leytonstone, Woodford, Waterford (Ireland), Hornsey, and Bethnal Green. The ringing included a 720 of Kent, rung by Messrs. Doran, Fenn, Livermore, Moule, Hayes, and Torble (conductor). Two 720s of London were attempted, but were unfortunately lost, and Cambridge met with a similar fate. Touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent, and Grandsire Doubles kept the bells employed till a late hour. At the business meeting held in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. Hughes (Rector of Woodford), was elected an honorary member, and one non-resident life member and five resident members were elected.

Loughton had been decided on as the place of the next meeting, but a card was read from the Rector of Loughton saying that through illness near the church, he might not be able to give the necessary permission. After some discussion it was decided to hold the meeting at Hornchurch, should Loughton not be available. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Dagenham for the use of his bells, and the hope expressed that the Dagenham company would make rapid progress, some already having mastered Doubles.

Dagenham church originally consisted of a tower surmounted by a spire, a nave and aisle and a chancel, the latter built in the eleventh century. The nave being in need of repair, the services of an architect were called in. Happily he spared the early English chancel, but the nave and aisle were pulled down and replaced by a cubical box, with galleries in the debased style of the early nineteenth century, when church architecture was at its worst. The stone tower he based in red brick; built a semi-circular porch with classical columns, and finished his vandalism by carving his name and the date (1800) over the porch to go down to posterity as a lasting monument of ugliness. We can only be thankful that he left us the chancel almost untouched. The bells are a nice ring of six, tenor 13 cwt. They go very well, but are a little noisy near the church.

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### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29th, a very pleasant quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at North Stoneham. The bells were set in motion about 2 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung. A good tea was provided by Mrs. Porter, of The Cricketer's Arms, at 5.15, at which thirty-three members were present. After tea the Rector (Rev. Kenworthy Browne), gave a very interesting account of the church and bells, and regretted he had only a ring of six bells, but hoped he might be able to increase the number to eight. It is a very light musical ring in the key of A, the six bells only weighing about 27 cwt. Members attended from Winchester Cathedral, Upham, Southampton, Eastleigh, Wickham, North Stoneham and Fareham; also Messrs. Card, Ward, Wernham, Paice, Saxby and Parker (Edmonton); E. S. Poll (Walthamstow); and H. W. Stanley (Tottenham).

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Northwich Branch of the above Guild was held at Hartford on Saturday, July 29th, and it will be ranked as one of the most pleasant and well-attended meetings in the history of the branch. Mr. Hatt-Cook, the chairman of the branch, entertained the ringers to tea in the schoolroom, and afterwards at his residence, Hartford Hall, where several selections were played on the handbells by the Great Budworth ringers. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept merrily going. Several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung, and also a 720 of Bob Minor by T. Gregory, T. Moore, A. Booth, S. Moore, H. Yarwood, J. Ashmole. And a 720 of Treble Bob. S. Moore, A. Booth, R. Chantler, T. Moore, H. Yarwood, J. Ashmole. Before dispersing hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. Hatt-Cook for the kind manner in which he had entertained the ringers during the afternoon.

### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, July 15th, nineteen members of this society explored part of Kent for their annual outing. Meeting at Charing Cross, Penshurst was reached at 11 o'clock. Brakes being in waiting, a two-mile drive brought us to Chiddingstone, a 17th century village. The church has recently been restored, and the bells rehung. The bells were soon set going to Double Norwich and Stedman, after which a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung in the churchyard. After a lovely drive, partly through a private park, Penshurst village was reached, dinner at The Leicester Arms being the next item on the programme (a most successful item owing to the energies of host French, who also provided most comfortable brakes). Ringing at Penshurst was somewhat curtailed, owing to the close proximity of the rectory, the sound of the bells beating down and causing much discomfort. Boarding the brakes again, Speldhurst was next visited, after alternate riding and walking owing to the hilly country. Ringing in various methods brought tea-time. As the guests of Miss Leny, who was unable to be present tea was served to the party in the old oak room of The George and Dragon inn, said to have seen the days of the third Edward. Tradition tells us that the Kentish bow-

men who were among the heroes of Agincourt, held revel here in 1415, in the spacious hall, the smoke from their fire-logs escaping through the roof.

Tonbridge, the last tower on the list was reached about 8 o'clock, after another up and down drive, Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob completing the day's ringing. The thanks of the party are due and are hereby accorded to Miss Leny and the Vicar of Fulham for their kind hospitality; to the respective clergy for the use of their bells, and to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness. E.

### PATRIARCHAL PARISH CLERKS.

Dr. Creighton, the late Bishop of London, used to say that the parish clerks of England are almost as interesting as the unique old edifices of which they are the proud, if occasionally eccentric, custodians. From time to time they furnish proof of Sir James Crichton Browne's theory as to the normal age of the human race. One of these patriarchs, according to the new number of the parish magazine, is Mr. Lupson, the parish clerk of Great Yarmouth, who has held office for forty-two years, during which he has only been three days absent. In this long period Mr. Lupson has been present at nearly 12,000 marriages.

But Mr. Lupson, though a veteran, seems a mere youth compared with Mr. James Carne, the parish clerk of St. Columb Minor, in Cornwall, who still strenuously performs his duties in his 101st year. His longevity is probably hereditary, for the office of clerk has been held by the Carne family for three generations.

MINEHEAD (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, May 28th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 46 mins. J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Stacey, G. Atkins, C. Summers, J. R. Jones, H. Moore conductor, C. Dawson. On Sunday, June 4th, for Divine Service, 1344 Bob Major in 50 mins. J. Reed, S. Mason, J. Stacey, J. Pugsley, C. Summers, S. Mason, J. R. Jones, H. Moore conductor.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is a long time since you have seen this headline, longer than I care to say. Since my last we have all got older, and I hope wiser, beings. With some of us, perhaps, more wisdom was wanted, and on the other hand—says one who is looking over my shoulder while writing—"perhaps not." Some people will tell you they don't want wisdom, or sense, or learning, or anything else that needs a little trouble to grasp. Such as these are too idle to take the least grain of trouble to improve themselves in anything, and thus their minds get stunted and sluggish. The phrase—"Knowledge is power" they pooh-pooh. They "can do without knowledge," they have "learnt all they want to," and so forth, having, after all, neither wisdom or understanding.

But I must stop this kind of moralising, or whatever it may be called, else some of you will be telling me that I have, after this long silence, begun again with a sermon. Well, a sermon is a very good thing in its way, provided always that the preacher knows how to preach. You know that preaching, like many other things, alters—some people would say "progresses"—with the times. It may be so. I can't help thinking that many of the old pulpit divines of, say, 30 or 40 years ago, have not their equals in great number at the present day. I heard a sermon the other week which occupied almost an hour, during which the congregation became restless, and I think some were pained. Some years ago I heard a man, a very great scholar, preach in Westminster Abbey. He was not very eminent as a preacher, yet his sermon lasted one hour and a quarter, and the congregation could have put up with another half-hour at least. Why? Because this gentleman possessed what, for want of a better definition, I may call "pulpit art." And this art many clergy possess unknowingly. I once heard one of our ringing clergymen in the pulpit—a great scholar, it is true, perhaps the greatest among us. Many of my readers may still remember the occasion, and how some of us talked favorably about the sermon, and the preacher, in the churchyard afterwards. But I must draw a line here.

There is one little matter which, if it did not amuse, at the time interested me a little, and that was the Rugby episode. After the exertions made to get the peal augmented at Mugby—I beg pardon, I mean Rugby—and after every one had come to look upon the Mugby—that is, the Rugby society, as a most particularly happy family, there came a blow-up. Every one knows my old friend James George, who had worked hard to get the bells, and a good company together there. For some years he acted as leader to this society—a sort of bear-leader, some would say. It is rather a loud name, that of "Ringing-Master," but it meets with the approval of good men. Well, James was happy in being the holder of this office at Mugby—(I keep on writing this, but you will know I mean Rugby), and that fact made things pleasant all round, no doubt, for he made his generosity felt. Why ever did these Rugbeians alter such a pleasant condition of things? In disgust James resigns, and leaves the tower altogether, and the company is without that particular member whose liberality was always to the fore when needed. What Mug(beian)s they must have been, surely.

I see that James (the aforesaid) who is so ubiquitous,

has done a deal in the way of peal-ringing lately. He has been according to the "B.N." here, there, and everywhere. He must travel many miles in the course of a year, though he is not a cyclist like old Joe Waghorn. And they all like Jack—I mean George. Even some of the Rugbeians love him, and wish him back again. If I were them, I should ask him to return, and let bygones be bygones.

The following paragraph is from a daily paper sent to me:—

"SIR FRANCIS BURDETT'S CHURCH.—St. Stephen's, Westminster, which under the Bishop of London's scheme will absorb the adjoining parish of St. Mary, Vincent Square, is of considerable interest to London Progressives, being associated with a celebrated democrat who played a prominent part in the politics of a hundred years ago. This handsome edifice was erected in 1847 at a cost of £30,000 by the present Lady Burdett-Connors as a memorial to her father, Sir Francis Burdett, who was for thirty years the radical M.P. for Westminster. The old Duke of Wellington, though a Tory of the Tories, so highly appreciated the sturdy independence of Burdett's character that he presented the handsome crimson altar-frontal. There exists an Order in Council which stipulates that nobody is to be buried in St. Stephen's church except the foundress, for whose interment directions are given. It is pleasant to reflect that this order, though issued half a century ago, still remains inoperative, for the philanthropic foundress is to-day among our national possessions."

Those readers who have rung at the church mentioned will recollect the ringing-chamber very well. The pendulum of the clock hangs in the centre of the compartment, and sways to and fro like other church pendulums. A novel position for a pendulum, is it not? But the evil, if evil there be, does not end here. I suppose that when the clock was erected, the sight of a pendulum swaying from the centre of the ceiling and reaching nearly to the floor was something novel. And then perhaps it began to dawn on some local—perhaps the sexton—that this pendulum ought to be protected in some way. No sooner thought of than done. Here was a nice little job for the carpenter and glazier, friends perhaps, or relations, of the aforesaid sexton, or clerk (for some of these officials have a wonderful knack of giving their relations a turn). We can imagine such worthies representing to those in authority that it was necessary that such an important and handsome part of a church clock as the pendulum should be hedged in with safeguards. (Better if they had suggested French polishing or enamelling.) Then probably an estimate would be obtained, and the job was done, and the bunce handed over. The "casing" of this pendulum is made of wood and glass, and in the course of an hour's ringing the steam gets on the glass, and prevents the ringer from seeing his opposite neighbour. If there was a ringing clergyman at this church he would certainly have this case removed entirely.

The mention of Sir Francis Burdett tempts one to be a bit historical, something like our friend embarked upon the other week in his chapter on Thomas a'Becket. We read that the above-named baronet was member of Parliament for Westminster. But he had for a colleague in the representation of that city a very remarkable personage—an old sea-dog whose valour and skill on the sea were second to no man that ever lived, not even Nelson. The

was Lord Cochrane, afterwards by the death of his father Earl Dundonald. (A descendant was among the first to enter Ladysmith to succour the besieged there.) Cochrane's exploits on the sea read like a romance, and I recommend all readers to get from their public libraries the book entitled "Autobiography of a Seaman," and they will be vastly interested, and also greatly amused by its close perusal. Like other successful warriors, Lord Cochrane essayed to get into Parliament. He had taken such a number of the enemy's vessels, both men-of-war and trading ships, that his prize-money came to a sum represented by six figures. The town of Honiton in Devon was the place where he put himself forth as a candidate, and refused to spend one halfpenny in bribery. The result was of course that he was defeated. After the election was over he sent the bellman round the town to say that if those electors who voted for him would repair to the office of his election-agent, they would each receive the sum of ten guineas. They did so. Not long after another election took place, and we read that Cochrane put up again for Honiton, still refusing to bribe the voters. This time he was successful. Then his voters began to look for another ten guineas, but they (the guineas) did not come off this time.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

### Obituary.

#### EDWARD ROBINSON.

It is with much regret that we record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away on Friday, July 28th, at his residence, 5, Southport terrace, Nottingham, aged 64 years. He had suffered from a terrible complaint—cancer of the stomach, and about 2½ years ago he underwent an operation for it, which was thought would be a successful one, and it seemed to be so at the time, in fact he got so much better that he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints, Nottingham, on Whit-Wednesday last year, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson; but alas, the dreaded complaint began to grow on him again until he succumbed to it after great suffering. He was a member of All Saints' company until the commencement of his illness, and was always most punctual in his attendance. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers and had taken part in thirteen of their peals. He was laid to rest in Lenton Churchyard on Monday afternoon amidst many manifestations of sorrow, and as the mourners left the churchyard the bells were rung deeply muffled, by S. Wesley (Lenton), J. Woolley (All Saints), J. Hickman (St. Peter's), G. Middleton (St. Peter's), T. Horton (All Saints), H. R. Cobbin (St. Peter's), R. Gee (All Saints), R. M. Blackwall (All Saints). In the evening a muffled peal was attempted at St. Peter's church, but after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. unfortunately came to grief. W. Flinders, W. E. White, H. W. Needham, E. J. Oliver, F. Johnson, J. Hickman, G. H. Johnson conductor, R. M. Blackwall. Muffled touches were also rung at All Saints. J. H.

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### Cricket.

Will you please insert the enclosed in "THE BELL NEWS," as I think a cricket match of which both teams are bellringers is rather unique. The match had been looked forward to with great interest, as it had been arranged for last year, and the Hon. and Rev. T. Heneage's team have been subjected to a good deal of chaff, being called a sugar candy team, and other nice names because we did not journey to Surfleet in a terrific thunderstorm. However, last Saturday, although the weather looked none too promising, we felt compelled to go. The Rev. T. H. won the toss and decided to take first knock, and although the rain came down sufficient to entice ordinary mortals to put on their mackintoshes and put up their umbrellas, the Rev. H. L. J., with a perseverance as many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" know he is possessed of, kept his men in the field, and what is more, they seemed to quite enjoy it.

Speaking of the match, I must say I considered the Rev. H. L. J.'s team was outplayed in batting, bowling and fielding. As will be seen from the scores, the Rev. T. H.'s team had a lead of nineteen runs on the first innings. After tea, which was kindly provided by Mrs. Richardson and much appreciated, we started on our second venture, and after putting together 52 runs for 3 wickets, as the time was getting short, the Rev. T. H. declared, and although only twenty minutes remained for play it was evident from the way his men hit out that the Rev. H. L. J. thought it was possible to get the 72 runs required, but it was of no avail, and six good wickets were down for 25 runs. Messrs. Ash and Wayet, who are respectively sons of the Vicars of St. Paul's Spalding, and Pinchbeck, and are promising young ringers, had a good deal to do with the success of the Rev. T. H.'s team, as they bowled throughout both innings. It's a secret, but now the match is over I don't mind confessing, we hadn't another man that could bowl a ball.

#### HON. T. HENEAGE'S TEAM.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
M. J. Wayet, b Tomlinson	.. 28	b James	.. 18
J. T. Brown, b Tomlinson	.. 1	b G. Tomlinson	.. 5
R. G. Ash, b Tomlinson	.. 3	not out	.. 16
J. French, run out	.. 5	b G. Tomlinson	.. 0
Rev. T. Heneage, b Tomlinson	.. 2	not out	.. 4
R. Smith, c and b James	.. 0		
G. Mackman, run out	.. 1		
W. Smith, b Tomlinson	.. 0		
D. Mackman, c H. Tomlinson, b James	.. 0		
R. Mackman, not out..	.. 2		
C. Mackman, b James	.. 2		
Extras	.. 16	Extras	.. 9
Total	.. 60	Total for 3 wickets	52

#### Rev. H. L. JAMES'S TEAM.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
F. Tomlinson, b Ash	.. 0	c and b Wayet	.. 4
R. Richardson, b Wayet	.. 3	b Wayet	.. 0
M. Tomlinson, c French, b Ash	.. 3	b Wayet	.. 12
H. Richardson, b Ash	.. 0	not out	.. 2
R. Marshall, c Mackman b Ash	.. 4		
H. Tomlinson, c Wayet, b Ash	.. 13	b Wayet	.. 0
Rev. H. L. James, b Ash	.. 3	b Wayet	.. 5
W. Richardson, b Wayet	.. 0		
W. Mablethorpe, b Ash	.. 3		
G. Tomlinson, not out	.. 0	b Wayet	.. 0
H. Leverton, b Ash	.. 0		
Extras	.. 7	Extras	.. 2
Total	.. 41	Total for 6 wickets	25

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1905.

SOME three years ago, an attempt was made to get sufficient funds to erect a ring of eight bells in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex, as a memorial of the long incumbency of the Rev. HENRY ELWELL, Vicar. The project had our warmest approbation, and that of all ringers in the county. The work of collecting a fund sufficient for the purpose was of a very difficult character, and it was thought by many that the praiseworthy undertaking had collapsed. But we find that all the time the committee engaged in such a holy work kept themselves constantly, in season and out of season, to that not very

seductive process known as "pegging away," with the grand result that their labours in the cause have at the present moment nearly reached fruition. From an advertisement on our front page we gather that the bells are in hand, and that the dedication services to be held in connection with their opening will be held on All Saints' Day next—November 1st. We heartily congratulate all those immediately concerned on the success of this movement.

How has this happy result been effected? By unshrinking perseverance in so good a cause. It is satisfactory to us to know that our advocacy of the movement in its first days has been of service, for our ringing brethren from all quarters of the globe, even so far away as New Zealand, have sent their donations in help of the cause. One of the local ringers, also, a gentleman well-known to residents of the Exercise in Essex, has very materially helped in a financial sense, and his reward will be that posterity will admire and appreciate his generous efforts.

We find that the sum of £40 is still wanted to come up to the necessary sum required for the completion of the work. After the praiseworthy efforts made, we cannot doubt that this small sum will be provided before the opening, so that the Committee may be then able to happily say that all goings-out have been handsomely met, and there is no incubus of debt upon the bells. Any who may be willing to help can send their donations to the churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, or to the Vicar. Perhaps the Essex Association would be willing to render help from their funds, which we think could not be broached for a more worthy purpose. All Essex ringers must be greatly interested in this undertaking.

#### THE HANDBELL COUPONS.

The person who had this affair in charge neglected to intimate any information about the cutting from a number of this paper. Therefore those who have written about it may send on their coupons without it. We shall give the names of the successful ones next week.

**CURIOUS CHURCH COLLECTION.**—After the annual Sunday School sermon had been preached at St. Ann's, Nottingham, a collection was made in aid of the sick and poor. The gifts included thirty-five oranges, 213 eggs, forty-six pots of jam, 102 bananas, fifty-six tomatoes, sweets, tea, dolls, and toys.

#### The Provinces.

##### NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS KAY .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	THOMAS CLOUGH .. .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS BUTLER .. .. 7.
ERNEST BUTLER .. .. 4.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

##### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVER, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

##### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
CHARLES BRICE .. .. 3.	CHARLES TANN .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. Tenor.

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Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Bond.

##### BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 7.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
BETRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

##### BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 6.
JOHN THORPE* .. .. 3.	*SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7.
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Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Remalia Coupe, one of the local ringers.

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##### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

F. MASON .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
J. REED* .. .. 2.	J. R. JONES .. .. 6.
SAM MASON .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	†F. WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

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

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. in F sharp.

JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 5.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM A. COOPER .. .. 7.
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Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

ROBERT M. FALCONER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

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PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, June 19th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Borrett, R. Whiting, J. Tann, F. Roope, F. Surridge, C. Baker, W. Roope, G. Brice.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 4th, 640 Bob Major. F. Pestell, A. J. Ellis, H. Wright, J. Godfrey, R. Christian, E. Todd, D. Hayward conductor. J. Matthews. And 672 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Ellis, F. Pestell, D. Hayward conductor, H. Wright, R. Christian, J. Godfrey, E. Todd, W. Harwood. On Sunday morning, July 9th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. C. Harding, F. Pestell, R. Christian, F. Todd, H. Wright, J. Godfrey, D. Hayward conductor, W. Harwood. In the evening 503 Grandsire Caters. C. Harding, F. Pestell, H. Wright, R. Christian, F. Todd, J. Godfrey, W. Goss, D. Hayward conductor, J. Matthews, W. Harwood.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Godfrey, W. Arnott, A. J. Ellis, D. Hayward, E. Todd, G. Offord conductor. And 724 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Todd, A. J. Ellis, D. Hayward, W. Arnott, J. Godfrey, G. Offord conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Harwood, D. Hayward, W. Arnott, G. Offord conductor, J. Godfrey, R. Crowe.

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SHEPFIELD-ON-LONDON.—On June 4th, at St. Leonard's church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. Lillian A. Barker, W. Bennett, F. Vernon, F. Draper, G. Gasson conductor, H. Jennings. First 720 by an entirely local band.

SHERE (Surrey).—On Whit Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Streeter, J. Harding, G. Marriner, E. Ventham, F. Bignold, M. Bignold conductor, M. Sanders. For evening service 1036 in the same method in 38 mins. H. Mason, C. Street, J. Harding, G. Marriner, F. Bignold, E. Ventham, M. Bignold conductor, J. Tanner.

RINGWOOD (Hants).—On Sunday, June 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Randall, A. F. Martin Stewart, F. Hoskins, W. Bursey, F. Bennett conductor, W. Greenleaf, C. W. Goodenough, H. Titcombe. For evening service 1260 in the same method in 42 mins. W. Kerley, G. Preston, F. Hoskins, A. F. Martin Stewart, W. Bursey, F. Bennett, C. W. Goodenough conductor, C. Randall.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—Recently 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Barrell, A. Hobden, J. Burgess, sen., R. Eade, P. J. Burgess, jun., conductor, J. W. Wilkins, A. Reid, E. Jennings. For Divine Service in 43 mins. R. Barrell, A. Hobden, J. Burgess, sen., H. Jenner, A. Reid, J. W. Wilkins composer, R. Eade conductor, H. Ades. For evening service two 360s of Bob Minor. R. Jenner, R. Eade, A. Reid, E. Jennings. A. Hobden, J. W. Wilkins conductor.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLATFIELD (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major in 45 mins. A. E. Ashe, C. Scott, C. Armitage, G. Halksworth conductor, H. Brock, R. Bayles, H. G. Wilson, G. Clow.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, July 4th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Bates, A. A. Godfrey, W. Packer, E. Collins, A. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, J. Phillips, A. Butler. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Bates, Godfrey, Parker, and Butler, and the first by a local band.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, January 22nd, at the church of St. Mary, Grassendale, 720 London Surprise Minor. T. J. Morris, R. H. Green, E. H. Lewis conductor, G. R. Newton, J. Turner, J. Allen. On Sunday, July 9th, another 720. T. J. Morris, A. Jones, R. H. Green, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis, J. Turner conductor. These are the first 720s in the method rung in the diocese of Liverpool.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Sunday morning, July 9th, at St. Collen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. S. Williams, J. Rogers, T. James, H. Jones, W. T. Pegler, T. Davies, J. W. Davies conductor, C. E. Williams. On Saturday, July 8th, six parts of Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. A. P. Smith, J. W. Davies, T. James, T. Davies, T. Newell, W. T. Pegler conductor, S. Meadows, S. Jessop.

WREXHAM (Denbighshire).—On Sunday evening, June 9th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Moore, A. Lee, R. Jones, A. Hayes, E. Rowland, W. T. Pegler conductor, J. W. Davies, S. Meadows.

LONDON.—On Friday, June 30th, for practice at St. James's church, Islington, 720 Bob Minor. R. G. Rice, G. Gains, G. Charge, R. Charge, H. Franks, C. Potheary conductor.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Monday, June 26th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the route chosen this year being to Arborfield, Yateley, Hawley, York Town and Wokingham. Leaving Reading by brake and pair as the clock struck eight, a very fine morning after a little shower just sufficient to lay the dust, Arborfield was reached by 9 a.m. Mr. Attwell, the local captain, was at the church gate ready to welcome the visitors. The bells were in capital order, and were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Minor and Doubles. A move was then made to the village hotel to partake of refreshments. The handbells were brought out and a selection of tunes played to the immense delight of John Brant, known by the name of Blind John, of Arborfield. He is now about seventy-three years old and has been blind from his birth, yet he manages to find his way about the lanes for miles. Some of the London ringers will remember meeting him about three years ago when on their ringing tour to Sonning, etc. He was a capital whistler in his young days and could imitate all the birds and the hounds in full cry, etc. When any ringing is going on near, John he is sure to find his way among them. The first question he asked the ringers was "Have you brought the band?" meaning the handbells. As time was getting on we had to leave our blind friend and proceed to Yateley, where two touches of Grandsire Triples were tapped off in very good style and the bells lowered in peal. Hawley was reached at 12 noon, and Mr. M. Steer, captain of the Hawley ringers, who gave us a hearty welcome, had got all the bells up ready for work. A touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was rung. At this time the Vicar of St. Lawrence made his appearance, having come by train. The party now made their way to The White Hart hotel, where their instructor, Mr. W. Newell, had made arrangements for a capital luncheon, which was served up in good style and done justice to. After a little rest a move was made to York Town. Here the streets were decorated, the King having passed through in the morning on his way to Sandhurst. After ringing two touches of Grandsire Triples at the parish church, in which the Vicar took a rope, the party made their way to Wokingham, where tea had been provided. Then some ringing at All Saints and St. Paul's towers. To wind up the day the visitors adjourned to The Red Lion hotel and some more handbell ringing was done for the amusement of the Wokingham ringers and friends who had assembled to have a little friendly chat. The party reached Reading at 10.30, having had a very enjoyable day, the weather being very fine, which added to the pleasure. The ringers wish to thank the several Vicars who gave them the use of their bells.

THE RAINFORD PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY (Liverpool).—On Saturday, July 8th, the ringers and their wives went to Blackpool. Arriving at about 11 o'clock they made for the sands, to see the tide come in and other amusements. Then to dinner, Mr. John Smith, of 3, Livingstone Road, an old ringer of Rawtenstall supplying them with dinner, which everyone did justice to. Then we had another look round the town and circus till tea time arrived. We had a wash and a smoke and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Smith for the way in which they had catered for us. We thought of trying to get a pull on the bells, but found that we should not have time. We looked round again until it was train time, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, arriving home about twelve o'clock.

THE BALDOCK SOCIETY (Herts).—On Whit Monday the members of this Society had their annual outing, and taking their handbells with them had a most delightful day. Leaving home in a brake Offley was reached about 9.30 a.m., when a stop was made. The ringers at once proceeded to the church, where the bells had kindly been placed at their disposal, and touches of Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Time being the order of the day a move was made for Luton, where the ringers were met by Mr. F. Bonner, the local secretary, who kindly pointed out to us the objects of interest in this grand old church. Adjourning to the belfry the bells were at once set going, and some good touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, the ringers all admiring the tone and "go" of the bells. After refreshing

the inner man we were once more en route for Barton-le-Cley, dinner having been arranged for at The Bull inn at 2 o'clock. We were kindly met by Mr. R. H. Mason, who joined us at a capital dinner. Afterwards the tower was visited and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The bells were kept going to 6.30 p.m., when tea was partaken of. After a pleasant chat and various tunes on the handbells, time had passed too quickly for any more ringing. The journey homeward was by way of Shillington, Pirton and Hitchin, arriving at 11 p.m., one and all agreeing that they had spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Incumbents and Secretaries of the various towers for making the outing a success.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Saturday, July 8th, the weather proving delightfully fine. The place chosen this year was Margate. Leaving Woolwich at 8.20 we arrived soon after half-past ten, and had ten hours in prospective. Arrangements had been made through A. H. Saxby, esq., secretary of the Margate ringers, with the consent of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. U. Shaw, for the use of the bells at St. John's church, so after a little refreshment we made our way to the sacred edifice. The ringing chamber being in the church some steps higher than the floor, but partitioned off, not however a very roomy place, those not ringing could sit outside in the pews. Mr. Saxby kindly met us and took part in the ringing. The bells are a fine-toned ring and the "go" of them excellent. We found that the Croydon ringers had forestalled us, and gone elsewhere to ring. As we left the west door Mr. Beckford, one of the Woolwich ringers, arranged us as a group and photographed the party numbering 19. Dinner was served at The Terrace hotel at 1.30, and the afternoon was spent according to each one's sweet will. Most of the company went by electric car to Ramsgate, which is a very pleasant ride. At 6 p.m. the ringers met at the church again, this time with the Croydon and Margate ringers. Soon after 9 we left for Woolwich, arriving at 11.45. The handbells were taken and used. Our thanks are due to the Vicar and Mr. Saxby. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—Referring to the footnote to Messrs. Pye's peal of Superlative on handbells, this is not the first peal by four brothers, as the brothers Gofton rang a peal of Bob Major on the 11th of November, 1903, and a peal of Double Norwich Major on September 2nd, 1904, both at Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

R. S. S.

NORTHFLEET CHURCH.—While workmen were engaged in removing the oak beams in connection with the restoration of the roof of the Northfleet parish church, they discovered a half-penny, dated 1734, between two of the rafters. The coin is in a good state of preservation, and must have been placed there intentionally. Some discussion has taken place as to when the church was last overhauled, and it is stated that the roof was repaired fifty years ago, but the finding of the coin is taken as a proof that 1734 was the date on which the roof was last thoroughly overhauled.

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The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

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**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
31st December, 1904.**

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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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

15th February, 1905.

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### Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on Tuesday, August 29th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on August 15th; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, August 10th and 24th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Todmorden parish church to-day, Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact a good attendance of members is earnestly requested.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley to-day, Sat., Aug. 5th. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as important business will be brought forward. If permission can be obtained, members may have a look through the Hall grounds. It is expected that the committee will have a meeting also.

J. SMITH, Branch Secretary.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The August meeting will be held at Newton Hall, Stricksfields-on-Tyne, to-day, Sat., August 5th. The six bells in St. James' church (tenor 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members during the day. Tea at Mr. John Symms, The Wellington inn, at 5 o'clock. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d.

WM. T. ROBSON, Hon. Sec.

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Devizes Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Poulborough on Monday, August 7th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. The Rector has kindly consented to preside at the tea and business meeting at 5.30.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Ports-mouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shanklin on Monday, August 7th. Tea, followed by business meeting will be held at the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m.

Fareham J. W. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bishops Stortford on Monday, August 7th, when the tower of St. Michael's (ten bells), will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea to members 6d. each, non-members 9d. All ringers and friends will be heartily welcomed.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Dis. Sec.

Little Munden, Ware.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe,

on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid. A. OSBORNE, Sec.  
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The Devonshire Guild.—Exeter (Devon).—No practice at the Cathedral during August.  
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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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GREENWICH.—On Tuesday, July 18th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. I. G. Shade conductor, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, F. W. Thornton, G. Daynes, T. Jakeman. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dolphin with Councillor Walter Field Soames, at All Saints, Blackheath.

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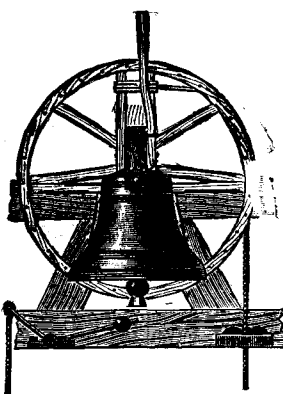
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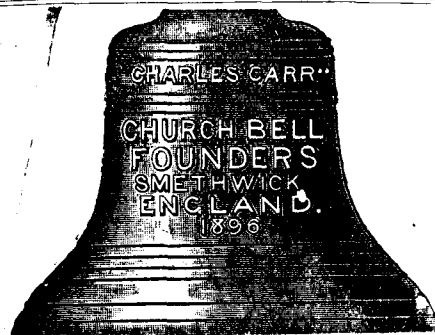
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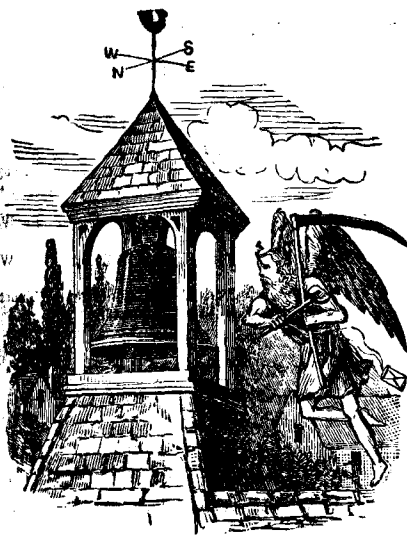
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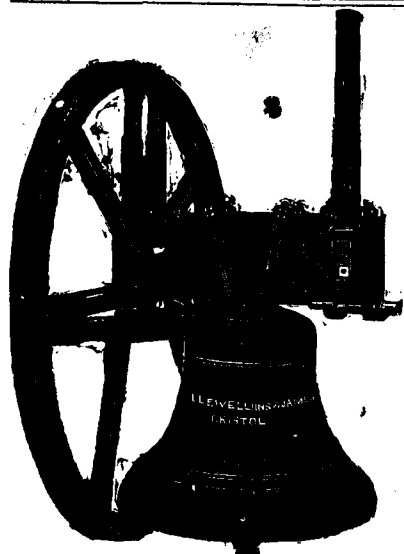
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

**BEDDINGTON (Surrey).**—St. Mary. Surrey Association. Ten bells; all by Mears; the two trebles 1877; 8th, 1831. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., 1867; the rest 1869. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Mears, 1889, and since. All needful is at once attended to. Ropes about to be renewed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble and Oxford Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11. and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 7.45; also the first Saturday in month for peals.

**BEEDING, UPPER (Sussex).** St. Peter. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears; treble and 2nd, 1897; four bells (which ones is not stated), 1893. No information as to the remaining two. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1893, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice during winter at 7.

**BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).** St. John. Lancashire Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, no date given. Tenor 13 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Recently repaired by Mears. All that is needful is at once done. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice in winter only, 7.30.

**BOLNEY (Sussex).** St. Mary Magdalene. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; 3rd, no date or name; 4th by Eldridge, 1660; 6th, 1592, no name; the rest by Catlin, 1740. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by local man, 1850. Little done since. Some of the bells need quartering. It is believed that the bells will be presently repaired. Ropes new 1902, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 5.30 to 6.15 p.m., also 10 to 10.45 on Church festivals. Practice; Thursday, 7.30.

## HEMISPHERICAL BELLS.

A few centuries ago bells having the contour of a saucer, or the segment of a sphere, were largely used upon the continent, and to a limited extent also in England, as clock bells. In the lofty tower-lantern of Boston church, Lincolnshire, for example, was suspended a hemispherical clock-bell weighing above 4000 lbs., whose inharmonious sound could be heard, according to Dr. Stukely, for six or seven miles around. When broken up in 1709 its metal was employed to cast three smaller bells, two of which went to augment the old ring of six. It is to be regretted, by the way, that no attempt was made to preserve the extensive inscription known to have been cast upon this bell.

Of the antiquity of saucer bells we have evidence in the small instruments exhumed from the houses of Pompeii, buried by the eruption of Vesuvius, A.D. 79, fine specimens of which I noted not long ago in the Museum at Dresden. In China, Japan, and other eastern countries, as is well-known, the hemisphere, or cylinder adopted in remote ages as the conventional shape of all bells, has never been materially modified; and being struck by wooden mallets which produce a purer softer sound than the clang of the cast-iron clapper, these instruments are never cracked or damaged by ordinary use. The largest of the Chinese bells is suspended in the bell-tower of Peking. It measures 11 ft. 4 in. in diameter, and weighs 53 tons 11 cwt.

As recently described by Lady Townley in her delightful book about China, this bell "is covered both within and without by a fine network of characters, 8400 in number, each one of which is half an inch long." It is cast with a hole in the crown, on the theory that fracture from the violence of its own sound waves is thereby prevented. This belief in the possibility of fracture from excessive vibration seems to have been held also in Spain, where in many of the large bells I found the crown, or haunch, perforated by rectangular openings. And curiously enough this ancient idea has just received complete demonstration in experiments conducted in Boston, U.S.A., designed to perfect a method of ringing bells by the passage of an electric current without percussion. So powerful was the vibration thus produced, that in some instances the entire amalgum was broken into fragments.

Although saucer bells emit fainter and often discordant overtones, they possess the distinct advantage of striking a lower tonic note than trumpet-shaped instruments of corresponding weight; and indeed in exceptional cases have shown greater carrying power. For this reason they were generally adopted for chimes and hour-bells in domestic clocks; they have been utilised in church organs; and were used with remarkable stage effect in the play of "The Bells," presented by Mr. Irving. For hall-clocks however they have been largely displaced by circular steel gongs.

Notwithstanding the defects of this archaic form of instrument, there have never been wanting those with whom its peculiar sound has found favour. Thus, a century ago, M. de Recaumur in the "Memoires de l'Academie des Inscriptions" affirmed that the most

eligible shape for bells was the segment of a sphere. Tyack mentions a bell at Fethercairn, Scotland, cast by Dickson, of Montrose, in 1821, whose hemispherical crown and short waist reduces it almost to the shape of a basin; while as late as 1874 a chime of hemispherical bells was placed in the tower of St. Mark's, Victoria Park, London.

Of the saucer bells preserved and still in use, the largest that I have come across is hung in the quaint steeple of the Stadhuis of Veere, a dead abandoned city situated at the northern extremity of the island of Walcheren, about three miles from Middleburg. It is used to mark the hours, while upon the carillon suspended beneath, cast at Louvain at a cost of 2980 Flemish pounds, is chimed every fifteen minutes a short melody. Though the inscription on this bell is inaccessible, with the aid of the custodian I succeeded in tracing in the manuscript records preserved in the building the date of its purchase, 1594, and its cost, viz., 3000 guilders.

This Stadhuis, or Town Hall, is constructed of stone, and, having a stately facade ornamented with statues of the early lords of Veere, is one of the most imposing public edifices in Holland; while its interior is a veritable mine of archaeological and historic lore. In its well-arranged library I found the full records of the great church, begun in 1358 and completed in 1402, a huge structure whose lofty steeple collapsed in 1830 when undergoing repairs. In the massive tower of this church was formerly hung a great bell which, I was told, could be heard under favourable conditions as far as Zierickzee, twelve miles distant across the water. When sold a few years ago, no riggers could be found possessing tackle capable of lowering it, and it was therefore broken up within the belfry. Incidentally it may be mentioned that during the Napoleonic wars this church was converted into barracks of seven stories for use of the French troops; while during the ill-fated Walcheren expedition it formed a capacious hospital for the fever-stricken English.

Other interesting objects shown to me in the library of Veere were autograph letters of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Alva; a fine portrait of William III. of England and Holland, a gift to the town in recognition of the services of its citizens in rescuing the crews of wrecked English vessels; records of an ancient monastery once contained within the town walls, of which no vestige now remains; engravings representing three separate churches long since destroyed, belonging to former Scotch, Welsh, and Lutheran residents of the town, many relics of whom are extant. The presence of so considerable a population of Scotch in Veere is due to the circumstance that this town was formerly the staple of all goods imported from Scotland; that is, the port at which was entered to be rated and charged with duties all Scotch articles; as Middleburg was the entrepot of French wines, and Dordrecht of all English goods, while Flushing monopolised the West Indian trade, and Amsterdam that of East India.

In Pamplona, Spain, I observed above the clock on the tower of San Lorenzo, two saucer bells, upon which the quarters are struck.

In the massive campanario of the great mosque of Cordova, which, for stately beauty is almost equal to the Giralda tower at Seville, there is hung in one of the belfry arches an ancient saucer bell attached to the works of the clock. Its inscription, in Gothic characters, cannot be deciphered in its present situation, but it is black with

age, while numerous deep indentations, worn at the sound bow, bear witness to many centuries of constant hammering. The heaviest bell suspended in the Cordova tower bears the date 1409; one of the lighter bells was cast in 1382.

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### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Being terribly busy I had no time last week in which to write. The letters of both Mr. Trollope and Dr. Carpenter are very interesting. But I think that, having fully explained my views in my first long article I may without any discourtesy to them, or any subsequent correspondents, ask for replies to the following questions before noticing any arguments or considerations that may be adduced:—

(1) Does my illustration of the drum and strips (a) fairly and (b) adequately represent *all* the facts of the case? "Yes," or "No." If "No" then where does it fail?

(2) When "leads" are taken as the basis of division in what heaps (a) in the ten-part (b) in the six-part are the rows 234567 and 235476 to be found?

(3) Similarly when what I may call "piece-lines" are taken as the division marks, then to which of such lines in (a) the ten-part (b) the six-part have the rows 234567 and 235476 got their backs?

Now it will be seen that these are questions not of theory but of fact. The proneness of the human mind to run off the rails of fact into the realm of theory is an interesting study in itself, and receives a remarkable illustration in that both Mr. Trollope and Dr. Carpenter, but especially the former, have fallen into much the same train of thought as that which occupies the first half or so of Mr. Thompson's long private letter. This is as I say an interesting and curious study in itself. But the present question is not one, however fascinating and engrossing it may be, of the general and theoretical relations of the two halves of peals spliced together by two H calls, but simply and solely where on two particular drums do two particular rows come. This is fact, not theory, and in arguing with me I must ask my friends to confine themselves to this simple question of fact. In arguing with each other by all means let them take flight whither their fancy leads them.

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### LONG AGO.

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A meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 5th, when although only a few towers were represented, there was a very fair attendance as regards numbers. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, the time before tea being taken up with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the tone and "go" of the bells being much admired by the visiting ringers. After tea the members assembled for the usual business meeting, when the minutes of the last meeting at Heywood were passed as read. It was then announced that the Branch Secretary's term of office, viz., two years, had expired. That gentleman, owing to a committee meeting, was not present, but had sent word that he would offer himself for re-election, providing no one else wanted the job. It was moved and seconded that the present Secretary, Mr. J. Bastow, of Middleton, be re-elected; also a committee-man, Mr. E. Schofield, of Rochdale, being also proposed, the latter gentleman being elected by a majority of two to fill these two offices. Notices of motion had been given at the previous meeting at Heywood to rescind a minute which was made some years ago to the effect that no peals shall be arranged to take place on the same day as the meeting. Unfortunately this has not been adhered to, and some members thought it would be better to rescind this and allow peals to be attempted when members cared to arrange them. This business led to a rather lively and heated discussion, one member stating that several besides him had been waiting years for a peal, but never got a chance, as peal-ringers were a sort of clique, and would not let any one else have an opportunity, and when these peals were arranged only certain ringers were asked to take part. Eventually a motion was carried to defer this motion to the next meeting which was decided to be held at Leesfield, Oldham. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Crabtree for his services as Ringing-Master, and to a local gentleman for the trying time he had spent as chairman, concluded a very interesting meeting. The rest of the evening was devoted to touches in the Standard Methods.

### Longborough, Gloucestershire.

An interesting little event took place recently in the belfry of the parish church. A special peal was to be rung, and Mr. W. Large, of Todenham, was invited to take part. It had been arranged that this opportunity was to be taken to present him with a clock, subscribed for by the Vicar and ringers, as an acknowledgment of the interest and trouble he had taken in coaching the members, who have advanced markedly in bellringing under his guidance. The Vicar was present, and in a few words expressed the thanks of those present for Mr. Large's kind help; begged him to accept the little memento of their gratitude. On the clock was placed a silver plate with a suitable inscription.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Beautiful weather favoured this gathering on Monday, July 3rd, when some 100 to 120 members from all parts of the diocese assembled for business and pleasure. The Central Committee met at the Town Hall at 11.0, when

the Master presided in the absence of the President and Hon. Secretary. The Annual Service was held in the nave of the grand old Priory Church, at 12.0. The Vicar, Rev. T. H. Bush, intoned the prayers, the Master read the lesson: and a very instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. W. J. Boys, Vicar of Fordingbridge, from Romans xii. 15. He said, that Christ's heart was always beating with the continual needs of our souls, and was therefore in perfect sympathy with mankind in joy or in sorrow. Dr. Arnold used to pray daily, "keep my heart tender." The bells of our churches by their voices sounding over hill and dale awakened very tender sympathies in the hearts of all good people. They could not touch hard, unfeeling, discontented, sour or cynical people: but they conveyed messages of comfort and consolation to the sin-laden and oppressed. They were wrapped up in the social and religious life of England. Let all ringers remember the holiness of their message, let them go on faithfully building up the religious life of the country. It was bad enough to have a peal in an unringable condition, but far worse to have a band of ringers whose hearts were not in sympathy with their sacred calling, or deaf to the message of the bells.

The Vicar of Christchurch presided at the Annual Dinner at the Town Hall, which was admirably catered for by Mr. F. J. Pike of The Ship hotel. Some 80 to 100 members were present, with H. H. B. Boxall, curate of Christchurch, and Rev. H. Drake, Verwood. After the usual loyal toast, the Master moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist, and to the preacher for his admirable discourse, which was cordially given.

The annual meeting followed the dinner, the Master, Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, apologies were announced from the President, Hon. Secretary, Churchwardens of Christchurch and others. The Balance Sheet as printed in the last report was then discussed. Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford), said that the receipts for each district should be shown as well as the expenses, he could not understand an auditor passing accounts in that manner. Mr. C. Willshire thought that every district should have its own auditor. The Rev. H. Drake (Verwood), said that each district should only be allowed half the sum collected in its district, the other half being handed over to the general fund. It was obvious from the balance sheet that some districts were more expensive than others. Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), hon. auditor, said he was quite prepared to answer the questions raised by the "member for Guildford." He quite agreed that there should be separate auditors, who should be responsible for the various district accounts; but at present there was a difficulty in obtaining these up to time, and their Hon. Secretary had experienced this inconvenience. The matter of probationers' rail fares and other items should be dealt with as generously as funds permitted, for it was to them that they looked in the future for carrying on the work when the old members were gone. He saw many new faces around him that day, and believed that an harmonious spirit pervaded the Guild, and that new members would follow in the footsteps of the old ones. Mr. C. Woodiss (Hersham), suggested that the expenses of members attending Committee meetings should be kept separate. Mr. C. Willshire criticized the expenditure at the Guild Central Committee Meetings.

The Master, in summing up, considered that the balance-sheet might show more detailed accounts, and be-

lieved this could be done in future. Their expenses were heavy, and they always wanted more hon. members. Their present hon. secretary had done very much in re-organisation, and the reports from the district officers were most encouraging. He did not see how they could definitely tie down the expenses to a certain sum, but some limit was necessary. He moved a very hearty vote of thanks to their auditor.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed the adoption of the balance-sheet.

Mr. Woodiss seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. White suitably replied.

The various officers of the Guild were then re-elected for the ensuing year. The Rev. W. J. Boys was elected an hon. member of the central committee in room of the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith, who is leaving Basingstoke. The various district secretaries and representatives were re-elected in block, on the proposition of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Emery, and were thanked for their past services. Carried nem. con. Mr. White was unanimously re-elected hon. auditor. The Master read a letter from the hon. sec., in which he expressed the opinion that he should be one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. H. White immediately offered to resign in favor of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

The Master stated that the offer was made to their Hon. Secretary some time ago, but he declined on the ground that he was already an hon. member of the Council. Personally he agreed with the hon. sec.'s view, and should like to resign himself, in his favour. The matter was referred to the Central Committee, the same number (4) of representatives being elected for three years.

The alteration of Rule 9 caused a lengthy discussion, and the Hon. Secretary's views on the matter were read. The principal subject was whether probationers travelling expenses should be allowed entirely or in part at the Annual Festival.

Mr. Woodiss proposed that they be only allowed half their expenses, Mr. Willshire seconding, but this received four votes only.

Mr. Jones proposed, and Mr. White seconded, "That the travelling expenses of probationers to the Annual Festival be allowed as far as funds permit." Twenty-one for, three against; carried.

The Master reported that the Central Committee had recommended that the words, "but shall have no vote" would be best added to Rule III., instead of Rule IX. Carried. Another addition to Rule XI., similarly recommended, was carried.

Two guineas towards the restoration of rings at Ringwood and Upham were granted from the Special Purposes Fund. It was decided to hold the next "Annual" at Guildford. A vote of thanks to the Master for presiding terminated the business.

#### THE BELLS OF HADLOW, KENT.

An attempt is being made to restore the church bells at this place, and we have received the following letter in connection therewith from Mr. H. S. Ward, one of the Committee appointed to carry out the movement:—

"On behalf of the Committee responsible for the restoration of the church bells at Hadlow, I venture to ask that you will be good enough to appeal through your columns for some assistance from lovers of bell ringing. As you will see from the circular I enclose, the Hadlow bells have been ringing 210 years since the last substantial repair. They are quite unsafe, with the result that a good sturdy band of ringers is thrown out of practice,

and after taking advice from more than one expert source, the Committee decided upon a very earnest effort to raise £130, the minimum quotation for making a safe repair. For this sum the work would be taken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the same firm that rehung the bells over 210 years ago. After a very great effort indeed, in which almost every inhabitant in the parish has taken part, with subscriptions varying from 1d. to 5 guineas, we are still £20 short of the amount required. I fear that it is quite impossible to raise this in the parish at present, and we feel very strongly averse to running into debt, as the ordinary expenses are a heavy drain on our not very rich population.

"I enclose a circular appeal and also the first subscription list, hoping that these details will give you the facts upon which you will be good enough to base an appeal to your readers.

"P.S.—It will perhaps increase your appreciation of the earnestness with which the people of Hadlow parish have approached this matter if I tell you that almost every family in the district, Nonconformist as well as Church of England, has contributed more or less towards the fund. Further than this, there was a project on foot for a very greatly needed parish expenditure just before the bells were found to be unsafe, but those interested in the other scheme completely subordinated their wishes, and joined with the rest in this effort to restore the bells."

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### AMATEUR RINGERS.

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me where there is a band of purely amateur ringers. I do not mean simply a company who give their services voluntarily, and even without a Christmas collection, for Sunday ringing, but a band who never receive payment in cash for any service in the belfry, such as ringing at weddings, etc. QUASI-PROFESSIONAL.

#### THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Story, I am well aware that the above is not the first peal ever rung by four brothers, as I have rung peals of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich with the same band, some of them as far back as '97. The footnote I intended was that it was the first Surprise peal ever rung by four brothers. W. PYE.

#### CLOCK PENDULUMS.

SIR,—I was glad to see "Plain Speaker's" remarks about the annoyance a clock pendulum is in a certain belfry.

It may be of use for ringers to know that the middle of a tower is the worst possible place for a pendulum to hang, as it should have as rigid an attachment as possible, and therefore should be fixed as near the most solid of the walls as can be managed. Probably the alteration in the case mentioned could be very easily effected.

It is also injurious to enclose the pendulum in a case; as, not only is the damp which therein accumulates injurious to the metal, and to the swing of the pendulum; but the enclosed air acts as a pneumatic cushion; very slight, it is true, but sufficient to affect the keeping of good time, by its varying resistance. H. DRAKE.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on Tuesday, August 29th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on August 15th; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, August 24th.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid. A. OSBORNE, Sec.  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Exeter (Devon).—No practice at the Cathedral during August. EDWIN SHEPHERD.  
160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the branch. W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, August 19th. Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. J. Cottrill, Ivy Cottage, Marsh Green, Gillow Heath, not later than Thursday, August 17th. D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, August 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Will members kindly note that all subscriptions should now be paid. J. J. PRATT, Hon. Div. Sec.  
Hillingdon.

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers invited. JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley on Saturday, August 26th, 1905. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, Sec.  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**THE LATE WILLIAM VERRY** was for upwards of 50 years bell ringer and tower keeper at St. Mary's, Handsworth parish church. It has been suggested to perpetuate his memory by an annual gathering at the same time of year he began his office, viz., 25th September. Details respecting above later on.

RICHARD FAUK.

## Compositions.

## TRFBLE BOB MAJOR.

By T. A. HOLDEN, Deal.

5088.

23456 M B W H

35426 I X

52436 I X

35264 X 2

32654 I X 2 2

25634 I X

25346 X I

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. MOORE, Minehead, Somerset.

5040.

234567

8762453 2

8437562 I

8264753 2

372564 I

8463257 2

8274563 I

632457 2

746532 I

327654 2

463527 I

8724356 2

637524 I

246753 2

372546 I

8643257 2

8276543 I

432657 2

\*874532 I

326457 2

743526 I

\*Repeat eleven times. Bob in 6th and 12th parts.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

12-Part Peal.

5376.

23456 W M H

52436 -

45623 - -

65324 -

32564 s\* -

Eleven times repeated. \*B in the 6th and 12th parts.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1905.

WHEN the holiday season is over, we may expect a much greater number of peal records, and other matters, than have appeared lately. Many of our friends are enjoying their yearly abstention from the cares, and in some cases the worries, of their several callings, and we hope they will return to their business again, at the end of their holidays, like giants refreshed. The excellent determination to have a relief and change of scene once a year at least is, at the present day, more strongly apparent than ever. Spots that years ago were scarcely known have now become favourite seaside resorts, the tradespeople of

such places now doing a roaring trade in catering for the wants of visitors during what is now becoming a long season.

Well, there is an end to all things, and we generally find that our holidays have come to an end too soon. But disappointment is not usually felt, the change has done much good, especially when the health and spirits are improved, and we soon get ready for the world's fray.

What schemes have been talked of by our friends during their prorogation, with regard to peal-ringing, we cannot say. But a rumour has reached us that ere long Exeter will be again essayed for Treble Bob, and we think the South Wigston performance will have been surpassed, if possible, by the same company. We wonder what diet will be recommended for these attempts.

\*\* In our next number will appear an illustrated account of the famed James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, written by Mr. Daniell.

#### THE HANDBELL PRIZES.

We regret that no more of these are at our disposal this time than the two which were first mentioned. The number of competitors was very great, the conditions were very well observed; and great care was taken by all. As we have only two prizes to award, we are afraid that many of our friends will be disappointed, and that is the greatest evil attached to such affairs.

The first prize—a peal of twelve, is awarded to Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts; the second, a peal of ten, to Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

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Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. 6.
MARE WOODCOCK .. .. 3.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 7.
THOMAS TITCHENB .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	*EDMUND KING .. .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
CHARLES COLLIER .. .. 4.	HENRY DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

\*First peal. †First peal on the treble.

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##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5264 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WISKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 6.
GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BASON, JUN. .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

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(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 6.
HARRY MILES .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
A. C. HAWES .. .. 3.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 8.
S. HOUNSLOW .. .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 5.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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##### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT BATES* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
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On Friday, August 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYES .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM S. LANE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. RING .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 7.
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## SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, August 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES C. MORLING .. .. Treble.	*HARRY CLARKE .. .. 5.
JOHN R. MORLING* .. .. 2.	*ERNEST C. MORLING .. .. 6.
GEORGE PIPER* .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CLAYTON* .. .. 4.	*ARTHUR BANKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	GARRIE MILES .. .. 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 9.
CECIL T. H. BOXWELL .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES LEMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. 6.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 4.	JAMES LARKIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	HARRY T. LAST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is H. Last's fiftieth peal, reference to which appears elsewhere.

## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 8.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	HARRY T. LAST .. .. 9.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\*First peal on ten bells.

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## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. E. MEFFIN* .. .. Treble.	P. C. LONG .. .. 5.
H. RUSHLY .. .. 2.	J. HICKMAN .. .. 6.
A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
A. W. LONG .. .. 4.	*G. VAMPLEW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

\*First peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BERTISON .. .. 5.
SILVESTER COUPE† .. .. 2.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

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

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAW .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

## HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	EDWARD WHITEREAD .. .. 6.
HENRY S. REEVES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 7.
JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples.

## Handbell Peals.

## EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, August 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. SINGLETON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty-six 6-scores of Grandsire.

REUBEN BURTON .. .. 1-2.	HENRY SINGLETON .. .. 3-4.
EDWARD HUBBARD .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by H. SINGLETON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 18th. for Evensong, 546 Grandsire Triples. W. S. Lampard, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, E. G. Lampard conductor, G. Noice, C. Russell, J. W. Elkins, D. Froome. On Sunday, June 25th, 378 and 462 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Andrews. On Wednesday, June 28th, 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. G. Lampard. And 324 Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. W. Elkins. W. S. Lampard, F. Smith, W. Andrews, L. S. Lampard, E. G. Lampard, G. Noice, W. H. Loveland, C. Russell, J. W. Elkins, W. Anson. On Tuesday, July 4th, 503 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. Andrews. And 305 in the same method, conducted by W. C. Lampard. W. S. Lampard, F. Smith, J. W. Elkins, E. G. Lampard, L. S. Lampard, W. H. Loveland, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard, W. Andrews, D. Froome. On Sunday, July 9th, 504 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. C. Lampard, George Williams ringing the 2nd. On Sunday, July 16th, for Matins, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. S. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, L. S. Lampard, C. Russell, W. H. Loveland, W. H. Crute, J. W. Elkins conductor, D. Froome. For Evensong, 546 Grandsire Triples. W. S. Lampard, L. S. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, C. Russell, W. H. Loveland, W. H. Crute, W. Andrews conductor, D. Froome. On Sunday, July 30, for Evensong, 504 Stedman Triples. Smith, W. H. Crute, L. S. Lampard, W. Andrews, J. W. Elkins, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard conductor, D. Froome.

FARNBOROUGH (Hants).—On Friday, May 19th, 240 Stedman and 240 Grandsire Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, May 21st 480 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Friday, May 26th, 360 Stedman and 240 Grandsire. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, May 28th, 960 Grandsire Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Friday, June 2nd, 240 Stedman, 240 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, June 4th, 500 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, June 11th, 840 Grandsire Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, June 18th, 480 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, W. J. Fisher, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Wednesday, June 28th, 240 St. Simon's and a course of Stedman's Slow Course Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, W. J. Fisher, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding. On Sunday, July 2nd, 360 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob Doubles. D. McLaurin, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, C. Bennett, W. G. Weeding.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BARNLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Holling, J. Holmes, G. S. Tyas, A. Rackham, R. Sparks, C. D. Potter, A. Lister, A. Nash conductor. On handbells, touches of 112, 70 and 52 Grandsire Triples. R. Sparks, A. Nash conductor, G. S. Tyas, A. Rackham.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 22nd. 2520 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Otway, G. Mariner, W. H. Corbett conductor, J. Wyatt, A. Challen, D. Snelling, A. Winch, W. Gearing.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Symonds, F. G. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, B. Maxim, T. E. Slater, E. Simpson conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, T. Garwood, P. Garwood, —, Aitkin, A. Symonds, B. Maxim.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On July 3rd, 1440 Bob Major. A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, B. Maxim, T. King conductor, F. G. Symonds, H. Smith, E. Simpson, L. Leeks. On handbells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. G. Symonds, A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds conductor.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On July 15th, 720 College Exercise. A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds first in the method, A. Hollocks, B. Maxim first in the method, E. Simpson first in the method, W. Hollocks conductor. On July 21st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Hollocks, S. H. Symonds first in the method, A. Hollocks, B. Maxim first in the method, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hollocks.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On July 21st, 720 London Scholars'

Pleasure. A. Keeble, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, B. Maxim, E. Simpson first 720 in the method, H. Gladwell conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On July 11th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. H. Doran, S. H. Green, E. A. Bacon conductor, J. Moule, J. Rann, G. A. Black, G. Carter, W. Clark.

The following touches were rung by the Leytonstone company when travelling on their outing:—

AT LIVERPOOL STREET STATION, before starting, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble, W. Doran, H. Torble. On the journey down, 240 Bob Major. W. Doran, F. Gill, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule, W. Keeble, J. Moule. And several courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, BLO NORTON (Norfolk), 720 Carlisle. G. Dawson, S. Hayes, J. Monle, W. Keeble, W. Miller conductor, H. Torble, Also 720 Cambridge. T. Cranfield, W. Doran, S. Bird, F. Gill, W. Keeble (conductor), G. A. Black. Also 216 Bob Minor. F. Squires, W. Miller, G. Dawson, G. Cornell, J. Moule, S. Hayes conductor.

AT ALL SAINTS, HOPTON (Suffolk), 720 London. T. Cranfield, W. Miller, W. Keeble, J. Moule, S. Hayes conductor, H. Torble. 720 York. F. Squires, J. Monle, F. Gill, G. A. Black, W. Miller conductor, W. Keeble. 144 Kent. W. Keeble conductor, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, T. Fitzjohn, G. Dawson, F. Cullum.

AT ST. JOHN'S, GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk), 720 Chichester. T. Fitzjohn, J. Monle, F. Gill, G. Dawson, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor. 216 Kent. F. Squires, G. A. Black, T. Cranfield, G. Cornell, S. Bird, S. Hayes conductor. At The Fox a course of Bob Major. F. Bennett, F. Gill, W. Keeble, J. Moule. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Moule, F. Gill, W. Keeble, W. Doran, H. Torble.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, QUIDENHAM (Norfolk), a course of Bob Major. H. Torble, G. A. Black, S. Bird, G. Dawson, T. Cranfield, G. Cornell, W. Miller, W. Keeble. 576 Double Norwich. G. A. Black, F. Gill, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, H. Torble. 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Dawson, V. Doran, S. Bird, T. Fitzjohn, T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, W. Keeble conductor.

AT ST. MARY'S, BANHAM (Norfolk), 720 Worcester. F. Squires, G. A. Black, G. Dawson, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor, H. Torble. 720 Kent. G. Cornell, F. Gill, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, S. Hayes conductor.

AT ST. MARY'S DISS (Norfolk), 480 Bob Major. S. Hayes, G. Cornell, F. Gill, G. Dawson, W. Miller, H. Torble, W. Keeble conductor, J. Souter. 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, G. A. Black, W. Miller, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires. On Sunday, June 25th, 576 Double Norwich. G. A. Black, F. Gill, S. Hayes, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Keeble (conductor). 168 Stedman. G. A. Black, W. Miller, H. Torble, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, S. Hayes, J. Souter conductor, F. Squires. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

AT SS. PETER AND PAUL, EYE (Suffolk), 576 Double Norwich. W. Doran, G. A. Black, W. Miller, J. Moule, S. Hayes, W. Keeble conductor, J. Souter, H. Torble. 462 Grandsire Triples. G. Dawson, W. Keeble conductor, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, F. Gill, W. Doran, J. Moule, F. Squires.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE GUISELEY SOCIETY (Yorks).**—The ringers of the Guiseley parish church had their annual trip on Saturday, July 29th, and took advantage of the excursion to Pateley Bridge, and after ringing a 720 of Oxford and Kent at the church, proceeded by a conveyance to How-Stein, eight miles up the valley. After viewing the gorge and cave for which the place is noted, the party went on foot to the village of Middlesmore, and sat down to a most excellent tea, provided at The Crown hotel, after which they returned to Pateley Bridge. Upon the whole they had a most enjoyable outing.

**THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, EDMONTON (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, July 29th, this Society held their annual outing, Southampton being the place selected, our friend Mr. Williams making all the arrangements for us there. Leaving Waterloo at 2.10

p.m., we arrived at Swathling at 4.30, where we were met by Mr. Williams, who escorted us to a little church at North Stoneham, where the Winchester Guild were having a district meeting. Here we met some more old friends of some of the band, Messrs. J. W. and W. H. George of Eastleigh. After a short touch on this light ring of six, we adjourned to The Cricketers' Arms, where we took tea with the members of the Guild. After tea the rector gave an interesting account of the old bells, and we then made our way to the tramcar, it being only a few steps according to some of the Hampshire folk, although some of the visitors thought it a long way. We were due at Holyrood, Southampton, at 8, which we found just about warm enough for ringing, and one of the band soon wanted to get outside, but we managed to ring a touch of Superlative, and a touch or two of Stedman, in which several of the local men rang. We then

adjourned to have a pleasant chat to friend Williams about old times. Supper was ordered for 10.15, and soon after that time we went to The Temperance hotel, where we were staying, and found everything to perfection. Sunday found us early astir. Soon after six we went down to the docks to see the large liners there, one having arrived the same morning. Next came breakfast at 8, and then to Netley to ring for service at 10.30. A nice drive by the water suited us all right, and we arrived there to find that Mr. Williams and Mr. Madeland had again made all the arrangements—this time for dinner and a peal in the afternoon. After ringing a touch of Superlative for service, we had a stroll down by the water, when several of the band thought they must have a plunge. At 2 o'clock we met again at the church, when Mr. Madeland brought us an invitation to visit a lady's grounds after the peal. So we started for the peal first, but after a few courses we found that two bells had shifted. Our conductor set up, and we decided we would visit Miss Rashleigh's grounds. Escorted by one of the local band we went through all the ground which adjoins Netley Abbey ruins. The grapes and peaches looked rather tempting, and the flowers were very beautiful. We here met Miss Rashleigh, who told us we could go just where we liked—everywhere. This was greatly appreciated by one and all. After tea we had to make our way to Southampton West, and we arrived at Waterloo at 10 o'clock and Edmonton at 11, all having enjoyed one of the best outings the society have had. The band wish to thank the Vicar of Netley for the use of the bells, and Mr. Madeland for having everything ready for us; also Miss Rashleigh for her kindness in allowing us to view her garden, and last but not least Mr. G. Williams for making all the arrangements for us. J. P.

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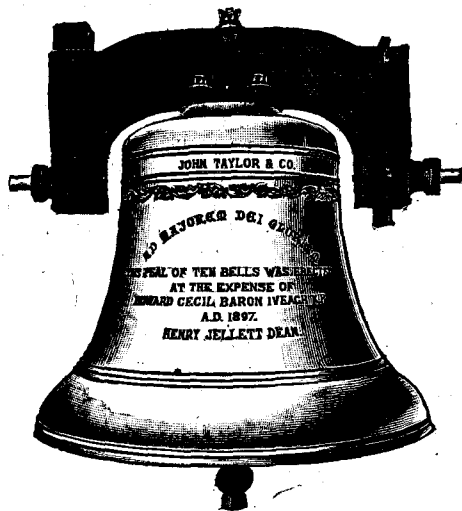
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### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD;

MALPAS (Cheshire).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. H. Dew, R. Huxley, V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan conductor. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. W. Wilde conductor, R. Huxley, V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, H. Dew, J. Morgan. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. H. W. Wilde, H. Dew, V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, J. Morgan, R. Huxley. Tenor 15½ cwt. First 720 on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughboro', the go of which leaves nothing to be desired.

CARDIFF.—On Wednesday, June 28th, 1905, on the occasion of the visit to Cardiff of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was rung in 48 mins. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, A. Johnson.

BRITFORD (Wilts).—On Thursday, 20th July, a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Sheppard, J. S. Rumming, S. Macey, L. Harris, R. P. Knight, W. W. Gifford conductor. First 720 on the bells.

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**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
			£	s. d.			£	s. d.	
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	1,000,000	0 0	British Government securities	..	3,352,296	0 2	
Reserve Funds	..	..	2,300,000	0 0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	5,127,756	19 9	
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	51,911,568	7 0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	..	4,556,180	8 6	
Claim unife policie admitted	..	..	147,936	16 5	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	12,956,382	10 3	
					Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	3,784,323	16 4	
					Freehold and leasehold property	..	3,487,982	7 1	
					Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	7,303,050	5 2	
					Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	7,408,321	15 7	
					Suez Canal shares	..	165,742	7 5	
					Telegraph and other shares	..	97,789	2 6	
					Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	..	267,930	15 7	
					Bank of England stock	..	200,559	18 6	
					Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	1,142,044	9 2	
					Foreign Government securities	..	1,149,790	8 1	
					Reversions and Life Interests	..	1,052,787	17 5	
					Loans on Company's Policies	..	1,881,959	1 6	
					Rent Charges	..	308,901	7 10	
					Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	403,073	18 8	
					Outstanding interest and rents	..	456,268	15 3	
					Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	35,155	17 0	
					Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	221,237	1 8	
							£55,359,505	3 5	

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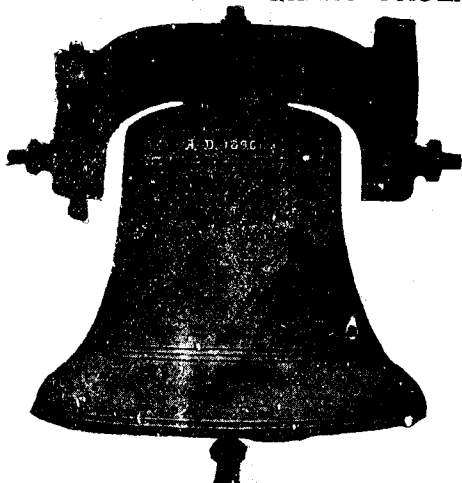
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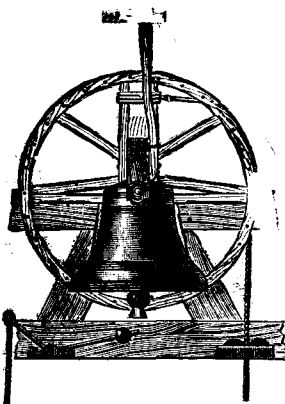
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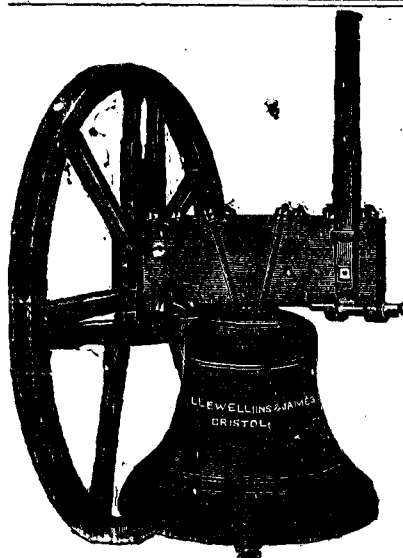
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

BRADFORD (Yorks.) St. Peter. Yorkshire Association. Ten bells; all by Taylor, 1846. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mallaby, 1897. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30; October 1st to April 30th.

BREWOD (Staffordshire). St. Mary. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1896. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1896, fair. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing, or practice.

BRISTOL. St. James. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ten bells; treble by Taylor, 1866. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. by Mears, 1839; 9th by Rudhall, 1778; the rest by the latter founder 1755. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Llewellins; date not stated. Ropes bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.20 to 10.55, and 5.50 to 6.25. Practice: Monday, 7.45.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire). Christ Church. Twelve bells; all by Mears; treble and 2nd, 1850; 8th and tenor, 1829; the rest 1847. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell recently. Ropes new 1901. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 11. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

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## JAMES BARHAM.

By R. A. DANIELL.

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"In Memory of James Barham, of this parish, who departed this life Jany. the 14th, 1818, aged 93 years, who from the year 1744 to the year 1804, rang in Kent and elsewhere 112 Peals, not less than 5040 changes in each peal, and called Bobs etc. for most of the Peals. And April 7th & 8th, 1761, assisted in ringing 40,320 Bob Major on Leeds Bells in 27 hours."

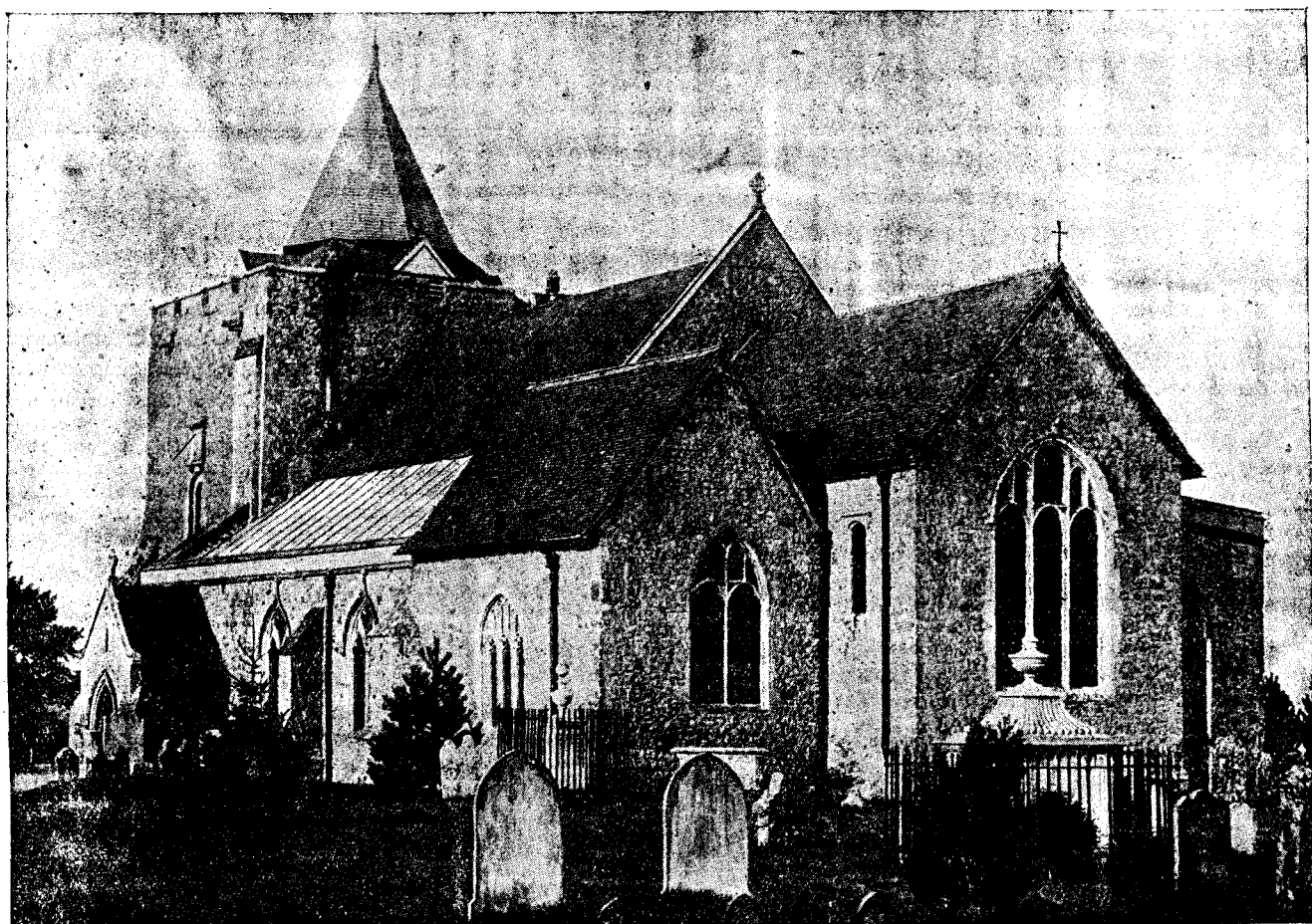
His wife Susanna, who died in 1799, and two of their sons and three of their daughters are also recorded.

Barham's performances were naturally considered worthy of note, and accordingly after his death a broadsheet was printed by George Naunton, of Ipswich, containing a list of them, though it does not appear to be altogether accurate. When this was done I am not aware, but as there is a copy in the Osborn Collections it must have been rather more than half a century ago at the least. A copy of this was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 1st, 1898.

According to a footnote these particulars were compiled from a manuscript of Barham's which was then in possession of W. Lover, of North End, Fulham, and which had been given in 1817 by Barham to William Holland, of Leeds. A copy of this manuscript was made by the late John Naunton, jun., of Ipswich, whom Mr. Samuel Slater met on a ringing occasion at St. Peter's, Sudbury, in 1867. Naunton had his copy with him and showed it to the company, and the keenness of Mr. Slater prompted him to borrow and copy it. For this industry anyone who may find interest in the following account should be duly grateful to Mr. Slater, for Barham's original manuscript had been lost before 1867, and Naunton's copy was destroyed after his death, so that Mr. Slater's copy is the only one now known to be in existence. Mr. Slater believes that Naunton was related to Barham, but he does not remember exactly what Naunton said on this point. Mr. Slater has kindly lent me his copy, which forms the basis of the following observations.

James Barham was born in Kent in the year 1725. When we first get a glimpse of him from his peal-book he was in his twentieth year, and apparently living at Harrietsham, a village some six miles from Maidstone in the direction of Ashford, and about midway, at the distance of two miles, between the villages of Leeds and Lenham. At that time there was a first-rate company of change-ringers at Lenham, which Barham joined, and with them he rang his first peal—Bob Triples—in 1744, and nineteen subsequent peals between that date and 1771. Most of these peals were rung at Harrietsham, where a ring of eight—tenor 13 cwt., by Lester, of White-chapel, had been hung in 1742, whereas it was not till





THE PARISH CHURCH, LEEDS, KENT.

1751 that the trebles were added to the heavier six—tenor about 23 cwt.—at Lenham, in which year, on May 17th, the ring of eight was opened with 5040 Bob Major.

In 1751 is recorded Barham's first peal with the Leeds Youths, 6480 Bob Caters, and with them he has noticed ninety-five performances up to October 25th, 1813, when at the age of eighty-eight he rang his last peal. His list however, must in our use of the term peal, be reduced by three, as it includes three unsuccessful attempts for long lengths, very meritorious in themselves, but not brought round.

Lord Bacon has said that a garden is the purest of pleasures, and as Barham was a gardener he followed a most wholesome occupation, and that in a singularly charming part of the country. As his membership of the Lenham and Leeds companies was contemporaneous, I cannot find any indication when he took up his abode at Leeds, but I presume if he was not living there before, he would remove thither on his appointment, whenever that may have taken place, as gardener to Lord Fairfax at Leeds Castle; of which the following illustration will for Barham's sake, as well as for its own beauty, be interesting to the Exercise; and before proceeding to notice the contents of Barham's record in greater detail, I will give a brief account of the castle and of the churches with which he was during his long life so intimately connected.

Lenham is a picturesque village situated in the valley

of the little river Len, which is a tributary of the Medway. It has some quaint old-fashioned houses bordering on an irregularly shaped open space where was formerly held a market, and to the east of which stands the church. This is an interesting building of various dates from the thirteenth to the fifteenth centuries, the tower belonging to the latter period. The bells are now rung from the ground floor, but I expect that in Barham's day the ringing-room was higher up. The interior contains the remains of a fresco on the north wall, and some interesting mediæval wooden stalls, and an excellent specimen of an early seventeenth century pulpit and sounding-board. There is a good deal of old wood worked up in the pews, and a genuine old lich-gate at the entrance to the churchyard. A walk of two miles along the valley between the chalk hills on the right and the wooded rising ground on the left bring one to Harrietham, where the church lies away towards the right in a charming situation at the base of Stede Hill. The oldest portion of it—a groined vestry north of the chancel with a priest's chamber above—belongs to the eleventh century, and the font to the early part of the twelfth. The nave and aisles and chapel south of the chancel are of the fourteenth century, and the tower of the fifteenth. There is also a good rood-screen of this century, which has been restored. As at Lenham, the bells are now rung from the ground, but I expect this is an arrangement of the last century.

Following the main road the outskirts of Leeds Castle

park are reached. There is a public footpath through it leading up the hill to Leeds church and village, disclosing the view of the Castle shown in our illustration next week. If instead of going up this way the tourist takes an earlier turn to the left, he can go up through the other side of the park to Broomfield, a small village very picturesquely situated on high ground. The church is in no way remarkable, but the churchyard contains a tomb thus inscribed:—

"Here lyeth the body of Joseph Hatch of Ulcombe, Bellfounder, who departed this life the 14th day of Sept. 1639, beside of his Mother and of his brethren, aged 78 years."

This man, I understand, cast the existing tenor at Leeds, weighing about 23 cwt., in the early part of the seventeenth century.

The exterior of Leeds church presents an unusual outline on account of the squatness of the tower. This is a fine Norman building with a handsome arch opening into the nave, but it is obvious owing to the spacious dimensions of its area that its designers never intended it to present the appearance it now does. It is short of one storey, if not more, and either never was completed, or, which is less probable, the upper part has at some time been taken down, and the present battlements added to give an appearance of finish.

The ringing-room is still upstairs as in Barham's time, and nothing about it seems to be changed. There are several tablets on the walls, one of which relating to Barham runs as under:—

"James Barham a Leeds youth who from the year 1744 to the year 1804 assisted in Ringing one Peal of 40,320 changes, two of 20,000, six of 10,000 and one hundred and twelve peals of 5000 and upwards. In one of the above peals he stood 14 hours and 44 minutes; the peals were of 15 different sorts, the above peals were rung by 61 different men. At several times he has rung two peals of twelve bells, five of 10 bells, 36 of 8 bells, 39 of 6 bells. 41 of the peals were rung at other places to the Honour of the Leeds Youths."

If the copy from which this is taken is correct, I can only say that I do not understand the latter part of it. I do not find the six-bell peals in Barham's book.

There are also one or two tablets commemorating peals in which Edward Lansdell took part. One of these is headed "The Sussex Society of St. Saviour's," and commemorates a peal rung in 1833. It may not be generally known what this Society was, so I may say it was an offshoot of the College Youths, which established itself at St. Saviour's, Southwark, about 1820, calling itself at first The Junior College Youths, and afterwards the Sussex Society. It ceased to exist within thirty years, and the members became merged in the College Youths, with whom Lansdell rang the other peals here mentioned. On seeing Lansdell's name I at once remembered that he was the man from Kent, who, according to Mr. Haworth, introduced half-muffled ringing into London ("THE BELL NEWS," March 9th, 1901), so that the practice may have originated at Leeds.

The church consists of nave and chancel, both having aisles, and there is a fine wooden rood-screen of the 15th century running the entire width of the church. Altogether the interior is spacious, roomy and dignified, but as the illustration gives a good idea of the building, I need say no more about it.

Leeds Castle, some portions of which date from the thirteenth century, stands on three islands in a lake formed by the river Len, and was formerly connected

with the mainland only by a drawbridge, and was consequently capable of a strenuous defence. The illustration will save my giving any further description of it. From a print of the Castle in Hasted's "History of Kent," published in the year 1782, and therefore contemporary with Barham, it would appear that the buildings have since then been somewhat added to, and in places refaced so as to harmonise with the original exterior work still existing. The authoress of a delightful book entitled "English Pleasure Gardens" in a chapter dealing with mediæval gardens, refers to oriental influences consequent on the Crusades. She says:—

"There are a few Architectural features now to be seen in English Gardens which can be directly attributed to oriental influence. Bath-houses, for instance, were an oriental luxury. Edward I. is said to have imported the idea of their use from Palestine, and to have built the one existing near Leeds Castle in the thirteenth century. It is now used as a boat-house."

It will be interesting to my readers to know that the authoress I have quoted is Miss Rose Standish Nichols, a daughter of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A. (College Youth), and sister of Mrs. Shurtleff, whom we have been accustomed to know as Miss Margaret Nichols, of campanistean reputation.

On November 3rd, 1779, after reviewing the camp on Cocksheath, George III. and Queen Charlotte came to Leeds Castle and remained two nights. There is no reference to this circumstance in Barham's book. No doubt the bells were rung, but probably the Royal visit made Barham and others too busy to find time for a peal. It had been intended during their Majesties' stay to provide them with the amusement of a mock siege of the Castle, but the wetness of the weather frustrated the design.

(To be continued.)

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. A. TROLLOPE, H. WHITTLE, C. D. POTTER, and J. GEORGE.—Next week.

J. W. KNEESHAW.—You will be communicated with direct.

WATH-ON-DEARNE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 26th, at All Saints' church, 720 each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Woodcock's Delight, 240 each of Duke of York and New London Pleasure, and 120 Nelson's Victory. E. G. Nicholls, J. Aaron, A. Crossman, A. Parker, J. Panther, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash conductor. Rung in the afternoon after the wedding of the Rev. J. Lee and Miss K. Wild. It was intended to ring a peal, but one of the band was indisposed.

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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The third Session of the Fifth Council was held in St. Andrew's Church House, Canterbury, on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 13th, 1905, when there were present of elected representatives 38 out of 90, and of Honorary Members 3 out of 11. Of 36 Associations 5 were fully and 17 partially represented.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was in the chair.

Letters expressing regret for absence were received from Revs. A. H. Boughiey, H. E. Tilney-Bassett, C. E. Matthews, and from Messrs. J. Carter, F. E. Ward, W. H. Godden, and J. S. Pritchett.

The Hon. Sec. read the Minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed.

The Hon. Sec. then submitted the following summary of accounts, which had been audited in detail and passed by the Standing Committee. Balance for last year £56 8s. 3d.; Affiliation Fees, £11 7s. 6d.; Sale of publications, £8 os. 2d., making a total of £75 15s. 11d. The expenditure had been, Meeting of 1904, £2 14s. 6d.; Printing, £35 os. 3d.; Postage, 13s. 4d., leaving in hand a balance of £37 7s. 10d. He further reported that since the accounts had been balanced the sum of £7 2s. 8d. had been received from Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, the Council's publishers, for the sale of Publications during the past year, and that with this the total amount in the bank would be £44 10s. 6d. On the motion of Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Rev. T. L. Papillon, the accounts were passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. R. S. Story, seconded by Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and carried unanimously, that Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. T. Lockwood be re-elected Honorary members.

On behalf of the Committee for the Collection of Peals Mr. H. Dains and Rev. C. D. P. Davies reported progress.

The President reported on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Rings, and stated that the work was nearing completion.

Mr. R. A. Daniell moved the adoption of the Report of the Church Press Committee, which had been previously published. This, having been seconded by Rev. M. Kelly, was carried unanimously, accompanied by a cordial vote of thanks to Rev. T. L. Papillon for the articles that he had written in *The Guardian* newspaper.

The consideration of "Points for Peals" having been deferred so that it might be taken in conjunction with the subject for Points for Handbell Peals coming later in the Agenda,

Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, read the draft Report on the Classification of Methods. On the proposal of the Hon. Sec., seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, it was resolved "That, while thanking the Committee on Legitimate Methods for the care and trouble which they have bestowed on the work of Classification of Methods, the Council defers discussion of the matter until the next meeting, asking the Committee to publish their Draft Report meanwhile in the columns of 'THE BELL NEWS,' and to include in it any matters that they consider germane to the subject."

The consideration of items numbered 5 and 6 in the Agenda having been deferred, it was proposed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Cheesman, that an annual grant of £5 5s. be paid from the Council's funds for the preparation of the Peal Analysis. The motion was rejected on the ground that the Analysis should be paid for by the Associations.

It was proposed by Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, "That all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells, shall be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung in hand single-handed, or upon tower bells."

An amendment having been proposed by the Hon. Sec., seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, causing the resolution to read "That it be a recommendation to the Peal Points Committee that all peals rung in hand, each ringer ringing two bells should be allowed twice as many points as the same peal would receive if rung upon tower bells," and having been carried, was then put to the meeting in this form, and was unanimously passed as the substantive resolution.

On the motion of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Rev. T. L. Papillon, it was unanimously resolved "That having regard to

the recent correspondence in 'THE BELL NEWS' it is desirable to appoint a Committee to submit to next year's meeting a short descriptive Catalogue of the known printed books and MSS. relating to change-ringing not readily accessible to members of the Exercise." The work was entrusted to the Press Committee, and for this purpose the Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. Henry Dains were, on the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, unanimously added to that Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by Mr. H. Dains, "That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised, and that peals in them should not be booked."

As an amendment it was proposed by Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and seconded by Rev. H. J. Elsee, that the words "and that peals"—to the end should be omitted.

This having been accepted by the original mover and seconder and by the meeting,

An amendment was then proposed by Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Rev. W. W. Covey Crump, that the words "illegitimate methods" be substituted for the words "Bob Triples and Grandsire Major." This having been lost

The original motion as amended by Revs. F. J. O. Helmore and H. J. Elsee was put to the meeting in the names of the original mover and seconder, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by the Hon. Sec., "That Double Norwich Court Bob Caters be accorded the same number of points per peal as Double Norwich Court Bob Royal." It having been suggested that it would be well to preface the Resolution with the words "That it be a recommendation to the Peal Points Committee," and the suggestion having been accepted by the mover and seconder, the resolution was passed in this form.

The President gave notice that he would next year move an alteration in the Rules in connection with the admission of new members of Council, and also as regards the numbers of Honorary Members.

On the motion of the President, seconded by the Hon. Sec., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for his kindness in making arrangements for the meeting, and

On the motion of Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks was by acclamation accorded to the President.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bishops Stortford on August Bank Holiday, when the tower of St. Michael's was open by kind permission of the Rev. H. T. Lane. The bells were set going just after 2 p.m. and continued, except during the interval for tea and the business meeting, until nearly 9 o'clock. Members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Hackney, Walthamstow, Woodford, Sawbridge, Little Munden, Poplar, Stanstead, and the local band. Touches in various methods were successfully brought round. Tea was partaken of at the Boar's Head, after which the business meeting was held, Mr. N. Tarling being voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and Mr. G. Black, of Woodford, was unanimously elected a member. A vote of thanks to the Vicar was carried by acclamation, after which all adjourned to the tower for more ringing, the visitors having spent a useful and enjoyable time.

### EXETER.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on Tuesday, August 29th; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, August 24th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Devonshire Guild.—Exeter (Devon).**—No practice at the Cathedral during August.  
EDWIN SHEPHERD.  
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**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Biddulph to-day, Saturday, August 19th.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine's, Feltham, to-day, Sat., August 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Will members kindly note that all subscriptions should now be paid.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
Hillingdon.

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill to-day, Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers invited.  
JOHN W. BARKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid.  
A. OSBORNE, *Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley on Saturday, August 26th, 1905. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's church, Penwortham, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 3. Tea, and meeting, at 5.30, for those who inform me by Wednesday, August 23rd.  
C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Meeting at 7. Cars leave Deansgate every few minutes.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Herts Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available at 4.0. Tea, 6d. per head, for all who inform me they are coming.  
H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 9 p.m., or earlier if required.  
T. H. TAFFENDER,  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E. *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the general secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.

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8327654	1	8457623	1
453762	2	8324765	2
274653	1	573624	1
8352467	2	245367	2
743652	1	732645	1
8257364	2	8547263	2
432657	1	325647	1
574263	2	473562	2
8235674	1	8524673	1
742563	2	735462	2
8537642	1	8427635	1
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1905.

THIS week is recorded in our columns the one-thousandth peal rung by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON. Some years ago we prophesied that the rev. gentleman would reach this number, and he has done so. On another page will be found a report of the proceedings in connection with the completion of this remarkable record, which our readers will peruse with interest. It is well that the first achievement of such a record of peals has been obtained by a Church of England parson, and future history will not be slow to dwell upon the remarkable perseverance displayed by our old and dear friend—the Rev. Master of the Oxford Guild.



**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

MAURICE SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK TEGG .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

MAURICE SMITH .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
First peal in the method on the bells.**The Provinces.****BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)*On Tuesday, June 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

EDMUND JEPSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARGREAVES .. .. 5.
THOMAS F. HINDLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM KEARNEY .. .. 6.
JOHN WATSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. 7.
THOMAS HINDLE .. .. 4.	EDWARD HACKING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN WATSON.

**TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, July 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble.	*JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM THOMPSON .. 6.
FRED SMITH* .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR A. CLAY .. .. 7.
HORACE SMITH* .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich by the above Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, August 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK DARLINGTON .. 6.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 3.	*J. JOHNSON .. .. 7.
A. A. CLAY* .. .. 4.	*H. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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

**ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
THURSTANS'S REVERSED. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THOMPSON .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CLAY .. .. 6.
JOHN DARLINGTON* .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
FRED SMITH* .. .. 4.	*W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble.	GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 5.
JOHN GODBER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 6.
SYDNEY CHURTON .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. E. V. COX .. .. 4.	*CHARLES MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. JAS. F. HASTINGS .. Treble.	*ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 4.
JOHN BASS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\*First peal of Minor.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM STEELE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
HARRY BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BASON .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. STEELE.

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.



## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. .Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. .5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. .3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .7.
SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, August 8, 1905, in Three Hours Nineteen and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED FOX .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. .. 2.	HARRY JUDGE .. .. .6.
HARRY MILES .. .. .3.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .Treble.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. .2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is D. Elliott's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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

On Wednesday, August 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-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.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ..Treble.	C. H. FOWLER .. .. .5.
G. A. SMITH .. .. .2.	HARRY MILES .. .. .6.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ..Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 100th peal.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ..Treble.	ARTHUR LEEDER .. .. 5.
CHARLES BIRD* .. .. .2.	HARRY BORRETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WYMER* .. .. .3.	WILLIAM STEELE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RINGER* .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ..Treble.	GEORGE CALLAND .. .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. .2.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. .3.	†SPENCER M. DODINGTON .. 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. .. 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

†First peal with a bob bell. It was intended to have rung Oxford Bob, but meeting short resulted in the above.

## RINGWOOD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 10, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES GOODENOUGH ..Treble.	WALTER KKKLEY .. .. 5.
ALICE WHITE .. .. .2.	ALBERT BEST .. .. .6.
FREDERICK HOSKINS* .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
WALTER BURSEY .. .. .4.	*CHARLES RANDALL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

FREDERICK PALMER .. ..Treble.	GEORGE LINES .. .. .5.
WALTER PERKINS .. .. .2.	*JONATHAN SEAMARK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. BIRD .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS* .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. ..Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON.

\*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for C. H. Bird, who hails from Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, August 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .Treble.	HENRY GROSVENOR .. .. 5.
J. W. TILLEY .. .. .2.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 6.
GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. .3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal as conductor.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES NICKERSON .. ..Treble.	WALTER GILBERT .. .. 5.
FRED STUBBS .. .. .2.	LEWIS CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
FRED GILBERT .. .. .3.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. .7.
REGINALD LOVEDAY .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE W. BRION* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING† .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 8.
HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN.* .. 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 9.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. This was the quarterly peal of the Guildford District; also T. W. Radford's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN LOVELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 4.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 5.
FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 3.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 5.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

\*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## DIBDEN, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WALTER KERLEY .. .. 5.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 2.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 6.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. 3.	*EDWARD J. HARDING .. 7.
WILLIAM TUCKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

## CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN MONK .. .. Treble.	ALBERT BROOKS .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 6.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of three new bells by the Bishop of Reading. A new frame has been put in, and the old bells rehung, the whole work being well carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

## Handbell Peals.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT RUPERT CHAMBERS, QUAY STREET,

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

JOHN BURFORD .. .. 1-2.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5-6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 3-4.	WALTER APPERLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire—G. H. Stokes. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles H. Horton and Miss E. Parker, on the occasion of their marriage at St. Stephen's church, Bristol. First peal on these bells, they having been augmented and thoroughly restored by Mears.

## Miscellaneous.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON HALL (Northumberland).—On Saturday, August 5th, at St. James's church, on the occasion of the meeting of the above Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Lowery, R. Falconer, E. A. Hern, Z. Scott, J. Smith, Jas. Symn conductor. And 720 Double Oxford Minor. Z. Scott, Jos. Symn, J. Smith, E. A. Hern, E. Lowery, Jas. Symn conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSFOLD (Surrey).—On a recent Thursday, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. P. Stenning, E. Smithers, M. Pullen, W. T. Cox, J. W. Harrison conductor, A. Smithers. And 720 in the same method. P. Stenning, E. Smithers, W. T. Cox, A. Smithers, T. Squeich, J. W. Harrison conductor.

EWHURST (Surrey).—On June 14th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Tidy, W. T. Cox, F. Francis, W. Tidy, R. Whittington, J. W. Harrison conductor. Also 360 in the same method. W. T. Cox, F. Francis, the rest as before.

GREAT WYMONDLEY (Herts).—On Thursday, June 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Hall, F. Webb, C. Hare, G. Wolfe, W. Croft, J. E. Craft conductor. For evening service on Sunday, June 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Croft, W. Croft, C. Hare, G. Wolfe, J. Foster, J. E. Craft conductor. For practice on Thursday, June 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Brazier, F. Webb, H. Hall, G. Wolfe, J. Foster, J. E. Craft conductor. All the above with the exception of Messrs. Foster and Craft have learnt change-ringing during the last nine months.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. Barnabas' church, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Rollings, J. Nash, W. Jeffs, A. Vickers, F. Cheshire, F. Vickers conductor.

STRATFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. G. Biggs, F. Rolfe, A. Rivers, E. Smith, S. Featherstone, C. Green conductor.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, June 4th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Green, A. Smith, F. Rolfe, E. Smith, F. Smith, A. Rivers conductor. 720 Double Court. E. Smith, A. Smith, F. Smith, A. Rivers, F. Rolfe conductor, C. Green. 720 Plain Bob. F. Rolfe conductor, A. Rivers, E. Smith, A. Smith, F. Smith, C. Green. These 720s were rung to oblige F. Rolfe and A. Rivers.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 25th, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins., conducted by G. Hughes. H. Tinsley, E. J. Tyler, C. Wallater, J. Tyler, W. Smith, G. Hughes, J. Malpass, A. Blundel.

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## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1000TH PEAL.

"Bank Holiday. Lunch at 10. Peal at 11." So ran the postcard from Drayton, Berks. It would have been equally true had it stated "lunch all day long," seeing the way various lots of ringers sat down to refresh themselves in the dining-room of the hospitable vicarage throughout the morning and afternoon. The occasion of course was the 1000th peal of "the ringing parson." Peal 999, taking the place of a doubtful performance in bygone years at Prestbury, had been duly rung at the Cathedral on the previous Thursday. Peal 1000 was intended to be a repetition of the silent peal of Stedman Triples rung six years previously in the same tower on the August Bank holiday. All the original ringers of that noted peal duly turned up with the exception of Mr. C. Giles, who stood out to let Mr. Washbrook ring a pair; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who was present, also gladly giving up his rope in favour of the veteran, Mr. F. White, of Appleton, who had strong prior claims to be included. Punctually at 11 a.m. the band stood to their ropes, Mr. C. Hounslow, of Oxford, being installed, as originally, umpire-in-chief, faced by Mr. Humfreys, of Kingston-on-Thames, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, with paper, pencil and watch, checking the course-ends; a wink of the eye, or a nod of the head would immediately have brought up "stand" from one or other of the three, whose eyes were glued upon the performers, more especially on Mr. Washbrook, who rang 3-4 with the apparent ease and accuracy of a pair of handbells. All went well till an unlucky 5th bob at 7 in the 2nd course of the 3rd part brought the peal to an untimely end.

As it was determined to score a peal that day at all costs, attempt No. 2 was shortly made, the well-worn Variation being trotted out, the voice of the rev. conductor this time being audible to listeners. This peal was also doomed to failure; to the consternation of the large party at luncheon the bells were set in the 48th course, the slow falling of a bell proclaiming a broken rope. Sincere condolences from all were followed by a council of war on the lawn. "Well, gentlemen," said the Parson, "I'm a prisoner here till you choose to release me." The idea of the Vicar of Drayton trying to emulate the "Prisoner of the Vatican" was not to be tolerated for one moment, a band of good men and true at once volunteered to release the prisoner from his self-imposed captivity at the earliest possible date, and thus enable him—the 1000th peal accomplished on his own bells—to ring a few hundreds more without let or hindrance in such towers as he might desire. Two days later the selected band appeared on on the scene, and after the inevitable photo on the lawn, taken by Mrs. Robinson, after instruction by Mr. Hopgood, the owner of the camera, an excellent peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 47 mins. At its conclusion the Rev. G. F. Coleridge grasped the hand of his brother priest, and in the name of the Exercise at large congratulated him on being the first to attain 1000 peals, referring also to the satisfaction felt by the other members of the band in being associated with him in the accomplishment of his long-cherished desire.

Mr. C. Hounslow then entered the church, accompanied by members of the Robinson family and others, and in a neat speech produced an illuminated address which he read and presented in the name of the Oxford Society of Change-Ringers, as follows:—

"TO THE REVEREND F. E. ROBINSON,

"Drayton Vicarage, Berks.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations upon having accomplished the successful ringing of a thousand peals. We also desire to express the earnest hope that you may long be spared to continue with us the good work you have so consistently carried on as a duty and service to the honour and glory of GOD, and to the great benefit of ringers and ringing in general.

"WM. J. SMITH, Master,

"CHAS. HOUNSLOW, Treasurer,

"THOS. A. STRANGE, Steward,

"CHAS. HESTER, Secretary."

Mr. Robinson in reply spoke feelingly, and thanked all those who had been associated with him during his ringing career, for the assistance they had given him in peal-ringing, and in the furtherance of the Art.

The 1000th peal being *un fait accompli*, ringers all over the country are thankful that the advice of the old woman at Newbury given in 1887 on the conclusion of a peal, has been carefully disregarded: "Well, you be alive then; now never do the like of that never no more." They will also join in wishing that a long and laborious life of over three-score years and ten may be prolonged to over four-score years, and that the peals rung in the next decade of that life may be as numerous as those of the past ten years. "Vive le Roi Edouard" shout the French at this hour of *entente cordiale*; "Vive le cure Francois Edouard" reply the ringers of Great Britain as they acclaim Francis Edward Robinson "the hero of a thousand peals."

## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1,000 PEALS.

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Stedman Triples (1 non-conducted) ...	626	485	
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" Cinques ... ..	4	1	
Union Triples... ..	1		
College Single Triples ... ..	2		
Bob Major ... ..	2		
Bob Royal ... ..	1		
Double Oxford Major ... ..	1		
Double Norwich Major (including a 10,080 and a 12,096) ... ..	90	5	
Duffield Major ... ..	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	3		
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	11	2	
" " " Royal ... ..	11		
" " " Maximus ... ..	2		
Duffield Royal ... ..	1		
Superlative Major ... ..	58	6	
Cambridge ... ..	16	4	
London " (including an 11,328) ...	13	3	
Rung in 313 towers.	1000	556	

## Correspondence.

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

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

## ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Major you publish in your last issue is a good variation of the 5088 by the late Wm. Harrison, given on p. 16 of Snowdon's Treatise. It was first rung on October 5th, 1877, and the performance was conducted by the late Jasper Snowdon himself. The late Mr. Sottanstell subsequently published a similar peal, and so did the late George Newson. I am vexed for my young friend Holden, as I know he is working hard at Treble Bob, and that's why I mention the other compositions. But he must try again. H. DAINS.

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The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Claims unife policie admitted	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch fen duties	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
											£55,359,505	3	5

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**THOMAS WHARRIE**, } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

15th February, 1905.

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

### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.**—On Saturday, July 8th, the members and several friends held their annual outing. The party drove in waggonettes to Mottram, the scenery en route being very much admired, especially the view of the valley and hills of Friezland and Greenfield as seen from the Lydgate and Mossley Road. On arriving at Mottram the party proceeded to the Black Bull's Head, where a capital tea was partaken of. After tea, "up came Johnny [John Butterworth] with his camera and took the blooming lot." The party then wended their way up the tower, where the bells were soon set going to a musical touch of 1008 of Grandsire Triples composed by James Brewerton and conducted by William Johnson, the ringers standing in the following order: John Butterworth, Joseph Ogden, Isaac Schofield, Thomas

Greenwood, Herbert Barlow, William Johnson, Luke Hampson, James Adams. After that various tunes and touches were rung on the handbells by the Moorside and Mottram ringers. As the time was now getting late, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the host and hostess and also to the Mottram ringers. The party then proceeded to the waggonettes, which took them home via Ashton and Oldham, Moorside being reached at a late hour, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON.**—On Monday, August 7th, the members of the above, with their wives and friends, 14 in number, had their annual outing, the place chosen being Droitwich. Arriving at that place at 11 o'clock, the party went at once to The Wheatsheaf inn, owned by Mr. W. B. Blackford, where dinner had been ordered. Then a walk to try and arrange a ring. At St. Andrew's we found

a ring of 8 bells, but there were no ropes and the wheels were out of order. After making inquiries we met the kind Vicar of Dodderhill church, who, after being told what we wanted and where we came from, took us to one of the ringers, Mr. W. W. Thomas, with whom we arranged a ring on their peal of 6 bells. Then to dinner and after that to the tower. After several short rings and breaking a rope, we rang a 360 Plain Bob Minor. Some of the local men coming up we kept the bells going till tea time. Mrs. Thomas kindly invited the ladies to partake of tea, after which the whole band visited the Flower Show held in the Salt Brine Park. Our thanks are due to the kind Vicar, also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the ringers, for their kindness to us while at Droitwich. Returning home, we all agreed it was the best outing we had ever had.

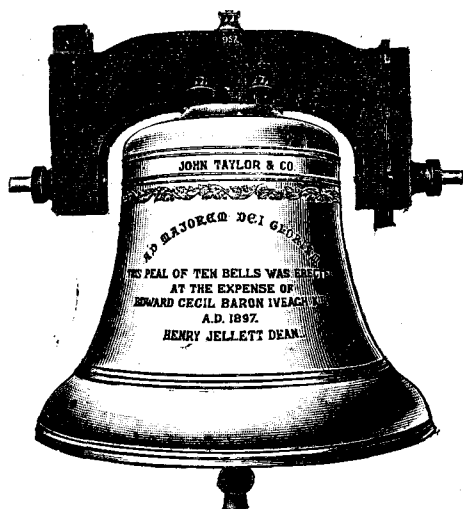
**THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BOLTON, BRADFORD.**—The ringers of this church held their annual Bank Holiday outing on Monday, August 7th. Starting by the Thackley electric car, a pleasant walk across the valley past Buck Mill brought the party to the old-time village of Baildon. Here a short stay was made and luncheon partaken of at The Angel Inn, where they were joined by Mr. George Nettleton, of Shipley. The journey was then resumed over the moor which separates the valleys of the Aire and the Wharfe by "The Hermits," Mr. Nettleton beguiling the way with sundry botanical dissertations. Then past Burley Wood head till Ilkley was reached, but unfortunately at the same time a heavy downpour of rain. Tracks were quickly made for the parish church, and soon the party was safely sheltered in the belfry. Here they were cordially welcomed by the Vicar, and during their stay rang touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. By this time the downpour had ceased, so the walk was resumed along the banks of lovely Wharfe, whose waters were flowing rapidly from the famous strid a few miles miles higher up. The well known, quaint and historic hamlet of Addingham was the ultimate destination of the outing, and after a brief rest on arrival, belfry steps were mounted and the sweet-toned ring of six for which that church is noted in the Ridings, swinging to the time of various Minor methods. After this, the inner man began to assert itself, and a visit was paid to The Fleece inn, where a really good and substantial tea was waiting to be served. The guests needed no invitation, but were quickly engaged in getting rid of that otherwise desirable companion—a good appetite. The rest of the time was most agreeably spent with strolls among the fields and gardens, concluding with a pleasant hour with handbells in the hotel, much to the enjoyment of the company present. Train time (9.22 p.m.) came only too soon, when the party started the return journey from Addington station, arriving home in due time, not a mishap occurring to mar the enjoyments of what was unanimously voted one of the most pleasurable outings ever held by the Society.

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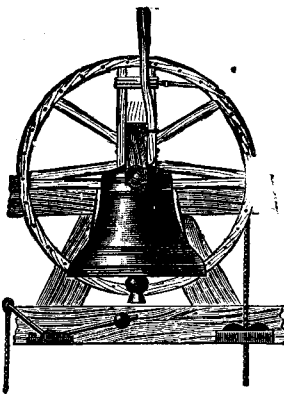
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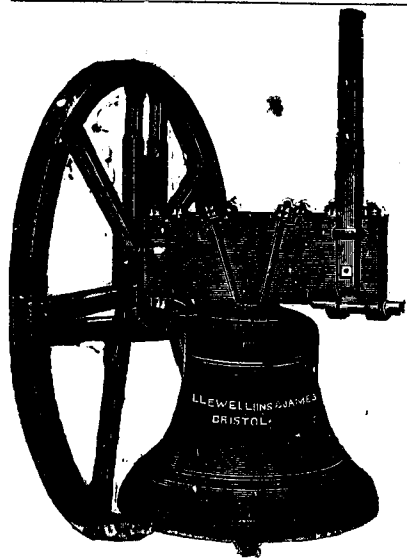
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

BIRCHINGTON (Kent). All Saints. Eight bells; the two trebles by Mears, 1901; 3rd by Snelling, 1857; 4th Knight, 1728; 5th by Masterton, 1728; 6th by William, 1728; 7th by "W.H." 1633. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft., by Knight, 1730. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung 1887, bell-hanger not stated. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BECKENHAM (Kent). St. George. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1903. Tenor 14 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Recast and rehung by Warner, 1903. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6.30 to 7. First in month 6.15 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 8.

BROXBORNE (Herts). St. Augustine. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells; 4th, 5th and 7th, 1615; tenor 1670; founder's names and size of tenor not stated; the rest by Taylor, 1903. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1903. Ropes good; renewed as required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.50, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

BUCKLEY (Flintshire). St. Matthew; all by Taylor, 1902. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Half-pull ringing. Chiming apparatus fixed. No further information.

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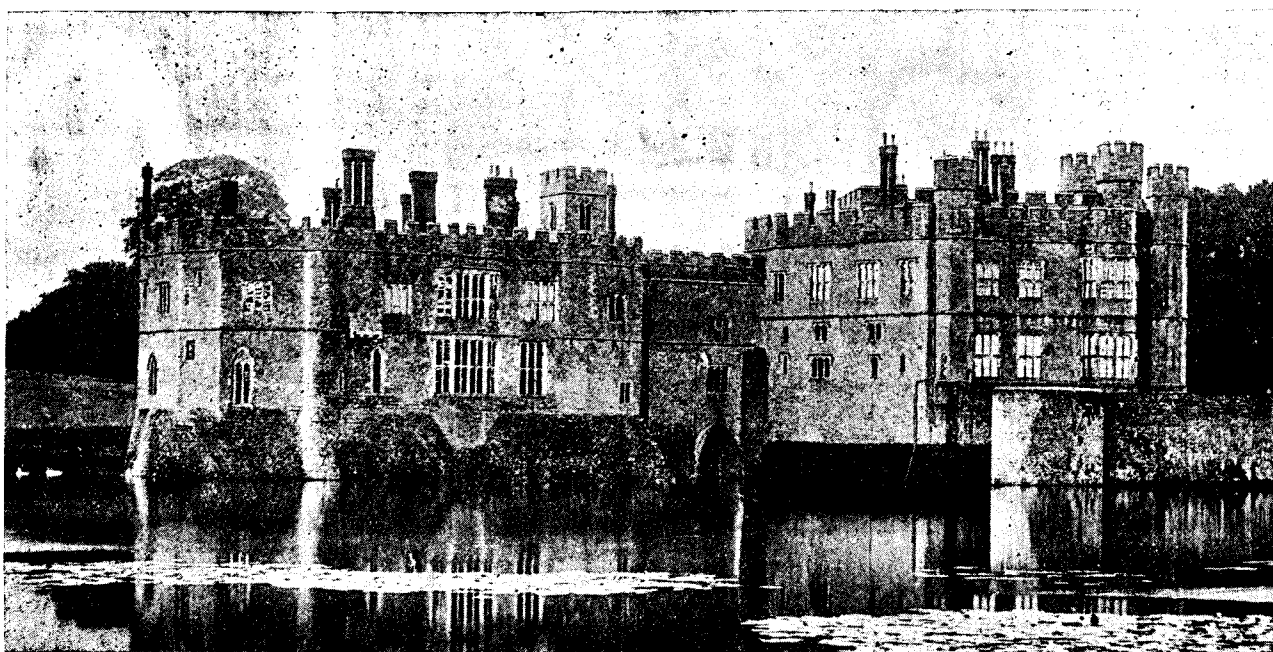
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I have already noticed that three of Barham's recorded performances are not what we should now call peals. Two of these were unsuccessful attempts for the extent of Bob Major. The first was on March 31st, 1755, when after ringing 24,800 changes the 6th clapper broke; the second on March 23rd, 1761, when after ringing 17,000 changes, a bell was thrown over. The third was an attempt on May 27th, 1765, for 10,080 Treble Ten, lost after ringing about 6000 changes. Barham seems to have considered anything over 5000 changes to be a peal whether brought round or not. Having pointed out this technicality I shall for my present purposes include these attempts among the peals. I may add that in one or two notes Barham seems, like the old writers, to use the word peal in the sense of method.

The methods rung by Barham and his friends are as follows: Plain Bob, both single, double and reverse, Fulham Triples (which Mr. Dains thinks must be an old-fashioned plain method), Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, Morning Pleasure (a Treble Bob method), Treble Place Bob, New Treble Place Bob and Leeds Treble Place Bob Double (which Mr. Dains assigns to the same family as Leicester Bob, given by him in his communication appearing in these columns May 20th, 1905), New Morning Exercise and New Oxford Treble Bob. This is a goodly list. But what was New Oxford Treble Bob? For reasons I am about to give I believe it to be what we now know as Kent. And the question then arises "Who built the Kent Variation?" Unfortunately there is nothing in this volume to show—there is no statement and no pricking. We know from the inscription on his gravestone that Barham called most of the peals in which he took part, but he was not in the habit of noting the fact of calling in his record. We find however that in the 24,800 Bob Major already mentioned "James Barham stood 14 hours and 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs."

Although we have no direct evidence that Leeds was the birthplace of Kent Treble Bob, neither Mr. Dains nor I feel any doubt that this variation was born there. On June 5th, 1774, were rung at Leeds 5088 changes of New Oxford Treble Bob. This is the first occasion in the book that the adjective "New" appears before "Oxford," and a note adds "and never rung before." On May 15th, 1784, 5760 New Oxford Treble Bob Ten In was rung at Leeds, and the Leeds Youths rang 5120 of the same on the then new ring of ten at Maidstone on October 30th in the same year.

On November 8th following 5760 of the same were rung at Maidstone, and a note adds "This peal was never rung before, only by the Leeds Youths." A further note tells us that on the 15th of the same month "at Maidstone



LEEDS CASTLE.

the College Youths rang 5040 changes of Old Oxford Treble Bob."

Now it is evident from all this that there was being practised by the Leeds Youths a new variation of Treble Bob. As they were accustomed to the name "Oxford" they retained it with the differentiating attribute of "New." A few years after the performances I have named—in 1788—the *Clavis* was published containing for the first time in printed ringing books "New Treble Bob," which method is reproduced by Shipway with the name of "Kent" instead of "New." It is quite intelligible that the *Clavis* writers dropped the "Oxford" to avoid possible confusion, while Shipway, who must have known the history of the variation, gave it the name of "Kent" because it came from that county. Hence, though direct proof is wanting, Mr. Dains and I are of opinion that the Kent Treble Bob of to-day is the same variation as the New Oxford Treble Bob rung for the first time by the Leeds Youths, and was the production of Barham or of some other member of the Company.

There are a few curious notes in Barham's book. Thus on Sunday, January 21st, 1750, the company went to London to ring, and came home on Thursday. It would be very interesting to know where they rang and whom they saw, but the page is silent. By the way, Barham does not appear to have been a member of any of the London Companies. On July 23rd, 1750, the Lenham Company carried off eight velvet caps of the value of £3 in a ringing competition at Faversham. On two occasions in 1755 the Leeds Youths rang against the Wye ringers for half-a-guinea a man, and in both cases collected the stakes. On June 4th, 1759, a peal of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the coming of age of the Prince of Wales, afterwards George III. On May 25th, 1760, the Leeds men rang 5184 Oxford Treble Eight at St. Mary's, Dover, "notwithstanding the organ, which is only shifted from the belfry by a light deal partition, played for three-quarters-of-an-hour at the latter end of the peal." Then there is the record of the 40,320 Bob

Major in 27 hours, April 7th and 8th, 1761, by fourteen men, which is of course a curiosity, but can hardly be said to be more. Still the band had steadily trained to accomplish the extent, and were entitled to be proud of their achievement. On December 26th, 1771, they rang a peal of Oxford Treble Eight at Salehurst in Sussex, the first peal on the bells, and were "well entertained by the two Esqre Packhams near Hurst Green in this Parish," and on January 1st, 1793, a band rang a peal of Bob Major whose total ages amounted to 582 years.

Of the conspicuous ability of Barham among the Exercise of his day there can be no doubt. It remains to consider what we are able to infer as to his personal character.

For one thing, it is evident that a man who retains a situation as a gardener for a long series of years, as Barham did, must be a steady and trustworthy person. But we get further indications of the kind of man he was. On March 24th, 1804, he took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Eight, this being according to his calculation his 112th peal, and he appears to have regarded his days for peals to be numbered. He had attained his diamond jubilee as a peal-ringer, and was in his eightieth year. His wife had died in 1799, and he doubtless anticipated that it would not be long before he was to be laid by her side. He had, as he thought, rung his last peal, and he accordingly had a memorial stone erected over his grave \* to commemorate them both; and being justly proud of his ringing feats had them recorded on the stone, leaving blanks to be filled in with the date of his death, and the total of his years when he should have passed away. And when we read the words he caused to be inscribed we notice that they are a simple record of facts. There is not one word of praise, or self-satisfaction. Yet he lived in a time when the most fulsome compliments were in fashion, and

\* I have no direct proof of this assertion, but unless the fact be so, I cannot understand why the reference to the peals on the stone should be incomplete both in number and date.

could easily have hired a schoolmaster or some such person to concoct some stanzas of that blatant balderdash which is so often found masquerading on tombstones as poetry. The stone seems to tell us of him as a level-headed man, conscious of what was due to himself, but devoid of vulgar self-conceit.

When we consider that no less than sixty-seven persons took part with him in his peals, it becomes at once evident that he was not a man of a cliquey disposition. And it is interesting to note throughout his long career the frequent recurrence of the names of the same family in a younger generation amongst those with whom he rang. That, to members of the Exercise, is a very significant fact. Barham was evidently a man who, in Dr. Johnson's phrase, kept his friendships in repair as he grew older.

His last peal is a pleasant exhibition of his sympathy with youth. He had not, as he thought, rung his last peal in 1804. He rang three more, bringing his total up to 115—a peal of Oxford Treble Bob in 1807, and another of the same in 1809. His final performance took place on October 25th, 1813, when the veteran of eighty-eight years and of many methods came forth to ring the treble in the simplicity of Bob Major in a band of which five were youngsters who had never rung a peal before. The names run: James Barham, Richard Gibbons, Thomas Bigg, sen., William Holland, James Bolden, James Holland, Thomas Bigg, jun., and Thomas Cook. The two old hands in addition to Barham were Bigg, sen., and Bolden. We happen to know who called this peal—it was Bigg, jun. Doubtless the youngsters persuaded the old man to start for a peal with them, but they would not have tried to do so if they had not esteemed him. It was to William Holland, one of this band, that he gave his peal-book shortly before his death, which took place at the age of ninety-three, on January 14th, 1818. R.I.P.

#### THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Treeton, on Saturday, August 5th, a fair muster of ringers turning up from Sheffield, Bolsterstone, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Killamarsh and the local company. Various six-bell methods were rung, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Violet, Duke of York, Stedman Double Slow Course, etc., the bells being kept busy until well after 7 p.m. During such time the ringers were resting, they were shewn round the interior and exterior of this very ancient church, by the members of the local company, the rich oak carving and the antique stone work being found of an exceptional character and very interesting.

The business meeting was afterwards held at the local company's meeting-house, about twenty being present. Two new members were elected, the business terminating with a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. C. Blackmore for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

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#### TOWER RATTLES.

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One of these rattles of huge dimensions called *matraca*, is suspended in one of the belfry arches of the lofty Giralda tower, in Seville. It is composed of four elongated, rectangular boxes, made to revolve by means of a crank around a common axletree in such a way that a series of steel hammers fall successively upon each box. When kept in revolution these boxes emit a rhythmical succession of sounds not unlike the explosion of a bunch of cannon fire-crackers. When the custodian of this companario started the inharmonious instrument for my benefit, a prodigious noise was produced; and in a quiet town, the racket might reach, like the call to prayer of the muezzin from the minaret, for a distance of one half-mile. In any modern metropolis, however, such unmusical sounds would possess no carrying power; and hence wherever the archaic tower-rattle has survived, it is pretty safe to conclude that the town is commercially dead.

In the steeple of Toledo Cathedral is a massive rattle, suspended in the story above that containing the nine bells, and worked by a curious mechanism. Bædeker states that it is the custom to sound this machine continuously for forty-eight hours before the Gloria of the Saturday before Easter.

As regards the wooden bells preserved at St. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, and at the parish church at Lenton, as explained by Tyack, these were probably designed as models to serve as guides for the maker of the bell-frames.

A. H. NICHOLLS, M.D.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The August Meeting of the above Association was held at Newton Hall, Northumberland, on Saturday, August 6th. Members were present from Winlaton, Gosforth, Darlington, Chester-le-Street and North Shields. Tea was provided at The Wellington Arms by Mr. J. Symn, a local ringer, at which thirteen were present. The bells were kept going from 4 o'clock to 7.30 in Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, after which the visitors were taken through the Hall grounds. This concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

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## KENSINGTON RINGERS' EXCURSION TO WINCHESTER.

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Our first object of inspection was the County Hall, which is really the hall of the former Royal Castle at Winchester. Not only is it a fine building in itself, with its elegant marble pillars of the thirteenth century, but it is of great historic interest as the scene of many important events; and suspended against its west wall is what is popularly known as King Arthur's Round Table. It is a circular table head, eighteen feet in diameter, painted in twenty-five sections representing places at the board for the king and twenty-four knights. Whatever its actual origin may be, it is certainly of very remote antiquity, and was used among other occasions when parliaments and other state functions were held at Winchester Castle. A walk through the water meadows to the picturesque hospital of St. Cross and back to the Great Western hotel brought up dinner-time, and we discussed an excellent meal in a laudable manner.

Half-past two found us at the Cathedral to meet Dr. Furneaux, the Dean of Winchester, who had most kindly invited us to do so in order that he might take us round the interior and point out its interesting features, and a very interesting interior it is. Not only does the fabric present excellent samples of all periods of English architecture, but it contains many beautiful objects which have sustained less damage in the course of time than might have been expected, considering the barbarism of Bishop Horne in the sixteenth century, and the occupation of Winchester by the Parliamentary army in the seventeenth. Moreover the guardians of the edifice have been wisely content to confine themselves as much as possible to works of necessary repair, and have not been bitten by that passion for disembowelment which, under the name of Restoration, has too often produced distressing results in our Cathedral and Parochial churches. The restoration of the magnificent altar screen has been excellently accomplished, and when the stone screen between the nave and the choir was removed, the fine old woodwork in the latter supplied a model, which, at least, saved Winchester from a choir screen of flaring Victorian metal work, such as in some of our Cathedrals affronts the human eye.

The archaic font, the Chantries of Wykeham, Beaufort, Gardiner and others, the wonderful woodwork of Bishop Langton's Chapel, the chair used by Queen Mary when she was married in the Cathedral to Philip the Second of Spain, the frescoes in the Lady Chapel, and the interesting Crypt, and other details too numerous to mention—through all these the Dean was our guide, philosopher and friend, and we cannot offer him too many thanks for the pleasure he gave us on the occasion.

Our next move was to the College, where the porter, who evidently loves every stone in the place, conducted us round the historic buildings, including "Sixth Chamber" which still retains an old oak bedstead of the 16th century, kept now as an illustration of Bygone days, when scholars slept on structures of this sort. Many living Wykehamists remember them, perchance some readers of these lines, the writer of which was amongst the last who slept on one of them, before they gave place to more modern arrangements.

A visit to Wolvesey—the picturesque ruins of the mediæval

fortified residence of the Bishop of Winchester—was followed by a pilgrimage to the grave of Thomas Thetcher, from whose tombstone we learn that he was a Grenadier in the North Regiment of Hants. Militia, who died of a violent fever contracted by drinking small beer, when hot, on May 12th, 1764, aged 26 years, which announcement is followed by this sage advice:

"Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier  
Who caught his death by drinking small cold beer;  
Soldiers, be wise, from his untimely fall,  
An, when ye're hot, drink Strong, or none at all."

Having attentively made this weighty warning part of the furniture of our minds, we again entered the Cathedral, where, in the nave, we heard the anthem and conclusion of evensong, and then under the guardianship of Mr. Elkins, went aloft among the beams of the roofs to the grand ringing-chamber with its finely ornamented Norman windows, and here, by the kind permission of the Dean, we enjoyed performing touches of Triples and Caters, till, all too soon, the claims of tea and train could no longer be neglected, and having got the one on board, and got on board the other, we terminated an enjoyable day at a fascinating place, carrying with us grateful thoughts of the residents in ancient King Alfred's city, who had contributed to the pleasure of a Londoner's outing. R. A. D.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. T. H. TAFFENDER.

A very interesting event took place at Sheffield on Tuesday, August 15th, the occasion being a "winding up" meeting of the Sheffield ringers who participated in the recent visit to London, during which a presentation was made to Mr. T. H. Taffender, in recognition of his valuable services ungrudgingly rendered in connection with the same, the result of which was a complete success to the outing, and entire satisfaction to the whole party. In fact, so pleased was everyone with the arrangements made in London, that it was unanimously decided that something more substantial should be offered the gentleman in question than the mere thanks that had already been accorded him, therefore it was ultimately agreed this should take the form of a presentation, which should be the production of Sheffield's best material, and made by members of the party.

On learning that Mr. Taffender would be spending his holidays in Yorkshire during the present month, he was cordially invited to call at Sheffield, so that we could once more have the pleasure of his company in a right good convivial evening, which, needless to say, was carried out in that true good-hearted style characteristic of Yorkshiremen. On arriving at mid-day he was met by friends, who arranged a visit to a few places of interest, concluding with a very pleasant walk to Norton church, that happy hunting ground of Sheffield peal-ringers, whose doings are recorded in the annals of local ringing history.

Tea having been partaken of at a kind friend's, an adjournment was made to The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, at 7.30 p.m., where a large number of ringers had assembled, anxiously waiting our friend's arrival. After a hearty welcome and a shake of hands all round, the assembly quickly settled down and commenced business in real earnest.

Mr. S. F. Palmer was elected chairman for the evening, being ably supported by Messrs. S. Seed, J. Mulligan, R. Harrison, J. Dixon, G. O. Dixon, W. Biggin, S. Thomas, C. Glenn, G. Holmes, W. Bugar, F. Bugar, J. Evinson, J. T. Rew, J. Atkin, etc., etc., whilst the ringers present with their wives and friends numbered upwards of sixty. After the toast of "The King" by the chairman, Mr. Birtles opened the harmony with a well-rendered song, "The Outlaw," which was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by T. H. Taffender, C. Glenn, R. Harrison and F. Bugar. Mr. Dickenson then gave a turn, and Mr. J. Atkin was called upon for his ever popular "Tuesday Afternoon." The toast "Our London friends, present and absent," was given by Mr. J. Mulligan, which was replied to in a few well chosen words by Mr. Taffender. Next came a selection on the handbells by Messrs. F. and W. Bugar, in their well-known style, and Mr. Morton earned a round of applause for his song "Laughing all over my face."

The Chairman then reminded the company for what purpose

they had gathered together, and called upon Mr. R. Harrison to fulfil the most important duty of the evening. The latter, in a well-worded speech, outlined the object of the meeting, and spoke very highly of the friendship and courtesy that was shewn by the ringers in London on their recent visit, and in consideration for the very valuable services rendered by Mr. Taffender, which resulted in the visit meeting with great success, it afforded him the greatest of pleasure in asking that gentleman to now accept a small token by which they wished to shew their hearty appreciation for the time and trouble he had expended on their behalf.

In reply, Mr. Taffender said that although he was bred and born in London, he was proud to say his father was a Yorkshireman, whilst he himself had also spent some very pleasant times in Yorkshire, and he should never forget the hearty receptions he had always met with amongst ringers in the county, particularly those at Sheffield. On receiving information that the Sheffield ringers had decided on their visit he at once resolved to do all he could to repay a little of the kindness bestowed upon himself, which he should only be too glad to repeat should the occasion arise, and he was pleased to hear that everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In accepting the gift he hoped their hearts would be bound with friendship as true and lasting as the steel which had been presented to him, and for which he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart.

The presentation consisted of a case of carvers and steel with silver-mounted black buffalo handles, made by Mr. J. Evinson, the case being mounted with a silver shield in the shape of a bell, made to the design of Mr. F. Burgar, on which was inscribed—"Presented to Mr. T. H. Taffender by the Sheffield Change-ringers to commemorate their visit to London on June 10th, 1905."

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, song after song, interspersed with tunes on the handbells, being given by willing volunteers, amongst whom were some of Sheffield's best comic talent, that the chairman had a difficulty in obliging all with a turn before the hour of closure arrived. Special mention, however, should be made of the efforts of Messrs. Morton, Holt and Tennison, who fairly brought down the house.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes the meeting terminated at 11.0 p.m. with the singing of "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem. S. F. P.

### Correspondence.

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

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

THE 5376 OF BOB MAJOR BY H. MOORE.

SIR,—If Mr. Moore will kindly look at "THE BELL NEWS" of January 4th, 1902, he will see that his peal in your number for August 12th is mine, the calling being simply reversed. I have got another variation of it myself, but you cannot shorten the calls less than the original composition, being sixty calls, and by reducing it to 5056 making only fifty-seven calls.

HARRY WHITTLE.

### AMATEUR RINGERS.

SIR,—The question asked by "Quasi-Professional" is appalling in its intensity and bluntness. Supposing anyone is able to answer in the affirmative, what would the general body of church bell ringers think of it. Ringers are proverbially charitable, in matters demanding kindness and consideration they are to the manner born, but anyone must live in a fool's paradise than can imagine a company of ringers being ready at all times to ring without cash payment.

C. D. POTTER.

### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—My reply to Mr. Davies's question is this—that his drums and strips do certainly not represent *all* the facts of the case. I will ask him to reconstruct them a little, and I will promise to keep strictly to facts. He shall still have two drums, one for the ten-part and the other for the six-part. But on his

strips he shall write neither the lead-ends alone nor the "piece lines" alone, but the whole 5040 rows, half on each strip. He shall draw a line between the rows wherever a bob is made, and he shall wind his strips into his drums so that these lines shall be one upon another. Then shall he find that neither in the ten-part nor in the six-part will 234567 and 235476 fall one upon another, nor indeed will any one lead-end of the first half fall upon a lead-end of the second half, which proves that no peal of Grandsire Triples ever can reverse from a lead-end. But he will say "why draw these lines, and why put the lines in the second half upon the lines of the first half instead of lead-end upon lead-end?" For this reason. These lines represent the bobs in the peal; where they are drawn is where the bobs take effect. Now, a reverse peal is a *reversal of the bobs: and of nothing else but the bobs*. Consequently we need trouble about nothing else but the bobs. This is not a theory, but a fact. But although the composition cannot reverse from the lead-ends if one variation is a really reverse of another, there must be a point of reversal. And by a point of reversal I mean a point from which going forward you get the bobs of the original variation, and going backwards you get, at identically the same distance, the bobs of the reverse variation. Such a point will be found in the six-part at a line drawn where a bob can take effect, and in the ten-part mid-way between two such lines.

I don't think I need say much in reply to questions 2 and 3. When you have settled that the point of reversal is not at a lead-end, it really matters very little where 234567 or 235476 comes, for Mr. Davies at any rate won't forget that a peal is a round block, and that rounds is an incidental row of equal value with any other lead-end, no more, no less. J. A. TROLLOPE.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if some of your readers could give me some hints or tell me of some books helpful to beginners in handbell and tune ringing. E.

SIR,—Noting with pain the absence of any discussion this week as to where the drum comes in Holt's ten-part, as a humble member of the Exercise I venture to ask a few questions, the answers to which may be of general interest to ringers.

1.—Are there any peals composed with the 2nd and 3rd only in 6ths place at the course-end, or any methods with the 7th doing plain hunting all through, and the tenor never behind at a bob?

2.—Where is the best place to begin sorting the bells out in a peal of Stedman Triples, when there are too many in the slow, and not enough quick, respecting (of course) the *truth* of the peal?

3.—Will the legitimate members of the Central Council kindly permit us to ring a peal of Grandsire Royal, and book the same?

4.—Will any custodian of a twelve-bell tower grant the use of the bells for a band to attempt the extent of Bob Maximus? and oblige,

W. H. JUDD.

### BARHAM'S PEALS.

SIR,—In reference to the article appearing in last week's "BELL NEWS" of the account of peals rung by James Barham, I also have a copy in my possession dated from 1744 to 1813, and printed by George Naunton, of Ipswich. J. SOUTER.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1905.

ALLUSION was made the other week to the presence of an undesirable object in the ringing-chamber, to wit—a clock pendulum. The Rev. H. DRAKE pointed out the incongruity of such an article in such a spot; but unfortunately we read now and then of a further, and grosser absurdity, *i.e.* a church clock, in the ringers' apartment. At All Saints, West Ham, Essex, is one of these eye-sores. The bells here are now being rehung, and it is a great pity this monstrosity of a clock was not removed at the same time into a more convenient place. Architects and others concerned ought to know that it is not necessary for the works of a clock to be placed in the tower at all; other suitable places can be found if a competent church clockmaker is employed. Is it too late now to effect the desired alteration at West Ham? We hope not.

## BLACKPOOL.

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## EGERTON, KENT.

We are pleased to learn that an effort is being made to restore the fine peal of bells of this well-known church. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have done good work in this neighbourhood, have been instructed to proceed with the necessary repairs, and it is hoped that the work will be done in time for the coming harvest festival. The bells, one of which has been hung in the tower 200 years, are badly worn. To avert this it is necessary to turn them. The possibility of using again the existing fittings has been considered, Messrs. Mears cannot advise the retention of any of them. There appears no alternative but to proceed without delay in the work of restoration, the estimated cost which is £81. Many important and necessary repairs and improvements have been made at this church during the last four years; the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have put a new roof to the chancel; the Lord of the Manor, Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis having generously borne the entire cost of a new roof to the nave, and north aisle; three memorial windows, one to the late Archbishop, have been introduced, and the whole of the interior walls have been cleaned and coloured. It is time, therefore, that some movement should be made in the direction of a fuller equipment of the church, and another step onwards in the work of restoration. It is felt to be depressing to be denied the elevating and inspiring influence such as a good peal of bells can induce, especially after long years of enjoyment of the privilege. To relieve the monotony of village life, to say nothing of the exhilarating influence on the surrounding neighbourhood, which is perhaps, the greater gainer, is a movement worthy of the sympathy of those who realise the stress and anxiety of modern life, and who rejoice in the church's steady and persistent effort to enoble and brighten human existence. The movement, we are glad to find, is being earnestly encouraged.

## The Metropolis.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. .	Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .	6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .	7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. .	3.	GEORGE CHARGE .. .. .	8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .	4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. .	9.
SAMUEL J. BIRD* .. .. .	5.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD G. CARTER .. .. .	Treble.	†GEORGE CARTER .. .. .	5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. .	2.	†HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY .. .. .	6.
REGINALD EDWARDS .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. .. .	7.
HENRY G. HILL .. .. .	4.	*THOMAS JAKEMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

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On Monday, August 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. .	1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .	5-6.
HEREERT P. HARMAN .. .. .	3-4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .	7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. .	9-10.		

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—A. W. Brighton and A. T. King. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wednesday, August 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF CHURCHWARDWARDEN E. A. DAVIES, "NORTHBURY," BARKING,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

ROWLAND FENN .. .. .	1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. .	5-6.
CALEB FENN .. .. .	3-4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. .	7-8.
*GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. .	9-10.		

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Umpire—A. J. Carter. The band wish to thank Mr. Davies for the use of his drawing-room, and for his kindness and hospitality on this and a previous occasion.

\*First peal on hand-bells.

## The Provinces.

## LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, FAR HEADINGLEY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. .	Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	5.
FREDK. R. BARRACLOUGH* .. .. .	2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. .	6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. .. .	7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. .	4.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time by this Association, and in the county of Yorks.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. .	5.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. .	2.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. .. .	6.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. .. .	3.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .	7.
GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. .. .	4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

## LLANBADARN, WALES.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. .	Treble.	JOSEPH WALKER .. .. .	5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. .	2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. .	6.
JAMES P. SIMPSON .. .. .	3.	JAMES HARES .. .. .	7.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. .	4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

## HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST CHAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED K. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JOHN E. MATTHEWS .. 5.
ARTHUR STOKOE .. 2.	WALTER WOOD .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 4.	LEONARD STOKOE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late John Chapman Walker, a late member of the local company.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK PATRICK .. Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. 6.
WILLIAM H. JUDD .. 3.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. 4.	JOHN PRIOR .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS .. Treble.	G. IRVINE .. 5.
QR. MR.-SGT. W. HIBBERT 2.	G. ESSEX .. 6.
K. T. HIBBERT .. 3.	T. NEWMAN .. 7.
T. GWYNNE .. 4.	E. W. MENDAY .. Tenor.

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

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM IERLAND .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. 2.	WILLIAM STEELE .. 6.
HARRY BORRETT* .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 7.
GEORGE ARCHER .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	JOSEPH PIGGOTT .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and tenor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	REV. H. J. ELSEY .. 7.
REV. G. H. RIDOUT .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. 8.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9.
JOHN TAYLOR .. 5.	FRANK KEMPTON .. Tenor.
	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the front six. For calling see Collection of Peals, Section I., No. 59.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	*ALFRED W. GROVES .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE* .. 2.	FREDERICK M. BACON .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. 8.
ARTHUR G. ELLISS .. 4.	GEORGE A. KING .. 9.
FRANK BENNETT .. 5.	KEITH HART .. Tenor.

Composed by W. BOOTH, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Royal.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. 7.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, August 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY TINSLEY* .. Treble.	*EDWIN J. TYLER .. 5.
JAMES TYLER* .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER* 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 4.	†HOWARD W. CATTELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

## BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL .. 2.	EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. 6.
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## HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM O. TALBOT .. 1-2. | HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 5-6.  
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 3-4. | BENJAMIN SHAW .. .. 7-8.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by H. WILLIAMS.

Umpire—Walter Burn. First peal on handbells by all except the conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END (Herts).—On Wednesday, August 2nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 660 Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. J. W. Lane, W. Green, A. E. Weeden conductor, P. Patterson, E. Rogers, G. Perry. Longest touch on the bells by any of the local band.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, August 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Werry, jun., H. Weeks, W. Nicholls, W. New conductor, G. Bean, J. Lee. First 720 on the treble since being recast. And 240 Woodbine. J. Lee conductor. 72 Kent H. Weeks conductor, W. Werry.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On April 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Humphreys, T. Harford, E. Dunn, G. Simpson, E. H. Kite, E. Huxley, G. Durling conductor, W. James. On June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Wells, E. Dunn, A. Humphrey, G. Simpson, G. Durling, T. Harford, H. P. Harman conductor, W. James. On June 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Simpson, H. P. Harman, E. Dunn, A. Humphrey, G. H. Kite, G. Huxley, G. Durling conductor, W. James. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor, and first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by a local band.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, W. H. Adkin, F. W. Thornton, W. J. Jeffries conductor, J. Law, J. E. Davis, C. Letzer.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, August 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. B. Holmyard, J. R. Adams, F. Speed, G. R. Davis, J. G. Hambleton, F. Chivers, C. H. Shearn, R. Jones.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HYDE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 47 mins. A. Houghton, J. Cooke, S. Bowker, T. Bradley, A. Hough, J. Wilde conductor, M. J. Morris, J. Shaw. Longest length by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

DENTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 1st, at St. Ann's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Chadwick, W. Wilde conductor, E. Sidebottom, M. J. Morris, H. Ellis, W. Wright. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. J. Shaw, A. E. Marshall, M. J. Morris, J. Pollitt, H. Ellis, W. Wilde conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, March 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Marks, W. H. George, W. Rowe, jun., W. T. Tucker, W. Rowe, C. Fray conductor. On Sunday evening, March 26th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., W. T. Tucker conductor, W. Rowe, A. Marks. On April 12th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, E. Dumper, A. Marks, W. G. Rowe, W. Rowe, sen., C. Fray conductor. On Sunday, April 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Tucker, A. Marks, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., W. Rowe, W. H. George conductor. On Thursday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, A. Marks, C. Fray, W. H. George, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor.

HURSLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 40 mins. J. Pannell, W. Rowe, jun., J. Richards, R. G. Hunt, W. H. Westbrook, W. Tucker conductor.

RUDGWICK (Sussex).—On Thursday, July 27th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Tate, W. T. Cocks, J. Pullen, R. W. Whittington, J. W. Harrison, G. F. Williams conductor.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On April 26th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. On April 30th, 720 Oxford Bob. On May 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. On May 10th, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Plain Bob. On May 17th, 720 Plain Bob and 720 College Single. On Sunday, May 21st, for service, 720 College Single. On June 5th, 720 Bob Minor. On June 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 College Single. On June 29th, 720 Plain Bob. On July 12th, two 720s College Single. On July 19th, 720 Oxford Bob. On July 26th, 720 College Single. In these seventeen 720s the following members took part: H. J. Smith, 12; W. Singleton, 15; H. W. Merrett, 17; N. Welch, 13; W. F. Churcher, 16; G. E. Chappell, 17; W. Cooper, 3; J. W. Whiting, 5; A. Millard, 2; W. Linter, 1. Sixteen were conducted by G. E. Chappell, and one by J. W. Whiting.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. G. Miller, L. H. Moore, F. G. Coles, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor, F. Chamberlain.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, July 31st, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bond, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis, J. J. Jeffries, C. Bartlett, H. T. Gardner, H. C. Bond conductor, S. Hayward.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, July 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Cook, E. Mapp, T. J. Salter conductor, W. Bowen, E. Gilbert, J. Johnson, C. Beaman, A. Thomason.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, July 25th, after the Patronal Service at St. James's church, Islington, 720 Bob Minor. H. May, J. Barry, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Franks, C. Pothecaray conductor, R. Charge. On Friday, August 4th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. W. May, W. Weatherstone conductor, W. Hewett, H. Franks, R. F. Deal, C. Pothecaray.

NORTHLEACH (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50½ mins. F. W. Bond, C. Eden, A. E. Edwards, J. J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, H. C. Bond conductor, H. T. Gardner, F. Protherough, J. M. Turner. Also 168 Stedman Triples by the same band. And 336 Stedman Triples. J. M. Turner, F. Gardner, F. W. Bond, C. Eden, H. C. Bond conductor, C. Bartlett, H. T. Gardner, J. J. Jeffries. And three courses of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. E. Edwards, 1-2; F. W. Bond, 3-4; H. C. Bond, 5-6; J. J. Jeffries, 7-8. The above ringing was done by the Cirencester company, on the occasion of the Bishop of Gloucester's visit to Northleach.

POPLAR (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 30th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. W. Doran conductor, T. Faulkner, T. Cranfield, L. Taylor, S. Bird, F. Gill, A. Neale, J. Moule, A. Peck, F. Gooch.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Adshead, G. Staff conductor, W. Brierley, A. Bamford, W. Oddie, J. Harrison, P. Walker, E. Schofield. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 4th and 5th, and first as conductor by the ringer of the 2nd. Rung to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the bells being opened.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. J. Pannett, F. S. Sturt, G. H. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, K. Hart, A. J. Turner, J. S. Goldsmith conductor, J. F. Steadman.

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## ST. GEORGE'S STOCKPORT.

An interesting presentation took place at St. George's Church, on Monday evening, the 7th August, one of the bellringers, Mr. John Mottershead, being about to take a very important step, that of matrimony, and the ringers, to show their appreciation of Mr. Mottershead's services, had decided to make him a present of a handsome cruet. Mr. Bayley, the tower-keeper, asked the Rev. B. J. Morrow, curate of St. George's, to make the presentation on behalf of the company to show the good feeling which existed among them. Mr. Morrow said that he was highly pleased on being asked to make the presentation on behalf of the ringers. He said he did not think that married life was such a fearful thing after all as some married men tried to make out; at any rate he hoped that Mr. Mottershead would not find it so. Mr. Mottershead had come to the time when he was to run, not in "single harness" as before, but in "tandem," but he hoped Mr. Mottershead would not run in "tandem" but in "double harness." He was sure that Mr. Mottershead had been very careful in choosing a wife, and not like the Spaniards who had a proverb which ran:—"In buying a horse and choosing a wife, shut your eyes and trust to providence." Continuing his remarks, Mr. Morrow said he had very great pleasure in making the presentation to Mr. Mottershead as a token of good fellowship from his fellow ringers and also for his future happiness and success. Mr. Mottershead, in reply, warmly thanked the company for the kindness they had shown in making him such a handsome present, and for their good wishes for his future welfare, and thanked Mr. Morrow for his kindness in making the presentation. Mr. Jackson, treasurer to the company, then moved that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to Mr. Morrow for his kindness in coming there that evening to make the presentation, which Mr. Astbury seconded, and was carried with acclamation.

## MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

August 19th, 1905, was the wedding-day of Mr. H. Jones, Secretary of St. Alkelda's Guild, to Miss M. R. Mettam, of Retford. At the hour of the ceremony the ringers met in the tower to celebrate the happy event, and again on the home-coming of the bride and bridegroom. At the first practice the ringing-chamber presented an animated appearance with a strong muster of ringers, and the Rector amongst them. In a corner was awaiting an oak coal-box, with a bell carved on its lid, carefully concealed by coats so as to come as a surprise when the Rector was ready to present it in the name of the Guild, who had subscribed to it as a token of their good wishes to their Secretary on his marriage. As the Rector said, Mr. Jones had done good work in the belfry since the start of the change-ringing Guild; he had been most regular in his attendance at practice, and as Secretary had proved himself very efficient.

Mr. Jones, in thanking the Guild for their gift, said the most important speech he had made was on his wedding-day.

A few days after an invitation was given to the twelve ringers to partake of supper at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. This was an occasion when it was not necessary by means of a bell to call the ringers together, nor did any of them saunter up as if the last half-hour would be enough for them, but all turned up at the time fixed, and much enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. Jones who presided over the well-laden table. Mr. C. Clarkson

(churchwarden), whose ringing ardour is ever keen, proposed the toast of the evening, and Harold Collinson (a diamond of the first water), convulsed the party with his comic songs. Handbells were rung to the tune of Grand-sire Triples and Caters, and before midnight the company dispersed to their homes.

This Guild is to be congratulated on so nicely disposing of one of its members into the quieter sphere of married life; and the prospect of good progress in the art of ringing during the winter will be further secured by the safe landing at the altar of Hymen of another member whose condition is at present causing no little anxiety to his fellow-ringers.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby*.

5113.

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5 16		†214563	
*312564		213465	-
314265	-	215364	-
315462	-	512463	-
513264	-	513264	-
514362	-	315462	-
512463	-	312564	-
215364	-	314265	-
214563	-	413562	-
412365	-	412365	-
415263	-	415263	-
413562	-	514362	-
413265	s -	514263	s -
415362	-	513462	-
412563	-	512364	-
214365	-	215463	-
215463	-	213564	-
512364	-	312465	-
514263	-	315264	-
513462	-	314562	-
315264	-	413265	-
314562	-	415362	-
312465	-	412563	-
213564	-	213365	-

\*Bobs at 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23.

†Bobs at 2, 8, 9, 15, 16.

This peal has the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

## BOB MAJOR.

By H. MOORE, *Winchhead*.

5184.	5376.
23456 W 5TH 4TH M H	23456 W M H
42635 -	64235 -
34625 -	54236 s
63542 -	62543 -
56234 -	52346 -
35264 -	63524 -
63254 -	53426 *
26435 -	64532 -
35426 -	24536 s

Five times repeated, single half-way and home.

Five times repeated; s\* in the 3rd and 6th parts.

**Notices.**

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on Tuesday, August 29th.

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

**The Devonshire Guild.**—Exeter (Devon).—No practice at the Cathedral during August.  
EDWIN SHEPHERD.  
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**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 6 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid. A. OSBORNE, *Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley to-day, Sat., August 26th 1905. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's church, Penwortham, to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
R. SANDERSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Weybridge to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 3. C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Calverley to-day, Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8), available for ringing. Peal to be attempted at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m. Business important.  
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Meeting at 7. Cars leave Deansgate every few minutes. Bells ready at 4.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Herts Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available at 4.0. Tea, 6d. per head, for all who inform me they are coming. H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, September 2nd, by kind invitation of the Rev. — Vincent, Rector.  
A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Mobberley on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A. T. BRISTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lough-ton on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The King's

Head, 9d. each for those only who give previous notice.

GEORGE A. BLACK, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The eight-bell contest in connection with the above society will take place at Lindley on Saturday, September 2nd, draw at two o'clock. The ordinary meeting will be held on the same date instead of September 9th at Lindley.  
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—Next meeting for practice at St. Martin's on September 4th, at 8 p.m. sharp. All communications to this society should be addressed to  
THOMAS CARD, *Hon. Sec.*  
9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton, N.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warrington on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 4.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 9 p.m., or earlier if required. T. H. TAPPENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.  
J. H. BASTOW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at The New inn at 5.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed to those present at tea-time. Will Secretaries of bands kindly forward to me not later than Wednesday, September 13th, the number of their members intending to be present.  
A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*

101, High Street, Hythe.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the general secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.  
A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*  
J. SHEPHERD, *Ringing Secretary.*  
4, Helena St., Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.**

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On July 19th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Jones, Secretary of the local Guild, to Miss M. R. Mettam, of Retford, 720 Bob Minor. A Peacock, T. Sarginson, H. Parrish, T. Atkinson, C. Clarkson, G. Handley conductor. On the Sunday following another 720 with H. Collinson, 1; and A. Peacock, 3. On Friday, August 4th, another 720 with J. Sarginson, 1; W. Sykes, 2; and H. Jones (conductor), 6.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE KINGTON (HEREFORD) SOCIETY.**—The members of this Society selected the ancient town of Monmouth for their outing this year, and although the Bank Holiday morning opened wet, the majority of the band made the journey and quite enjoyed the beautiful scenery through the Wye Valley. On arrival at May Hill station the sun had broken through, giving every promise of a fine day, which surmise turned out to be correct. Through a previous arrangement with Mr. K. Jones, the indefatigable instructor to the St. Mary's Society, Monmouth, the tower of the parish church was placed at the disposal of the visitors, and the bells were soon set going to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, conducted by Mr. Jones. Luncheon followed at The Angel hotel, where a substantial repast was provided by hostess Morgan. Any ringing friends visiting

Monmouth cannot do better than patronise this ancient hostelry, every attention being paid and charges moderate. Owing to a funeral no further ringing could be indulged in, so the band made tracts for the annual athletic sports, a splendid programme being provided. Tea over the hour of departure arrived all too soon, the members reaching Kington at 9.30 after spending one of the most enjoyable outings since the formation of the Guild. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Jones and his fellow ringers for their kindness in meeting them, thus adding to their day's enjoyment.

**THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WEST-BROMWICH.**—On Tuesday, August 8th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Aberystwith. Travelling by the G.W.R. a most lovely ride through the beautiful scenery was thoroughly enjoyed. After refreshing the inner man a walk of about a mile

brought them to the parish church of Llanbadarn, where permission to ring had already been obtained of the Vicar. A start was made for Holt's Original, which was successfully brought round. Returning to the sea shore they visited some of the places of interest, which brought round the time for getting to the railway station to take train for the return journey, all having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. R.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.**—The members of this Guild had their annual outing on August 7th, Exeter and Teignmouth being visited. After a bathe and a touch on West Teignmouth bells a move was made to Exeter for dinner. Afterwards St. Sidwell's was visited, and the Cathedral, where touches of Stedman Caters, etc. were rung. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony and friendly gossip. During the return journey a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the train on handbells by J. Burford, J. Thomas conductor, W. J. Hinton, C. H. Horton. The party arrived safe in Bristol about midnight, after a most enjoyable day. We wish to convey our hearty thanks to the clergy and ringers for the arrangements made to complete a splendid outing.

**THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, WEST DERBY.**—Favoured with ideal weather the members of this Society had a very enjoyable pic-nic to Rainford, Lancashire, on Saturday, August 12th. Previous to starting a touch of Oxford Single was rung, and by 2.30 p.m. the party, twenty-four ringers and friends, were en route. By kind permission of the Earls of Sefton and Derby the party was allowed to drive through their respective parks, and after a splendid drive the destination was reached shortly before 4 o'clock. The fine new tower at Rainford parish church, which was opened for the monthly meeting of the Lancashire Association, was early visited, and during the evening mixed bands attempted touches in various methods. At The Eagle and Child hotel the company were splendidly catered for and enjoyed an excellent tea, while a most enjoyable afternoon was terminated by a drive of about fourteen miles through Bickerstaff, Stanley Gate and Kirkby to the village, which was reached about 9 p.m., all having enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and voting the outing a huge success.

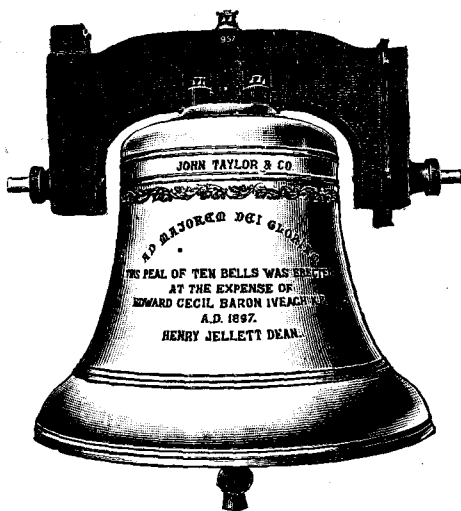
**THE CHRIST CHURCH GUILD, NORTH SHIELDS.**—On August Bank Holiday, the members of this Guild had their annual outing, Ripon being the place selected. Leaving North Shields at 7.30 a.m. we arrived at our destination at 11.15, and were met at the station by Mr. Pick, of Sharow, and the local ringers. Steps were at once made for the Cathedral, and a touch of Stedman Triples rung. Then ample justice was done to a good dinner. In the afternoon Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey were visited. After tea the Cathedral was again visited and a good touch of 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal brought round. We arrived home safely at 1.30 a.m. Tuesday morning, and wish to thank Mr. Pick and the Ripon ringers for so kindly making the arrangements.

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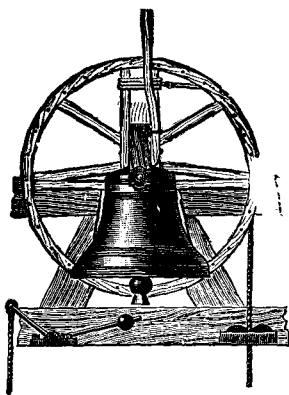
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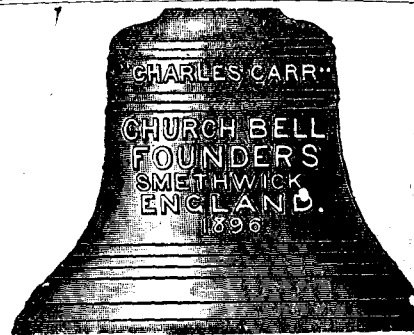
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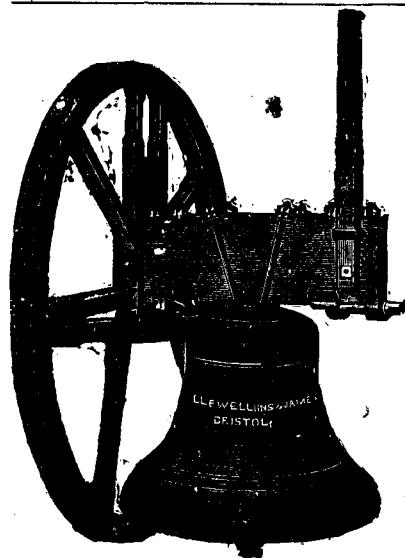
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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). •

BURNHAM (Somersetshire). St. Andrew. Eight bells. All by Mears; the two trebles 1902; the rest 1823. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1892. Ropes new 1902, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing; 1st in month 10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice; Tuesday, 7.30.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk). St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells; 3rd by Mears 1869; 4th, 1627; founder not stated; 7th by Pack 1776; the rest by Phelps 1734. Tenor 28 cwt. Timber frame. Bells are about to be repaired. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice; Monday, 8.

BUXTED (Sussex). St. Margaret. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Warner 1885; 3rd and 6th by Lester 1761; tenor 15 cwt. by the same, 1757; the rest by Hull 1686. Timber frame. Bells go fairly except the 7th. A chiming apparatus is fixed. Rehung by Warner 1885. Ropes good. Half-pull ringing is practised, but no method mentioned. Sunday ringing; 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice; Wednesday, hour not stated.

CLIFTON (Beds). All Saints. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells; 6th, 7th and tenor, 1790 (founder unknown); 4th by Mears 1831; the rest by the same 1867. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since rehung by Mears in 1867. Ropes new 1889, good. Methods; Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice; Thursday, 7.

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"Tis not in mortals to command success," says the old proverb—nevertheless the nearest approach to success is always ensured when the Rev. H. A. Cockey takes up the matter in hand. At his bidding eight adventurers joined him, and on Saturday and Monday, August 19th and 20th, made the voyage by steamer from Bristol, Cardiff, and Weston-super-Mare, the fares being exceedingly low, though one of the party found his dinner bill an extremely heavy item. Ilfracombe was the rendezvous, and here in the evening a peal of Stedman was rung at the parish church, the first in the method on the bells. Early on the morrow, the "Eirene" of the missions to seamen had got up steam, the chaplain, the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, having most kindly invited the band to be his guests during his periodical visit, to hold services at the Lundy Island Lighthouses and Channel lightships. Unused to the motion of the lively little craft, it was not long before several were suffering the horrors of mal-de-mer, while the ardour of others was somewhat cooled by the volumes of spray which swept over them. To add to their misery, ere the island was reached the engines primed, and an eccentric rod got bent, causing a stoppage and a wretched hour of wallowing in the sea. A tug came out and would have demanded at least £100 for salvage, had not repairs been effected, whereby at half-speed the island was reached after a voyage of five hours. Up the cliffs to a sequestered nook, in which Mr. Heaven's house was

built, the band of nine, augmented by the chaplain, the doctor, who by the way hailed from Colney Hatch—fit supervisor of ringers who had been dubbed madmen—the Revs. H. L. Pigot and P. E. Barnes with Mr. Bowen, parish clerk of Ilfracombe, and a couple of lads, keen as mustard, were welcomed by the Venerable owner, and entertained by him to a sumptuous luncheon, at which a small regiment of lobsters occupied a central position, their valiant appearance no doubt preventing an immediate attack by the invading force. After lunch a further climb to the church, and an attempt to oil and raise the bells, both only partially possible, the sea spray coming over the cliffs having rusted down the coverings of the bearings, and a clock and chime erector, who should have been placed in charge of our doctor, having carefully fixed his cranks to prevent the tenor being raised. A chisel and hammer sufficed to remedy the first, a screw driver the second, and a start was made, but as the treble and fifth persistently slipped wheel, it was soon seen that a peal was beyond the range of possibility. The ringing however, worked out some of the rest and made things easier, as it turned out, for the morrow.

Beaten and crestfallen, the band went down to the shore, with the idea of sailing for the mainland, but only to be told that the weather had got worse and that the skipper would not take the risk of being out all night in a heavy sea with damaged engines. Beds were sought on land by some, who made the evening merry with handbells, others slept on board. During the night the gale increased, even the big "Stormcock" tug coming in for shelter and declining to face it. Morning broke and revealed a raging sea, away from the shelter of the island; word was therefore sent round that another start would be made for a peal at mid-day. Mr. Bowen put in a good morning's work in the tower, resetting the wheels, others plying the oil bottle, to such good purpose, that after Mr. Pigot's camera had successfully done its work the peal was under weigh, and in spite of some hard work, mainly caused by the flimsy nature of the frame, was successfully brought round, the first, and in the writer's opinion, the last peal to be rung on the island. Mr. Greenleaf, who listened to the whole peal outside, pronouncing it "a very good peal indeed." Thus was the old adage once more fulfilled—"Perseverantia omnia vincit," the perseverance of Mr. Bowen being mainly responsible for success. No more crestfallen looks, but with jubilant spirits the visitors boarded the "Eirene," weighed anchor, and steamed past H.M. torpedo gunboat the "Hussar," which had landed a couple of admirals during the peal, the handbells going for all they were worth, with wind gone down and a flowing tide, a delightful run to Ilfracombe, with a glorious sunset over the sea, the harbour lights were passed at nightfall, the "Eirene" being quickly berthed alongside the quay just 36 hours after she had cast off on the previous morning. On the morrow the cruise was prolonged to Minehead, the glories of the North Devon and Somerset Coast being, in the opinion of a world-wide traveller on board, "unequalled in the wide world." Messrs. H. Moore and G. Atkins of Minehead, and Mr. J. Grabham, of Dunster, stood in for a peal here, in place of those whose duties had called them home. The following day the "Eirene" proceeded across channel to Barry, calling on the Breaksea lightship with papers and bread—a monthly luxury—and depositing the last of her passengers at that great coal port.

Thus ends the account of the "Ringing Cruise to

Lundy Island." To the Rev. H. G. Heaven are the warm thanks of the band due for his kind permission to ring, for his generous hospitality and deep interest in the venture: to the Rev. H. A. Cockey for his admirable organization; to the Rev. H. L. Pigot for taking views of church and band, ever to be treasured in remembrance of the day; and above all to the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, for making the trip possible and doing all in his power for the comfort and enjoyment of his guests. The collection on board when the hat went round for the Missions to Seamen was felt to be but a poor return for all his kindness and hospitality. The cruise will be a life-long memory to those privileged to join in it, the sentiment expressed by Mr. Cockey finding an echo in all hearts—"Turrible plazed I be vor zure."

### STORNOWAY.

A large new Town Hall Clock has been erected here, which has four illuminated dials, and strikes the hours. Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work.

### EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Horsley, on Saturday, August 26th, members being present from Ashover, Clay Cross, Clown, Horsley, Pentrich, Ripley, Shirland, Swanwick, Tibshelf, South and North Wingfield, with ringing friend from St. Andrew's, Derby.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Ambrose, presided. The local ringers collected funds and provided a splendid tea for members, to which forty-three sat down, and did ample justice to the appetising viands provided.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and local ringers for providing the tea, to which the Vicar and Mr. T. Whilton responded, both gentlemen giving the members a hearty welcome to Horsley.

The old question of an additional bell to make six, was again brought forward. The Vicar and Mr. T. Whilton, giving an account of how the funds stood, (which were set going with a meeting of this Association 1900), and hopes expressed that Vicar and churchwardens may soon be able to get the monetary funds to obtain another bell.

The bells, a pretty ring of five in G, were kept going till after 8 p.m., mixed bands ringing Stedman, Grand-sire, Bob Doubles, Manchester, &c. The meeting seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

The local ringers and ladies who catered at the tea are hereby heartily thanked for making everything so pleasant for the visitors.

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# THE SOUTHOVER (LEWES) GUILD.

A special service of the Southover Guild was held at the rectory on Monday, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott (Rector), presiding. There were present: Councillor Verrall, Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. J. R. Lusted, Mr. S. Shoesmith, Mr. W. A. Hillman, Mr. G. W. Peel, Mr. J. Hambrook, and Mr. J. T. Glandfield (vice-presidents), Mr. H. Ebrall (hon. secretary), F. Sturt (assistant hon. secretary), A. J. Turner (captain), A. S. Langridge (deputy captain), J. Steadman, G. Sturt, F. Pannett, C. Errey, R. J. Dawe and W. Pelling.

The meeting having opened with prayer, the Rector introduced the business of the meeting, and remarked that he understood Mr. Rickman had something of an important nature to bring before them in regard to the rehanging of the bells of the church.

Mr. Rickman then addressed the meeting, and referred to the vast amount of good work which had been done in order to beautify the interior and render it more attractive for the services, and expressed the hope that the same spirit which had been shown in other parts of the church would also be extended to the belfry. They all knew that the rehanging of the bells had become a necessity, as they were not at present in a fit condition for peal ringing. There had been two schemes before them—one estimated to cost £150 and the other £250, but they had no intention of having anything to do with the former. He should be pleased to see the bells rehung and two more added, making the peal of ten instead of eight. For that purpose something over £300 would be required, and he would be happy to contribute £100 towards the that amount. Mrs. Rickman would give another £100, and he understood that Mr. F. G. Courthope had promised £25, leaving a sum of £85 to be collected by public subscription. He sincerely hoped that that amount would be forthcoming, and that the work would be proceeded with immediately, so that the Southover and St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, would then be only two towers in Sussex which possessed a peal of ten bells.

The Rector remarked that he considered it his immediate duty, after having heard the munificent offers that had been made, to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mrs. Rickman and Mr. Courthope. He was confident from the manner in which the announcement had been received by that meeting that the resolution would be carried unanimously.

Mr. Lusted, in seconding, said the bells of the church gave great pleasure not only to the people in the parish, but also to a considerable number of persons at a distance, and he trusted the subscription list would cover a large area.

Mr. Glandfield, in supporting the resolution, pointed out that in all great public functions of national importance the bells of Southover Church were called into requisition, and it was therefore apparent that they were much needed and sought after, and that they gave pleasure to the whole of the community.

Mr. Ebrall, on behalf of the ringing members of the Guild, thanked Mr. Rickman for his very generous offer, and remarked that he was certain that members would show their keen appreciation by increased attention to the duties which would be required of them on the increased range afforded by ten bells instead of eight.

Mr. W. A. Hillman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Verrall, who expressed the hope that the Rector would soon recover from the recent accident he sustained to his foot.

The resolution was carried, and the chairman having replied, the proceedings terminated.

# CHICHELEY, NORTH BUCKS.

This beautiful peal of six bells, tenor 17 cwt. by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, have been quarter-turned and rehung with all the latest improvements,

Ringers from Olney cycled over to try the bells and rang 720 of Treble Bob Minor, followed by touches of Plain Bob and Double Court, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of them.

Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, carried out the work of rehanging and fixing a charming apparatus and they are augmenting to six the pretty little ring of five at Calverton and re-hanging the whole peal with their new steel headstocks.

# THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Monday, August 7th. The bells were set in motion soon after the appointed time, and were rung in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was held at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, the Rector (Canon Baggally), presiding. Members were present from Angmering, Brighton, Crawley, Midhurst, Lewes and Pulborough; also Messrs. Tompkins (Treasurer), H. Evans and R. J. Dawe (Divisional Secretaries), G. F. Williams, W. Short, W. J. Rice, and J. Parker (independent members), numbering twenty-four.

The usual business meeting followed the tea, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Bennett proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Pulborough.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and granting the use of the bells. The rev. gentleman replied, and said he was pleased to welcome the ringers to Pulborough, and he hoped at some future time to entertain them to tea at the rectory.

# EXETER.

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## JAMES ALBION AND THOMAS NASH.

Bath has long been connected with change-ringing, but it did not in old days produce a distinguished band of ringers. It became on September 29th, 1760, the birth-place of Shipway, who tells us that he had rung as far as Treble Bob Royal before leaving Bath for London, and that the principal motive for his change of residence was that "although Bath had a respectable and able band of ringers, yet the art did not improve so rapidly as he wished." Rudhall had cast a ring of eight for the Abbey Church in 1700, and two trebles were added in 1774, but as according to a record there of 5040 Grandsire Triples rung on March 10th, 1834, "This was the first and only known peal performed in this tower," Shipway's contemporaries appear to have contented themselves pretty well with touches.

The only record of an eighteenth century peal rung at Bath preserved by Osborn is that of a peal of Union Triples rung at St. James's Church, on Dec. 9th, 1754, in which James Albion rang the treble.

Albion was elected into the Society of Union Scholars of London, in 1747. By profession he was, I believe, a Schoolmaster, though I cannot at the moment of writing recall how I come by this belief, and his migration from London to Bath arose out of the circumstance of his having obtained a professional appointment in the latter city, which happened about the time of the above-named Union Triples peal. While residing in London he entered peals and names in the books of the College and Cumberland Youths and the Union Scholars. In the Cumberlands' name book is a pencil note by Osborn showing that the last name entered by Albion is that of Samuel Nash in 1753; and the Union Scholars' peal book, among the Osborn manuscripts in the British Museum, contains a pen and ink drawing of St. Clement Danes "humbly inscribed to that Society by their humble servant, James Albion." He took part in several peals, including one of Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's, and in the performance of Holt's "Original" at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1751, he rang the second.

So much for Albion; Nash was a very different person. His connection with ringing was of a most remarkable character, and does not arise out of personal interest in the Exercise, as in most cases, but appears in his testamentary dispositions as referable to the discomfort of his domestic surroundings. He executed a will and no less than twenty-nine Codicils, the last of which runs as follows:—

"CODICIL.—I give and bequeath to the elders for the time being of the Moravian Congregation at Bath the sum of One hundred pounds sterling In trust for the benefit of their poor and necessitous brethren to be distributed in alms as they find occasion may require And I do also hereby give and bequeath to the Mayor the Senior Alderman and the Town Clerk of Bath for the time being the sum of Fifty pounds per annum In trust payable out of the Bank Long Annuities standing in my name at the Bank of England for the use benefit and enjoyment of the Sett of Ringers belonging to the Abbey Church Bath on condition of their Ringing on the whole peal of bells with clappers muffled various solemn and doleful changes allowing proper intervals for rest and refreshment from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening on the fourteenth day of May in every year being the anniversary of my wedding day and also on every anniversary of the day of my decease to ring a grand bob major and merry mirthful peals unmuffled during the same space of time and allowing the same intervals as above-mentioned in joyful commemoration of my happy release from domestic tyranny and

wretchedness And for the full strict and due performance of such conditions They the said ringers are to receive the said fifty-pounds per annum in two payments of twenty-five pound each on those respective days of my marriage and decease And now that dear Divine Man (to use Mrs. Nash's own words) the Revd. Parson Buxton of Norfolk may resume his amatory labours without enveloping himself in a sedan chair for fear of detection I further will and direct that the aforesaid ringers do enter upon office (for this first time only) the very next day following after my interment and to receive twenty-five pounds one half years dividend for so doing written with my own hand this fourteenth day of day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen As witness my name hereunto subscribed

THOMAS NASH.

Since in this World I no relief can find  
To a heart broken and distracted mind,  
Bereft of hope shut out from every friend  
Come welcome death and all my sorrows end."

This may take rank amongst the strangest testamentary documents ever penned, and observe that it is the final touch to the most voluminous dispositions which precede it. What sort of a person can he have been who was the author of all these manifestations of his mind? Judging from a perusal of his Will and Codicils he may, I think, be described, by the term we sometimes use of a ring of bells of various dates and qualities, as "a mixed lot." His gifts to religious and charitable objects, for instance, seem those of a man of generous and enlarged mind, tinged with some eccentricity perhaps, but of sense and discrimination; and in one respect, at least, he shows himself in advance of his time, in his absolute prohibition of cloaks and hatbands, and feathers, and mutes, and all such infernal abominations as cursed the performance of funerals even within my recollection, and of which a younger generation may read with amazement in Dickens's well-known description of the burial of Anthony Chuzzlewit. But on the other hand these numerous Codicils can scarcely be other than the products of a self-tormentor. Whatever grievances a man may have against some individuals it is impossible that he can have been injured by everyone connected with him—wife—relations—friends—servants, so as to be justified in bequeathing a catalogue of injurious aspersions as a legacy to posterity. Some of his strictures may have been well founded, but it is impossible to judge from the mere perusal of what Nash has written, and it would be dangerous to accept any of his assertions without some corroboration.

Look at this last Codicil. Here are strong reflections on his wife and Parson Buxton, and Nash's words, so far as they go, remain the memorial of these two throughout all generations. But are these words just? It is possible that Nash was a good deal older than his wife, and that they were out of harmony with one another, and he has left us abundant evidence that he must have been a very difficult person to get on with. And Parson Buxton too? Of course, he may have been a naughty man who left his few sheep in the wilderness, and repaired to Bath for an intrigue with a married woman. Equally he may have been a grave and reverend Signior, fruitful in good works and pious exercises, for Bath had its fashionable regligiosity as much as it had its fashionable everything else. Anyhow, if Parson Buxton in his visits to Mrs. Nash was doing good by stealth, he must have blushed to find it fame, when in the year 1813 Nash carried his Codicil-making mind to another sphere.

The particular modes of commemoration directed by Nash came easily before his imagination. Probably

nowhere have bells been so frequently used in personal connections as at Bath in his time. In the full season they were perpetually announcing with open tongues the arrival of some wealthy and fashionable member of Society, and with bated breath they respectfully lamented fashionable deaths, and in these customs Nash's perverse mind saw the materials ready to be turned upside down to gratify his diseased view of men, women and things; and the opportunity was too good for him to let slip.

Fare you well, Mr. Thomas Nash! Let us hope you are happier in another world than you appear to have been in this. Let us quit your company with a quotation which seems to fit your case:—

"Well, what do you think of what your Father says, Sam?" inquired Mr. Pickwick with a smile.

"Think Sir," replied Mr. Weller; "why I think he's a victim o' connubiality, as Blue Beard's domestic chaplain said, with a tear of pity, ven he buried him."

R. A. DANIELL.

### 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."

#### AMATEUR RINGERS.

SIR,—In reply to "Quasi-Professional," I may inform him that I know of a band of purely amateur ringers, that never receive payment in cash for ringing whatever. This band is the St. Mary's Honorary Ringing Guild, Bridport. This has existed since the ring of eight bells were hung in May, 1887.

C. H. JENNINGS.

SIR,—The letters that have recently appeared in your columns upon the above subject have at the present time a particular interest to a well-known society in the south. A very serious rupture having occurred over the question of time compensation being allowed for a wedding. The contention is that being an amateur society, the members losing time and receiving their actual loss of wage, would make it a professional society, and thus prevent a certain prominent member of the Exercise continuing his connection as an amateur.

If any of your numerous readers could give any information of a society which term themselves amateurs, and what their rules are regarding paid ringing, they would greatly oblige

BOB CALLER.

#### "ORIGINAL OR NOT?"

SIR,—In your issue of August 26th, I see Mr. H. Whittle writes claiming my peal of Bob Major, which you published on August 12th, as his composition, but with the calling reversed. Now, Sir, I have looked up Mr. Whittle's peal, and the calling is nothing like that in mine, either the right way or reversed. The calling in his peal is: twice middle, twice wrong, and right with a single, in each part, total sixty calls in peal. My peal calling is: twice wrong, twice middle, wrong with a single, and right; total calls in peal, seventy-two. Therefore you will see I have twelve more calls than he, and the calling quite different, and it is quite absurd for Mr. Whittle to say that this is his composition.

H. MOORE.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION

TENBY.—On Sunday, August 27th, 630 Grandsire Triples. In the evening 840 in the same method. In the afternoon a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. And 960 in the same method. T. Johns, J. Evans, R. Jenkins, A. Richards, L. Jenkins, C. H. Horton conductor, J. Williams, W. Jenkins.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine Service, 168

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#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On August 10th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, the following touches were rung: 480 Bob Major. C. Bloy, J. Herrod, B. Whiteside, F. Adcock, J. G. Miles, A. Howes, J. Howes, F. Burleigh conductor. On handbells, 240 Bob Major. J. G. Miles, A. Howes, J. Howes, F. Burleigh. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Herrod, A. Howes, B. Whiteside, J. Howes conductor, J. G. Miles, F. Adcock, F. Burleigh, H. Hall.

#### CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On August 8th, on handbells, in St. Giles's belfry, 360 Bob Minor. S. Lawrence, C. R. Lilley conductor, F. Wilford.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On a recent Saturday an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. F. Gilbert, W. J. Gilbert, F. Kirk, J. Coleman, H. Stubbs, F. Stubbs, J. Hare, C. R. Lilley conductor. And 430 Stedman Triples, conducted by F. Gilbert. Also 168 Stedman, conducted by C. R. Lilley.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Wednesday, July 10th, after the Jubilee Anniversary at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, E. N. Price, W. J. Jeffries, W. Weatherstone conductor, F. W. Richardson, R. Edwards, W. Shimmans, H. White.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 640 Double Norwich. W. Sadler, G. H. Sentance, S. Bird, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, S. R. Roper, F. Rudkin, H. J. Collins.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, at St. Philip's Cathedral, 464 Bob Major. S. Coley, J. Prickett, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, E. Mansell, A. T. Hyland. After service, 468 Grandsire Caters. C. Sparkes, T. Collinson, A. T. Hyland, J. Prickett, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, S. Coley. Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of Birmingham preaching. On Sunday evening, August 13th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Hyland, R. Hackley, W. Webb, J. Perry conductor, J. Collett. On Monday, August 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. Porter, J. Perry conductor, J. Collett, A. T. Hyland.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Bragg, R. Bragg, S. Bragg, J. Bragg, G. A. Martineau conductor, A. P. Smith, A. Pegler, S. J. Jessop.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1905.

## STEVINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The five bells of this church have been rehung in an English oak frame for six. The three largest bells have been recast and the whole peal fitted with steel headstocks, and all the latest improvements for change-ringing.

All the work, both casting and hanging has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, and the bells were opened by members of the Bedfordshire Association. Tenor 13 cwt.

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# The Metropolis.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERT MILLER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON* .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
FREDK. GEO. PERBIN .. 4.	*CHARLES LETZER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

\*First peal. Rung to commemorate the Jubilee of the consecration of this church, July 19th, 1855—1905.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. \*

ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 2.	ERNEST YOUNG .. .. 7.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
EDWIN TURL .. .. 4.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 9.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.	*WILLIAM MILES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. G. MILES, and Conducted by M. WOODCOCK.

\*First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and E. Young.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. BRIGHTON, 71, SOUTHESK ROAD, FOREST GATE,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYR .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7-8.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. J. Neale. \*First peal in the method double-handed.

# The Provinces.

## ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVE .. .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 5.
R. J. WILKINS .. .. 2.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
C. H. TOMKINS .. .. 4.	P. CAME .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 22, 1905, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Tucker, W. Watts, and Luckey.

## NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

A. TULLY* .. .. Treble.	*T. TEASDALE .. .. 6.
W. STORY .. .. 2.	*J. T. HOGG .. .. 7.
E. A. HERN* .. .. 3.	A. HILLIER .. .. 8.
E. E. FERRY .. .. 4.	J. E. SYKES .. .. 9.
R. M. HOGG* .. .. 5.	*J. HERN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by T. TEASDALE.

\*First peal in the method. Quickest peal on ten bells by the Association.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

## LUNDY ISLAND.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Treble	W. A. CAVE .. .. 5.
C. H. TOMKINS .. .. 2.	P. CAME .. .. 6.
C. H. GORDON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
R. J. WILKINS .. .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

C. H. TOMKINS .. .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
C. H. GORDON .. .. 4.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, August 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ARTEUR CHAMBERS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	ERNEST FERRY .. .. Tenor.

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

Arranged for E. Ferry who was on a visit to Birmingham from Newcastle, and was elected a member previous to starting.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

R. B. ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	E. J. TITT .. .. 5.
G. W. PEVERELL .. .. 2.	F. G. METCALFE .. .. 6.
A. COATES .. .. 3.	T. WICK .. .. 7.
H. PEVERELL .. .. 4.	J. H. LENTON .. .. Tenor.

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

The above method was rung after meeting short for Kent.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

WILLIAM BOND .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 5.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 2.	HENRY SIMMONS .. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON* .. .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 7.
RICHARD MORGAN* .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

\*First peal. Mr. J. Turner, of Armley, Leeds, was elected a life member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

## TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. Treble.	PERCY SAYER .. .. 4.
THOMAS HAMMOND* .. 2.	FRED CHALK .. .. 5.
HARRY BROWN* .. .. 3.	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor

## SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT SUGDEN* .. Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 5.
HARRY GOOD .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
THOS. B. KENDALL .. 3.	†JOHN MCKELL .. .. 7.
BERNAL HOWE .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

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

## CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

HERBERT SUGDEN* .. Treble.	THOS. B. KENDALL .. .. 5.
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 4.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Vice-President Howard on his 83rd birthday.  
\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method on the bells.

## MERROW, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE BRION .. .. Treble.	JOHN BONIFACE .. .. 4.
GEORGE NICHOLS† .. .. 2.	EDWARD RADDOON .. .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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

## ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WM. ALLSOP .. .. Treble.	†G. PIPES .. .. 5.
J. HALL .. .. 2.	S. HALL .. .. 6.
J. BROOK .. .. 3.	F. WATKINSON .. .. 7.
W. G. CHRISTIAN .. .. 4.	*G. COXHEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. PIPES.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	WILLIAM STED .. .. 6.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Tenor.

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

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HARRY WITHERS .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

First peal on the bells since the recasting of the 4th by Messrs. Taylor.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.  
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

TROWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD GOBEY* .. .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 4.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

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

HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 5.
GEORGE PARSONS* .. .. 2.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
ALBERT WARD .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
FRANK FAY .. .. 4.	PATRICK FINITY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\*First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the Very Rev. Dom Silvester Schlecht, O.S.B., who died August 19th.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK BROADBRIE .. 5.
HARRY MASON .. .. 2.	*JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 7.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James R. Newman, Hon. Secretary to the above Association.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 26, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

WESLEY WATSON .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLACK† .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 5.
FRED HOPPER* .. .. 2.	*SIDNEY F. LAWRENCE .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\*First peal in the method.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	*GILBERT NEALE .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	SERGEANT-MAJOR A. PYE .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS JOHN .. .. Treble.	LEWIS JENKINS .. .. 5.
ABRAHAM GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	ALBERT RICHARDS .. .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. HORTON .. .. 7.
RICHARD JENKINS .. .. 4.	JOHN WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. HORTON.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal rung in Tenby. C. H. Horton was elected a member of the Association before starting.

LIVERPOOL—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. Treble.	†WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE† .. .. 2.	†JOHN ALLEN .. .. 6.
JOHN TURNER† .. .. 3.	†ALBERT LOVELL .. .. 7.
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN.† 4.	†WALTER HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

†First peal of Oxford; also on the bells.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

F. MOODY .. .. Treble.	B. WATKINSON .. .. 5.
W. BROOK .. .. 2.	A. WALKER .. .. 6.
J. CARTER .. .. 3.	W. PEARSON .. .. 7.
S. BROOK .. .. 4.	F. W. HARGREAVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by F. W. HARGREAVE.

FREDERICK WHITE & SON,  
CHURCH BELL HANGERS, AND TUNERS,  
APPLETON, BERKS.

## MID FRUIT AND HOPS.

It had been for some time the desire of certain members of the Worcestershire Association to have a few days' ringing in Worcestershire and Herefordshire. Accordingly arrangements were made by the Master, Mr. T. J. Salter, and Saturday, August 5th, found five members at Martley (Worcestershire) to meet the Rev. J. F. Hastings for a peal of Minor on the handy ring of six there. Before commencing a lady desired to take photos of the band, after which 2 hrs. 50 mins. found the last 720 roll up in good style, the first peal of the tour being an accomplished fact. The Rev. J. F. Hastings kindly invitation for refreshments being fully appreciated, the seven miles walk back to Worcester, which was quarters for the night, was accomplished without mishap.

Crowle, Worcestershire, was booked for the next day (Sunday), Messrs. J. Pigott and S. Grove joining the party, who, with

W. C. Jones, of Worcester, set out on the five miles walk through beautiful country, Crowle being reached in good time. Soon after 2 p.m. we were hammering away at Treble Bob Major, 2 hrs. 10 mins. good ringing coming to grief through the tenor rope casting wheel and locking, the culprit meeting with considerable good-natured chaff, and also being the most disappointed man of the party. However, success does not always come when wanted, and the return five miles was accomplished in the best of spirits.

The next day found us up early, as this was to be rather a heavy day. After a stroll round Worcester Cathedral we went back for breakfast, the first course being Grandsire Cinques. 9.35 found us entrained for Colwall, Herefordshire, Mr. J. Dowler here joining the party. Colwall contains a nice-going ring of eight, tenor 11 cwt. It was thought to get an early start, but this was delayed through the

cycling member of the party having to struggle over the Malverns, and the lion of the party being greatly entertained by some of the opposite sex. However after two false starts we got off shortly after 11 a.m., and were soon tapping Double Norwich in good style, 2 hrs. 55 mins. bringing the ever-welcome "that's all."

On the road to Eastnor was the next business, stopping half-way at The Wellington, where Mr. W. Harford, a local man, had kindly gone on and prepared a substantial repast for us. This was soon disposed of, and after a splendidly tapped course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells the journey was resumed, the remaining two miles being through the beautiful Eastnor Park, Lady Henry Somerset's place, the church being reached shortly after 5 p.m. Eastnor church is very prettily situated close by the Castle, and contains a ring of six by Rudhall, which go like fiddles. Prompt at 6 o'clock "go" was called, and some grand Minor ringing for 2 hrs. 25 mins. brought "that's all," the only serious hitch being a missed sally. A stroll down to Ledbury, where we spent a pleasant hour with some of the local band, the tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Short, Grove and Matthews, and a course of Caters being much to their liking. Arrangements for turning in meant four staying at Ledbury and the others walking back to Eastnor. As the lion was coming back to Eastnor of course he could not possibly go without the lamb.

Next day was to be a rather bad day for us, good luck deserting us altogether. 9.30 found us assembled at the splendid church of Ledbury. The tower, which is separated from the church, contains a grand ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt., which go rather heavy and also the wrong way round. "Go, Stedman" was called shortly before 10, but after four courses we stopped to change tenor men, the lion taking the job on. Another start was made and some good ringing came to grief after 1 hr. 10 mins., the sixes getting turned. Two courses of Double Norwich was then rung, which concluded the ring.

The 1.29 found us on our way back to Worcester, where Mr. W. C. Jones had kindly obtained permission for a peal at All Saints, Messrs. Newman and Hill standing in. "Go, Stedman Caters" was called about 4 o'clock, but after two courses the 5th cast wheel. Another start and four courses brought the same result, the rope this time breaking, the lamb being the offender. No hope was now entertained of obtaining a peal, so we tried to ring a touch of Double Norwich, but no one could keep the rope on the wheel, so we abandoned ringing here our last place. It is a great pity this peal should be in such a shocking state of neglect. Directly you set foot out of the church you can hardly move for dirt and dust, the ropes and bells also being in anything but good condition. The band here wish to thank all those who helped to make their outing so enjoyable. If we did not obtain all the success we desired, who can say we did not thoroughly enjoy ourselves.

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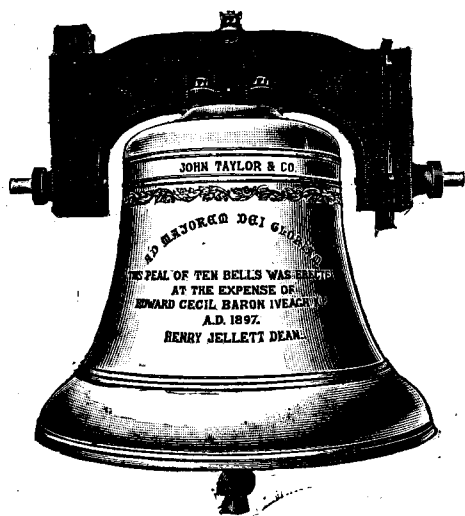
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**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (six bells) to-day, Sat., September 2nd. Meeting at 7. Cars leave Deansgate every few minutes. Bells ready at 4.  
W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

**The Herts Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth to-day Sat., September 2nd. Bells available at 4.0. Tea, 6d. per head, for all who inform me they are coming.  
H. EDEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.  
Chalk Hill House, Watford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Shenley to-day, Sat., September 2nd, by kind invitation of the Rev. — Vincent, Rector  
A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Mobberley to-day, Sat., September 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.  
A. T. BRESTON, Hon. Br. Sec.

**The Essex Association.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton to-day, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.  
GEORGE A. BLACK, Hon. Div. Sec.  
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The eight-bell contest in connection with the above society will take place at Lindley to-day, Sat., September 2nd, draw at two o'clock. The ordinary meeting will be held on the same date instead of September 9th at Lindley.  
WALTER IDLE, Sec.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—Next meeting for practice at St. Martin's on September 4th, at 8 p.m. sharp. All communications to this society should be addressed to  
THOMAS CARD, Hon. Sec.  
9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton, N.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warrington on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 4.  
WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. The social gathering will take place after at The White Horse hotel, Fleet Road end of Pond Street.  
T. H. TAPPENDER,  
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E. Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, September 9th.  
J. HIGSON, Sec.

**St. Mary (Handsworth) Parish Church.**—The first annual dinner will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, at 6.30. In commemoration of the late William Verry.  
R. FAUX,  
27, Nineveh Road, Handsworth.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at The New inn

at 5.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed to those present at tea-time. Will Secretaries of bands kindly forward to me not later than Wednesday, September 13th, the number of their members intending to be present.

A. R. MANNING, Hon. Sec.  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock.  
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, September 16th. The tower (eight bells), will be open as usual. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., free to those who notify the Vicar (Rev. M. H. Pimm), of their intention to be present not later than Thursday morning, September 14th. For the convenience of members and friends attending this meeting, arrangements have been made for a brake to leave St. Peter's Gate, Nottingham, at 1.0 p.m., and another at 1.45 p.m. Tickets for the double journey 1s. 9d. each to be obtained to be obtained from the Hon. Secretary not later than the first post on Friday morning, September 15th. Applicants for tickets should state which brake they wish to travel by.  
W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, September 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Hall, 51, New Lane, Selby. See Association circular for programme of the day's arrangements.  
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Next meeting at Uckfield on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5.30 at The Maiden's Head. Tickets 9d. each to those who let me know not later than Wednesday, September 13th.  
ROBERT J. DAWE, Hon. Div. Sec.  
64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, 16th. The bells will be available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 p.m.  
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., 6d. each to members. Business meeting immediately following. Service will be held in the parish church at 6.15 p.m. Members intending to be present should inform me not later than Tuesday, September 19th.  
A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.  
Bridgwater.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.  
ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than Septem-

ber 5th to the general secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.

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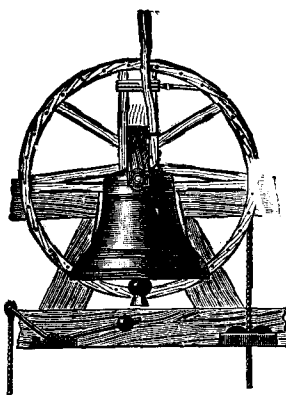
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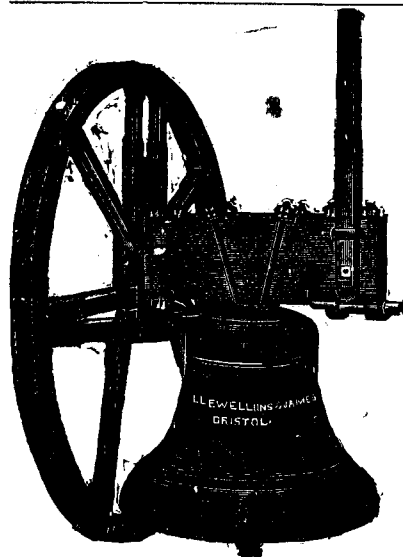
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

COLSTON BASSETT (Notts.) St. John the Evangelist. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 3rd by Taylor, 1902; 4th and 7th by Oldfield, 1608; 5th by Hedderley, 1755; 6th unknown. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. by Taylor, 1892. Iron frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fixed. Rehung by Taylor, 1902. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday; no hour stated.

DARLEY (Derbyshire). St. Helen. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor, 1902; 2nd and 7th, 1704 and 1710 respectively; founders unknown; 3rd and 4th by Barwell, 1876; 6th by Mears, 1876. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1902. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.25; also 6.30 to 8 on festivals. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

DARTMOUTH (Devon.) St. Saviour. Eight bells; 4th, 6th and 7th by Gooding, 1742. Tenor by Warner, 1854; the rest by Parnell, 1826. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well; £300 is required to put them in repair, of which less than £100 has been collected. "Change-ringing unknown in this part." No Sunday ringing or practice mentioned.

DAYBROOK (Notts.) St. Paul. All by Mears, 1897. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8.

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## BELL-RINGING IN WATFORD (HERTS.).

Early in the 12th century, says the *Watford Observer*, a notable band of bellringers existed in the town known as the "Watford Youths." Their achievements are recorded on half-a-dozen quaint old boards hanging high up in the old ringing-chamber of the parish church. Two other boards with lettering which the passing of years has made very indistinct, are suspended on the walls, and these speak of visits at an even earlier date by the "College Youths" and the "Eastern Youths." Bellringers do not need to be reminded that the "College Youths" can boast of being the most ancient band of ringers in London, and still occupy the leading position in the campanalogical world.

Early in the week the announcement was made that the Oxhey ringers had accepted the invitation to ring a peal of Stedman Triples on Thursday evening at the parish church, and as the last recorded peal there was made as long ago as 1824, more than ordinary interest centred on the performance. It has long been a complaint that the bells of the mother church are silent except on rare occasions, and this revival of the art of bell-ringing promising interesting developments, a representative of the *Observer* interviewed the Rev. H. Drake, who is taking duty for the month at the parish church. He is a well-known figure in the ringing world, being a constant contributor to "THE BELL NEWS." In the course of an interesting conversation on Thursday morning, on bell-ringing generally and locally, the rev. gentleman remarked that ringers in the Watford district had, it appeared, been anxious for some time to make the record which the Oxhey band were to attempt that evening. He was glad that arrangements had been concluded, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. Lee James). The peal would mean ringing about three hours without a break, and, of course, involved 5040 changes, the greatest number that could be rung on seven bells. He mentioned that under the tuition of himself and Mr. Carpenter, the sexton, the St. Mary's Guild were forming a band of change-ringers.

In reply to a remark that the difficulty in the past had apparently arisen from the fact that the bells were so noisy for those who lived close to the church, Mr. Drake said that he was aware of that, but they hoped to take steps which would leave little or no ground for such complaints. As a matter of fact, he continued, a movement was now in progress to brick-up the windows of the bell-chamber from the inside. That would not at all alter the appearance of the tower, but it would improve the sound of the bells. It would ensure their being heard more harmoniously together. At present those nearest the windows sounded the loudest. The alteration would mean that the ringing would be softer at close quarters, while at the same time the sound would carry further and more clearly. Where the bells a good peal? Yes, a fine peal, but they had not been rung so long that they had got into a rather bad condition and wanted re-hanging.

Mr. Drake was, of course, aware of the existing records in the parish church. With the aid of a pair of glasses



it was discovered from the boards that the earliest peal was in 1780, and the last in 1824. There may have been others in later years which are not honoured by being recorded, but that is not probable. "I wish I could get some information about the 'Watford Youths,'" he continued, "and perhaps if you are mentioning their achievements some one in the district will be able to send me a few facts. I should be delighted to know something more about them than you can see on these boards." The writer pointed out that some of the names were undoubtedly those of families living in Watford now. For instance, the peal of Grandsire Triples rang just a century ago was by the following:—J. Edmonds, J. Tomkins, D. Pope, jun., T. Bygrave, J. Heathcote, D. Pope, sen., H. Sedgwick, and T. Paget. D. Pope, sen., calling.

"Yes, and they evidently knew their business," commented the rev. gentleman, "for you see, of the eight records we have their time is the quickest, viz. 3 hrs. 2 mns. That was a very good performance indeed."

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RICHMOND, YORKS.

Friday, August 11th, was an important day with the ringers. They assembled at the parish church soon after mid-day, when the Rector, Mrs. Robinson, and Mr. C. G. Croft were also present. Mr. Morton, as conductor of the ringers, invited Mrs. Robinson to unveil a peal-board which has been erected in the belfry to record the accomplishment of the first peal of 5040 changes since the addition of the two new bells a few months ago. Mrs. Robinson expressed the pleasure it gave her to perform the ceremony of unveiling the board, and wished the ringers every success in the future.

The company then proceeded to the base of the tower, when Mr. Croft referred to the kind interest Mrs. Robinson and the Rector invariably took in everything appertaining to the church bells, and invited her to kindly unveil a brass tablet which had been fixed in the church to commemorate the acquisition of the two new bells, thus completing the octave, and their subsequent dedication by the Bishop of Ripon.

Mrs. Robinson after removing the covering, said she could but assure those present of the pleasure which this small act of service on her part gave her, and said the best thanks of all interested in their parish church were due to those who by much hard work had effected so desirable an improvement in the tower, and added to the dignity of the church, mentioning Mr. Morton and Mr. Frenchum as having distinguished themselves in this direction, and Mr. Croft, as having by his foresight, ten years ago, made the task easier of accomplishment.

The majority of the party then journeyed to Fountains Abbey in motor-cars on the invitation of the Rector, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon inspecting the ruins and the extensive grounds. After tea in Ripon a visit was paid to Sharow church, and one or two short touches attempted, but the ringers finding the swing of the bells very irregular, soon abandoned them, and resumed their seats in the motor-cars. Richmond was reached safely about 9 o'clock, and on the proposition of Mr. Morton a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, and to Mrs. Robinson for honouring them with her presence, was very heartily applauded.

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### STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19th, the monthly meeting of this Association was held at the church of St. Lawrence, Biddulph, when there were thirty-five ringers present from the following towers, Leek, Tunstall, Burslem, Norton, Brown Edge, Stoke, Uttoxeter, Fenton and Crewe. There were also present the Rev. E. V. Cox (Fenton), Rev. W. C. Unwin (Burslem), and Robert Heath, Esq., of Biddulph Grange. Ringing was kept up in various methods from 3.30 to 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom for tea which was kindly provided by the resident ringers. Mr. Heath welcomed the Association to Biddulph, and said how delighted he was to meet them as fellow church workers, for the office of bell-ringer, he said, was a very important one, as the bells were not only heard by the near residents in the parish, but their sound went far over the country-side around and warned the people that the House of God was open for prayer and praise. Mr. Heath exhorted the ringers themselves not to get lax in their attendance at Divine Service, but to show a good example to the rest of the congregation, by attending as often as possible the services to which they rang and invited others. The Rev. E. V. Cox thanked Mr. Heath on behalf of the Association for the most helpful address which he had delivered to them, and for his kindness in coming to the meeting; this was seconded by the Rev. W. C. Unwin, and supported by Mr. D. Preston, honorary secretary. A pleasant surprise was in store for the members when it was announced that they were to have the privilege of visiting the beautiful grounds of Biddulph Grange, which are noted for many miles round for their beauty and unique design. Mr. Heath personally acted as one of the guides, pointing out to the delighted visitors the various items of interest as they came into view. The belfry was again visited until 9.15 which brought to a close a very enjoyable gathering.  
J. E. W.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Rickmansworth, on Saturday, September 2nd, twenty-seven members being present. Several new members were elected, including seven Watford ringers and three from Rickmansworth. It is the first time representatives from these two places have joined the Association and in the first case we are indebted to the Rev. H. Drake for his efforts in forming a change-ringing band at Watford. It was rather disappointing to observe how badly represented were the outlying towers of the county considering the fine ring of bells we were lucky enough to get for the occasion. I trust we shall see more at the next meeting to be held at Berkhamsted in December.  
H. E.

To the many thousands who enjoy the delights of a sea trip, the news that the New Palace Steamers, "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-noor," will terminate their season on Monday, September 11th, is regrettable. A better tribute to the popularity of the steamers could not be made than that they have this year carried a total of 240,471 passengers, as against 234,242 in 1904, being 6,229 passengers more than the previous year, although the latter was really a longer season, and a good year. It is noticeable that the sailings to Deal and Dover and back in a day—instituted last year—have become almost an indispensable service, for it has helped to make known the advantages of Deal as a watering-place. The Company takes a great pride in the fact that their steamers are kept as spick and span as Atlantic liners—and the better class of people now travelling show that this attention is appreciated. The catering on board these steamers is all that could be desired, and one can obtain food as well served and of as good a quality as at the best London restaurants.

# 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."

## AMATEUR RINGERS.

SIR,—Does not the application to ringers of the terms "Amateur" and "Professional" involve confusion?

What do we mean in ordinary speech by saying of a man that he is a "Professional"? Surely we mean that he is devoting himself to his particular profession as the main means of obtaining his living. But it is clear that no man can make ringing the main means of obtaining his living unless he can live upon air and support his existence in a civilised community, destitute of lodging and clothes.

And what about the Amateur ringer? What pecuniary stimulus has he to become an efficient change-ringer? Who ever heard of a money value attaching to Double Norwich or London Surprise? When any paid ringing is done, those who pay for it are as a rule so ignorant about it that they will as cheerfully pay for "stoney" as for anything else. The plain truth is that every change-ringer is an amateur, and to call him a professional if he happens to grasp such very attenuated loaves and fishes as are connected with paid ringing is simply ridiculous.

The amateur musician—and I have this from a friend who is one—is a musician who does not make the pursuit of music a main source of his income. But he does not become a professional by accepting some casual fee which may come in his way, or by taking some payment nominally given to cover out of pocket expenses, which usually leaves a margin of profit. Surely as regards pecuniary rewards of ringing, ringers must, on the analogy of other persons who produce music, be all ranked as amateurs.

I am not, of course, depreciating the views of those who object on principle to accept money for ringing under all circumstances by stating that as an individual who does not consider the principle of voluntaryism applicable, the objection appears to me pedantic. I can no more see why, at a wedding for instance, the parson should get his fee than the ringers' theirs. I believe in the duty of voluntary ringing for public worship, and when I lived in Kensington I was accustomed to take my turn with others in the Sunday ringing, but when, as occasionally happened, I took part in ringing for a wedding I always took my fee, to which I considered myself as much entitled as the organist to his. I had earned it. If anybody says this turns me into a professional, for the reasons above given, I simply deride the term, and if any one could show that I had netted in all these years a sixpence out of ringing, he would display a capacity for earning a thumping income as a cooker of accounts.

R. A. DANIELL.

## UNPAID RINGERS.

SIR,—I know of more than one company of change-ringers who take no pay for any ringing whatever besides the Guilds at the Universities. But they are not likely to welcome advertisement of the fact. If your correspondent will give the reason for his query, no doubt it will be possible to satisfy him.

H. DRAKE.

## AMATEUR RINGING SOCIETIES.

SIR,—The position of affairs set out by "Bob-caller" in his letter on the subject of amateur ringers, is one which seems to me absolutely unique. I can see no reason why a ringer who desires to maintain his amateur status should resign because his band receive pay for time lost when ringing for weddings, etc. In the first place I doubt if the receipt of purely out-of-pocket expenses constitutes anyone a professional, and lost time payment must surely be included in this category. But assuming that those who are paid in this way are professionals, there is no earthly reason why a member of the band, if lost time is no object to him, should not remain in the society and be an amateur still. We have instances of amateurs associating with professionals in nearly every branch of sport, and because an amateur takes part in a game, or belongs to the same organisation as a professional, he does not lose his status. If the

amateur mentioned by "Bob-caller" has the true interests of ringing at heart, he would not allow such considerations as the payment for the lost time of other members to stand in the way of continuing his membership, but if the point is a mere quibble dragged in as an excuse for resigning on account of lost interest or prestige, it would be better to let such an amateur go. His presence in the band might always be a source of friction, and the society would be better without him.

LOOKER-ON.

## THE 5376 OF BOB MAJOR BY H. MOORE.

SIR,—In my final reply to Mr. Moore I should be very pleased if he would kindly take the trouble to place both peals side by side together with this other variation of mine, viz., wrong and single middle, wrong and twice middle, wrong and home, single for bob at middle in 2nd course of 6th and 12th parts, he will I am sure be convinced that both are variations of the peal in question.

HARRY WHITTLE.

## ALTER IDEM, BRIGHTON.

SIR,—As if the probity of either gentleman was at stake, both attended Divine Service at St. Alphege, Southwark, last Sunday morning, and unconsciously proved (in this age of doubles) that a B.A. in minor orders and a Brighton brother-string (*en passant*, Mr. Editor, both officials of Holy Church) might, and has been suggested, are one and the same person! Further, did St. Nicholas' steeplekeeper (Mr. Palmer) come up to town last Sunday? If so he eluded some of those looking after him at London Bridge, both on arrival and departure of the excursion train.

A. J. J. G.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Below is a 5040 of Grandsire Triples. Will any reader inform me who has the first claim on it?

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754362	2	742563	2
327654	S 1	537642	S 1
543762	2	425763	2
725643	S 1	734625	S 1
347562	S 2	527463	S 2
253647	I	345627	I
472365	2	273564	2
354672	S 1	542673	S 1
723465	2	735264	2
457623	S 1	247635	S 1
234765	2	352764	2
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The August meeting of the Guildford District of this Guild was held at Cranleigh and Ewhurst on Saturday week. Touches in various methods were rung at the two parish churches during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the parish church at 5.15, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Inge and the Rev. — Young, and was attended by about fifty ringers from Guildford, Godalming, Haslemere, Dunsfold, Merrow, Shere, Puttenham, &c. Tea was served in the schoolroom by permission of the managers. At the business meeting which followed the Rev. C. C. Inge presided and was supported by the Revs. W. H. Winn and Young, and Mr. Rowland, churchwarden. The chairman welcomed the members to Cranleigh and said the Rector of Cranleigh (Archdeacon Sapte), to his great regret, was unable to be present in consequence of his being in residence at Winchester. He trusted the ringers had found the bells agreeable, and although that was the first meeting of the Guild ever held at Cranleigh, he hoped it would be by no means the last. As many of them were no doubt aware the bells were re-hung a few years ago, when room was left for two additional trebles, and although church people had a great many calls upon them at Cranleigh, they were hoping that before long the Guild would have the pleasure of ringing on a peal of eight bells.

Mr. Pulling, of Guildford (the peal secretary), reported that the Guild rang a good district peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Nicolas, Guildford, on August 12th. The District Secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) said the Rev. W. H. Winn had told him that his ringers had given him no peace until he had promised to join the Guild. Therefore, he had just handed him his first year's subscription, Mr. S. Rowland had done the same, and they had both become honorary members.

Mr. C. Willshire proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, and to the churchwardens, for their attendance, and the use of the churches. He remarked that all the ringers were glad to hear that there was a prospect of two more bells being added to the tower. As the six present ones were a good peal, the complete octave would make a peal of which any village might be proud. In responding, the Rev. C. C. Inge said Archdeacon Sapte had been Rector of Cranleigh for fifty-eight years, and during that time he had seen a great many changes. He hoped that he would be spared to see the complete peal in the tower.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Stow on Saturday, August 19th, which was well attended by members from Gainsborough. Although notices had been sent to the neighbouring towers in the district, none of them were represented. This would most probably be owing to the majority of them being busy in harvest fields. As these meetings are for the purpose of helping on change-ringing in the country villages, their non-attendance was rather disappointing, but it did not altogether mar the proceedings, as the Gainsborough members made up for the deficiency. On their arrival the bells were quickly raised, and kept going during the afternoon and evening, to some excellent ringing in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, a record of which will be found in the proper place. Tea was provided at The Cross Keys, to which fourteen sat down, including Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern

branch), whom the ringers were pleased to see had arrived during the afternoon. At the tea table he gave some very good advice to those present, also an interesting account of how he first became acquainted with change-ringing. The ringers then returned to the tower for the business meeting, which was quickly got over. Mr. F. F. Linley presided and was supported by the Rev. J. E. Christie (Rector of Stow) and the Rev. H. W. Simpson, of Gainsborough. Mr. F. S. W. Butler was re-elected district Secretary. It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Corringham, on Saturday, November 25th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, who suitably responded to the same, concluded the meeting. After more ringing had been indulged in, the bells were lowered about 8.15, p.m., bringing a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

## Obituary.

## THOMAS WILLIAM McKEGG.

We deeply regret to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Wortley on Tuesday, August 29th. Deceased had been in his usual health until a week before his death, when he was seized with a paralytic stroke, from which he never rallied. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. Deceased had been a member of the Wortley church choir for over twenty years, and was most regular in his attendance at service. He was a well-known member of the Yorkshire Association, and had forty-six peals to his credit, as follows: Bob Major, 27 (including a 1064); Treble Bob Major, 13; Grandsire Triples, 4; College Single, 2. When the bells of St. Leonard's, Wortley, were opened in 1893, he was appointed Secretary to the company, and had held the post ever since, thus shewing the esteem in which he was held by his brother-ringers. At the funeral, which took place on Thursday, August 31st, several ringers from the district attended. The Rev. J. Brashaw, Vicar of Wortley, officiated at the service, which was choral; the hymn "On the Resurrection Morning," also the 90th Psalm being sung in the church, and at the graveside the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was rendered. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave at the conclusion of the service, and in the evening, on the deeply-muffled bells of St. Leonard's, a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round, particulars of which appear in their proper place.

## JAMES PETHER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of a very old ringer of Hagbourne, Berks., where he had faithfully filled the office of parish clerk for thirty-five years, also a ringer for sixty years. In the autumn of 1884 he became a pupil of Mr. Newell's, of Reading, with the other members of the band, who at that time were good stoney ringers. They all pulled together with a strong will, determined to learn the Art. On January 16th, 1885, they rang their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and on January 16th, 1886, their first peal, Pether ringing the treble, being then about sixty. He never mastered the work of an inside bell, but was always content to ring the treble. He had rung ten peals. On Sunday morning, July 23rd, he started from his home for the church to ring the eight o'clock bell, but feeling faint he was persuaded to rest awhile. He somewhat recovered and made his way to the church to attend the early service, and partook of the Holy Communion. This was his last act in the service of the Church he loved so much. The Vicar, noticing that he was not looking well had him taken to his home, when he was found to be suffering from paralysis. He lingered on until August 4th, when he passed away at the age of 80. His remains were carried to the church by eight of his brother-ringers. His favourite hymn—"O God, our help in ages past," was sung, and at the grave "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The ringers rang a muffled touch of 630 Grandsire Triples, and in the evening rang a quarter-peal, as a last mark of respect to their old comrade, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Ease, captain of the band.

## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warrington to-day, Sat., September 9th. Bells ready at 4.  
WALTER HUGHES, Sec.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held to-day, Sat., September 9th, at the church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. The social gathering will take place after at The White Horse hotel, Fleet Road end of Pond Street.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at The New inn at 5.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed to those present at tea-time. Will Secretaries of hands kindly forward to me not later than Wednesday, September 13th, the number of their members intending to be present.

A. R. MANNING, Hon. Sec.  
101, High Street, Hythe.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 16th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, September 16th. The tower (eight bells), will be open as usual. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., free to those who notify the Vicar (Rev. M. H. Fimm), of their intention to be present not later than Thursday morning, September 14th. For the convenience of members and friends attending this meeting, arrangements have been made for a brake to leave St. Peter's Gate, Nottingham, at 1.0 p.m., and another at 1.45 p.m. Tickets for the double journey 1s. 9d. each to be obtained from the Hon. Secretary not later than the first post on Friday morning, September 15th. Applicants for tickets should state which brake they wish to travel by.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, September 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Hall, 51, New Lane, Selby. Excursions will be run from Leeds N.E.R. at 7.25 a.m. and 12.45 p.m., returning at 9.50 p.m. Fare 2s. and 1s. 3d. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company will run a half-day excursion from Bradford and district. For full particulars see Company's handbills.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on

Saturday, September 16th. The bells will be available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 p.m.  
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Next meeting at Uckfield on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5.30 at The Maiden's Head. Tickets 9d. each to those who let me know not later than Wednesday, September 13th.

ROBERT J. DAVE, Hon. Div. Sec.  
64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, September 16th. Tea at 5.30. All ringers in district invited.

JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Members are requested to make an effort to attend, and those that have not yet paid their subscriptions are asked to pay at once.

J. J. PRATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, September 20th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by Canon Melville Pigott. Dinner at the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, at 1.30. Members attending must send notice by September 18th. For full particulars see special notice cards sent to Masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., 6d. each to members. Business meeting immediately following. Service will be held in the parish church at 6.15 p.m. Members intending to be present should inform me not later than Tuesday, September 19th.

BRIDGWATER. A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**St. Mary (Handsworth) Parish Church.**—The first annual dinner will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30. Bells available from 2 to 6 o'clock. Tickets, 2s. each, may be had on or before September 18th of

R. FAUX, Hon. Sec.  
27, Nineveh Road, Handsworth.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at King's Norton on Saturday, September 23rd. The Rev. Canon Barnard, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 4.30 p.m., prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, September 20th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Subscriptions not yet paid should be handed over at this meeting.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.  
Bransford, Worcester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the general secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, General Secretary.  
J. SHEPHERD, Ringing Secretary.  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1905.

THE correspondence now appearing about ringers who are paid and those who are not, seem to imply that there are in existence some who prefer to belong to the latter class. Well, we have no objection whatever to the principle on which such gentlemen elect to act, nor we should think would any one see any great disadvantage in it. But such conduct has a strong pedantic flavour. A man who objects, on principle, to receive any fees whatever, no matter how reasonable they may be, for work done in connection with the Church, may have many admirers, and also many hostile critics. One may naturally ask

why ringing bells for the Church services, or any other occasion for which the sound of bells is wanted, should be performed without remuneration; why bellringers should be actually the sole and only people who are to regard their office and work in the Church as purely honorary? Look at the remarkable peculiarity of such a position. There is no individual whatever, nor has there ever been, who has done anything in connection with the Church without some emolument. Do the eminent organists of our Abbeys and Cathedrals decline to receive a fee when they attend to play the Wedding March? What official does anything for the Church from a mere spirit of philanthropy. The clergy are paid—not so well as they ought to be in many cases—the organist, the clerk, the sexton, the gravedigger, all are paid. And we have yet to hear of a case where the myrmidons of those subtle legalities considered necessary for episcopal institution, have consented to forego the exorbitant fees they pocket.

When such as these commence a movement for fee-abolition, then, and only then, will ringers be fully prepared to join them.

### THE GREAT BELL OF TOLEDO.

In none of the lists of great bells published in England or Germany is mention made of the great tenor of the Toledo Cathedral, called *La Gorda*, the largest bell in Spain. It was cast in 1753 by Alejandro Gargollo, and weighs a little over 17 tons (1543 arrobas), these data being inscribed on its waist.

It is hung in the middle of the belfry on an elephantine cage, composed of massive beams, strengthened by diagonal trusses; and both bell and headstock display in relief ornamental work of high merit. This high headstock with its iron straps and bolts forms a counterpoise which imparts a relatively slow oscillation to the bell, and correspondingly greater force to the impact of the clapper. This faulty mode of hanging, universally adopted in France and Spain, tends to the production of a crack in the rim which works gradually upward till the instrument is destroyed. Such indeed is the present condition of *La Gorda*, whose fracture, large enough at the sound bow to admit the hand, has extended to the upper third of the waist. In its present damaged condition it is no longer swung. When in 1896 I heard it clattered it emitted a dull, discordant roar not unlike that of a Chinese gong. In the arches of the belfry are hung eight other bells all in fair order. Half-pull ringing is here unknown, no wheels being used, and the bell is therefore imperfectly controlled by means of a rope attached to a horizontal bar projected from the headstock.

The foundation of the Toledo Cathedral was laid in 1227. The imposing steeple, which rises to a height of 329 feet, occupied sixty years in building, being finished in 1440. This diocese, at one time the wealthiest in Christendom, has gradually become impoverished with the decadence of Spain and the depopulation of Toledo, now a dead city. It is improbable therefore that this great bell will ever be recast. It will be noted that its weight is between that of Great Paul, London (16 tons 14 cwt.) and that of the bell of St. Michael's, Vienna, (17 tons 14 cwt.)

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, M.D.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. Treble.	*JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 5.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 6.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, ENFIELD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Treble.	HARRY MILLER .. .. 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 2.	MARK FENSOM .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT* .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Brighton.

### The Provinces.

#### COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Monday, August 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of Double Court, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM GILLINGHAM* .. Treble.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 4.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. MBE .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

\*First peal.

#### RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HAYNES .. .. 5.
DENNIS CARRIER* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
SAM THOMAS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.



WORTLEY, NRAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE T. SAXBY .. .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS .. .. . 5.
SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 2.	JOHN THORPE .. .. . 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	JOHN PARKIN .. .. . 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY .. .. 4.	ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Thomas William McKege, late member of the Wortley Company, who was interred on the above date.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS COLLIER .. .. 5.
REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. . 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
ALBERT BATES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 2.	*RONALD SKINNER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR FULLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

\*First peal on eight bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
HARRY BORRETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STEELE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by J. MILLER, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D

MATTHEW HOBBS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT F. TURNER .. .. 5.
MORRIS A. TURNER .. .. 2.	HERBERT J. JULIAN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. .. 3.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the ringers of the 6th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. F. Turner.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES ARMITAGE* .. Treble.	GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. 6.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	†WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 8.
ALFRED NAYLOR .. .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PEARSON* .. .. 5.	†GEORGE HARE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by CHAS JACKSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal in the method.

DEAL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN AXON .. .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 4.
HENRY DENNE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

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On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY MASON .. .. Treble.	MAURICE BIGNOLD .. .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 6.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
FRANK BIGNOLD .. .. 4.	JAMES T. TANNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE BIGNOLD.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Colley S. G. H. Gratton, Esq., of Kensington, to Miss Winifred K. W. Barnard, of Sbere, the event taking place at the above church the same day.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES BISHOP .. .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 6.
FREDERICK MARTIN .. .. 3.	HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 7.
REV. E. V. COX .. .. 4.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

Rung to welcome the Rev. W. V. Chilwell back to the parish from his holidays.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER* .. .. 3.	*THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 8.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	*ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 9.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 5.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

R. Charge was elected a Life Member previous to starting for the peal. \*First peal of Caters. Rung in commemoration of the first peal (5039) Grandsire Caters rung upon these bells by the Junior Society of College Youths on September and, 1820, conducted by Henry Symondson, sen.

# Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

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Umpire—W. C. Watson.

## Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARRINGTON (Cambs).—On Tuesday, August 22nd, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles. Rev. G. H. Ridout, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. G. H. Ridout, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, E. H. Lewis, P. Webb, G. R. Newton conductor, H. S. T. Richardson. First 720s in the methods on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, July 29th, at St. Thomas's church, on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of Thomas Wilford's wedding, an attempt was made to ring J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurred after ringing 1 hr. A quarter-peal was afterwards rung in 45 mins. F. Wilford, J. Clarke, L. Allen, A. Bell, A. Roe, A. Martin, F. Dexter, T. Wilford. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

BARNLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1728 changes, in 63 mins. R. Sparks, A. Crossman, G. S. Tyas, A. Panther, R. J. Ricketts, C. D. Potter, A. Lister, A. Nash. Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by A. Nash. Longest length by the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 7.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, August 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Savage, H. Blackman, J. Goacher, H. Stowell, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 6th, for Divine Service, 630 from Holt's Original. B. Fisher, F. Boswell, S. Smith, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. Robinson, W. Jones, W. Perkins, G. Freeman.

NEWPORT PAGNELL (Bucks).—On Monday, August 7th, 518 Grand-sire Triples. B. Fisher, C. R. Lilley conductor, H. Holifield, T. Wright, C. Valentine, S. Smith, W. Freeman, W. Smith.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Monday, August 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. R. Lilley, F. Mynard, T. Wright, E. Mynard, S. Smith, W. Freeman conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, a touch of 1024 Kent Treble Bob, in 34 mins. C. Marsland, J. J. Pemberton, J. Goddard, R. Walker, F. Hall, J. Sidebotham, R. Newton, J. Maloney conductor.

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FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, 504 Grand-sire Triples. J. Morris, F. Smith, J. Roden, B. Snow, H. Hough, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, J. Nicklin.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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Bob Triples. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, E. H. Lewis Rev. G. H. Ridout. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson, E. H. Lewis.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorks.) On Sunday evening, July 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Coates, G. Worth, W. J. Titchener, C. D. Potter, T. H. Taffender conductor, J. Dixey, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Wednesday, July 19th, after the Jubilee Anniversary Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, E. N. Price, W. J. Jeffries, W. Weatherstone, conductor, F. W. Richardson, R. Edwards, W. Shimmans, H. E. White. On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins. And a course of Stedman Triples. A. N. Hardy, C. S. Burden, F. G. Perrin, T. Cranfield, E. Brett, H. Folkard, J. E. Davis conductor, W. J. Jeffries.

BERKSWELL (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, July 20th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Flowers, E. H. Adams, Miss M. Gillbanks, J. W. Pinfold, W. Maund, J. H. White conductor. 120 Stedman Doubles. A. W. Flowers, J. Pinfold, J. H. White, T. Male, E. H. Adams conductor, A. Dingley. 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Powell, E. H. Adams, Miss M. Gillbanks, A. James, E. Johnson, A. Dingley. On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. G. Powell, J. H. White conductor, Miss M. Gillbanks, A. James, G. Hayward, H. Webb.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, August 28th, at the church of St. John the Divine, 336 Bob Major. A. Farrar, W. Willson, jun., A. Moss, J. Buttery, F. W. Herbert, J. Morris, J. W. Beckwith, W. Willson. Rung as a birthday tribute to A. Farrar. And 252 Stedman Triples. A. Moss, W. Willson, jun., J. Turner, (Crayford), J. Buttery, F. W. Herbert, J. Morris, W. Willson, T. Curtis. On Sunday, September 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Dunkley, W. Willson, jun., T. Curtis, F. W. Herbert conductor, J. W. Beckwith, A. Farrar, W. Willson J. Smith.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 6th, at St. Giles' church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Giles, R. Plumb, A. Clark, G. Cowley, H. Holifield, C. Valentine conductor. On Monday, August 7th, 720 in the same method. A. Clark, G. Cowley, H. Holifield, E. Yates, G. Valentine, C. Valentine conductor.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins. A. Chambers, S. Grove, H. Withers conductor, W. Mumford, A. Pegler, J. Dowler, W. Dowling, J. Eaton.

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coates, I. Hills, J. Dixie, W. Middleton, J. Rollerson, T. Ashton, H. Gibson, H. Ferguson. And 350 Grandsire Triples, with S. Taylor and H. Gibson conductor.

TOTHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, August 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brown, T. Hammond, H. Brown, P. Sayer, C. Ballard, E. C. Lambert conductor.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 20th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Troth, J. Hares, G. E. Hayward, J. P. Simpson, J. Walker, J. Screen conductor, T. H. Reeves, R. Speakman. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Screen.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—On Saturday, July 22nd, a meeting of the South Eastern Division was held at Galleywood, members being present from Chelmsford, Prittlewell and Writtle, also two unattached members. The chair was taken by Mr. Judd, deputy-master, supported by Mr. Kirton, who, in the absence of the district secretary, Mr. R. S. Thompson, through indisposition, read the minutes of the previous meeting. It was proposed and seconded that the next meeting be held at Brentwood, or failing that Rayleigh. Special mention should be made of the pedestrian feat of the Prittlewell ringers, who, despite the extremely hot weather, walked six miles under the conductorship of Mr. Judd, and returned in similar manner in the cool of the evening. Owing to the harvest being in full swing none of the

local men were able to be present. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung upon the bells.

**THE WHITWICK SOCIETY, LEICESTER.**—The members of this society had their annual trip on Monday, August 7th. We travelled by brake, the route selected being Beeston, Lawley and Long Eaton. At Lawley we were met by the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Clarke, famous as a Church History Lecturer. This very handy ring of six was soon set going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. After leaving Lawley we went on to Beeston, where we were met by Mr. W. Clifford, sen., and other local ringers. The bells had been raised for us, so we were soon tapping off two well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Tea-time had now arrived, so the inner man next received attention, for which excellent arrangements had been made by friend Clifford at The Devonshire Cafe,

and needless to say no trips or mistakes were made in this part of the day's programme; ham and tongue and other good things vanished like magic. After a few minutes chat with the local ringers we started on the return journey. Calling at Long Eaton we found a light ring of eight, but a very small belfry. We however succeeded in ringing some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, this being the last ringing item for the day. Tracks were then made for home, which was reached about midnight, every one having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, not a hitch of any sort occurring to mar the day's enjoyment. Our sincere thanks are given to the various church authorities for the use of the bells, and the local ringers who helped to make a vary pleasant outing. W.

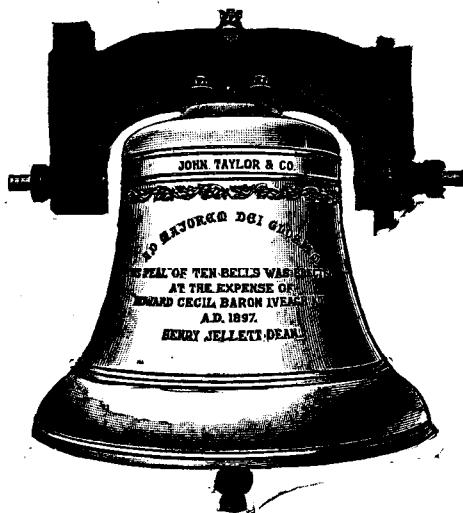
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—On Saturday, August 18th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and friends held their annual outing, Hastings being the place selected. Arriving there at 9 a.m. we called at Grosvenor House, where dinner and tea had been arranged. Then we took a walk along the sea-front and wended our way to St. Clement's church. Finding the steeple-keeper he got permission for us to have a ring. Having rung a touch of Grandsire Triples, with the steeple-keeper standing in, dinner-time came, which was brought round without a hitch. After another ramble round the town we found ourselves at the church of All Saints, where we found a splendid ring of six. Here we rang 720 Bob Minor, the steeple-keeper of St. Clement's standing in, conducted by Father Weatherstone. Tea being partaken of we visited St. Clement's again where we rung another touch of Grandsire Triples. Having come across one of our Bromley friends we asked him to take a rope, which he was pleased to do so. The next thing was selecting a few presents for home. Leaving Hastings at 8 p.m., we arrived home at 10 p.m., everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers tender their thanks to the steeplekeeper of St. Clement's for making all arrangements. W.

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Shall we pierce the Future's portal?  
Lift the veil!—and rend the heart?  
As the Summer's golden glory  
Yields its place to Winter's gloom.  
So life's sunshine turns to shadow,  
And within a darkened room  
Cries a woman in her anguish  
O'er her dead: "Why this? my God!"  
For her feeble Faith is flickering  
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The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

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LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
unife policie admitted	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Loans on County Council, Mnncipal and other rates	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							London bonds	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..			
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand..	..	..	..			
											£55,359,505	3	5

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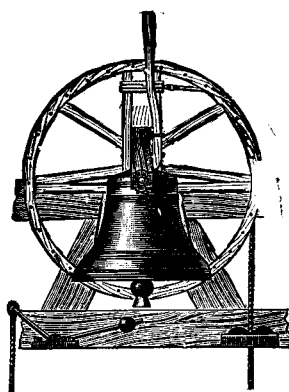
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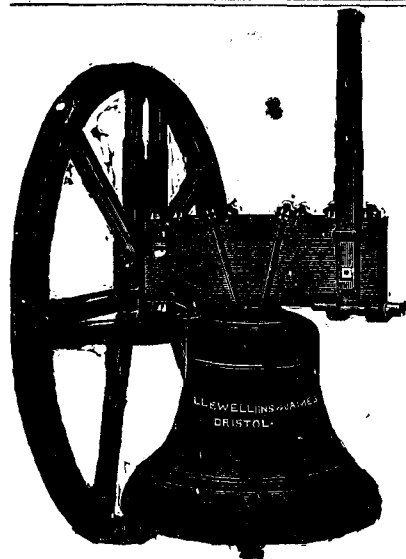
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

**DOLGELLY** (Merionethshire). St. Mary. North Wales Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1809. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All the bells require quartering. Nothing beyond local repairs has been done to the bells. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 3 to 3.30, and 6 to 6.30. Occasional practice in winter, Tuesday, 8.

**DOWNHAM MARKET** (Norfolk). St. Edmund. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble, 4th and tenor by Osborn 1787, 1774 and 1773 respectively; 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th by Eayre 1771, 1776, 1769 and 1767 respectively; 7th by Pack, date not given. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No half-pull ringing. No further information.

**DRAYTON** (Berks.) St. Peter. Eight bells; all by Mears, treble and tenor 1880; the rest 1871. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Blackbourn, 1889. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing locally. No Sunday ringing except on festivals, and no regular practice. Peals are frequently rung by bands invited by the Vicar.

**DURSLEY** (Gloucestershire). St. James. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1824. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly, but would be the better for rehangings. No special repairs since hung. Repairs involve outlay too great for present funds. Trebles require tuning. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7 in winter.

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## BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

Wednesday, September 7th, was the day fixed for the re-dedication of the bells of the parish church of St. Dunstan. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Dawes, had invited a number of ringers from Glastonbury and Street to come and take part in the ringing. There was a large congregation present at the service, which was read by the Vicar. The special lessons were read by Prebendary Grant, the Rural Dean, and the Venerable Archdeacon Brymer. The dedication was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Stirling, assistant Bishop of the Diocese. The local ringers then raised the bells and rang for a short time. The sermon was preached by Bishop Stirling from John x. 42. After expressing his pleasure at the duty which he had performed, and congratulating those who had made the restoration possible, the preacher shewed the necessity of harmony. When the service was ended the bells were set going in Grandsire Doubles. In the course of the evening touches of 360 and 600 Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following:—

A. J. Barnes and S. Hawkins (Street).

H. Brass, C. Brass, H. Edwards, H. J. Trim (Glastonbury).

B. H. T. Drake (Wells).

There was also further ringing by the local band and others.

The tower has been restored at a cost of £458, and the bells rehung for £170 17s. 6d. by Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber. The cost of the bells has been entirely provided by Mrs. Handley in memory of the late Rev. H. E. Handley, for seven years priest in charge of the parish. This is a very musical ring of six bells, tenor 22 cwt., and will sound very nice in a peal.

## NEW PEAL OF BELLS FOR WILLINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 6th, four members of the Gainsborough Society, accompanied by Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), journeyed to Willingham to try the new peal of bells which have recently been augmented from three to five. The whole of the cost has been defrayed by R. C. Bacon, Esq., who has spared no pains in procuring such a noble peal, which reflects great credit on the founders, Messrs. Taylor. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and plain courses of Stedman Doubles were successfully rung, each and everyone being highly satisfied with the splendid tone and excellent "go" of the bells. The following took part in the ringing: Mr. F. F. Linley, Messrs. J. C. Tinker, G. Wilson, F. S. W. Butler, and R. Dawson (Gainsborough); G. Hill (Stow); and R. Lane (Loughborough). Many thanks are due to R. C. Bacon, Esq., who kindly provided a splendid supper, and made all necessary arrangements for the comfort of those who took part in the ringing.

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## RE-OPENING OF CALVERTON BELLS.

This peal of five bells, which have for a long time required thoroughly overhauling, were re-opened, and a new treble which has been added to bring the ring up to six, were dedicated on Thursday, September 7th. The Bishop of Oxford after a very able and interesting address, performed the office of re-opening and dedication, and at a given word from him the bells were set going for a few minutes, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles and a few rounds being rung. F. Tompkins, A. E. Powell, H. Sear, H. G. Welham, A. Howell, J. Read. This was the first touch on the re-opened bells. Immediately after the service a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the same band, after which some good touches were rung by several members of the North Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who were present at the service, and the evening was brought to a close by a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Powell, H. Sear, E. Yates, G. Cowley, H. G. Welham, A. Howell conductor. The bells were rehung, and the treble cast by Messrs. Howell and Son, Ipswich, and too much praise cannot be given them for the manner in which they have carried out their work, the "go" of the bells being perfect, and the tone of the new treble is in beautiful touch with the remaining five. There are several more towers belonging to the North Bucks. branch which require rehanging, and it is hoped that before long they may be in as good going order as Calverton.

## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1000 PEALS.

## ANALYSIS OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR WHICH PEALS HAVE BEEN RUNG.

	Rung.	Conducted
Ancient Society of College Youths ...	37	25
Appleton Society ...	26	10
Bedfordshire Association ...	1	1
Chester Diocesan Guild ...	2	2
Devonshire Guild ...	35	9
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ...	5	3
Essex Association ...	9	2
Gloucester and Bristol Association ...	30	14
Hertford County Association ...	39	12
Irish Association ...	3	2
Kent County Association ...	8	8
Lancashire Association ...	8	7
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ...	9	8
Middlesex County Association ...	1	1
Midland Counties Association ...	38	21
Northamptonshire (Central) Association ...	37	34
Norwich Diocesan Guild ...	12	3
Oxford Diocesan Guild...	571	326
Oxford University Society ...	1	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ...	17	7
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ...	2	2
Surrey Association ...	10	5
Sussex County Association ...	15	2
Trinity Youths ...	1	1
Winchester Diocesan Guild ...	75	43
Worcestershire Association ...	6	6
Yorkshire Association ...	2	2
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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, 2nd September, a district meeting of the south-western division was held at Loughton, over thirty members and friends attending. In addition to the local company the following towers were represented: Barking, Greenwich, Leytonstone, Poplar, Walthamstow, Wanstead, Ware, West Ham, and Woodford.

The bells were raised at 3.30, and kept going until 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea to The King's Head. The inner man having been satisfied, the business meeting in the church house followed. The Master, Mr. S. Hayes, took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, four new members elected, and West Ham unanimously selected as the place of the next meeting. Mr. H. Beams suggested that a party should be formed to visit some of the five bell towers in the division, and try and encourage change-ringing, and the idea was thought an excellent one.

After according the Rector of Loughton a hearty vote of thanks for the use of his tower and bells, the former was once more visited, and the latter kept busily employed, until nine o'clock, when The King's Head was once more visited for a social hour and touches on handbells.

During the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung, the ringing and striking throughout being excellent, and reflecting great credit on the Association. One and all agreed at parting that the day had been a most enjoyable one.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Swanscombe on Saturday, August 26th, about eighty members being present. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Superlative were rung.

At six o'clock a move was made for the school, where a capital tea had been provided. The writer is sorry to say that some twenty-six more turned up to tea than had given notice, and some had to go away disappointed.

Tea over, the chairman (Rev. E. H. Clarke) was asked to present to Mr. A. Osborne, district secretary, a very handsome present, consisting of a silver inkstand and matchbox, in recognition of his services during the past eleven years. Mr. Osborne thanked them all for the very handsome present they had given him, and promised (if elected) to carry out the duties for another year, and do all he could in the interests of the Association and change-ringing.

Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, who acted as secretary of the presentation committee, said that if there was any one present to whom he had not acknowledged their subscriptions, he now wished to thank them, and to say how pleased he was at the ready response he had had from all the towers in union in the district.

At the committee meeting A. Osborne was re-elected district secretary; Mr. H. B. Wilkins was elected district representative on the committee; Rev. H. E. Clarke (Swanscombe) and Rev. S. York (Borden) were elected hon. members; one full member and three probationers were also elected. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rochester in December.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was carried unanimously. The rev. gentleman responded, and thanked those present for the honour they had done him in electing him a member of the Association, and hoped he would see more of the ringers now that he intended to learn ringing. Mr. W. Harper had promised to instruct him in the art.

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

THE 5376 OF BOB MAJOR BY H. MOORE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. Whittle in reference to the peal of Bob Major, I cannot see there is the least weight in my friend's argument to prove that mine is a variation of his. Furthermore he has now trotted out a totally different peal, which is not even a variation of his own. In his original there is sixty calls; this one has eighty-four, and my peal has seventy-two, so how can they be variations of one another. I suppose my friend thinks that because the part-ends turn up the same, they must be a variation. But if he will look at the Central Council's peal-book he will find there are several twelve-part peals, original, and which have exactly the same part-ends. H. MOORE.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—On returning from abroad I found Mr. Trollope's letter on p. 293 (Aug. 26). I can only suppose that he must have been sound asleep when he wrote it. Speaking from recollection, I should say that *whole paragraphs* at least in my original letter were employed in explaining that *every single row* of each half peal is supposed to have been written out in full on the strips before they are wound on the drum. Further, after fully describing how the strip is to be written out and wound when "leads" are taken as the basis of division, I give long, full, and explicit directions for writing out and winding the strips when "pieces" are taken as the basis of division; and the "piece lines" are the very lines for which Mr. Trollope asks—as if they were not there already!! And not only so, but I have given more than he asks, for he asks only for my red lines, whereas I give blue ones as well! Whence he once realises all this he will see that I am not foolish enough, when treating of pieces, to suppose for a moment that 234567 and 235476 fall one upon another, but what I do claim is that in the ten-part they have their backs to DIFFERENT "piece-lines"; and in the six-part to the same line.

Lastly, I entirely disagree with him when he says "a reverse peal is a reversal of bobs." Certainly not. Bobs are not a peal. And when he says that we need trouble about nothing else but the bobs, he is himself doing exactly what he thought that I had done, viz., employing a totally inadequate mode of representation. *Bobs are no more a peal than finger-posts are a road*, and it is just this piece of confusion on the part of our theoretical friends that causes all the trouble. It also seems to me to be the height of absence of logic to claim that reversals can sometimes start from the end of a lead and sometimes from the middle of one. Let them choose which they like, but they cannot have both. For my own part I prefer to get into a train at a station, and not between two stations at 60 miles an hour. My last letter still remains absolutely without any effective reply.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

## Obituary.

### THOMAS HOLMES.

In the "eighties" and early "nineties" few names could have been more familiar to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" than that of this well-known ringer, who, his many friends throughout the Exercise will be grieved to hear, died very suddenly at Loughborough, on Sunday, September 3rd. Mr. Holmes had been staying in Loughborough for some time, and was apparently in the best of health, and as lately as Sunday, August 27th, rang the tenor at All Saints to a lough touch of Stedman Caters. On the Saturday following, while working at his trade on the farm of Mr. Horace Taylor, he was seen to fall, and on being taken to the hospital it was found that he was suffering from a severe apoplectic seizure. From this he never rallied and died as stated on the following afternoon. The interment took place at the cemetery on Wednesday, September the 6th, and was attended by a number of ringers from Lough-

borough and district, and by Messrs. W. Wakley and J. S. Needham, representing respectively the Burton and Leicester ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells was rung over the grave after the ceremony. and subsequently at All Saints a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1458 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 4 mins. by W. T. Billingham, F. G. Burleigh, W. Wakley, F. E. Pervin, T. H. Colburn conductor, W. Pervin, H. Whittle, J. S. Needham, H. W. Abbott, J. L. Wells. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, particulars of which will be found in their proper place, was rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on the following evening.

Mr. Holmes was a native of Leicestershire, and mixed much with the company existing at that time at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and he had many stories to tell of the old school of Leicester ringers, of whom Mr. E. Biggs was the senior, and Mr. Stephen Cooper, who pre-deceased his friend by a few months only, was the junior.

But Mr. Holmes will be best remembered from his connection with the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, with whom between the years 1882 and 1896 he rang 150 peals, among which were no fewer than sixty Surprise Major peals in the methods of New Cumberland, Superlative, Cambridge and London; twenty-two peals of Double Norwich, about forty of Stedman Triples, and there were also peals of Duffield Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Oxford Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, etc.

A loyal and consistent churchman, an enthusiastic ringer, always ready with an apt quotation or an appropriate story, Thomas Holmes was a general favourite, and it will long before he is forgotten by those who had the privilege of knowing him intimately. W,

## LATE NOTICES RECEIVED.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, September 30th, at 2.30

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MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH.

5024.				
23456	B	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By P. O. BIXBY, *Gainsborough.*

5028.					5028.				
23456	I	4	5	6	23456	I	4	5	6
26435	-	-	-	-	36452	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-	65432	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	53462	-	-	-	-
36245	-	*	-	-	64352	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-	45362	-	-	-	-

Nine times repeated with s for bob at 6 in the last course of the fifth and tenth parts.

By substituting a s for bob marked thus \* in the fifth and tenth parts, and omitting the last course in those parts, 5056 changes are obtained.

Nine times repeated, added s at 6 in the last course of the fifth and tenth parts.

By omitting the third course in the fifth and tenth parts 5056 changes are obtained.

## 1-PEAL GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

234567	532674	4	536472	IS
	275346	3	675324	3
462375	752346	4	346275	IS
534762	467235	2	324	
735246	674235	4	Repeated.	
357246	256374	IS		
253674	672543	3		

## PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS,

By G. T. DALTRY, *Bristol.*

5067.				
231456	5	16	The six-ends of going-off course:	
314265*	-	-	231456789	
413562	-	-		
2365	-	-	342618527	
5263	-	-	346825197	2
514362	-	-	483569271	
2463	-	-	485932671	4
3264	-	-	894257316	
315462	-	-	892743516	6
2564	-	-	978325416	7
213465	-	-	973581264	
5364	-	-	759136842	
4563	-	-	751698342	10
	-	-	567813942	11
214365	s	-	568379142	12
412563	-	-	635981742	13
3265	-	-	639154827	
5362	-	-	316492578	
514263	-	-	314265978	16
3462	-	-		
2364	-	-	The six-ends of turning course:	
215463	-	-	314562978	
3564	-	-		
312465	-	-	153249678	I
5264	-	-	152937486	
4562	-	-	591728364	
	-	-	597816243	
312564†	-	-	985672134	S5
213465	-	-	986253741	
5364	-	-	829367514	S7
4563	-	-	823791645	
412365	-	-	278134956	
5263	-	-	271485369	
3562	-	-	742516893	
314265	-	-	745629138	
5462	-	-	467953281	
513264	-	-	469378512	
4362	-	-	634891725	
	-	-	638142957	
514263	s	-	316285479	
415362	-	-	312564879	18
2563	-	-		
3265	-	-	BOB MAJOR.	
314562	-	-	By H. MOORE,	
2465	-	-	<i>Minthead.</i>	
5264	-	-	5376.	
513462	-	-	23456 W M H	
2364	-	-	62435 - s	
215463	-	-	42536 - *	
3564	-	-	Twenty-three times repeated	
214365	-	-	B* everyfourth part, single half way and end.	

Rounds next change.

\*2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16.

†1, 5, 7, 18.

First rung on handbells, at

19, Old Jewry,

E.C., August

14, 1905, con-

ducted by Wil-

liam Pye.

A variation of foregoing Peal of Stedman  
Caters, by G. T. Daltry, Bristol.

5067.

231456	5	16
314265*	-	-
5462	-	-
2564	-	-
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5364	-	-
512463	-	-
3264	-	-
4362	-	-
415263	-	-
3562	-	-
2365	-	-
214563	-	-
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214365	s	-
5463	-	-
3564	-	-
312465	-	-
5264	-	-
513462	-	-
2364	-	-
4263	-	-
415362	-	-
2563	-	-
3265	-	-
314562	-	-
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312564†	-	-
213465	-	-
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4563	-	-
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4562	-	-
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2563	-	-
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Rounds next change.

\*2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16.

†1, 5, 7, 18.

First rung at St. Nicholas, Bristol,  
May 23, 1905, conducted by F. G. May.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 4th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Barratt, A. Ridyard, T. Grattan, J. Jackson, W. F. Hartshorne, J. Myles, R. Ridyard conductor, E. Oldfield.

## Notices.

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**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney to-day, Saturday, September 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at The New inn at 5.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. allowed to those present at tea-time.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*

101, High Street, Hythe.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Sat., September 16th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett to-day, Sat., September 16th. The tower (eight bells), will be open as usual. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. For the convenience of members and friends attending this meeting, arrangements have been made for a brake to leave St. Peter's Gate, Nottingham, at 1.0 p.m., and another at 1.45 p.m.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The next general meeting will be held at Selby to-day, Sat., September 16th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Hall, 51, New Lane, Selby. Excursions will be run from Leeds N.E.R. at 7.25 a.m. and 12.45 p.m., returning at 9.50 p.m. Fare 2s. and 1s. 3d. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company will run a half-day excursion from Bradford and district.

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

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley to-day, Sat., September 16th. The bells will be available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Next meeting at Uckfield to-day, Sat., September 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5.30 at The Maiden's Head. Tickets 9d. each to those who let me know not later than Wednesday, September 13th.

ROBERT J. DAWKINS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

64, Shaftesbury Road, Brighton.

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Turvey to-day, Sat., September 16th. Tea at 5.30. All ringers in district invited.

JOHN W. BARKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ruislip to-day, Saturday, September 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Members are requested to make an effort to attend, and those that have not yet paid their subscriptions are asked to pay at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, September 20th. Special service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Address by Canon Melville Pigott. Dinner at the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, at 1.30. Members attending must send notice by September

18th. For full particulars see special notice cards sent to Masters of companies.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., 6d. each to members. Business meeting immediately following. Service will be held in the parish church at 6.15 p.m. Members intending to be present should inform me not later than Tuesday, September 19th.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23rd. Ringing will commence at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, at 2.30 p.m., and continue till shortly before 3. All members are requested to attend the service in Westminster Abbey at 3, and to take their seats in the south transept. At the close of the service the Canon-in-residence has very kindly offered to conduct over the Abbey a party not exceeding 25, and to arrange for the conduct of a second party of 25. No others can be accommodated, nor can the number of each party be increased. Ringing will be resumed at St. Margaret's church from 4 to 5.15 p.m. The belfry will be then closed to enable members to attend the business meeting at 5.30 at the schools in Deau Farrar Street. At the conclusion of this meeting the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the kind co-operation of the Executive of the Royal Cumberland Youths, will be available from 7 o'clock, in addition to the bells of St. Margaret's. There will be no special catering, the proximity of suitable places of refreshment rendering such provision unnecessary.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**St. Mary (Handsworth) Parish Church.**—The first annual dinner will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30. Bells available from 2 to 6 o'clock. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be had on or before September 18th of

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Nineveh Road, Handsworth.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at King's Norton on Saturday, September 23rd. The Rev. Canon Barnard, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 4.30 p.m., prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, September 20th. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Subscriptions not yet paid should be handed over at this meeting.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, September 23rd. Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, off West Street, Leek, not later than Thursday, September 21st.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the general secretary. All notices

of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

J. SHEPHERD, *Ringing Secretary.*

4, Helena St., Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Greyhound inn at 7.30 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 11.30 a.m. Those wishing to take part in it should apply early to me

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Further particulars later. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays September 21st, and October 5th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, September 27th.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1905.

A fortnight ago there was a report of a meeting of the Southover (Lewes) Guild. The assembly was an influential one, those present dealing in a very practical manner with the objects before them. It is well-known that the county of Sussex has only one ring of ten, which is at St. Nicolas, Brighton, and the principal object of the meeting we are alluding to was to consider the propriety of having a ring of the same number at Southover church, where at present there are but eight.

The parties had two schemes placed before them, and the one being set aside, the remaining one was adopted.

At a cost of something over £300 the bells could be satisfactorily rehung, and a pair of trebles added, and such a praiseworthy decision met with unanimous support. We read that one gentleman present—Mr. Rickman—offered to contribute the magnificent sum of £100, and, he added, Mrs. Rickman would give a like amount. Another gentleman also promised a good round sum. Thus we find that the object of the promoters of this augmentation became close upon realization the same evening.

The gentlemen and lady above-mentioned will have the hearty thanks of the whole Exercise for their splendid munificence. We should be pleased to oftener record such helps to bell-provision.

#### SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday evening, July 4th, at the old church, the whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Smith, mother-in-law to the well-known bell-founder of this town, Mr. Charles Carr. Mr. Carr's son was present during the ringing, which was done most creditably by the local band. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but was lost owing to one of the ringers being taken ill. The ringers in the whole pull and stand were Messrs. Brown, Mills, Foulkes, Day, Grazier, Hughes, Bennett and Lowe. In the quarter-peal the ringers were Messrs. Bennett, Hughes, Grazier, Foulkes, Mills, Day, Brown conductor, and Lowe.

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 4.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.  
Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John W. Golding and Miss Ada A. Box, which took place at St. Giles' church, Camberwell, on the 2nd inst.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS CRANFIELD* .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. 2.	ROBERT BEETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR JOHN NEALE .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

\*First peal in the method. The conductor's fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Thornton, third and youngest son of the ringer of the 5th, on completing his twelfth year.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR JONES .. .. 6.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 8.
E. VERE HARVEY* .. .. 4.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. .. 9.
JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 5.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by W. T. ELSON.

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#### The Provinces.

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RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. STOKES .. 6.
RICHARD CLARK .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
STEPHEN THOMAS .. .. 4.	WALTER APPERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. H. Thomas (Treasurer of the Clifton Association, and brother to the ringers of the 4th and 7th), to Miss E. Street, which took place at St. Michael's church on Sunday, September 3rd.

##### DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, Merchants' Return and Kent.

WILLIAM WALKER* .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.
ERNEST BAILEY* .. .. 2.	FRED HOLT .. .. 5.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal.

##### BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

CHARLES MEREFIELD* .. Treble.	CHARLES FORFITT .. .. 5.
WALTER KERLEY .. .. 2.	ELI WATERS .. .. 6.
EDWIN GREEN .. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PHILIPS .. .. 4.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GOODENOUGH.

\*First peal away from the tenor.

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

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

THOMAS PAYNE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 2.	*C. VALENTINE .. .. 6.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
A. NUNNELEY WOOD* .. 4.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

##### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BASSETT .. Treble.	JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE NORRIS .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 7.
HARRY MEETENS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GILBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP,

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICK .. 2.	WILLIAM STEBLE .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
JAMES TANN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

REGINALD STONE * .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 7.
EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SLADE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Thomas Holmes, for many years a prominent member of the St. Paul's society.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to T. W. McKegg, of Wortley, who was interred at Wortley on August 31st; also as a farewell peal for G. Merriman who set sail for Canada on Tuesday, September 12th. Further reference elsewhere.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, September 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES.  
Tenor 32 cwt,

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 3.	*JOHN FLINT .. .. 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 10.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS* .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 6.	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rang to oblige Messrs. Flint and Faulkner. \*First peal of Cinques.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs. in F sharp.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	†GEORGE LINES .. .. 5.
DARIEL REDHEAD* .. .. 2.	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY .. 6.
FRANK KIRK .. .. 3.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 4.	JAMES NICKERSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble. †First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor about 12 cwt.

JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells. To the Vicar (Rev. J. Bamber), the thanks of the band are due for providing refreshments, and for his interest in the success of the peal, for which he proposes (being the first peal on the bells), to place in the belfry a suitable record.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS. — THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. A. PEASE* .. .. Treble.	B. WATKINSON .. .. 5.
W. P. BROOK .. .. 2.	A. STRANGWARD .. .. 6.
G. WILCOCK* .. .. 3.	*J. FRYER .. .. 7.
J. PEASE* .. .. 4.	T. BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. BARKER.

\*First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 6.
ARTHUR GILL .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	HENRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES KENNINGTON* .. Treble.	*JOHN E. KENNINGTON .. 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 2.	†THOMAS SCRIMSHAW .. 6.
SYDNEY ALLINGTON* .. 3.	†JOHN W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
HARRY JOHNSON* .. .. 4.	W. H. HEYHOE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXEY, and Conducted by W. H. HEYHOE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal of Major by a local band. First peal rung by a company belonging to a tower in Great Grimsby.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

T. DAVEY .. .. Treble.	A. BERRY .. .. 4.
W. BASON* .. .. 2.	F. CULLUM .. .. 5.
W. ROSE .. .. 3.	G. CATTERMOLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

\*First peal in seven methods.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
EDWARD HERN .. .. 2	GEORGE W. DIX .. .. 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN.

This composition will be found in "Stedman," and is now rung for the first time.

Handbell Peals.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 7, CASSIO ROAD, WATFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FIVE-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix. This composition is now rung on handbells for the first time. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John W. Golding.

DEFECTIVE REPORT. — The peal of Treble Bob Minor rung at Barbage, Cheshire, has been sent without any conductor being mentioned.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOPS WALTHAM (Hants).—On Saturday evening, September 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. Grounseil, G. Williams conductor, W. Rowe, G. Chappell, W. H. George, W. Tucker. And 288 in the same method. This was rung after meeting at Curdridge for a peal of Major, but were unable to start.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Daniels, A. Howes, J. Howes, J. Daniels, S. Daniels, G. Sapey conductor. On Sunday, August 20th, 480 Bob Minor. J. Lawrence, W. Daniels, R. Etteridge, J. Warren, S. Daniels, G. Sapey conductor. On Sunday, August 27th, 480 Bob Minor. W. Wiseman, W. Daniels, R. Etteridge, J. Daniels, G. Sapey conductor, S. Daniel.

KELSEALE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 3rd, at St. Peter's church, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. Also 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Flemming, C. Thompson, F. G. Thompson, W. Drew, G. Berry, H. Thompson, J. W. Avis, F. W. Watling conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

Stow (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, August 19th, at St. Mary's church, 240 Grandsire Minor. J. Fisher, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler conductor, A. H. Wheeler, E. Credland, G. Wilson. 720 Bob Minor. J. Fisher, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, E. Credland, G. Wilson conductor. 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Betts, A. H. Wheeler, J. T. Ladd, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson conductor, G. Hill. 120 Bob Doubles. A. Betts, A. H. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, G. Wilson conductor, G. Hill. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. S. W. Butler conductor, J. C. Tinker, A. H. Wheeler, J. T. Ladd, E. Credland, G. Wilson. A plain course of Stedman Doubles. F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, A. H. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, E. Credland, G. Hill. Another plain course in the same method, G. Wilson ringing the 5th, the rest as before. The above touches were rung at a district meeting.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On July 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. A. Gilbert, E.

Bonnett, A. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On July 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On July 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, A. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On July 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor, A. King, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, R. King. On July 23rd, 720 College Single. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, R. King, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor. On July 25th, 720 Double Court. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On July 29th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On August 6th, 720 College Single. R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. King, J. E. Croft, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On August 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, conductor, R. King. On August 23rd, 720 Double Oxford. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On August 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 50 mins. And a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. E. J. Pannett, F. S. Sturt, G. H. Sturt, A. J. Turner, F. Hounsell, H. Tomsett, F. Attwater conductor, A. Tomsett.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, September 10th, 720 Bob Minor. H. H. Wilkes, C. Harris, R. Hims, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, W. J. Browning conductor.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On August 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. J. Parker, F. Reid, G. Basden, W. Cross, R. Flaxman, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, J. Bovington. On August 30th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. F. Reid, G. Gutteridge, G. Basden, J. J. Parker, J. Elderfield, W. G. Fowler, C. Clarke, J. Bovington.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—Recently, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Fairall, C. F. Stephenson, H. Coombes, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, W. Kemp. 434 in the same method. C. Stainer, C. Stephenson, H. Coombes, O. Coombes, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, W. Kemp. And 377 in the same method. C. Stainer, C. Stephenson, H. Coombes, O. Coombes, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, W. Kemp.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On August 31st an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round at the half peal end owing to illness near the church. A. Leader, W. Wilder, T. Leader, J. J. Parker conductor, G. Guttridge, F. Sinkins, W. G. Fowler, E. Hooper.

TOTHAM (Essex).—On August 13th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Brown, T. Hammond, H. Brown, P. Sayer, C. Ballard, E. C. Lambert conductor. On August 20th, 720 Plain Bob. A. Green, T. Hammond, H. Brown, P. Sayer, E. C. Lambert conductor, F. Chalk. On August 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Mann, E. C. Lambert conductor, H. Brown, P. Sayer, F. Chalk, J. Buckingham.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Lovall, F. Larkey, J. Aspinwall, G. Dickinson, S. Stuart, W. Twist, E. Counce conductor, R. Walter. First touch of Stedman by the local band. On Sunday, September 10th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, treble leading. J. Walker, W. Larkey, A. Lovall, G. Dickinson, E. Counce conductor, W. Twist, S. Stuart, R. Walker. On Sunday, September 10th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, E. Counce, J. Aspinwall, E. Lewis, G. Lindoff conductor, A. Lovall, J. Martin, S. Stuart.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, CHEPSTOW.—On Monday, August 28th, the ringers of the above church accepted an invitation from their late Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Hensley, who is officiating *pro tem.* at Bath-easton, to pay him a visit, and had their annual outing at Bath and neighbourhood. Starting from Chepstow at 7.35, and travelling via the Severn tunnel, Bristol was reached at 8.45 and Bath at 9.40 a.m. We were met by the Vicar at the Abbey, and service being then in progress we were taken to the old Roman Baths first. Here we inspected the excavations and tasted Bath water, many of us for the first time. After satisfying our curiosity a move was made to the Abbey. Here the tower is under repair, so ringing was out of the question. After a round of inspection, with explanations by the Rector,

we wended our way to the park, which brought on dinner time. After a good dinner, at which the Vicar presided, a ride on the electric cars brought us to Bath-easton church. Here we were met by the genial tower-keeper, Mr. Taylor, and after raising the bells in peal the "go" of the back three compelled us to make our touches very short. Lowering the bells again a walk of about a mile brought us to Bathford. Here we were rewarded on finding a pretty little ring of six, and the "go" of them everything that could be desired. After some touches of Minor we found tea waiting for us at a dairy close by. After tea a vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. J. Hensley for so kindly showing us round and providing dinner, tea, etc. We then returned to Bath, some to visit friends, others to do some shopping. Train time came all too soon, Chepstow being reached at 11.50, one and all having greatly enjoyed the

trip. We wish to thank the Rev. E. J. Hensley for his kindness, and Mr. Taylor for having everything in readiness. P.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—On Saturday, August 26th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Chelmsford. Travelling by the 6.40 a.m. train from Ipswich we arrived at our destination at 8.5, and were met at the station by Mr. B. S. Thompson, who had made previous arrangements for our comfort, and were conducted to The Plough hotel, where a substantial breakfast was awaiting us, to which ample justice was done. We then proceeded in a well equipped brake by way of Great Waltham, where permission to ring had already been obtained of the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hulton. The next place visited was Broomfield—a ring of six—then on to Writtle, where we met by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. Lincoln. Some London Surprise Major and Double Norwich was rung here. Widford and Galleywood were next visited, and touches in various methods rung. The return journey was made by way of Great Baddow to Chelmsford, where we partook of a good substantial hot dinner. Afterwards we visited St. Mary's church and rang touches of Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. Then we had a short talk with our Chelmsford friends and started on our homeward journey, Ipswich being reached at 9.16. We wish to convey our hearty thanks to the clergy and ringers for the arrangements made, the outing proving to be the best we ever had. M.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BOLSTERSTONE.—The ringing of this peal was rather a sad occasion to the band, as it signified the departure of two old friends, one to that bourne from which no traveller returns, and the other to a far distant land. It was rung as a last tribute to T. W. McKegg, of Wortley, who died on August 29th after a short illness, leaving a widow and two daughters to mourn his loss. The deceased had been a close friend of the company, and particularly of the writer, at one time being a member of this band, and along with J. Dronfield walking 3½ miles twice each Sunday to fill a temporary gap in the band. May he rest in peace. The muffled peal was also appropriate at losing another comrade—George Merriman—who sailed for Toronto on the 12th inst. After the peal D. Brearley, in a few well-chosen words, presented him with a silver-mounted pipe and well-filled tobacco pouch, expressing the hope that he would be reminded when he used it of the many happy hours he had spent with his old comrades. The recipient was quite taken by surprise, and said that he would value it most highly for the kindly feeling expressed by the gift, and would think of them when far away. The band one and all wish him good luck and prosperity in his new home.

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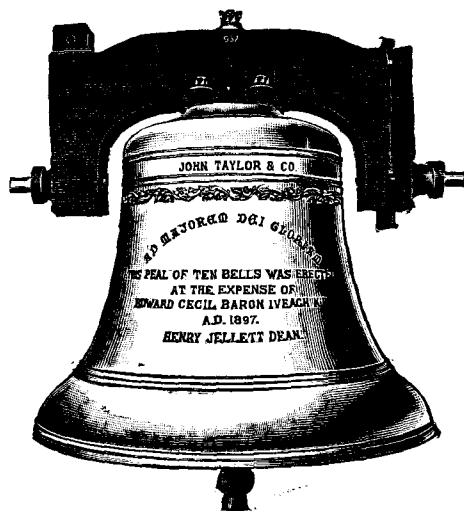
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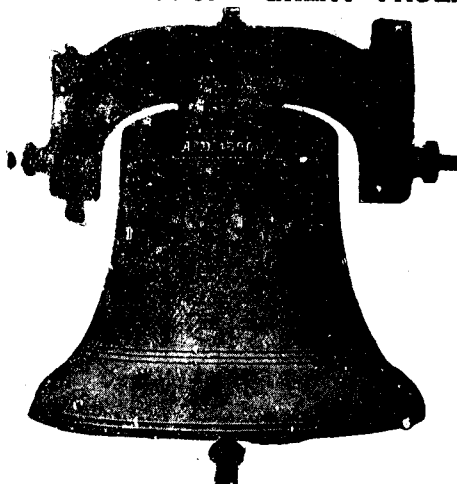
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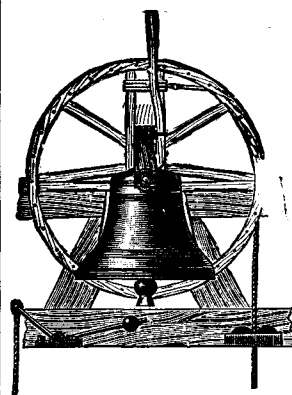
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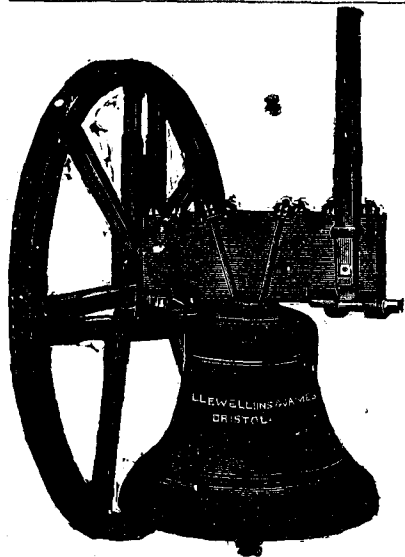
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

ECCLESTON (Cheshire). St. Mary the Virgin. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Taylor 1897. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Iron frame. Organ bellows and clock are so placed in the ringing-chamber that the bells cannot be rung. They are clocked for service by ropes attached to the clappers. The Rector informs us that estimates have been obtained for removing the impediments out of the way of ringing, but want of funds and indifference have prevented any action as yet. No ropes have ever been fixed.

A more melancholy case of ignorance and neglect has not been recorded in these columns. A splendid ring of bells, hung with the latest improvements, is doomed to uselessness and possible perdition on account of the cranks of organist and architect.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire). St. Barnabas. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1904. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1904, good. Method: "Grandsire proper, barring four Standard Methods" (*sic*). Sunday ringing; 10.15 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice; Wednesday, 8; Saturday, 3.30.

SS. Thomas and Edmund. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Eight bells; all by Blews 1877. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell, 1900. Ropes new 1899, fair. Methods; Grandsire, Stedman and Duffield. Sunday ringing; 10 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6. Practice; Saturday, 6.30.

EWERBY (Lincolnshire). St. Andrew. Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch). Ten bells; 7th by Penn, 1710; 8th and tenor believed to be by Oldfield, 1616; 9th by Osborne, 1783; the rest by Taylor, 1897. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung

by Taylor, 1896. Ringing-chamber very noisy, and improvement has been asked for. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing, but no hour stated. The late Earl of Winchelsea (himself a ringer), left a legacy to the ringers which was to be doubled if change-ringing was practised.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held in the Town Hall, Neston, on Monday, August 7th, after service in the parish church, when the sermon was preached by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester.

At the meeting, the Archdeacon, who is Master of the Guild, was in the chair, and there were also present the Rev. Canon Turner, Rev. A. T. Beeston, H. A. Heywood, Esq., Mr. F. T. Spence, and about 150 members.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber said he must say a few words to the members re the deep loss they had sustained through the death of their late Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. Richard Greenall. He had been their Secretary for over ten years, and as every one present knew, his heart and soul were with bells and bellringers. The kindly interest he had taken in everything appertaining to the Guild was patent to everyone, and he moved that the following resolution be sent to the Misses Greenall: "That the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers desire to express their warm appreciation of the services rendered to the Guild by their late Secretary, the Rev. R. Greenall, and their keen sense of the loss sustained by the Guild and all its members through his death, and to offer to his family their sincere and respectful sympathy." This was seconded by Mr. James Dillon, and carried in silence.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Canon Holme and Hatt Cook, Esq. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts as submitted to the General Committee Meeting showing a balance in the bank of £71 17s. 9d. It was proposed by the Master that these be adopted, which was seconded by Canon Turner, who in doing so said how very pleased he was to have this visit of the Guild to Neston, and extended to all a very hearty welcome.

Canon Turner proposed the re-election of the Ven. Archdeacon as Master, which was seconded by Mr. Bethell and carried unanimously.

The Master proposed that H. A. Heywood, Esq. be elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, with Mr. F. T. Spence, Assistant-Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. J. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

The Master proposed that a resolution be sent to Parr's Bank authorising them to accept the signature of Mr. Heywood on their cheques, which was seconded by Mr. Norbury and carried.

Mr. Gordon proposed that the Rev. H. L. Mallory be elected to serve on the Committee in place of H. A. Heywood, Esq., which was seconded by Mr. R. T. Holding, and carried. The other six hon. members were re-elected,

and are—Revs. G. B. Thurston, J. H. Thorpe, Lucius Smith, Canon Holme, Hatt Cook, Esq., and C. B. Bowen Cooke, Esq.

Mr. J. E. Ashmole was proposed in the place of Mr. F. T. Spence, and Mr. T. J. Bethell in Mr. H. Dew's place (resigned). The other five were re-elected, and are—Messrs. R. T. Holding, J. Dillon, W. Gordon, W. Matthews and J. Ashmole.

(To be continued.)

### LEGENDS OF BURIED BELLS.

Many interesting but fantastic legends are attached to Church bells, utilised as they have been in by-gone ages for a variety of purposes, for which to-day they are no longer required. We do not now, happily, have to ring the bells backwards as a general summons to all the countryside to arm in moments of national peril, as instanced by Sir Walter Scott, who tells us in *The Betrothed* that "beacons were lighted upon crags and eminences; the bells were rung backwards in the churches; and the general summons to arm announced an extremity of danger." And although the mournful sound of "the passing bell" still serves to warn the people of the flight of another soul into eternity, it is no longer heard, as it used to be, when persons were *in extremis*, to scare away evil spirits which were supposed to lurk about the dying, to pounce on the soul while "passing from the body to its resting place." Neither do we in these enlightened days believe in the power of bells to disperse storms and pestilence, to drive away devils, to ward off the effects of lightning, nor to extinguish fire.

"Death's tale I tell, the winds dispel, ill-feeling quell,  
The slothful shake, the storm clouds break, the  
Sabbath wake."

But there are places where, even now, superstition lingers, and legendary stories, handed down through generations, are regarded more or less as historical truths. Churches, their towers, and bells are a prolific source of such traditions, and the following stories of buried bells, which are extracted from a paper read some years ago before the Sussex Archæological Society, by Mr. H. Mitchell Whitley, F.G.S., may be of interest.

At Etchingham, a little village in the wooded district to the north of Battle, Sussex, the church was formerly encircled by a moat, having been built originally, perhaps, in the centre of a Danish entrenchment. However that may be, at the bottom of the moat, tradition says, lies a large bell, when it was placed there, or by whom, is not known, and no eye will see it until six yoke of white oxen shall be employed to bring the bell to daylight.

Long years ago, when the Northmen burnt and pillaged along the English coast, a party of Danish sea rovers came up Bosham Creek, plundered the inhabitants, racked the church, and carried away the silver-toned bells. Slowly they rowed the holy burden down with the ebbing tide, when, through the intercession of St. Nicholas, the heavens grew black with clouds, an awful pall shrouded the waters of the Creek. When it rolled away the guilty pirates lay fathoms deep in the great pool known to this day as Bell Hole, and tradition asserts that on great festivals the silver tone of the bells is still heard chiming in with their sister bells on land.

These legends of submerged bells are met with in other places around the coast. Among them is that of "The Silent Tower of Forrabury." The iron bound coast of North Cornwall was crested with church towers long

years ago, but amongst them Forrabury only was silent. While in Tintagel tower among the bells that tolled for the death of King Arthur, in Forrabury no merry chime rang for the happy bride, no muffled peal for the dead. For years, so the legend goes, the tower was silent, but at last bells were ordered, cast and shipped for Forrabury, and one fair summer's eve the ship sailed into the bay. As the vessel neared the shore, the bells of Tintagel sounded softly over the tide, ringing for vespers, and, as their notes fell on the ear of the pilot, he thanked God for the safe voyage. The captain laughed at the pilot, and told him to thank God on land, but at sea to thank his arm that had guarded them safely home. "May God forgive you," was the pilot's reply, and he had hardly uttered it when the clouds fell in a black pall over the doomed ship, and a huge wave, suddenly rolling in from the Atlantic, overwhelmed and sunk the vessel, the pilot alone being washed ashore. Tradition asserts that when storms are coming, and only then, the bells of Forrabury are heard ringing their dull muffled warning beneath the sea, while the tower to this day remains silent.

Another poetical legend is that of St. Nectan's bell. In a lonely but beautiful valley near Tintagel stands the ruins of the little chapel of St. Nectan. Shut in from land amongst the woods it was plainly seen by the fishermen far off at sea, and the prayers of the saint were sought by the mariners. Below the chapel is a beautiful fall of water, which leaps over the cliff into a clear rock basin, called St. Nectan's Kieve. The story runs that the saint placed in the little bell-cot a silver bell, whose notes were wafted out to sea and served as a guide to many a distressed sailor. But when, one sweet summer evening, St. Nectan lay a dying, he desired to be carried to the bank that overhung the Kieve, and that the bell from the tower should be brought to him. Slowly raising himself, he grasped the bell and rang it clearly three times. Then he dropped it into the transparent waters of the Kieve, which boiled to receive it, and then became clear again, whilst the bell had vanished from sight. He told his weeping followers that the light of their religion would grow dim in the land, but that it would again revive and burn more brightly than ever. His silver bell should never ring except for the true faith, and when it revived it would be recovered, and once more ring out its clear notes over the land. Centuries have passed away, yet still the legend of the buried bell is preserved. Some long time ago some miners endeavoured to recover the bell. They diverted the stream to blast the rock, but above the ring of their iron bars the tolling of the bell was heard, and a supernatural voice exclaimed, "The child is not yet born who shall recover this treasure." The work was stopped and the stream restored to its natural course, through which it is to flow until the day prophesied by St. Nectan shall arrive.

Numerous legends of submerged and buried bells are to be found in the folk lore of different counties. On the coast of Lancashire, opposite Blackpool, it is said, the dismal chimes of a submerged peal are often heard before storms, and near Kirby Lonsdale there is supposed to be a buried peal which can be heard ringing of a Sunday morning by any one who listens with his ear to the ground. Another tradition states that at Tunstall the parson and churchwardens disputed over the bells, when the Evil One stepped in and carried off the peal. Chase was hotly given, but the foul fiend dived with his burden into a boggy pool, locally known as Hell Hole, from whence the bells chime on Sunday mornings. J.S.G.

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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—In this week's number I notice a peal of Stedman Triples has been rung at Newcastle, with a note stating that the composition has not been previously rung. If you will kindly allow me I should like to point out that this composition was first published in "THE BELL NEWS," vol. xvii., page 347, and was first rung on December 17th, 1898, at St. Peter's, Harborne, by the Midland Counties' Association, conducted by the composer. Mr. Keen, the conductor of the Newcastle peal cannot be blamed for the mistake, because the above particulars should have been given on page 68 of "Stedman," below the composition. As this is the second mistake which has occurred in connection with the above matter, it will be as well to give particulars of other compositions which appear in "Stedman." Page 53: First rung on September 1st, 1889, at St. Lawrence, Appleton, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Page 58: First rung on April 19th, 1890, at St. Margaret's, Lee, conducted by G. Newson. Page 60—Mr. Parker's No. 8: First rung on February 9th, 1892, at St. Andrew's, Steyning, conducted by C. Tyler. Page 61—Mr. Washbrook's No. 2: First rung on April 9th, 1891, at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, conducted by the composer. Page 62—Mr. Parker's No. 10: First rung on January 23rd, 1905, at St. Giles's, Pontefract, conducted by W. Pearson. Page 63—Mr. Parker's six-part: First rung on January 12th, 1897, at Holy Trinity, Gosport, conducted by A. E. Tomlins. Page 64—the first composition: First rung on May 18th, 1905, at St. Saviour's, Arklow, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Page 66—the first composition: First rung on November 21st, 1891, at St. Giles's, Rowley Regis, conducted by the composer. Page 66—the second composition: First rung on January 31st, 1895, at St. Nicholas', Kings Norton, conducted by the composer. Page 67—Mr. Carter's ten-part: First rung on June 5th, 1894, at St. Nicholas', Kings Norton, conducted by the composer (calling the last five parts first). Page 68. First rung on December 17th, 1898, at St. Peter's, Harborne, conducted by the composer. Page 87 (5081): First rung on April 11th, 1896, at St. Mary's, Beddington, conducted by the composer. Page 89: First rung on November 19th, 1896, at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, conducted by H. Roberts. Page 90 (5001): First rung on April 4th, 1903, at Manchester Cathedral, conducted by Walter C. Hunt. (Am rather doubtful about this; shall be glad to be corrected if wrong.) Page 90 (5040): First rung on July 13th, 1888, at All Saints, Loughborough, conducted by the composer. Page 90 (5010): First rung on February 9th, 1889, at All Saints, Loughborough, conducted by the composer (this is given as first rung on November 9th, 1900, in the Middlesex Association report 1900-1—a mistake. The Midland Counties' Association give it twice in their 1889 report and once again in their report for 1900). Page 93: First rung on September 16th, 1890, at All Saints, Duffield, conducted by the composer. Page 94 (5043): First rung on January 8th, 1902, at St. Stephen's, Bristol, conducted by W. A. Cave? Page 94 (5040): First rung on December 11th, 1891, at All Saints, Loughborough, conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun. Page 98: First rung on September 8th, 1885, at St. Mary's, Ipswich, conducted by J. Motts. Page 133: First rung on February 7th, 1885, at St. Peter's, Drayton, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Page 149: First rung on May 25th, 1885, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Will anybody kindly inform me if the following compositions in the above work have been rung: Page 65. Page 87 (Hubbard's 5074.) Page 100, Mr. Carter's 5019? A. NUNNELEY-WOOD.

19, Western Road, Bedford.

THE 5376 OF BOB MAJOR BY H. MOORE.

SIR,—I thought when I saw the 5376 of Bob Major published by Mr. Moore in last week's "BELL NEWS" that the figures seemed very familiar to me. I find that Mr. H. Dains sent this composition to me some time during February of this year. The

figures were published I believe in *Church Bells* for January 7th, 1905. This peal is a shortened form of the 13,440 of Bob Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" for January 7th, 1905. The two peals of Double Norwich published in "THE BELL NEWS" last week are 5280s, not 5028s. P. O. BIXBY.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—I cheerfully concede to Mr. Davies what I never disputed, that in the ten-part 234567 and 235476 "have their backs to different piece lines, and in the six-part to the same line." I thought I made that clear. If that is all Mr. Davies is contending for he has certainly proved his point. I should hardly think Mr. Thompson would disagree with him there. But the question is Do the halves of the ten-part start from the same place? Mr. Davies says no. But that the two halves of the six-part do start from the same place. I say that if you take 2345678 as the starting point of the first half, and 235476 as the starting point of the second part in neither the ten-part nor the six-part do the halves start from the same place. But that 234567 and 235476 not being points where you can call bobs are not the starting points of the two halves. They are certainly the rows where half is switched into the other, but they are not and cannot be the points from which the halves are reversed. But that there is in both peals a point from which going forward you get the calling of the first half, and going backward at exactly the same distance the calling of the second half, and that consequently the original statement in dispute, viz., that the two halves of the ten-part start from the same point is absolutely correct. Mr. Davies chides me for saying that a reverse composition is the reversal of the bobs and nothing else. Why what else is it the reversal of? Suppose it were the reversal of the rows as well as the bobs as I gather Mr. Davies wishes us to believe. If you start to reverse from a lead-end you would get your bob places made in your reverse after the treble's lead. And if you reversed from the piece lines you would get the bell in the hunt before the treble. I demur to being considered to be theoretical at the expense of the practical. After all, the science of ringing is theoretical through and through, and the truer it is theoretically the truer it is practically. Personally I prefer a theory that is true to facts that are false. I am sorry I forgot that Mr. Davies had written all the 5040 rows on his strips. The fact is that the good lady of the house not knowing that that copy of "THE BELL NEWS" contained Mr. Davies' article, sent it with other papers to the butcher's. I can only hope that when it arrived at a customer's house wrapped around some chop or steak, it afforded the family light and instructive reading for Sunday afternoon. Anyhow I had to rely on memory, and certain I am of this that though Mr. Davies may have written out all the rows, he argued as if he had written out only the lead-ends or the piece-lines. For if as he says, the reverse is a reversal of rows as well as bobs, then not only ought bob to be on bob, but lead-end on lead-end, which they are not and cannot be. Mr. Davies winds up by saying that it seems to him to be the "height of absence of logic" to say you can start a reverse either at the end of a lead or the middle of one, and goes on to say that he usually prefers to get into a train at a station, and not when it is between two stations at sixty miles an hour. I quite believe it. So do I. But I don't think Mr. Davies would scruple if he were caught in a shower to board a London bus, start, middle or finish of its journey. It isn't safe to argue from analogies. What I said was that some reverses are reversed from where a bob may be or is called, and some from a point half way between two such places. And I said so because it is a fact. Any composition can be reversed both ways, as the following example will shew:—

23456	W	R	23456	M	R	23456	W	R
45236	-	-	43652	-	-	42356	-	-
24536	-	-	63254	-	-	34256	-	-
52436	-	-	42356	-	-	53246	-	-
35426	-	-	34256	-	-	45236	-	-
23456	-	-	23456	-	-	23456	-	-

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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

## Obituary.

## JOSEPH WRIGHTSON.

We are sorry to record the death of the above-named ringer, who was the late vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and for forty years a ringer at Thirsk parish church, at the age of sixty-two years. He died on September 6th. After the funeral ringers from Newcastle, Northallerton, Sharow, Sowerby, Felixkirk, Cowesby and Thirsk took part in several muffled touches, one being a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. W. Pick, J. Barnet, J. Stott, J. W. Neesam conductor, R. E. Neesam, G. Neesam, E. Burnett, H. Brown. The parish church bells were muffled all day on Sunday, and for the evening service the local company rang a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Watson, J. Stott, J. W. Neesam, D. H. Burton conductor, G. Neesam, R. E. Neesam, H. Brown.

## JACK COOK.

St. Giles's church, Ashtead, has lost one of its very promising young ringers. Jack Cook, as he was called by his mates, was fifteen years old. He began his ringing career about eighteen months ago, the longest touch he had rung being a 500 of Grandsire Triples. He died on September 8th after a short illness, and was laid to rest on September 13th. He was also the leading treble boy in the choir, and at his funeral great respect was shewn, about fifty wreaths being sent, and a large number of people assembled in the churchyard. The bells were rung deeply muffled by friends from Ashtead, Leatherhead and Epsom. Before the funeral 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Price, J. Hoyle, A. L. Brown, G. Mariner, A. Winch, O. Snelling, A. Dean, S. A. Shrubbs. After the service, which was fully choral, 336 in the same method. H. Price, A. J. Brown, D. Snelling, G. Mariner, A. Winch, J. Hoyle, A. Dean, S. A. Shrubbs. The father of deceased has been a ringer at Ashtead for upwards of thirty years, and a member of the choir about the same time.

## Date Touches.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, after evening service, a date touch of Stedman Triples. T. Ward, F. Fay, A. Ward, E. Stringer, G. F. Swann conductor, H. Wittchell. B. W. Wittchell, P. Finity. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LASGHAM (Essex).—On September 2nd, 720 Double Court. G. Biggs, A. Smith, H. Buckles, first 720 in the method, E. Smith, F. Smith, C. Smith conductor.

GREAT DUNMOW (Essex).—On Friday, August 4th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. J. Evans as Vicar, 720 Bob Minor. G. Monk, H. Smith, E. Claydon conductor, G. Barrick, A. Ribbans, W. Smith. On the occasion of the Harvest Festival on September 13th, before the service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Monk, H. Smith, E. Hynds, E. Claydon conductor, A. Ribbans, W. Smith. After the service 720 Bob Minor. H. Smith, W. Smith, W. Little, E. Claydon, A. Ribbans conductor, G. Barrick.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 13th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1008 Stedman Triples, composed by John Carter. G. Gray, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, G. Greenhill.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 768 Double Norwich. C. H. Howard, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, A. B. Wiffen, G. A. Black, G. H. Sentance, H. J. Collins.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Thursday, September 14th, for practice at the parish church, 546 Grandsire Triples. L. Russell, S. Franklin, G. J. Wright, J. Wadhams conductor, W. Hands, H. Hammonds, T. Russell, G. E. Brown.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for Evensong, a

quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Humphrey, H. P. Harman, G. H. Kite, W. Foreman, T. Cranfield, G. Huxley, F. W. Thornton conductor, W. James.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 16th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Day, J. Goacher, T. Streeter, F. Bennett, R. Crowhurst, W. Trewin conductor.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, September 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, Alice White, H. White, F. Hansford, J. Ward conductor, A. Burgess, C. Giles, H. Knight.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, July 29th, on the occasion of the quarterly district meeting of the Guild, 720 Bob Minor. W. Tucker, A. Marks, W. Rowe, jun., C. Fray, G. E. Chappel conductor, J. W. Whiting. 720 Bob Minor. E. Dumper, W. Rowe, jun., C. Fray, W. G. Rowe, J. W. Whiting conductor, G. E. Chappel. On Sunday evening, July 30th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Tucker, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., W. G. Rowe, W. Rowe, sen., W. H. George conductor. On Thursday, August 3rd, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. G. Rowe, A. Marks, W. Tucker, C. Fray, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. On Thursday, August 24th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, G. Williams, A. Marks, W. G. Rowe, C. Fray conductor, W. Tucker.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 12th, for practice at the Abbey, 384 Bob Major. J. Elcombe, R. White, W. Tucker, C. Fray, J. Walker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler, G. Williams conductor. On Monday, July 24th, 384 Bob Major. J. Elcombe, G. Williams conductor, W. Rowe, jun., C. Fray, W. Tucker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler, W. W. Gifford.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday evening, August 9th, 323 Stedman Caters. W. Tucker, G. Williams conductor, E. Lampard, G. Noice, L. Lampard, C. Ruessil, W. Andrews, W. H. George, W. C. Lampard, D. Froome.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 13th, for evening service, 480 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, A. G. Crane, H. Sear conductor, F. Baker, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, T. Henry, J. Dickens. On Sunday, September 17th, for the Harvest Festival, 168 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, A. G. Crane, H. Sear, F. Sear, A. N. Atkins, W. Sear, T. Henry, J. Dickens. And 336 Grandsire Triples. O. Sear, A. G. Crane, H. Sear, W. Sear, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Sear conductor, F. Morby.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, being the Harvest Festival, 1120 Bob Major. J. Taylor, R. Mingay, W. P. Gridley, F. Inch, S. Evans, T. E. Slater, S. Slater conductor, A. Maxim. Longest touch of Major by four of the band.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, September 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Cutmore, E. R. Todd, R. Christian, J. Flint, D. Hayward, C. Charge conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Hayward, G. Offord conductor, the rest as before.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, September 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Hutton conductor, W. Chandler, G. Snelling, T. Wick, F. Manser, A. Seagar. On Sunday, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. G. Manser conductor, R. Skinner, G. Snelling, T. Wick, F. Manser, A. Seagar. On Thursday, September 7th, two 720s of Oxford. F. Manser conductor, G. Manser, G. Snelling, T. Wick, B. Manser, A. Seagar, E. Coleman.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, August 26th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal. J. Hill, A. Hill, C. Jones, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, F. Cooper, O. James, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, G. Checketts. On Sunday, September 3rd, 572 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, J. Newman, G. Checketts, C. Jones, J. W. Hinton, W. C. Jones conductor, T. Bullock, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim.

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**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chard to-day, Sat., September 23rd. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., 6d. each to members. Business meeting immediately following. Service will be held in the parish church at 6.15 p.m.

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

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The annual general meeting will be held to-day, Sat., September 23rd. Ringing will commence at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, at 2.30 p.m., and continue till shortly before 3. All members are requested to attend the service in Westminster Abbey at 3, and to take their seats in the south transept. At the close of the service the Canon-in-residence has very kindly offered to conduct over the Abbey a party not exceeding 25, and to arrange for the conduct of a second party of 25. No others can be accommodated, nor can the number of each party be increased. Ringing will be resumed at St. Margaret's church from 4 to 5.15 p.m. The belfry will be then closed to enable members to attend the business meeting at 5.30 at the schools in Deau Farrar Street. At the conclusion of this meeting the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the kind co-operation of the Executive of the Royal Cumberland Youths, will be available from 7 o'clock, in addition to the bells of St. Margaret's. There will be no special catering, the proximity of suitable places of refreshment rendering such provision unnecessary.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**St. Mary (Handsworth) Parish Church.**—The first annual dinner will be held to-day, Sat., September 23rd, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6.30. Bells available from 2 to 6 o'clock.

R. FAUX, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Nineveh Road, Handsworth.

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at King's Norton to-day, Sat., September 23rd. The Rev. Canon Barnard, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 4.30 p.m., prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Subscriptions not yet paid should be handed over at this meeting.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Evansford, Worcester.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, September 23rd.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—Monday, September 25th, being the annual handbell contest at Belle Vue, the bells of Brookfield church, Gorton, will be open for visitors from 6.30 to 9 o'clock in the evening. All ringers invited. W. BRAMMER.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, September 30th, at 2.30.

A. RUST, *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the offices of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the general secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4, Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*

J. SHEPHERD, *Ringing Secretary.*

4, Helena St., Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6), will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Greyhound inn at 7.30 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, September 30th. Tower open at 12 o'clock. Tea at The Swan inn at 4 p.m.

S. SLATER, *Dis. Sec.*

**Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Middleham, including East Witton, on Saturday, September 30th. Both rings available during the day.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—On Saturday, September 30th, at 5 p.m., a peal-tablet will be unveiled in the ringing-chamber of Birmingham parish church of St. Martin by the Rector, the Rev Canon J. Denton Thompson, M.A. Ringers and other friends are cordially invited. The bells will be open for short touches from 4 to 6 p.m.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, October 2nd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 11.30 a.m. Those wishing to take part in it should apply early to me.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport on Saturday, October 7th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, October 14th. The bells at All Saints and St. Paul's (8 bells each), will be available from 3 p.m. Service in All Saints church at 4.30. Tea in All Saints Church Rooms at 5.15 p.m., tickets 9d. each. Members intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, October 10th.

A. E. RREVES, *Asst. Sec.*

20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The London County Association.** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Third Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 14th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 prompt. Admission only by

programme, price 6d. each. Reserved seats 1s., which can be obtained of the following officers and committee: G. R. Fardon, C. F. Winny, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, W. T. Matthews, W. J. Troughton, C. C. Cox, R. Bevan, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. B. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, E. Wallage, or

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

91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Further particulars later. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays September 21st, and October 5th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, September 27th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

**St. Mary Stratford, Bow, E.**—The annual fortnightly practice at this church will future be held on Thursdays instead of Mondays, commencing on September 28th, 1905.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1905.

THE Supplemental List of the Schedule concerning "Our Church Bells," affords us material for mirth and pain. In this week's instalment a most grievous condition of affairs is announced as being in existence at the parish church of a place called Eccleston, in Cheshire. First of all we read that the organ bellows and clock are so placed in the ringing-chamber that the bells cannot be rung, and that no ropes have ever been fixed to them, and the compiler adds: "A more melancholy case of ignorance and neglect has not been recorded in these columns. A splendid ring of bells, hung with the latest improvements,

is doomed to uselessness and possible perdition on account of the cranks of organist and architect."

In alluding to this abominable condition of affairs, it is fair to say that the Rector has stated that "estimates have been obtained for removing these impediments, but want of funds and indifference have prevented any action being taken as yet."

We must hope and believe that such base and wicked indifference lies with others rather than the Rector. What sort of people are the Wardens of this church? Why does not the Archdeacon send them a spirited remonstrance, setting forth in a lurid manner what pains and penalties they may be called upon to suffer for this terrible case of melancholy "ignorance and neglect."

It is hardly to be believed that bells in such a condition is owing to the influence of an architect and an organist. We have often found the first-named quite apathetic where bells have been concerned, but that they should be influenced for the worse by the cranks of a mere organist, beats all.

The other week we alluded to the existence of a church clock in the tower at All Saints, West Ham, and gave a hint that as the bells were about to be rehung a splendid opportunity presented itself for the entire removal of this clock. This has not been done, we hear. The "architect" is again to the fore. We have been told that this gentleman designed, or directed the making of the new bell frame!

One of the staff of this journal was consulted some years ago respecting the restoration of bells, and he had *carte blanche* to carry out his suggestions. The very first thing he did was to give a peremptory order for the removal of an old church clock from the ringing-chamber, and this being done, a fine apartment was the result. But in this case there were no "cranks" to trouble, or prevent practical restoration and improvement being carried out.

It is hoped after this painful exposure of apathy and indifference, the church-folk of Eccleston will insist that their bells are silent no longer. If they determine upon combined action in such a good and holy cause, the means will certainly be provided.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

MARK WOODCOCK .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHARGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 4.	FRED WILFORD .. .. 9.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* .. .. 5.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and  
Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

\*First peal on ten bells.

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

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

ALBERT C. HARDY* .. 1-2.	CALEB FENN .. .. 5-6.
ROWLAND FENN .. .. 3-4.	*ERNEST G. FENN .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Umpire—George W. Faulkner, who wrote down every lend-end as rung. \*First in the method on handbells.

### The Provinces.

#### ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

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

WILLIAM BOWEN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS ELCOX .. .. 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

First peal on the bells since the tenor was recast by Mears and Stainbank, and the bells rebung by Greenleaf and Tristram, the "go" of them being excellent.

#### HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

BERT BOLTON* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
ALBERT RAMSEY .. .. 2.	JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 3.	THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 7.
ARTHUR TURNER* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. MANNERING.

The ringers of the 3rd and 7th were elected members of the Association before starting. \*First peal in the method.

#### WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F

WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK MARGETSON* .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLACK* .. .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Margetson.

### LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MORGAN WHATLEY* .. Treble.	SAMUEL G. HEATH .. .. 4.
EDWARD J. HOAD .. .. 2.	*GEORGE CHANTLER .. .. 5.
ALFRED A. JARRETT .. .. 3.	DAVID WRIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

\*First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods on the bells. G. Chantler was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. Treble.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 7.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. This is J. Dowler's fiftieth peal, a list of which will appear next week.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATOPHOLE .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 5.	HENRY G. WELHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## CREWE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

RICHARD LANGFORD .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	*JOHN DENTITH .. .. 6.
JOSEPH KETTLE .. .. 3.	*GEORGE HARDING .. .. 7.
ALBERT CRAWLEY* .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

\*First peal of Major.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY WINSOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. .. 5.
SYDNEY F. SAKER .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. STOKES .. .. 6.
HENRY T. HOWELL .. .. 3.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BEVAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples. H. Winsor stood in and rang his first peal away from the tenor.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE PERRY .. .. Treble.	F. GORDON THOMPSON .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 6.
GEORGE WHITING .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

This peal was arranged for the brothers Thompson, who belong to Kelsale.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY WHITE† .. Treble.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. .. 3.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

†First peal on eight bells.

## ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. in G.

ROBERT ROWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE HEWITT .. .. 4.
F. COOKE .. .. 2.	DANIEL REDHEAD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR JOHNSON .. .. 3.	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 6.
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON. First peal in the method in the city of St. Albans. It is also H. Hodgetts' rooth peal.

## BROXBORNE, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
GEORGE RADLEY .. .. 2.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

## CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY DAY .. .. Treble.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 5.
WILLIAM HEATH .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARDAGE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3.	*ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. 7.
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AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

### STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, September 10, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, September 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE DENT .. .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	*GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. 10.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 11.
REV. H. J. ELSEY .. .. 6.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

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On Wednesday, September 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE DENT .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 3.	*WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

### MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, September 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 5.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. Tenor.
	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

### NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday, September 15, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	*EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

### NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday, September 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
REV. A. BEESTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Further particulars will be given next week.

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We knew 'twas law what'er he said;  
"Jump up, my boys, and you will see,  
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Up we all jumped, for we must obey  
What'er the Captain choosed to say;

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We clattered on, by sweet old stiles;  
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On our journey we mean to get;  
So light refreshed, we board our craft,  
It seemed quite merry, fore and aft.

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With sweetness nature was alive;  
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Soon the bells rang out in ripples,  
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Time flies, you know, it does not wait,  
And now 'tis getting rather late;  
So homeward turn, midst lots of shouting,  
We all enjoyed our annual outing.

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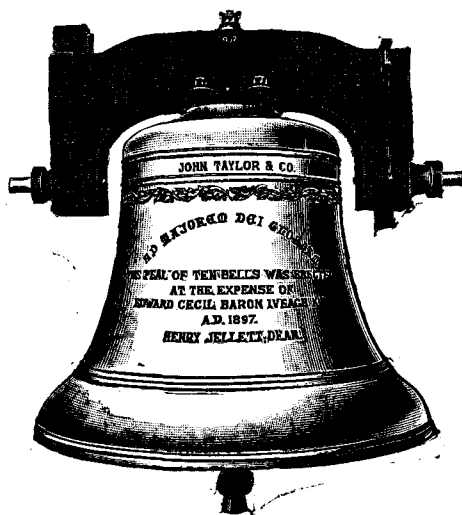
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The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

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The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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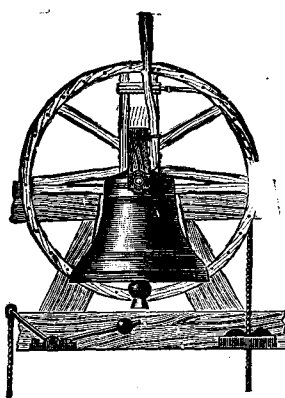
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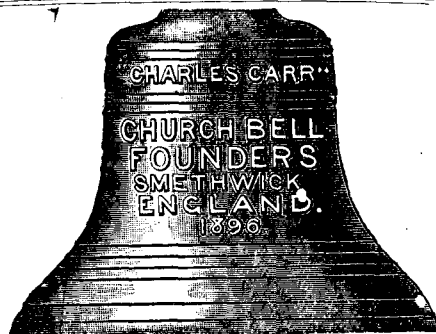
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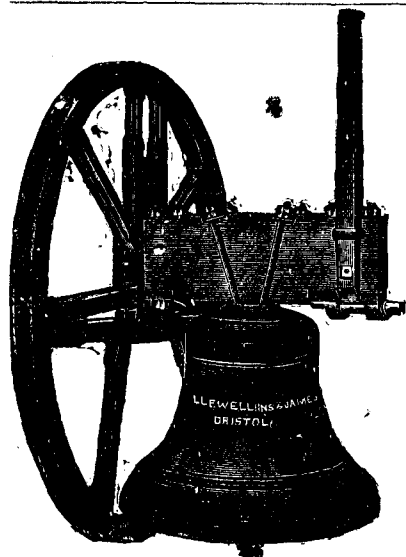
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

FROME (Somerset). St. John. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells; 1 and 2 by Cockey, 1724; 6th by the same, 1746; 3rd by Bilbie, 1788; 7th by Wells, 1792; 4th and 5th by Lott, 1624. Tenor 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in., by the same, 1662. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by Blackbourn, 1887. The desirability of rehanging has been mooted, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing except for festivals. Practice: Saturday, except July and August.

GODALMING (Surrey). SS. Peter and Paul. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 1st, 2nd and tenor by Mears, 1839, 1792 and 1825 respectively; 3rd by Lester, 1740; 4th and 6th by the same, 1746; 5th by Warner, 1874; 7th by Swaine, 1772. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly well. Chiming apparatus fitted. Rehung by Warner, 1883. Repairs done as needed. Ropes new, 1902. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: second and fourth Fridays in month in summer, every Friday in winter, 7.30.

GRESFORD (Denbighshire). All Saints. Eight bells. 3rd and 5th by Rudhall, 1775; 7th by Mears, 1836; the rest by Warner, 1875. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1885. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 5.50 to 6.25. Practice: Monday, 8.

HARTLEPOOL, WEST (Durham). St. Oswald. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Ten bells. All by Warner, 1904. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new, 1904; good. Half-pull ringing is being learned. No method mentioned. No Sunday ringing as yet. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Continued from page 338.)

Mr. Bethell proposed that the next meeting should be held on a Saturday afternoon instead of Bank Holiday, This was seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and supported by Mr. Gordon. Mr. Hall proposed as an amendment that the meeting be held on a Bank Holiday as heretofore. This was seconded by Mr. Norbury, and the amendment being put to the meeting, it was carried by a large majority. Mr. Heywood requests that they advise all the branches during the coming year to consider the advisability of altering the meeting from Bank Holiday another year. This was seconded by Mr. Bethell and carried.

The places of meeting for next year were as follows: Northwich—proposed by Mr. Breeze, seconded by Mr. Hough; Sandbach—proposed by Mr. Holding, seconded by Mr. Yarwood; Bowden—proposed by Mr. Ollier, seconded by Mr. Mottram. On a show of hands being taken, Sandbach was selected by a large majority.

According to rule passed in 1899, Crewe and Wirral are the next branches to represent the Guild on the Central Council. Mr. R. T. Holding was the one from Crewe, and Mr. J. Dillon the representative from Wirral. The report of peals rung during the last twelve months, which was very kindly drawn out by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, was then read by the assistant Secretary. It shewed that twenty-nine peals have been rung during the year, the value of which in points is 304, and although only twenty-eight peals had been rung last year the Guild was thirty-seven points less this year, which shews that the quality of peals rung this year have hardly been as good as last year. It is worthy of note that this year's peals include a 7168 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and a 7296 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, both peals rung by the Stockport branch. Both are record lengths in the methods for the Guild, and the latter is the longest length ever rung by the Guild. A discussion took place re putting up a ringers' memorial to the memory of the late Secretary, and it was decided that the different branches be consulted. The Ven. Archdeacon Barber suggested that the sum of £10 be handed over from the funds to the Greenall Memorial, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Master for his able conduct in the chair was proposed and carried unanimously.

The Master, in replying, spoke of the great pleasure it was to him to occupy that position, and while thanking all the members for their kind indulgence, proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. F. Spence, assistant secretary, for his services during the past year. The members then adjourned to the Town Hall, where a substantial dinner was provided, and to which ample justice was done.

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# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 23rd, 1905, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The proceedings commenced with a few short introductory touches on the bells until the time of the afternoon service at the Abbey, at which seats had been reserved by the Canon in residence for such of the ringers as were able to get away sufficiently early to attend the service. The anthem sung was Purcell's well-known anthem of "Rejoice in the Lord alway," and the rendering of it by the choir was inexpressibly beautiful. There was an added interest to ringers on account of the prelude, owing to the melody which runs through it, which is grounded on the ringing of eight bells. Mr. Daniell has already pointed out in a note on this anthem, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 9th, 1900, that Purcell, though not connected with the practice of the ringing Exercise of his day, was nevertheless a contemporary of the vigorous youth of bell-ringing. He was born about 1658, and became a chorister of the Chapel Royal and Organist of Westminster Abbey. He died in 1695, and lies buried in the north choir aisle of the Abbey. He was about ten years old when "Stedman's Tintinnalogia," the first treatise published about ringing, appeared; about 19 years old when "Stedman's Campanalogia" was published; and it is probable that he left behind him an incidental piece of evidence that he was not uninfluenced by all the ringing which he must have heard in his lifetime.

At the conclusion of the service, the ringers were taken over the Abbey in two divisions—one, under the gifted guidance of the Rev. Canon Duckworth, the other, under the no less gifted guidance of his niece Miss Troutbeck, who by their profound knowledge of every detail connected with the Abbey, and by the brilliancy of their exposition of it, seemed to make the very walls of the Abbey speak. In the meantime, ringing had recommenced at St. Margaret's at 4 o'clock, and was carried on with spirit until 5.15, when the belfry was temporarily closed to enable the ringers to assemble at the schools in Dean Farrar Street, where the meeting was held.

The chair having been taken by the President, the Hon. Secretary read the Report for the past year. The number of peals rung since the last annual meeting had been of great variety and of considerable importance. The following is a list of them;—

	No. of Peals.
Oxford Bob Triples .. .. .	1
Grandsire Triples .. .. .	5
Stedman Triples .. .. .	11
Bob Major .. .. .	6
Double Norwich .. .. .	4
Kent Treble Bob .. .. .	1
Superlative Surprise .. .. .	10
New Cambridge Surprise .. .. .	1
London Surprise .. .. .	13
Grandsire Caters .. .. .	1
Stedman Caters .. .. .	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal .. .. .	1
Stedman Cinques .. .. .	3
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>72</b>

of which the following were rung on handbells retained in hand.

	No. of Peals
Stedman Triples .. .. .	1
Stedman Caters .. .. .	4
Stedman Cinques .. .. .	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal .. .. .	1

The number of quarter-peals rung was 41, of which no less than 27 fell to the share of the Southgate band, seven of the younger members of the band having either rung their first quarter-peal, or their first quarter-peal with a bob bell. During the year twenty-one members had rung their first peal in a new method; four their first peal of Caters; and six their first peal in any method. One rang his first peal as conductor; three their first peals of Stedman on handbells; and upwards of 130 individual members had taken part in successful peals. Four peals rung by the Association in past years, Nos. 40, 323, 327

and 370 were found to be false. The total peals rung had therefore been adjusted in the present Report. The number of meetings held during the past year, exclusive of the annual general meeting, had been fourteen, and in most cases the attendance of members had been very satisfactory.

The number of members who had joined the Association during the past year was 47.

The Report closed with a strong appeal to the members not to measure the progress of the Association by the mere outward and visible sign of an increase of numbers, or by a simple enumeration of the peals rung; but rather by the attitude of the members towards one another, and by their loyalty as ringers to the work of the Church. The lesson of the beauty and advantage of unity was emphasised by a reference to some of the hindrances to the fostering of a proper spirit of brotherhood among ringers.

The old officers of the Association were again unanimously elected, and the accounts were passed subject to audit.

It is impossible to do more than estimate the number of members present during the afternoon and evening. Some came early and left early, but there was a good gathering at the meeting, and many more arrived later to ring either at St. Margaret's or St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where the bells had been placed at the disposal of the Association by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Shelford. Here touches of Stedman Cinques, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Superlative, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung till the coming out of the clapper of the 11th bell gave the signal for departure, after a very pleasant day's enjoyment.

## A TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

In accordance with a post card to Mr. H. Chapman—"We have decided to visit Lancashire for a week's ringing," Messrs. Pye and Co. arrived at that noted, if somewhat damp town, Manchester, by the 6.23 p.m. at London Road, and were welcomed heartily by Mr. Chapman and brother-strings. We had been told that all Manchester people are web-footed, to enable them to swim when they cannot walk, but we found them only ordinary mortals like ourselves.

We were welcomed to Lancashire by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) who most unfortunately had to curtail his speech owing to the fact that we had arrived late, and the time at our disposal being short. We settled down for a peal of Stedman Caters, the first item on the programme, and after the requisite number of bobs the bells were successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Then we had perforce to seek spiritual comfort, to kill the effect of the appalling downfall from above, after which we went to our various and virtuous couches, with the ram still with us.

Sunday morning broke bright and clear, and we all made off manfully for St. John's Deansgate, where touches of London and Superlative were rung for the morning service. Perhaps it will be of interest to many to know that at this church Mr. William Royle rung in the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the north of England, conducted by J. Kelly, and composed by Mr. Tebbs, of Leeds, in the year 1833. In the afternoon we journeyed to Stalybridge, where at the Holy Trinity church we set the bells going to the tune of Superlative Surprise. This peal proved a success, being closed at 3 hrs. 3 mins. I may mention in passing that the people of Stalybridge speak with an accent which one can almost understand. One enthusiast remarked—"Why mon, I never heerd owt like them ringing fellows in o' mi life. It were gradely." Leaving the town behind us we crossed country for Ashton, which was reached in good time, and went to the headquarters of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. At St. Michael's we found a treat in store for us, the bells having being left up for those who were inclined to ring after evening service, and we rang three or four very neat courses of Stedman Cinques. The local ringers were very warm in their welcome to us, but we were reluctantly compelled to return to Manchester, where Mr. Lindoff, from Dublin, joined us.

Monday proved a very busy day. At St. Thomas's Moorside, Oldham, a peal of London Surprise was in the front rank for peals, and accomplished in 3 hrs and 16 mins. Onward again to Oldham parish church, where the Rev. H. J. Elsee and the three veterans, Messrs. Wood, Longden and Ridyard joined us,

and the bells were set going for the maxim of Stedman, but a duration of 2 hrs. 50 mins. brought it to grief through a rope breaking. In fact the grief of several was so great that we were forced to retire to a place (within the meaning of the Act) and seek solace in liquid refreshment. In this way a very interesting evening was spent in handbell ringing and listening to the clever recitations of Mr. "Cicero" Jackson. Happily none of our number were tempted to partake of a very popular local drink—"black beer and rum," so after a counting of heads we all retired safe, and tolerably sound, to bed.

On Tuesday morning a raid was made on Ashton, near what is practically the centre of the felt hat industry. The majority of the party rung a peal of Superlative Surprise, and the remainder went to make arrangements for feeding the inner man. The "star turn" of the day was provided by Mr. W. Pye, who, before a large and admiring circle of onlookers gave an exhibition game of billiards at headquarters. Emulation strong in his veins, Mr. Lindoff presented a good beating to a certain very smart, but extremely modest, young player, who shall be nameless. Our next thoughts on business bent, at the parish church Ashton, where a very excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in 3 hrs. 38 mins. This was rightly considered to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques in Lancashire, although an attempt was made, I believe, in Liverpool in 1863, but proved to be false after being rung. In the evening a very jovial party was made up and a very pleasant time was spent. Quite the feature of the evening was the passing of the "loving cup," which dates back from 1700, and has been handed down (and round) to the present ringers of the Ashton church. Perhaps it will be well to state that this cup is only brought out for distinguished strangers, and we all felt justly conscious of the honour showed to us. After our "cicero" had orated to us, and sundry other amusements, we packed up and said regretful good-bye.

At St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Wednesday morning we attempted a peal of London Surprise, which was very successful, so much so, in fact, that your humble servant forgot his clock and gloves in the enthusiasm of the moment. While at Reddish a telegram arrived for Mr. Chapman to say that we should have to commence at 3.30 in lieu of 5 p.m. as arranged; so hastening dinner we made for Manchester. A very creditable performance was made, a peal of Stedman Caters being brought round in 3 hrs. and 45 mins. This was especially satisfactory, as the arrangement was an impromptu one, owing to our having to start one and-a-half hours earlier. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Newton for his prompt action. From 7.30 to 11 p.m. we passed the time away at a local house of refreshment, this being terminated in good style in 3 hrs. 30 mins. So great was the enjoyment of some of our party that they lost their umbrellas, and any gentleman who found himself in possession of more than his legal share of property on that occasion will oblige by returning what overplus of umbrellas he had to this office, carriage paid.

(To be continued.)

#### RINGERS' DINNER AT ERDINGTON, WARWICK.

The first annual dinner in connection with the Erdington parish church Society took place on Monday, May 1st at The Acorn hotel, Erdington. The chair was taken by W. H. Godden, esq., Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. A goodly company sat down, including several ladies, to a substantial repast, supplied by host Pearce. Grace was said by the Vicar. At the close of dinner the chairman gave the toast of "The King," which was heartily drank. "Church and State" was proposed by the Chairman, and the sentiment was responded to by the Vicar, the Rev. Frederick Smith Swindell, M.A. He thought that there was a little misunderstanding among the ringers as to the interest shown by himself and churchwardens, but assured those present that although they did not come among them in the tower as often as they would wish, the ringers had their sympathy in the work of their Society.

Mr. T. Russam (Instructor to the Society), proposed "Continued prosperity to the Erdington parish church Society," remarking that the band was progressing favourably, and only required the members to persevere in the work to enable them to become thorough change-ringers.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. J. Preston (Secretary) who remarked that he was pleased to see a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen present on that occasion, showing that they took an interest in the work of the Society, and hoped to see a still greater number at the next dinner.

After the list of toasts was finished a good musical programme was gone through. Messrs. Russam, Banks and Verry gave several selections on the handbells, which was much appreciated. A touch of Bob Major was also rung.

At the conclusion of the programme Mr. T. Wells moved a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen for their kindness in entertaining the company. Mr. J. Preston seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding was moved, to which he suitably replied. The proceedings terminated at 10.30 p.m. by singing the National Anthem. Apologies expressing regret at not being able to attend were received from Messrs. W. H. Partridge, W. J. Houlston and R. B. Batty. The dinner and musical programme was arranged by Messrs. T. Wells and J. Preston.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—For evening service on Saturday, September 23rd, for the Harvest Festival at St. Wilfred's church, 672 Stedman Triples. G. Wheeler, J. Peters, A. Kinsey, W. West, S. Horsfall, F. T. Spence conductor, W. Leigh.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, September 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. E. Porter, H. Porter, jun., E. Porter, jun., W. Porter, J. Porter, E. Porter, sen. Conducted by H. Porter, jun., aged 17 years, the youngest member of the company. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor are brothers; the 1st, 2nd and 3rd are sons of William Porter, the 2nd ringer. All reside in the parish, except E. Porter, jun., a soldier home on furlough, prior to going out to South Africa. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 5th are members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Thursday, September 21st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, W. J. Nevard conductor, W. J. Hazell. On Sunday, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, W. J. Hazell, G. Lancaster, W. Bowell, J. Bowell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

WIVENHOE (Essex).—On a recent Sunday for Divine Service in the afternoon and evening, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, 720 Double Court. J. Avis, G. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor. After the service 720 Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, W. J. Hazell, W. Nevard conductor. J. Avis hails from Gravesend, being on a holiday in the district. Wivenhoe bells are a new ring by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being excellent, and reflecting great credit on the firm.

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## STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5031.

231456789	5	14	15	16
*156423978				
136524		-		
146325		-		
156234	-	-		
146532		-		
126354	-	-		
146253		-		
136452		-		
126543	-	-		
136245		-		
156342		-		
126435	-	-		
156243	s	-		
136542		-		
126345		-		
156432	-	-		
126534		-		
146352	-	-		
126453		-		
136254		-		
146523	-	-		
136425		-		
156324		-		
146235	-	-		

†412365879

5263		-		
3562		-		
314265	-	-		
5462		-		
513264	-	-		
4362		-		
2463		-		
215364	-	-		
4563	.	-		
3465		-		
312564	-	-		
2465	s	-		
5264		-		
4562		-		
413265	-	-		
5362		-		
514263	-	-		
3462		-		
2364		-		
215463	-	-		
3564		-		
4365		-		

123456789

This peal has the treble and 6th twenty-four times in 1-3, for the 1, 6-8s, and the treble and 6th in 2-5 twenty-three times for the handstroke home position.

If the start is 123, the above has the octave bells behind in every course for the first half and the peal is still 5031.

First composed on this plan. Rung at Aston, Birmingham, conducted by A. Walker.

\*1, 6, 16.

†2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17.

The following Peal is by the same Author.

5077.

123456789 4 5 16

*261354978				
165324	-			
562314	-			
164352	-	-		
465312	-	-		
162345	-	-		
264315	-	-		
461325	-	-		
265341	-	-		
564321	-	-		
462351	-	-		
561342	-	-		
162354	-	s		
265314	-	-		
561324	-	-		
264351	-	-		
465321	-	-		
261345	-	-		
164325	-	-		
462315	-	-		
165342	-	-		
564312	-	-		
461352	-	-		
562314	-	-		
†315462879				
513264	-	-		
4362	-	-		
2463	-	-		
215364	-	-		
4563	-	-		
3465	-	-		
312564	-	-		
4265	-	-		
413562	-	-		
2365	-	-		
5263	-	-		
5362	s	-		
2563	-	-		
3265	-	-		
314562	-	-		
2465	-	-		
5264	-	-		
513462	-	-		
2364	-	-		
215463	-	-		
3564	-	-		
4365	-	-		
123456				

This peal has the 6th and 3rd twenty-four times in 2-4 for the 3 6 8s in the tit-tums position, and the treble and 6th in 2-5 for the handstroke home position.

First composed on this plan.

\*1, 6, 16.

†2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17.

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By H. DAINS.

5024.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
53246	x	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
26354	x	-	-
32654	-	-	-
32546	x	-	-
64523	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
56234	x	-	-
25634	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
23645	x	-	-
34256	x	-	-
25346	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

5040.

23456	W	B	5th	4th	M	R
42635	-	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	I	-	-	-	-

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**Notices.**

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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dunstable to-day, Sat., September 30th, at 2.30.

A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS, }

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Lavenham to-day, Sat., September 30th. Tower open at 12 o'clock. Tea at The Swan inn at 4 p.m.

S. SLATER, *Dis. Sec.*

**Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Middleham, including East Witton, to-day, Sat., September 30th. Both rings available during the day.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—To-day, Saturday, September 30th, at 5 p.m., a peal-tablet will be unveiled in the ringing-chamber of Birmingham parish church of St. Martin by the Rector, the Rev. Canon J. Denton Thompson, M.A. Ringers and other friends are cordially invited. The bells will be open for short touches from 4 to 6 p.m.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, October 2nd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 11.30 a.m. Those wishing to take part in it should apply early to me. P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport on Saturday, October 7th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM, }

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 7 p.m., to be followed by a social gathering at The Nag's Head, at which all members and friends of the society will be heartily welcomed.

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

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, October 7th. Those intending to be present must give notice to Mr. W. Fitchford, 30, Orchard Street, Wolstanton, not later than Thursday, October 5th. Bells at 3. Unveiling of peal-board at 5. Service after tea.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The bells at St. Peter's church, Nottingham, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 7th (Goose Fair).

R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The meeting of this district that was postponed from July will be held at

Speldhurst, on Saturday, October 7th, 1905. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 4th.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, October 14th. The bells at All Saints and St. Paul's (8 bells each), will be available from 3 p.m. Service in All Saints church at 4.30. Tea in All Saints Church Rooms at 5.15 p.m., tickets 9d. each. Members intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, October 10th.

A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*

20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The London County Association.** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Third Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 14th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 prompt. Admission only by programme, price 6d. each. Reserved seats 1s., which can be obtained of the following officers and committee: G. R. Fardon, C. F. Winny, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, W. T. Matthews, W. J. Troughton, C. C. Cox, R. Bevan, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. B. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, E. Wallage, or T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Stretford Road, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. Those intending being present kindly send their names to Mr. A. Wilson, 18, Vine Street, Hulme, before Thursday, October 12th.

W. H. SHUKER.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting and contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Particulars as per circular.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 4.3, Belmont Place, Garston.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the parish church, Breewood. Bells available during the whole of the afternoon for touches. There will be a brake leaving the top of the station drive (L.N.W.R.) at 2.30. Fare 1s. 3d. each. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 9th inst.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Essex Association.**—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Harlow, on Saturday, the 14th October. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Members intending to be present are requested to inform the undersigned a week previous to enable proper arrangements to be made for tea.

N. J. FITSTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Further particulars later. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays September 21st,

and October 5th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, September 27th.

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

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On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY G. HILL .. .. Treble.	RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

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

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

On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON .. .. Treble.	HENRY ELLIS .. .. 5.
ALFRED PECK .. .. 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
JOHN W. STEDDY .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	HERBERT F. HARMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 7.
GEORGE HENRY DAYNES .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, JUN.*..Treble.	THOMAS TATLOR .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WALKER .. 6.
GERALD KING .. .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
ALBERT DARVIL† .. .. 4.	REGINALD EDWARD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the conductor's 100th peal, and the 5th 99th peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth, D.D., Vicar of Lewisham for fourteen years, on his appointment to the important living of Leeds, and whose induction by the Bishop of Ripon took place on Saturday, September 23rd.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt

JOHN H. WILKINS .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 6.
HENRY J. MAYNARD .. .. 2.	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE .. .. 3.	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN .. 8.
FRED C. MAYNARD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 5.	FRANK E. G. FRENCH ..Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Maynard, sen., his brother-in-laws wishing him many happy returns. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 7th and tenor were elected members previous to starting. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

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

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

JOSEPH BARRY .. ..Treble.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
HENRY DAINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE CARTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 3.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 7.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting.

The Provinces.

BURBAGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Violet, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720s of Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST STAMPER .. ..Treble.	J. BACKHOUSE .. .. 4.
HENRY KIRK .. .. 2.	M. G. BENNETT .. .. 5.
S. BENNETT .. .. 3.	W. LONGDEN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by M. G. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Kirk, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. ..Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. 2.	FREDERICK COPE .. .. 6.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	JAMES HY. GALLIMORE ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt,

TOM FLINT .. ..Treble.	WALTER WOOD .. .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 2.	*JOHN MCKELL .. .. 6.
ROBERT THOMAS .. .. 3.	HENRY LINDSAY .. .. 7.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	ALBERT HASTE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.,

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the veteran of the band, H. Lindsay, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LAWTON .. ..Treble	*JOSEPH WILD .. .. 5.
JOSEPH OGDEN .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. PLATT .. .. 6.
FRANK CHAPMAN* .. .. 3.	*LUKE HAMPSON .. .. 7.
HERBERT BARLOW .. .. 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by I. SCHOFIELD.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major by local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Schofield and Greenwood.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

C. H. LOMAX .. ..Treble.	F. W. FROUDE .. .. 5.
H. F. MOORE .. .. 2.	J. CHINERY .. .. 6.
F. COULTON .. .. 3.	A. HAMMOND .. .. 7.
J. M. COBB .. .. 4.	R. S. LONG .. ..Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by C. H. LOMAX.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES.

WALTER PERKINS .. ..Treble.	ALFRED H. MARJIN .. .. 5.
ANDEESON Y. TYLER .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 4.	JAMES GARRATT .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN., and

Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged for S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. ..Tenor.

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



## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST A. PARKER* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. DIX .. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 4.	†JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. KNIGHT* .. .. Treble.	E. KNIGHT .. .. 4.
F. DERRICK* .. .. 2.	*T. BESSANT .. .. 5.
T. WYATT† .. .. 3.	*E. BESSANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. WYATT.

First peal on the bells by a local band. †First peal as conductor. \*First peal.

## EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SEPTIMUS C. SKINNER .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 6.
JOHN T. HOLMES .. .. 2.	*JOHN R. GREEN .. .. 7.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 8.
C. WILLIAM SMITH* .. .. 4.	*GEORGE LADD .. .. 9.
RUPERT RICHARDSON* .. 5.	*WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Caters. Arranged and rung to oblige C. Glenn, who was having a holiday in the district.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 19, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 3.	WALTER SMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE DURLING .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. The conductor has now called this composition from all the bells.

## PINCHBECK, NEAR SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.
C. WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
JOHN CURRY .. .. 3.	GEORGE LADD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Arranged and rung to oblige C. Glenn, who is on holiday in the district.

## HOLBECK, LEEDS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS (R.C.)

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. BINNS .. .. Treble.	PATRICK LAVAN .. .. 5.
JAS. WATSON* .. .. 2.	J. O'BRIEN .. .. 6.
M. MELIA .. .. 3.	G. McHALE .. .. 7.
W. VARLEY .. .. 4.	J. W. MOORHOUSE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal of Major as conductor. \*First peal with a bob bell. Rang in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the first trial of the bells.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 5.
FRANCIS WARD* .. .. 2.	JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN* .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM S. PLANT .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\*First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BATES* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST J. GALE .. .. 4.
CHARLES STAPLETON* .. 2.	JOHN P. COOK* .. .. 5.
ALBERT ROBINSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\*First peal; also by the society.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
WILLIAM BASON .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER .. .. Treble.	*WALTER G. ROWE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM ROWE, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROWE, SEN. .. 5.
ALBERT MARKS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

\*First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of C. J. Fray, one of the local band, to Miss M. Gouldby, which took place at Eastleigh church on this date.

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WYKE REGIS, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. in F.

CHARLES H. JENNINGS*..Treble.	CHARLES HURST .. .. 5.
JOHN BENDER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WHITE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEW†.. .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 7.
ALBERT BEST .. .. 4.	*ALFRED J. ROSE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. ..Treble.	JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER* .. .. 4.	*WALTER WALLACE .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the method.

NEWBURY, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN RANDALL*.. ..Treble.	A. W. J. BIRD.. .. 5.
EDWARD WITTS .. .. 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	SAMUEL QUINTON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR FRANKUM .. .. 4.	*THOMAS PROUT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

\*First peal.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS..Treble.	FRED SEAR .. .. 4.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 2.	WALTER SEAR .. .. 5.
ARTHUR E. POWELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM F. SMITH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. R. F. Rumsey for the use of the bells, and for his kind remarks after the peal. Special credit is due to Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, for the perfect go of the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

HON. A. ERSKINE .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 5.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.. 6.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY JUDGE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STONE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ..Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	ROBERT BRETT .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

This is E. Barnett, sen. 100th peal as conductor.

The following four peals were specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, September 19, 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 19 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE A. GOODWIN ..Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE.. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE* .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, September 20, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. ..Treble.	JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	JOSEPH BAYLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR SPENCER* .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman, and first peal in any method with a bob bell. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, September 21, 1905, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ..Treble.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, September 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAYLEY .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 6.
RICHARD HICKTON* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER R. HEXTER* .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield, on Saturday, September 16th. About twenty-two members attended from the following towers: St. Nicholas and St. Peter's, Brighton, Bolney, Balcombe, Burgess Hill, Lindfield, Southover, Seaford and Uckfield. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and kept up to 5, when about twenty sat down at The Maiden's Head hotel. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector of Uckfield kindly took the chair, supported by Mr. Bannister, churchwarden, and Mr. A. B. Bennett, the Hon. Sec. of the Association. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and passed,

the Divisional Hon. Sec. proposed, and Mr. F. Bennett seconded, that the Seaford band be elected, which was carried. It was then proposed by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Holman, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Burgess Hill—carried. Mr. Rickman, of Lewes, in thanking the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and granting the use of the bells, said that the members were very pleased indeed with the go and tone of the bells which have lately been recast by Mears and Stainbank. The only fault to find with them, was, that you cannot hear the trebles quite enough while ringing. The Rector said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Uckfield, and he was glad to hear that the bells were satisfactory, but he

should like to say that it was due to the energy of Mr. Banister, more than himself, that the work of getting the bells done up had been so satisfactorily carried out, this finishing the meeting. The tower was again visited, and touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman, Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire, &c., were rung, the bells being kept going till about 9 o'clock, when the members dispersed to their various destinations, having had a very enjoyable time.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Hunts. Archdeaconry took place at Ramsey on Saturday, September 16th. The bells were raised about 2.30 p.m., and permission for the members to visit the Abbey gardens had most kindly been granted by Lord de Ramsey.

At 4.30 an excellent meat tea was provided in the Temperance Club Room, followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar (Rev. J. Pawley Smith), in the chair. The Rev. T. Normandale, and Mr. A. Newton (churchwarden), were present, and the District Secretary received communications expressing regret at unavoidable absence from the Revs. J. M. Clarkson and E. H. Brown.

The chairman opened the proceedings by referring to the progress scientific change-ringing is making, and gave a cordial welcome to the members. He was thoroughly in sympathy with their work, and they were worthy of every encouragement.

Eight new members were admitted, and the Vicar of Over (Rev. T. Normandale), invited the Association to hold the next district meeting at Over. The rev. gentleman's kind invitation was accepted unanimously, and the meeting was provisionally fixed for the 27th January, 1906. It was decided, if possible, that the meeting should be a combined meeting of the Hunts. and Ely Archdeacons.

A vote of thanks to Lord de Ramsey and also to the chairman was passed.

The abbey gardens were then visited, and subsequently all adjourned to the tower, where ringing was proceeded with until time of departure. In addition to the local company, members were present from Whittlesea, Peterborough, Over, and St. Neots.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Savage, H. Blackman, W. Day, J. Goacher, A. H. Winch, F. Bennett conductor. And 360 in the same method, standing as before.

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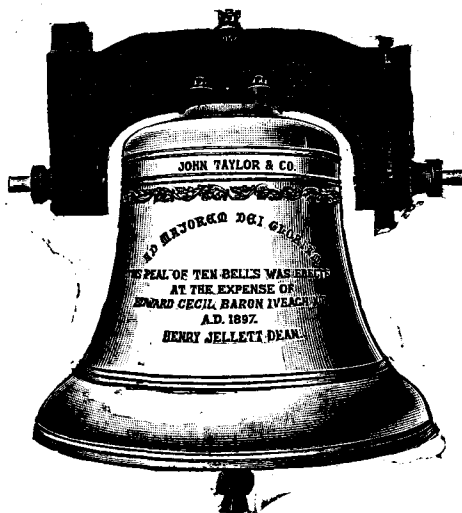
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The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Policy admitted	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..			
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..			
							London bonds	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand..	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
											£55,359,505	3	5

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EDGAR HORNE, Chairman,  
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THOMAS WHARRIE, } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody on December 31st, 1904.

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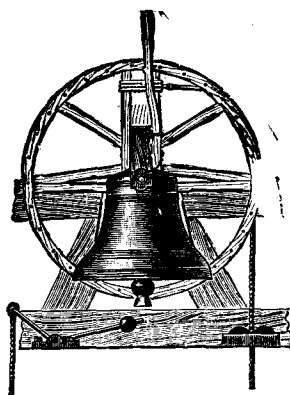
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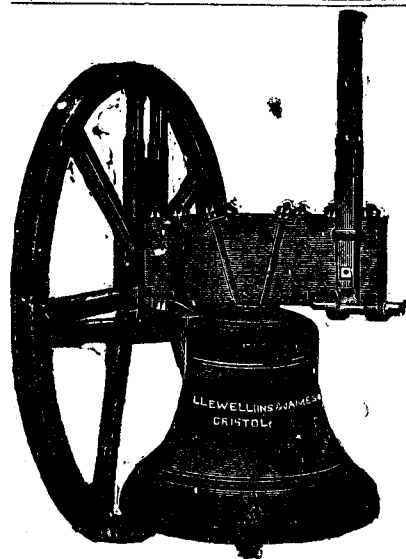
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

**HETHERSETT (Norfolk).** St. Remigius. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Warner, 1904; 3rd by Mears, 1856; 4th by Mallows, 1759; 5th by Newman, 1713; 6th by Brend, 1638; 7th by the same, 1607. Tenor 10 cwt., by Warner, 1890. Timber frame. Bells go well. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. No further information.

**HILGAY (Norfolk).** All Saints. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; 7th by Dobson, 1825. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. by Osborn, 1798; the rest by the same, 1779. Timber frame. Bells go well. Method: Plain Bob. No further information.

**HORBURY (Yorks.)** SS. Peter and Leonard. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells; all by Mears; treble, 5th and tenor, 1899; the rest 1795. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1899. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.15 to 9.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.

**IPSWICH (Suffolk).** St. Margaret. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears; 3rd by Graye, 1655; the rest by the same, 1630. Tenor (weight not stated), diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Howell, 1899. Ropes new 1897. No Sunday ringing. The St. Mary-le-Tower Society generally ring various methods on Saturday evenings.

### THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER AT MEREWORTH, KENT.

A very interesting ceremony took place at Mereworth, Kent, on Friday, September 29th, Michaelmas-day, when the ancient ring of bells at St. Lawrence church were, after being restored, dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester, at 7 p.m. The other clergy officiating were the Rev. J. E. Rivington-Jones, Vicar of

the parish, the Rev. R. Swan, Vicar of West Peckham, and Rev. R. M. Swan, of St. Gregory's, Canterbury.

In his dedicatory address, the Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present on this occasion after the restoration of the bells, and explained how bells were the link between the past and present generations; taking part in all the important events in the lives of the inhabitants and how they were meant to send their message to those at a distance, who were unable to come to church. The melodious ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., have been re-hung with new bearings and complete new fittings, and quarter-turned, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell-founders and turret clock manufacturers of Croydon. They have also fitted up an Ellacombe chiming apparatus for the bells, and re-fixed the hammer-work on the Westminster quarter-clock, which the same firm had already erected some years ago in the tower.

The ringers expressed their thorough appreciation of the way in which the work had been carried out, the "go" of the bells being pronounced "excellent."

Before the dedication a touch of Bob Minor on the bells opened proceedings, and after the service, a 720 in the same method was brought round; W. Eldridge, conductor, Mr. Johnston, jun. (of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), taking part in the ringing.

Service and the subsequent ringing over, the choir and ringers adjourned at the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Jones to the Vicarage, where a very enjoyable evening was spent in honour of the occasion; supper being followed by songs both doleful and mirthful, chiefly the latter in chorus.

And about 11 p.m. with hearty thanks to the Vicar and his good lady for their hospitality, the evening was brought to a close with "Auld lang syne."

### LETCOMBE REGIS, BERKS.

On Tuesday, September 26th, 1905, ten members of the Appleton Society paid a visit to the above place, their object being to open the bells of the parish church, which have recently been rehung in a new oak frame and new fittings, the work being carried out with great satisfaction by Messrs. White & Sons, of Appleton. On reaching the tower the company rang 720 changes of Grandsire Minor. R. Bennett, F. White, F. Tubbs, R. White, H. J. Woodwards, G. Holifield, conductor. At the conclusion, on being complimented for the excellent ringing, they adjourned to the residence of S. W. Silver, Esq., he having kindly given them permission to look over his private museum. This was much appreciated by all, and great interest was taken in inspecting such an historical collection. On leaving there, the ringers were entertained to lunch by the Rev. T. M. Latham, and ample justice done an excellent spread, after which a selection of tunes were played on the handbells near the school much to the delight of the villagers. The tower was again visited and more ringing indulged in. This brought the gathering to a close, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and wish to tender their best thanks to the Rector for his warm reception and kind hospitality.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Wednesday, September 20th, when all the rings in town and also those at Henley, Rushmere and Tuddenham were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the day.

Divine Service was conducted at St. Mary-le-Tower, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pigot, giving the address, in which he urged the duties of ringers as church workers, prefacing his remarks with a warm welcome to the members of the Association to the town.

The dinner was served in the Co-operative Hall immediately after the service, 102 sitting down to the admirable catering of Mr. W. H. Cook. In the absence of the President the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. clerical sec. and treasurer) took the chair, and was supported by the Revs. Canon Pigot, J. H. Pilkington, and W. C. Pearson, Messrs. C. E. Borrett (secretary), W. Grimes, F. R. Borrett, Fenton Thompson, and J. Motts (district secretaries), and representatives from many parts of the diocese.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and also that of "The Bishop and Clergy," with special thanks to the Incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, and to Canon Pigot for his admirable address.

Canon Pigot humorously responded, and then proposed "Success to the Association," which was acknowledged by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway and Mr. C. E. Borrett.

The annual report was then read; it opened with expressions of regret at the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. Clare Sewell Read, the Rev. T. H. Marsh, and Mr. George Day, all original members, and then gave a very encouraging account of the large increase in membership and the bell restorations in the diocese during the last twelve months. The splendid peal records were dealt with in detail, and mention was made of the possibility of the people of Canada presenting a ring of bells to the church of Burnham Thorpe, to mark the centenary of the death of the great Lord Nelson. The report concluded with an expression of thanks to the district secretaries for their help during the year. The officers of the Association and the representatives to the Central Council were all re-elected, and the meeting ended. The towers were again visited and the bells kept going to a somewhat late hour, concluding a very enjoyable festival.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ASHFORD DISTRICT.)

The Annual Meeting of this district was held at New Romney on Saturday, September 16th. Fifty members were present, representing the following towers: Ashford, Appledore, Aldington, Brabourne, Elmshead, Folkestone, Headcorn, Hythe, Margate, Mersham, New Romney, Lyminge, Tentreden, Rolvenden and Willesborough. The tea was held at The New inn, and was presided over by the Rev. H. South (son of the Vicar of New Romney), supported by Mr. Hickson, churchwarden, and Mr. G. Pain, of Mersham, district representative. Three new members were elected. Mr. Pain was again elected representative on the general committee. Mr. A. R. Manning was re-elected Secretary. It was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. P. Hodgkin, Headcorn, that Folkestone be the town for the next annual meeting. Carried. Proposed by Mr. E. S. Ruck,

seconded by Mr. P. Hodgkin, that an interim meeting be held at Mersham on a Wednesday in May. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. C. Tribe, seconded by Mr. S. Gower, that an interim meeting be held at Wye on a Saturday in January. Carried.

Mr. E. Ruck reported that he was still instructing the Aldington band, and that they were progressing.

Mr. Geo. Johnson applied for an Instructor for the Appledore band in Stedman and Bob Major. It was resolved that Mr. C. Tribe be appointed. During the evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. It was resolved that all meetings be advertised in "THE BELL NEWS" as heretofore. Mr. C. Tribe reported that Woodchurch bells, six in number, would be opened on November 1st. The arrangements for same were left in his hands. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Colston-Bassett, on Saturday, September 16th, and was exceptionally well attended. Amongst those present were: J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq. (Vice-President), Rev. F. J. Ashmall, Rector of Hickling; Rev. J. P. Hales, Rector of Cotgrave; Rev. A. D. B. Hill, Rector of East Bridgford; Rev. H. P. Ling, Rector of Keyworth; Rev. M. H. Pimm, Vicar of Colston-Bassett; Rev. J. H. R. Wood, Vicar of Cropwell Bishop; Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., Mr. E. D. Taylor and others. The following places were represented: Beeston, Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Earl Shilton, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Lenton, Loughborough, Leicester, Melton Mowbray, Southwell, Sandiacre and Wirksworth. Ringing was commenced on the church bells (a splendid ring of eight) at about 2.30, methods from Grandsire to Superlative being rung. At 5 o'clock about eighty members and friends sat down to a capital tea, generously provided by the Vicar. The Vice-President occupied the chair at the subsequent meeting at which the following new members were elected, viz.: Rev. Canon Lewis (Trowell), Rev. F. J. Ashmall (Hickling), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin (life member, Witney, Oxford), Rev. W. L. Latham (ringing member, Newhall), and Mr. R. G. Stone (ringing member, Burton-on-Trent). After some discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hinckley. Particulars of the peals rung during the first quarter were read by the Vice-President, who drew attention to the peal of Grandsire Triple, at Colston-Bassett, in which the Vicar took part, it being his first peal.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for tea, and to the ladies who provided at the tables, closed the meeting, and ringing was again carried on to 8.30 p.m.

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## A TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

(Continued from page 351.)

A very fine peal of ten awaited them at St. George's Heaviley, Stockport, and an attempt for Stedman Caters was made, but owing to a change-course, disappointment prevailed until the revival of hope that we had yet another string to our bow for the evening. Dinner was the next item in discussion, and by an oversight was inadequate, which did not add considerably to their happiness. The whole company then repaired to St. Mary's, Stockport, and again a failure was met with in an attempt for Stedman Caters. The only excuse to be found for this is, at the time the peal was rung, a live member of the party was endangering life and limb, giving an equilibrium exhibition on a bone-shaker, to the intense enjoyment of Mr. H. Chapman and others, yet it is said that the parish church has moved three inches owing to the various concussions. The remainder of the evening was spent happily to the sound of hary, sackbut and psaltery.

Friday proved for them the day of all days (a red-letter day). The weather was glorious when they set out for St. Mary's church, New Mills, Derbyshire, where they were joined by Mr. E. Reader (late of Stockport), who rang in a very commendable fashion in his first peal of Superlative. This happy event over, they went to an excellent dinner provided by the local enthusiasts, which was presided over by the Vicar of the parish. After dinner none of the party were much inclined for violent exercise. Mr. Jackson suggested hill climbing, which they were told is his favourite pastime. They all wondered why he stopped so often to admire the scenery.

In the evening a very fine peal of London was rung, after which they were again entertained with a most enjoyable supper. The evening closed with music, song, recitation, and a touch or two on the handbells.

One important part of the programme has yet to be recorded, and that is the kindly speeches made by the Vicar and the Rev. A. Beeston, in bidding good-bye to which Mr. Lindoff responded on behalf of the visitors, expressing their thanks for the kind welcome they had received. The peal at New Mills was generally allowed to be very musical for their weight, and must have sounded well to the inhabitants, calling to mind those fine words of Poe's made in reference to the bells, which he speaks of as:—

"Keeping time, time, time, to a sort of runic rhyme,  
To the tintinnabulation, that so musically wells, from the bells."

At 10.15 p.m. they bid their friends a hasty adieu amidst showers and blasts. Arriving at their Manchester quarters to find it still raining, they went to bed and slept the sleep of the just. The programme for Saturday was slightly altered, the original intention being to finish up the last day in Manchester. We started at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme, where two methods were attempted, but owing to time and speed of the bells a failure must be recorded. Contrary to their original programme (as before stated), they journeyed again to Oldham for the twelve-bell tower—apparently they had to be satisfied with one peal of Cinques. Mr. James George, who has hitherto been one of the many to accompany the band on the various tours, has been conspicuous by his absence this week. On Saturday he joined them for the last item of the week, and they were heartily sorry he returned without having scored. Their efforts in another direction were successful in a hearty wind-up at The Coach and Horses hotel.

In conclusion the best thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. Chapman for the completeness and success of the arrangements, including acknowledgments to Messrs. Eachus, Newton, Gordon, Elson, Adams, Ryder, Bailey, and others; and also must thank many local ringers for the warm and hearty welcome accorded them, and if they omitted to sing "Auld lang syne" when they parted, the sentiments will not be amiss if they are expressed in conclusion.

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The fifty-first annual handbell ringing competition took place at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Monday last, when fifteen bands put in an appearance, and the ringing occupied about 4½ hours. Each company performed a selection from Bellini's opera "Norma," and the vast audience were much gratified by the excellent music produced. It was thought by some of those who have listened to very many of these gatherings, that seldom, if ever, has the music played reached the high standard which was attained on this occasion. One feature of the contest was the great difference in quality of tone and in accuracy of tune in some of the sets of bells, and it was recognised perhaps more than ever before, what a great help to success is a first-class set of bells to a company of ringers. Yet bells are not everything, inasmuch as last Monday there were two new sets of bells in use, both by the same makers, the same compass and quality of tone, etc., with one set the first prize was won, and with the other, nothing. Also there was great divergence of idea as to how the piece should be rendered with regard to tempo, accent and expression, so much so that in a few instances it seemed as though another piece of music was being played.

The result was announced very shortly after the last band had performed, and was as follows: 1st prize, £20, Crossland Moor; 2nd prize, £12, Almondbury; 3rd prize, £10, Clifton; 4th prize, £5, Huddersfield; 5th prize, £3, to "Lane" (Holmfirth). It will be seen that all the prizes went to Yorkshire, and as a native of that county said, to a district round about Huddersfield, which might be covered by a ten-mile blanket; also for the first time in the history of these contests the first prize has been won by the same band four times in five years, Crossland Moor being first in 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1905. They were debarred from contesting in 1904, owing to having won three times in succession.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT NUNEATON, RUNG ON SEPTEMBER 16TH.**—(Mr. J. Dowler's fifty peals.)—Stedman Triples, 12; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Grandsire Triples, 10; Double Norwich Major, 7; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Duffield Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Bob Major, 2. Total—50.

**THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM RUNG ON SEPTEMBER 21ST.**—Mr. H. Warnett's 100 peals.—Grandsire Triples, 26, conducted 5; Oxford Bob Triples, 5, conducted 2; Darlaston Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 6, conducted 1; Bob Minor, 1; Bob Major, 12, conducted 5; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 30, conducted 3; Oxford, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 1. Total—100; conducted 16.

**THE PEAL AT BEAUMARIS, ISLE OF ANGLESEY.**—This peal was originally intended to be Stedman, but owing to one of the band falling sick, it had to resort to Grandsire, Mr. Holt forming a willing sub. It was the first peal on the bells, which have lately been renovated, and two new trebles added. Much credit is due to Mr. Greenleaf for the splendid "go"; and to Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, who cast the trebles, the splendid tone of which leave nothing to be desired. It is worthy of note that the Rev. T. L. Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, after his long indisposition, has again rung a peal, not having rung one since 1903, and it is hoped that it will be the predecessor of many more. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Beaumaris for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Hughes and Thomas for having everything in readiness for them.

**THE PEAL AT ECCLESFIELD.**—MR. CLEMENT GLENN'S FIFTY PEALS.—Bob Minor, 3, conducted 2; Three Minor methods, 1, conducted 1; Four Minor methods, 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 8, conducted 7; Caters, 3, conducted 3; Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 6, conducted 1; Caters, 4; Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 5, conducted 2; Royal, 1, conducted 1; College Single Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5, conducted 1; Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 5, conducted 5; Bob Major, 1, conducted 1. Total—50; conducted 25.



## 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"

## ANOTHER CLAIMANT.

SIR,—Allow me to point out to Mr. Dains that the 5120 Superlative he published in your issue of September 23rd, is an old composition, and has been both rung and published in your paper under my name. I cannot understand such a deeply interested man as Mr. Dains not having noticed this.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

[Another letter to the same effect has come to hand from Sam Thomas.]

## VARIETY COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Permit me to thank Mr. P. O. Bixby for his reference in your issue of the 23rd inst. to the 5376 Bob Major given by Mr. H. Moore in your issue of the 16th inst., and I may say there are several others published, all more or less variations of one another. For their class of composition we are indebted to the plan introduced by the late B. Annable, although it is extremely doubtful if he ever dreamt of such a development. The better examples are not so full up with singles, and speaking of singles remind me when perusing our paper, some of our composers seem to forget the use of the single. My idea is that singles should only be used when wanted, that is for a composition which cannot be had without their use. For example, with a fair use of the single the 2nd never ought to go to 6ths place at course-ends, nor in 5ths either, come to that; but some of the present day compositions don't allow the 2nd in 4ths place. That's very tight work is it not? Again the part-ends 23564, etc., were designed to keep the 2nd away from the 6th place at course-ends, but in some peals up goes the 2nd first pop, and then fall out about variations and originals, but what is the use of an unmusical composition; is it worth the signature?

The following illustration may be interesting; it belongs to the Annable family, and whatever one may think of its merits I believe it to be the shortest way of giving a peal of 5000 changes.

23456 1 4

65324 - -

Repeat calling 44 times, omitting bob at 1 every 5th course, adding bob at 6 every 15th course.

H. DAINS.

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES; and W. DAVIES (Liverpool).  
—Next week.

## Obituary.

## JOHN WALKER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Tuesday, September 12th, quite suddenly, although he had been ailing some months. The deceased who was in his forty-ninth year, had been a member of the parish church company, Burton-on-Trent, for the last thirty-three years, and leaves a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. The deceased who was a member of the Midland Counties Association, had taken part in about eighteen peals of Grandsire Triples, was an excellent ringer and splendid striker. At the funeral on Saturday, the Vicar and his brother-ringers attended and afterwards rang a muffled peal on the parish church bells as a last tribute of respect to a sound and respectable comrade.

## JACOB ROBERTS BRIGGS.

On Wednesday, September 27th, there passed peacefully away this young and promising ringer at the early age of twenty-one, from consumption. Deceased was a son of Mr. Hy. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, and was a member of the Stoney Stanton company, and also of the Midland Counties Association. He was much esteemed by the local company, as he was very energetic in looking after the bells, both in looking after bolts,

etc., and also in keeping them well oiled, the good "go" of them being a source of gratification to all visitors. He had rung one half-peal of Bob Major, conducted by W. Willson, of Leicester. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 30th, and was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. E. Disney). Ringers attended from the Hinckley district of the Midland Counties Association, and the following rang a muffled touch of Grandsire Triples, and also the whole pull and stand immediately after the funeral. A. R. Aldham, J. Pickering, J. H. Taylor, H. Taylor, T. Wright, W. A. Needham, J. H. Swinfield and W. Jones. Much sympathy is felt in the Hinckley district for Mr. H. Briggs and family, as this is the second son he has lost in less than nine months.

## THE LATE MR. W. D. TINKER.

The Gainsborough members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch), are desirous that a brass tablet, or suitable memento of some description, should be erected in the parish church belfry, as a token of respect, and in ever loving memory, of the above-named ringer, who, for upwards of forty-four years was closely connected with the tower and bells of that church, and up to the time of his death held the office of "Master" to the Society. Although a report of his death and ringing career was given in "THE BELL NEWS," of Saturday, March 25th, 1905, it may not be out of place to again state that he was deeply interested in the art of change-ringing, also that he was one of the founders of the North Lincolnshire Association which preceded the present Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild. He for many years acted as one of its instructors, and it is to him that several Gainsborough ringers owe their first knowledge of change-ringing. Permission has been obtained from the Vicar (Archdeacon MacCarthy), and a committee formed for carrying out this purpose. We therefore take this opportunity of making an earnest appeal to all members of the Exercise throughout the country for their help in this effort to show our respect to the late beloved ringer. All subscriptions, which will thankfully received and duly acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS" may be forwarded to the undersigned.

32, Harrison's Terrace,

Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

F. S. W. BUTLER,

Hon. Sec.

P.S.—The deceased was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths

## "THE LADY AND THE EXERCISE."

[From the Pall Mall Gazette.]

The bridegroom once explained an amazing marriage by remarking that he had only been ringing the convent bells. Convents, in this country, are not as many as they were, but we have no lack of bells, and now it is the lady who is for ringing the matrimonial peal. She has, I read, at any rate been qualifying for that performance by joining the "Exercise." The "Exercise" is the ringing of bells, and any Cumberland or College Youth of your acquaintance will, no doubt, explain to you why bell-ringing is "the" exercise. Hitherto, however, this is not an exercise in which the lady has taken part; now, belfries will be enlivened in a fashion which the great Stedman and the other patriarchs of the sept were far indeed from imagining. What the effect upon belfries will be remains to be seen. However well stricken in years, those members of the Exercise whom I have happened upon are always youths, and it is conceivable that when the lady makes her appearance among them they may find metal more attractive than the amalgam concerned in the production of triple bob-majors, and the like, and that the production may exhibit some eccentricity in consequence. Why, precisely, the lady has taken to the Exercise is not clear. She says it is because, like hockey, it is an exercise. A cynic said, just now, it was because women, in these days, want to know all the ropes. Anyhow, into the belfry she has entered, as into other spheres of man's activity; and there, multiplied by three, she has already achieved a performance of some five thousand up which would have puzzled the male practitioner to execute in the time. For the matter of that, though, she is always puzzling that practitioner. W. F. W.

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

## Notices.

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**The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen to-day, Sat., October 7th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. Bells available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 11.30 a.m.  
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Siedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport to-day, Sat., October 7th. Full particulars by circular.  
REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Sees.*  
W. BENTHAM.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., October 7th. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 7 p.m., to be followed by a social gathering at The Nag's Head, at which all members and friends of the society will be heartily welcomed.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton to-day, Sat., October 7th. Bells at 3. Unveiling of peal-board at 5. Service after tea.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Notice.**—The bells at St. Peter's church, Nottingham, will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 9 p.m. to-day, Sat., October 7th (Goose Fair).  
R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The meeting of this district that was postponed from July will be held at Speldhurst, to-day, Sat., October 7th, 1905. Tower open at 3.30. Tea will be provided (free) at The George and Dragon inn at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting.  
W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, October 14th. The bells at All Saints and St. Paul's (8 bells each), will be available from 3 p.m. Service in All Saints church at 4.30. Tea in All Saints Church Rooms at 7.15 p.m., tickets 9d. each. Members intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, October 10th.  
A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*  
10, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The London County Association,** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Third Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held on Saturday, October 14th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commencing at 7.45 prompt. Admission only by programme, price 6d. each. Reserved seats 1s., which can be obtained of the following officers and committee: G. R. Fardon, C. F. Winny, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, W. T. Matthews, W. J. Troughton, C. C. Cox, R. Bevan, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. B. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Fryer, E. Wallage, or T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
51, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting and contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Particulars as per circular.  
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 4.30, Belmont Place, Garston.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the parish church, Breewood. Bells available during the whole of the afternoon for touches. There will be a brake leaving Wolverhampton, the top of the station drive (L.N.W.R.) at 2.30. Fare 1s. 3d. each. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 9th inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Essex Association.**—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Harlow, on Saturday, the 14th October. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Members intending to be present are requested to inform the undersigned a week previous to enable proper arrangements to be made for tea.  
N. J. PITSTROW, *Dis. Sec.*

**The North Notis. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth, near Bawtry, on Saturday, October 14th. Tea at 5 p.m.  
B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open from 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, October 18th. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions for the current year be paid as early as possible.  
G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary hopes that many will make it convenient to attend, and he would be glad to be notified of their intention.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th. Further particulars later. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays September 21st, and October 5th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Wednesday, September 27th.  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BORDEN (Kent).**—On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandshire Triples. G. Foster, R. Staines, W. Tassell, H. Baker, C. Millway conductor, H. G. Saywell, J. Tassell, W. Pile. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples in 43 mins. R. Staines, H. Baker, W. Tassell, W. J. Walker, C. Millway conductor, H. G. Saywell, G. Foster, W. Pile. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Pile and Saywell. Tenor 23 cwt.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1905.

In connection with the ringing Art there is more than one subject which has, or which ought to have, great interest among its followers. Scientific ringing of course has our primary interest, but second to that the erection of new rings of bells, or the augmentations of old ones, ought to take hold. We all are pleased to read of such additions to our churches; some of us have laboured hard at times to promote them; and there is no instance of the kind which all ringers should not endeavour by every means in their power to help on such a movement. One occasion of the kind presents itself at the present moment at St.

Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex, the new bells of which church are to be dedicated on the Eve of All Saints' Day, the 31st instant. Great efforts have been made to obtain these bells, and it is satisfactory to hear that more than one of our distinguished ringing brethren have helped the movement financially. We see by advertisement on another page that £30 is still required to open the bells free of any debt whatever. Are there any of our readers who peruse these lines who will do their best in helping to raise this amount before the day of dedication? We hope there are.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, September 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

E. R. MACRILL* .. .. Treble.	E. CASSELL .. .. 5.
J. KENT† .. .. 2.	W. E. JUDD .. .. 6.
A. J. SMITH* .. .. 3.	F. SKERVINGTON .. .. 7.
C. CAREW COX .. .. 4.	*G. W. COOMBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

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

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER .. .. Treble.	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	MARK FENSOM .. .. 6.
HARRY E. BALAM, JUN.* 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. TEGG† .. 4.	JOHN ARMSTONG .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIDNEY WADE, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

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

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-STRATFORD, BOW,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES .. .. Treble.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 5.
SAMUEL J. BIRD* .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	*HENRY TORBLE .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by T. FAULKNER.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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

FREDERICK W. THORNTON Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 6.
BETTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of A. T. King, Esq., Hon. Secretary of the Association.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.* 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JAMES R. MACKMAN .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. It was also rung to commemorate the thirty-ninth anniversary of his wedding-day, and he was elected a member of the society previous to starting for the peal.

### The Provinces.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY KEY,

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

Being 720 of Double Court, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WM. C. GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 4.
GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. 5.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 3.	HARRY WELHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

#### SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5010 CHANGES. Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. .. Treble.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 8.
FRANK BURGAR .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

#### NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES THOMPSON* .. Treble.	*JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 2.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. 6.
JOHN P. TARTON .. .. 3.	HERBERT DAY .. .. 7.
ERNEST BUTLER .. .. 4.	*THOMAS CLOUGH .. .. Tenor.

No conductor mentioned.

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

#### WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Royston Delight, Morning Star, Woodcock's Delight, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt.

EGERTON G. NICHOLS .. Treble.	JOSIAH PANTHER .. .. 4.
ALBERT CROSSMAN .. .. 2.	ROBERT J. RICKETTS .. 5.
ARTHUR PANTHER .. .. 3.	ALBERT NASH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

## HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

REV. T. H. DIXON* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM O. TALBOT .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 2.	ROBERT BINNS .. .. 6.
TOM FLINT .. .. 3.	HENRY LINDSAY .. .. 7.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	WALTER WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by the Rev. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal. Rung as a welcome to Dr. Bickersteth, the new Vicar of Leeds.

## BISHOP'S HULL.—SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1905, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being Forty-two Six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. CLARK .. .. Treble	P. MERSON .. .. 4.
W. DURMAN .. .. 2.	W. THOMAS .. .. 5.
F. CAVILL .. .. 3.	W. TRICKEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. THOMAS.

First peal by all except the ringer of the 4th.

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 27, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. 5.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 2.	*GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATEIN .. .. 3.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 7.
DAVID BREARLEY† .. .. 4.	*ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. LEWIS.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	*GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 9.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 5.	JOHN P. TARTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*Fiftieth peal.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON* 2.	†DANIEL PRENTICE .. 6.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM† .. 3.	*JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 4.	†JOHN CROOKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

†First peal in the method. \*Members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES COUPE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE MOSS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 6.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 3.	THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 7.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON. 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. EMERY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WATERMAN .. .. 5.
ERNEST DAWSON .. .. 2.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 6.
HARRY BUSH* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. KIRTON.

\*First peal away from the treble.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN THORPE .. .. Treble.	WALTER KITSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS KITSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 6.
WILLIS WHITHAM .. .. 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor; also the conductor's fiftieth peal, a list of which is given elsewhere.

## CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	*HARRY RICHELL .. .. 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 7.
HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. 3.	†BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 8.
THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 9.
WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 5.	*HENRY F. COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor, and 50th peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to H. W. Kirtton, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

## BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK A. HOBBS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	HERBERT JONES .. .. 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
JOHN WYATT† .. .. 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER*† .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 7.
HARRY T. LAST .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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

## CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM ROWE, JUN.* .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN HARDING .. .. 2.	ARTHUR ASHFORD .. .. 6.
GEORGE CHAPPELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 4.	†ANDREW MEARS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. \*First peal on eight bells. †First peal, and for whom arranged.

## LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

HENRY SIDAWAY* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. .. 6.
RICHARD JAMES .. .. 3.	†WILLIAM R. MASON .. 7.
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 4.	*HERBERT BRETTELL .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Sidaway and Brettell are the first members of the local band to ring a peal. Weight of treble 60 lbs.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 2.	HARRY HARRIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. BRION .. .. 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7.
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS BURDOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This was the quarterly peal of the Guildford district. The ringers take this opportunity thank Mrs. Attwell for her kind hospitality on this and previous occasions in providing tea before the peal, and also the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First in the method on the bells.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTIS .. .. 3.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN MALPASS .. .. 5.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 2.	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6.
HORACE BELCHER .. .. 3.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. .. 7.
JAMES TYLER .. .. 4.	*ALBERT BLUNDELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

†First peal as conductor. \*First peal.

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GIBSON .. .. 6.
ALFRED TOMSETT .. .. 3.	†THOMAS STRINGER .. 7.
HERBERT TOMSETT .. 4.	WILLIAM STENNING .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. This was the quarterly peal for the Central Division.

## OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

W. JONES .. .. Treble.	F. MYNARD .. .. 5.
F. BOSWELL* .. .. 2.	*S. SMITH .. .. 6.
J. LOVELL* .. .. 3.	†W. FREEMAN .. .. 7.
W. ROBINSON* .. .. 4.	R. PERKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Triples by the branch.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES GOODWIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 6.
JAMES L. WELLS .. .. 2.	*THOMAS BELCHER .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 8.
WILLIAM E. WHITE* .. 4.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 9.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT* .. 5.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

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

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Pitts on the completion of twenty years as Rector of Loughborough. \*First peal of Caters.



## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
EDWARD DEWEY .. .. 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 7.
HARRY PEARLESS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR THORNTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rice.

## SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Sunday, October 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES H. CLAKKE* .. Treble.	WM. C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.
HARRY J. MEE .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	CHARLES MEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

First peal.

## Handbell Peals.

## ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours Four and a half Minutes,

AT 12, RIVER TERRACE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—Herbert Fields.

## Date Touches.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening, September 26th, a date touch of 1905 changes in the following methods: 465 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 70 mins. A. Peacock, T. Saiguison, H. Parish, G. Handley, H. Jones, H. Pauli conductor. Longest touch on the bells, and by the Guild.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 24th, for evening service, a date touch of 1905 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. W. Bradley, H. Simpson, J. Lawson, T. Gelder, J. Rushworth, A. Jagger, E. Wheeler composer and conductor, E. Barber.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, July 2nd, 360 Double Oxford and 60 each of Single Court and Double Court. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On July 11th, 720 Double Court. On July 23rd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. For evening service 720 College Single. On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Carter, F. Elliott, E. Overall, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor, G. Carter. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by G. Carter. On Tuesday, August 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Phillips conductor. On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Double Court. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, September 17th, for morning service, 720 College Single. A. Phillips conductor. For evening service 720 Double Oxford. E. Overall, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence con-

ductor. On Tuesday, September 19th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Elliott, B. Patmore, E. Overall, A. Phillips, C. Gale conductor, G. H. Carter. On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, F. Elliott, E. Overall, C. Gale, A. Phillips. W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent. H. Carter, A. Phillips, E. Overall, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor. For evening service 720 Double Oxford. E. Overall, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, G. Carter.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 24th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. S. Franklin, A. E. Reeves, J. Wadhams, T. Russell, W. Hands, N. Hammons, A. W. Pike conductor, G. E. Brown.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 17th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, E. J. Heathorn, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker. Also 288 in the same method. On Thursday, September 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Tuesday, June 13th, at St. Giles's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. J. Tucker, R. Plumb, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, September 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Durling, R. Hims, H. Wilkes, A. Dartnell, G. French, T. Groombridge, I. Emery, G. Head. And 504 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge conductor, R. Hims, H. Wilkes, A. Dartnell, I. Emery, G. Durling, R. B. Smith, A. Durling.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On September 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Jones, H. Fields, E. C. Chasty, S. Peek, G. D. Coleman, W. J. Goss conductor. On September 24th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. B. Baker, E. C. Chasty, S. J. Coleman conductor, S. Peek, H. Fields, G. D. Coleman. And 720 in the same method. B. Baker, J. Jones, A. Fields, S. J. Coleman, S. Peek, E. C. Chasty conductor. A 720 Oxford Bob. J. Jones, S. Peek, S. J. Coleman, H. Fields, G. D. Coleman conductor, E. C. Chasty.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On a recent Sunday morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, S. Stone, S. Corden, J. Blake, H. Herrington, P. Doick, A. Greenfield conductor, E. Booker.

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TROWELL (Notts).—On Tuesday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Savage, E. Tansley, E. Scattergood, F. Tansley, H. Harrison, E. Gobey conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor by all and the first as conductor. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Savage, E. Tansley, A. Savage, H. Harrison, F. Tansley conductor, W. Phillips. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Thompson, who has been a sidesman at the parish church for several years.

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15th February, 1905.

### Ringers' Outings.

ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.—The annual outing of the above Society took place on Monday, August 28th, advantage being taken of a Foresters' excursion to again visit the Metropolis. Mr. C. F. Winney, who very kindly acted as our cicerone throughout the day, had obtained permission to ring at St. Mary's, Stratford, All Saints, Poplar, and St. Alphage, Greenwich, and a touch or two at each of these towers. A trip on a L.C.C. steamer, and a drive through the Black-wall Tunnel filled up the early part of the day. After dinner, Earl's Court, with its many attractions, was visited, and in the evening the party divided. Some preferred to keep on board the "battle-ship" with its real "live" blue-jackets, and 4-7 guns, for a trip down the Mediterranean—others visited the Hippodrome, whilst a third section attended a meeting of the St.

James's Society at St. Clement Danes, where both at the church and meeting-house they were most hospitably entertained by the officers and members of the Society. Liverpool Street was left at midnight, and at 2.50 a.m. the "City of Gardens" was reached after a solid twenty-two hours in our "day's" outing! The thanks of the Norwich men are hereby tendered to Mr. Winney for his kindness in making arrangements, and to two of our own countymen, Messrs. H. W. Brighton and C. W. Stanley, for meeting us and helping things along.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 12th, Mr. T. Hollingsworth, President of the above, gave the members their annual outing. The places selected for visiting were Coleorton, Hugglescote, and Belton. Starting at one o'clock by brake Coleorton was reached in an hour where refreshments were served at The Beau-

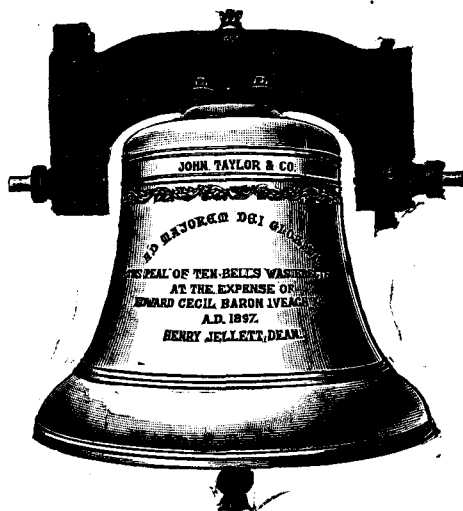
mont Arms. At four o'clock the party reached Hugglescote, where a capital meat tea was in readiness for them at The Castle inn, provided by hostess Harper. After tea Mr. G. C. Tunnichiffe proposed a vote of thanks to their President for his continued generosity, which had been extended to them now for so many years. Mr. Arthur Tivey seconded, and it was carried with acclamation. Mr. Hollingsworth suitably responded. The parish church was visited and touches of Oxford and Grandsire Triples were rung. After leaving the bells the party returned to The Castle inn, and rang tunes and touches on the handbells. Songs were contributed by Messrs. T. Hollingsworth, A. Tivey and F. Summerville. Leaving Hugglescote at eight o'clock the party arrived at Belton at nine, where an excellent supper was awaiting them. After supper all crossed hands and joined in singing "Auld lang syne." Melbourne was reached shortly before midnight, everyone having had a thorough good time.

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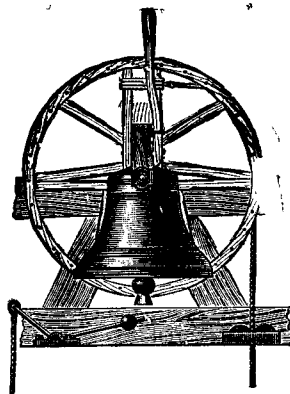
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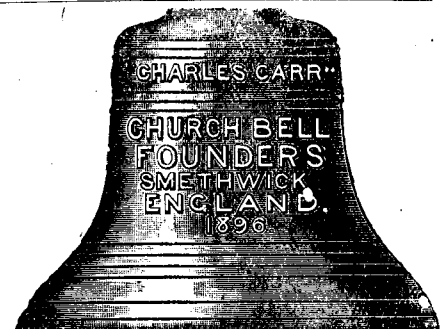
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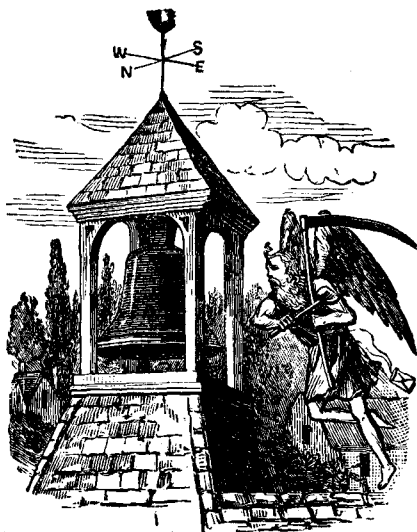
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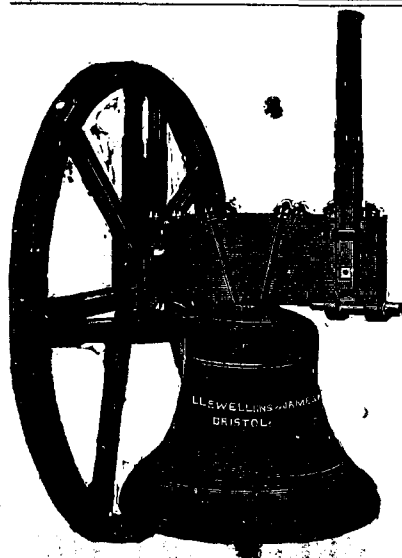
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

KENDAL (Westmoreland). Holy Trinity. Ten bells; two trebles by Mears, 1816; 9th and tenor, 1631; no founder mentioned; the rest by Pack, 1774. Tenor 25 cwt. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1892. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices irregular, usually Thursday.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire). Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; all but 4th by Eayre; treble and 2nd, undated; 3rd, 5th and 6th, 1760; 7th and tenor, 1764; 4th, 1627. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes of various ages. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Saturday, 7.

KIRTON (Lincolnshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1807. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung locally in 1837. Ropes new, 1903. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice; Tuesday and Thursday.

KNEBWORTH (Herts.) St. Mary. Hertford County Association. Eight bells; 6th by Mears, 1891; tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. by Briant, 1812; treble and 2nd by Warner, 1897; 7th by the same, 1889; the rest by the same, 1890. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 10.30 to 11. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30. Visitors are welcome.

## LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 4th, the Surfleet ringers journeyed to Lutton to open the bells of that village, after the front four had been recast and the whole five rehung in a new iron frame. The whole of the work was done by Taylor, of Loughborough, and has given great satisfaction. The "go" of the bells is splendid, and it would be hard to find a more musical five in the neighbourhood.

The first 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung by the Rev. H. Law James, W. Richardson, R. Richardson, F. Tomlinson and J. T. Brown, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 35 mins. by H. Richardson, W. Richardson, R. Richardson, F. Tomlinson, and the Rev. H. Law James, the rev. gentleman conducting both. Several other touches were rung during the day. The ringers enjoyed an excellent tea at The Black Horse, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. M. Blandford.

## BALLAGHADEREEN CATHEDRAL, IRELAND.

A fine new clock, striking the hours and chiming the Westminster quarters, together with a carillon machine to play twenty-eight tunes on nine bells, has just been erected in the tower of the above. Eight of the bells are hung "dead" for the clock chimes and tunes, but the tenor, weighing 35 cwt., has been hung for ringing in a steel frame on the most improved principles. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Clockmakers and Bellfounders, of Croydon.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this Association was held at Wolstanton on Saturday, October 7th. The bells were raised at 3.30, and short touches were rung up till 9 o'clock. A new peal-board, given by the ringers and their friends, was unveiled by Miss Cicely Adams, in the presence of numerous members of the Association and the clergy of the parish. An excellent tea was provided in the schools, which was much appreciated, having been prepared by the wives and friends of the Wolstanton ringers. The service held at 6.30 was well attended, and it is hoped the example set will be followed at other meetings, and that the clergy will make this a special feature of these monthly meetings; and it is quite sure that members like a service in church if it can be made attractive and helpful.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the organist of the parish church for so kindly volunteering to give his services, and to provide a choir. An address on the office and privileges of ringers as Church-Workers was given with special reference to the religious character of the work in which they are engaged.

## KENWYN, CORNWALL.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church here. It shows time on one large dial and strikes the hours. The clock is fitted with all the latest improvements, and generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT SELBY ABBEY.

On Saturday, September 16th, took place one the most enjoyable outings that has fallen to the members of the Association. It was just that lovely type of day that smiling autumn can hold out when she chooses, and she was indeed gracious. The many associations of a great and historic building seem to harmonise and subdue anything loud or pronounced, and bring all down without opposition to its own peaceful surroundings, and one could not help noting how from inside the sound of the very bells seemed hushed as if in accord with the beautiful work of a past age. That others have been similarly impressed at Selby we quote the following to show:—

"Let us tread with reverent feet the dim aisles and lofty nave; for here we are in the presence of the grand and silent past, revived through the handywork of men who thought and laboured, and prayed and fasted, and did deeds of love, and strove to make the world wiser eight hundred years ago. The carven pillars are dumb, the stones cannot talk, yet the mystic beauty of the whole place speaks volumes to the enquiring soul." How can we describe in a visit extending at the most over an hour or two, a building over which one might spend weeks? The Abbey must have been hundred of years in building, parts of the nave being in the richest Norman, this dissolves into the Transition period, which glides into Early English, and blossoms into Decorated, all blended with great beauty in a perfectly historical whole. The choir is Decorated, whilst rising from behind the high altar is a window of great charm that holds the mind fixed with this flamboyant masterpiece of the Lady Chapel.

Where all is so good it is difficult to point out as a chief charm any particular detail, but we were much impressed with the Triforium both on the north and south sides of the nave—certainly over these details we would fain have lingered. It seems to us that general effects are obtained at a glance, but detailed beauty, which oftentimes is "born to blush unseen," must be sought with patience.

Tradition teaches that here Henry, the only one of the Conqueror's sons born after his acquisition of the Crown, first saw the light, where the newly-formed monastery was beginning to rise. The matter, however, is difficult to prove, but there seems no special reason for doubt. Selby was a mitred abbey, the only other north of the Trent being St. Mary's of York.

Meanwhile those favored with a chance were keeping the bells on the swing, for members had gathered from Doncaster, Bradford, Halifax, York, Headingley, Lightcliffe, Shipley, Pudsey, Dewsbury, Hull, Wakefield, Woodlesford, Hemingbrough, Cleckheaton, Beverley, Low Moor, Bramley, Keighley, Leeds, Wombwell, Pontefract, Rotherham, Knaresborough, Goole, Rothwell, Allerton, Birstall, Bolton, and Armley. That the meeting was a representative one may be gathered from the fact that an impromptu meeting and hearty handshake took place between the President: Mr. W. Whitaker, the first hon. sec. and now senior trustee; Mr. B. T. Copley, late hon. sec.; and Mr. Holgate, the present holder of that office; a quartette that, to the Association, was a far-reaching and interesting one.

Tea had been arranged half-an-hour later than usual to give more daylight for the examination of the Abbey, hence 5.30 was the time when members numbering some 250 sat down to a substantial meal. Looking round the tables we noticed among others busy for the well-being of the visitors Mrs. Parkins, the respected wife of the Vicar: nor was it until two sets had been attended to that the ladies had any rest.

Before the tea-tables were left the President pointed to the extreme interest such a visit to this beautiful Abbey had to them as ringers; for their various visits to historical churches gave them an additional interest beyond their special art. Such grand opportunities of improving their knowledge of architecture were bound to find appreciation. The day's enjoyment had been enhanced by the way the Vicar—the Rev. Maurice Parkin—had showed them round the Abbey, and with great pleasure he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for the use of his bells and schools, and for his many endeavours to make the visit one of interest to the members. This was seconded by Yorkshire's veteran vice-President—Mr. W. H. Howard, who

had during the afternoon keenly compared the Abbey with his beloved York Minster.

The Vicar on rising was very heartily greeted. He was sorry he could not say "brother ringers," like their President, but he was proud at any rate to welcome them as brother Churchmen. He was specially glad to be holding the vicariate on this, their first visit to Selby, and trusted they had seen enough to interest them in the glorious edifice that had been handed down to them. He went on to say many kind things of his ringers; ringers were of two sorts, the good and the other sort. They had none of the other sort at Selby, and all worked together harmoniously. He wished the Association every success, and hoped he might see them there again, calling on them one all in their various towers to aim at being highly skilled, and to combine with their art the best Churchmanship, and so do honour to the Church of which they were such useful members.

The business meeting followed in the same schools, the President in the chair, supported by the leading officers, including the hon. treasurer (Mr. Stainthorpe) and the hon. secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting at Otley having been read and passed, the President gave an outline of what the committee proposed to do in order to raise the yearly income. Briefly stated the committee resolved as follows: To ask for power to alter Rule ii. to read: "when the total subscription of a member amounts to not less than 12s. 6d. (the sum at present is 11s. 6d.) no further annual payments shall be required so long as the income from the reserve fund is sufficient to meet the yearly expenses of such life members;" this would be balanced by a levy of 1s. on all present life members wishing to retain full membership, and have their yearly report as before free of cost. Should any members not meet the levy, nor not pay the extra 1s. for full life membership, his name will be struck off the books, but no report will be issued to him in future. Official notice was not given of these alterations, as minor details were still under discussion. The President stated that it was the very success of the Association, more especially in peal-ringing, that had rendered the old subscription inadequate to meet the present printing expenses, which had been greatly increased by the enlargement of the annual report.

On the motion of Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, his town was proposed for the next place of meeting, and this being seconded by vice-President Bolland, was carried unanimously. Mr. Potter was then unanimously elected one of the auditors for the Association's balance-sheet for the closing year: this on the motion of Mr. Abbishaw, seconded by Mr. Frank Woodhead. Mr. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, was elected for the second auditor on the motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Broadley.

It was agreed that the vote of thanks passed at the tea tables to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, and for his kindness in meeting and showing members round the Abbey Church, should be entered on the day's proceedings; on the motion from the chair, seconded by vice-President Howard.

The President referred with expressions of regret to the death of Mr. T. McKegg, of Wortley, near Sheffield, who had been for several years past a very energetic local member, and one who had on many occasions seen that the Association was not without a welcome in his district.

A very warm vote of thanks was then passed to the local branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables. This was proposed by Mr. Abbishaw, and seconded by Mr. Henry Oddy, and suitably acknowledged by the hon. local sec., Mr. A. Hall. A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. Holgate, hon. sec., seconded by vice-President Bolland, brought the meeting to a close.

Mr. Hall, the local hon. sec., together with Mr. Cryse, and the other members of the entertainment committee, are worthy of a very generous amount of praise for the industrious way in which they worked for the success of the meeting, the outcome being a chorus of approval.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 17th 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, E. J. Heathorn, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker. Also 288 in the same method. On Thursday, September 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker.

## STOCKPORT RINGERS ON HOLIDAY.

The Stockport parish church ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 26th, and the weather being all that could be desired, a most enjoyable day's pleasure was the result. The trip was at the invitation of Mr. Joseph Scott, of Gatley and Manchester, who most kindly made all arrangements and defrayed the expenses. Mr. Scott (himself a ringer and a member of the parish church company), brought with him a number of his own employees from the City, and some of them being quite up-to-date comic vocalists and entertainers, added not a little to the day's enjoyment. On leaving Edgeley station at 8.45, the handbells were brought out in the train and used with much appreciation until Whitchurch was reached at 10.10, almost too soon. A large brake was here in waiting and the merry party with the handbells again in use were soon driving through the fertile meads of Shropshire to Malpas, Cheshire, a trip of some 3½ miles, everything being in readiness at the church on arrival, a short touch of 240 changes, was rung on the bells in very good style, which the local ringers highly praised, using very flattering terms. From thence to the top of the tower required the mounting of some seventy or eighty steps, but the view from the summit well repaid the exertion. Here in the immediate neighbourhood the varied tints of nature in her prime were most pleasing to behold, and many well known spots in several counties were pointed out to the visitors, while away in the distance to the north-west the massive square tower of Chester Cathedral stood well out on the horizon some sixteen miles away. Malpas church was in existence at the time of the Crusaders, and the inside of the sacred edifice is rich with ancient mouldering monuments, while the churchyard teems with crumbling tablets and well worn epitaphs, which mark the last resting places where—

"Each in his narrow cell for ever laid  
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

After leaving Malpas a drive of seven miles through a delightful country brought the party to Bangor-on-Dee, in Wales. On the journey one could not help but notice what a plentiful harvest of fruit, vegetables and grain was ready for the ingathering. The orchards were in most glorious condition, and even the less-valued walnut and chestnut trees were in evidence everywhere, each laden with fruit "after its kind." Bangor-on-Dee is situated five miles S.E. of Wrexham, its post town. The river Dee runs close by the churchyard, and it swarms with fish. Bangor is a place of considerable antiquity, and was at a very early period the seat of a large and important monastery; 2100 monks were at one time settled there, of whom 1200 were slaughtered by rival religionists—this was when many kings ruled the land. Of this fact there seems to be abundant proof, but there are now no traces whatever of monastic buildings. The church is dedicated to St. Dinob, and the steeple contains a ring of six bells, tenor 9 cwt., on which the ringers gave another touch of changes. About fifty yards distant from the church is a very old brick and stone bridge consisting of five arches, which connects the two counties of Flint and Denbigh. Near to stands The Royal Oak hotel, where a first-class dinner awaited the tourists, to which it is needless to say ample justice was done. After dinner the church was again visited and photographs of the party with a portion of the church in the background were taken by Mr. J. A. Gordon, one of the ringers. From Bangor to the next stopping place—Overton—there is a distance of five miles, but after driving about a mile the brake was vacated, some fields crossed and then a walk taken along the edge of a very pretty valley to enjoy the view which there unfolds of the winding course of the Dee below. The natural beauty of the landscape behind, and the majestic grandeur of the hills beyond, with here and there a glimpse of architecture between and among them, was a sight to be remembered. In the churchyard of Overton are quite a number of very large yew trees, which a native assured the visitors were known as one of the seven wonders of Wales. The trees are certainly very large, and the foliage very dense, so that the gravestones "o'ergrown with moss and lichen gray," are kept nearly always in the shade, very little sunshine being able to penetrate the leafy screen. After another bit of change-ringing, with which the country people were delighted, the church was inspected; one of the most antiquated relics here

shewn is a large stone (unfortunately broken). This has undoubtedly been at one time a shrine, inasmuch as at the top there is a rudely carved head of the Virgin Mary, with scroll work, and in the lower part an inscription, all very much defaced by Time's destroying hand. The stone was found some time ago, and it is supposed to have lain buried in the consecrated ground for several hundred years. After viewing the almshouses the brake was again boarded *en route* for the next place, half a dozen miles away. Once more the eye was feasted on beautiful scenery, and the end of the run brought the visitors to Ellesmere, a country market town sixteen miles N.W. of Shrewsbury. In bygone days there was a castle here, the possession of which was frequently disputed by the English and Welsh chiefs. Of this there are now no remains whatever. The site, a very lofty one, is used as a bowling green, and from it there is a magnificent view over nine or ten counties. The approach to the green is by steep winding paths and zigzag steps made of wood. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is on the side of the same hill which is crowned by the bowling green. It contains eight bells, tenor 21½ cwt., and the ringers availed themselves of their privilege and rang here the last touch of the day. Mr. P. T. Edwards, one of the local magnates, then very kindly drew attention to the attractions of the district; the principal one is a very large lake much frequented by fishermen, who hire boats by the day; there are also in the neighbourhood six other lakes or meres as they are called, varying in extent from 50 to 120 acres. From the top of the church tower there is a grand prospect of mere and meadow water and land; the toil of climbing both this and the bowling green was great, but the reward was magnificent. The last drive of the day, one of eleven miles from Ellesmere to Whitchurch, was then undertaken, and in due time The Anchor came in sight. Here a very substantial tea was provided, and Mrs. Allen's cooking of the various good things was much commended. Mr. George Shimwell, the chaplain of the party, offered thanks at both meals, and also eulogised Mr. Scott for his generosity and the excellent arrangements made. This was carried with loud applause, and Mr. William Gordon (who had conducted all the ringing) supported what had been said by the different speakers, and the proceedings ended with song and jest until train time. The party arrived at Stockport at 10.30. W. G.

## 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."

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—Last week was so occupied with writing on other matters that to my regret I had not a moment in which to answer Mr. Trollope's letter.

I am quite content to drop my allusion to the motion of a train as a simile for a peal. Let us adhere to the road and mile-post simile. We have a road of 504 miles long (the ten-part) running in a circle, with a post every 14 miles, some posts blue and some posts red. We have another circular road (the six-part) 840 miles long, with posts every 14 miles, some posts blue and some posts red. Now, I understand Mr. Trollope to mean that these posts are the road. I say emphatically "No." The road alone is the road and the posts are posts, and nothing but posts—excellent indications, doubtless, of the direction the road is following, and of the distance that we have travelled along it—necessary indications, if you like, but still only indications, and not the road itself. Now, we have to ring (or write out) a peal—every blow of it—none of your "bob leads" only. These latter are of the highest practical utility. They are simply a list of the red posts, and as the red posts determine the line of road, they are a sufficient indication of the whole road. But we have to honestly tramp this road. The whole question at issue is, *Where do we start?* Imagine each space of fourteen miles between the posts to be marked off into single miles by stakes. Then we have thirteen stakes and one post, thirteen more stakes and one more post, and so on. From what stake are we going to start? I understand Mr. Trollope to assert that under certain circumstances we start from the 7th or 8th stake. I assert that under no circumstances is this so. If we take

"leads" as our basis of division (and it is quite certain that the late Mr. Snowdon had leads in his mind when he wrote) then we start from *posts* on our road, and I assert that in the two halves of the ten-part we start from two *different* posts, and that the late Mr. Snowdon had not sufficiently considered the point when he said that the two halves started from "the same place." If we take "pieces" as our basis of division (which Mr. Snowdon did not take, but which Mr. Thompson and Mr. Trollope seem to prefer) then again I assert that we begin our tramp (or our peal) in the ten-part with our backs to two different posts, and in the six-part with our backs to the same post, that is in each case at the second stake from the posts, and that in neither of those peals, nor in any other peal of Grandsire Triples do we begin at the 7th or 8th stake.

In lines 8 and 9 Mr. Trollope uses the word "place." I have avoided this word as it is open to misconception. I take it that it means the *end* of whatever basis of division we are employing for the time being. If we are working with leads, then (in this connection) the lead-ends are the "places," in which case both 234567, and 235476 are "places." When we are employing "pieces" then the "place" is the line between the pieces, and 234567, 234576, are "places" no longer. Mr. Trollope's confusion (if he will pardon my saying so) seems to arise from his taking no notice of any "place" except "where you can call bobs" (line 13). But this involves the fallacy that we cannot start for a walk except from a 14-mile post! The same fallacy crops up again in lines 18 and 19. We are not talking about "the calling" of the peals. We are talking about the peals. I quite admit that the clause "a reverse peal is a reversal of bobs" is a loose one. But the looseness is not of my making. It is a quotation from Mr. Trollope himself in which he adopts the ordinary loose, but convenient expression, "reverse peal." This usually means a peal in which a certain arrangement of bobs is employed in a direction the reverse of that in which it is employed in some other peal. The result is that whereas the system of bobs is undoubtedly reversed, the peal itself, *i.e.* the 5000 and more rows may have, or may not have, any particular likeness to the rows produced by the original arrangement of bobs. Bobs are not a peal.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

#### THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

SIR,—After reading the interesting account of the ringing which appears under the above heading, and especially that referring to the Stedman Cinques at Ashton-under-Lyne, I should like to ask the writer on what authority the statement is made—"This was rightly considered to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques in Lancashire, although an attempt was made I believe in Liverpool in 1863, but proved to be false after being rung." This peal in question is recorded on a board in the tower of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, as the composition of the conductor, John Heron, jun., but I do not know anyone who ever saw the figures, and should be glad to hear how it proved to be false. Moreover the peal in question was not the first peal in the method on the bells, as close by a board may be seen recording the following: "On Monday, the 25th day of February, 1828, a peal of 5016 Stedman Cinques was rung in 3 hrs. and 25 mins. by the Society of Liverpool College Youths. William Tollit, treble; Saml. Elwell, 2; Henry Brooks, 3; George Wynne, 4; Joseph Tittensor, 5; Charles Roberts, 6; Wm. Thistlewood, Wm. Evans, 8; Wm. Fleetwood, 9; George Houghton, 10; John Tittensor and Wm. Shaw, 11; James Finch and Philip Mullin, tenor. Conducted by Wm. Thistlewood. Mathew Mullin, churchwarden." No composer mentioned. The peal at Ashton-under-Lyne still holds the record of the first single-handed peal in Lancashire in the method, as the 1863 record shows the tenor was double-handed.

WILLIAM DAVIES, *Steeplekeeper St. Nicholas, Liverpool.*

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 30th, a 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Rice, O. Sippitts, J. Sherlock, A. Songhurst, N. Wakefield, E. Dewey conductor, P. Etheridge, A. D. Mills. After ringing the above touch O. Sippitts was presented with a handsome

silk handkerchief, the gift of Mr. E. Dewey, to commemorate his first peal rung on May 7th. 1905, the date being neatly worked in silk by W. Matthews, of Macclesfield.

##### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY (Flintshire).—On Sunday, September 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. E. Usher, T. J. Price, H. Hughes, Herbert Hughes, E. Messham, R. Dolby, E. H. Griffiths conductor, W. Bellis.

##### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

###### (THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 1st, for Harvest Festival at Charles Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. Fleetwood, E. Taylor, W. G. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh, C. Legg, W. H. Marsh conductor, J. Jordan, C. Leat. For evening service 1151 Grandsire Caters, in 40 mins. E. W. Marsh conductor, E. Taylor, W. H. Marsh, G. A. Myers, C. Legg, W. Ford, W. G. Hiscott, J. Jordan, E. Manning, Rev. Fleetwood.

##### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On the occasion of the annual services held during the week from September 7th to 15th, for the dedication festival of the church of St. Mary the Virgin, the ringers took advantage to make it a combined practice for members of the other towers of Reading. Some very good ringing was the result. It is to be regretted that more of the young ringers did not avail themselves of the chance of having a pull in St. Mary's tower. The touches rung consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich. The ringers taking part were Messrs. W. Newell, T. E. Glanville, H. Tucker, J. Tucker, W. Ford, A. Webb, C. Giles, J. Swain, N. Cox, C. Cox, C. Moulden, A. W. Reeves, A. W. Osborne.

##### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 10th, a quarter-peal of Geandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. Starkey, W. G. Ellis, H. Pratt, B. Starkey, H. Grosvenor, G. Verry, G. Gibbs, G. Hitchman.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. R. Mackrill, J. Kent, A. J. Smith, E. Cassell, C. Carew Cox, E. Davis, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, G. Jay, J. A. Dart, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), W. Dudley, H. T. Wilson, W. A. Judd, J. Dale.

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**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Wokingham to-day, Sat., October 14th. The bells at All Saints and St. Paul's (8 bells each), will be available from 3 p.m. Service in All Saints church at 4.30. Tea in All Saints Church Rooms at 5.15 p.m., tickets 9d. each.

A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*  
20, Radstock Road, Reading.

**The London County Association.** late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Third Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held to-day, Sat., October 14th in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m., commence at 7.45 prompt. Admission only by programme, price 6d. each. Reserved seats 1s., which can be obtained of the following officers and committee: G. R. Fardon, C. F. Winny, R. A. Daniell, M. Woodcock, W. T. Matthews, W. J. Troughton, C. C. Cox, R. Bevan, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. B. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, E. Wallage, or T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

**The Halifax and District Association.**—The next meeting and contest will be held at Mytholmroyd to-day, Sat., October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Particulars as per circular.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, to-day, Sat., October 14th. Bells ready at 4.30, Belmont Place, WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*  
Garston.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., October 14th, at the parish church, Breewood. Bells available during the whole of the afternoon for touches. There will be a brake leaving Wolverhampton, the top of the station drive (L.N.W.R.) at 2.30. Fare 1s. 3d. each.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Essex Association.**—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Harlow, to-day, Sat., October 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

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

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth, near Bawtry, to-day, Sat., October 14th. Tea at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open from 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, October 18th. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions for the current year be paid as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, October 21st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.

J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary hopes that many will make it convenient to attend, and he would be glad to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Institute at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 24th.

Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity parish church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, October 28. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited.

C. BOWER, *Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7.30 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Bokesbourne (6 bells), and Wickhambreux (6 bells), on Saturday, October 28th. It is proposed to visit Bokesbourne first, and the tower will be open at 2 p.m. Wickham belfry will be open at 3.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Monday, October 30th. Cathedral belfry (8 bells) will be open at 5 p.m.; St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas (6), all day. Committee meeting at The Three Tuns hotel at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral stalls at one o'clock. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, annual meeting following. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary by Wednesday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*  
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

**St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex.**—The new peal of eight bells will be dedicated on the evening of October 31st, and will be available to ringers the following day, November 1st. Those intending to be present must inform me not later than the 26th inst.

Potters Street, Harlow. GEORGE DENT.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E. Tickets, 4s. each, may

be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Burden, Dale, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, H. Langdon, T. Maynard, Newton, O'Meara, Peck, Pettit, G. N. Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1905.

We have lately been favored by special letters to the Press upon what is said to be the annoyance of Church bell-ringing. These letters are of the usual stamp: they generally betray ignorance, mis-statement, and hatred and all uncharitableness. The ringing at Fulham is the latest object of animadversion, one individual going so far as to ask the advice of a police-magistrate what procedure to adopt to silence the bells. The gentleman on the justice-seat must have laughed within himself when he told his questioner that if he liked he could apply to the superior courts for an injunction. This matter seems

to have gone round the whole of the papers, daily and weekly. The major-domos of the scissors-and-paste departments of these journals have out-done each other in presenting it in their own peculiar manner, and they have all made a fearful hash of it as usual. We were treated the other week to nearly a column in one daily paper, the managers of which ought to know better, to a collection of platitudes which confused rather than gave light on such a subject as bells and bellringing. But this is natural when people write about what they do not comprehend, but that is usual when bells and ringing is concerned, as we all know. Such people think it beneath them to obtain enlightenment on the subject.

Many of our readers are aware of what we are alluding to with regard to Fulham, but the attack has been added to—not improved upon—by a writer in *The Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury*. This individual does not show his genius or originality by signing himself "X.Y.Z." We have heard it said that most anonymous people, and the most illiterate people, and the people to be the least depended on for the truth of the statements they make, frequently use the last three letters of the alphabet as a signature. However that may be the rubbish which has appeared in the above-named paper is a collection of ribaldry and untruth which we are not going to sully this page with. Perhaps our contributor "Plain Speaker" will deal with it if he has an opportunity.

These miserable attacks on bells and ringing might perhaps convey a warning to some of our friends whose enthusiasm now and then requires moderating a little. Every endeavour should *always* (we italicise the word) be made in the practice of ringing, to yield to any parishioner who wishes the bells temporarily silent. We must perforce forego our pleasure when opposition is strong against us, and it will be well if such self-denial is practised cheerfully and willingly. Then we can look upon the efforts of such irresponsible scribblers as "X.Y.Z." with equanimity.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. branch of the above Guild was held at Shenley on Saturday, September 2nd, when a fairly representative number of the branch attended. The bells were opened at 2 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Doubles, but on account of the bad going of the bells not much ringing was done on the tower bells, but some good touches on handbells were brought round, among the different methods being Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples. The service at 3 p.m. was well attended, and a very able address was given by the Rev. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley, Beds. After the business meeting at 4 o'clock an adjournment was made to tea at the rectory, very kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. — Vincent), to whom many thanks are due for a very pleasant afternoon.

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#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, October 7, 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.

OBED J. BAKER.. .. Treble.	HARRY MANCE .. .. 5.
JOHN PRYER .. .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DEAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. BARBER .. .. 7.
EDWARD CASSELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Dean.

#### The Provinces.

##### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

HERBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT.. .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK .. .. 6.
JAMES TANN .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

##### LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,

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

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES MARTIN .. .. Treble.	HERBERT H. BARKER .. 4.
JAMES W. BELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
THOMAS W. GILMOUR* .. 3.	† EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in seven methods. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

##### CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, October 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS K. THATCHER* .. Treble.	FRANK BOUGHTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 2.	CHARLES BOUGHTON .. .. 6.
HENRY MARTIN .. .. 3.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOUGHTON .. .. 4.	*THOMAS HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\*First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the splendid manner in which she rung throughout the peal.

##### LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LOUIS CARTER* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD E. EVERETT .. 3.
WILLIAM G. STANNARD .. 2.	*FREDERICK MEADOWS .. 4.
†ARTHUR G. CARTER .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ARTHUR G. CARTER

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 3, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, York, Durham, Worcester, Chichester and Superlative. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal of Surprise by all the band; also first on the bells, first in the county, and by the above Association.

**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS .. .. Treble.	JAMES HYLAND .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2	*ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 10.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
GEORGE SWANN .. .. 6.	A. PADDON SMITH .. Tenor.

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

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

**SWINDON, WILTS.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. .. Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 5.
HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 2.	OLIVER NORMAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. 4.	*HENRY HATTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED LAWRENCE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Mildred Brown, of St. Denis, Swindon, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown, of "Thurlow," and Mr. Arthur Steaines Taylor, of Muswell Hill, London; also rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Francis Shepherd Wilson, of "Thurlow," Abergavenny, sister of the above lady. \*First peal.

**CHERTSEY, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

GEORGE WOODISS .. .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW .. .. 3.	JOHN EMERY .. .. 7.
CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 4.	WILLIAM CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells since they have been rebung by Mears and Stainbank, the go of which is now very satisfactory.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. DIX .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 6.
EDWARD A. HERN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 7.
HON. ALEXANDER ERSKINE 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

**CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.****EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CLOUGH .. .. 4.
HARRY KERRY .. .. 2.	*HERBERT FRETWELL .. 5.
THOMAS STIMPSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\*First 5040 in any method.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

T. MORRIS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUNT .. .. Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 6.
GEORGE R. WILSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN PRIOR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

**OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble.	ALFRED FOX .. .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 2.	*HENRY HEDGES .. .. 8.
WILLIAM FINCH .. .. 3.	CHARLES HESTER .. .. 9.
JOE HOWES .. .. 4.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 10.
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW .. .. 5.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 11.
FRED CASTLE .. .. 6.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. J. SMITH.

\*First peal of Cinques. †First peal in any method.

**HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
CHARLES LEMAN .. .. 2.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 6.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 4.	JACK WILLIS .. .. Tenor.

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

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 4.	ROBERT BARNES .. .. Tenor.

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

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST TUGWOOD .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ADES .. .. 6.
EDWD. CRANSTOUN MERRITT 2.	HERBERT RANN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HART* .. .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 8.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 9.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 5.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal on ten bells.

## WARWICK.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ANCIENT COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK J. COPE .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 8.
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 9.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal in the method away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells since 1869. The ringers desire to thank Mr. Adams for having everything in readiness.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT BULLOCK* .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. .. 5.
ALFRED DAVIES† .. .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
CHARLES F. WHITE† .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. PUGH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal of Grandsire on the bells since January 12th, 1869.

## PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS)

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GARRIE MILES .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 7.
HUBERT SCRIVENS .. .. 3.	†ALFRED A. WAITE .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	FRANK COLE .. .. 9.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 5.	ALBERT HANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by THOMAS J. WATTS.

\*First peal in the method as conductor. This is G. Gray's first peal in the method, and was rung in honour of his 64th birthday.

## BRAUGHING, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS CARD .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt

CHARLES GREEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS* .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. REDMOND .. .. 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIX-PART No. 11.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CROSS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. .. 5.
FREDERIC REID* .. .. 2.	GEORGE BASDEN .. .. 6.
HAROLD T. BATTEN† .. .. 3.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	JOHN BOVINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

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

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS W. RADFORD .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN* .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 3.	E. CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 8.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 9.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.	GEORGE W. BRION .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. \*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters ever rang by a band residing in the diocese, and were all local men.

## PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY ENTWISTLE* .. .. Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 5.
JOHN FOULDS† .. .. 2.	†ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. .. 6.
TOM REDMAN .. .. 3.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. 7.
WM. T. H. TIMBRELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of this Association was held at King's Norton on Saturday, September 23rd, members being present from Birmingham, Brierley Hill, Bromsgrove, Dudley, Great Comberton, Halesowen, Hallow, Hanbury, Kidderminster, Oldbury, Old Hill, Selly Oak, Smethwick, Tipton, West Bromwich, Worcester and Wordsley. At 4.30 a service was held in the fine old church, whose ornamental steeple is a landmark for miles round. Owing to the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Barnard), the Rev. — Brown delivered the address, saying that in this age of machinery, where nearly everything was done mechanically, and the skill of the

operator was almost entirely dispensed with, it appeared to him that there was an immense amount of individuality in change-ringing, and urging the ringers to attend the services to which they called others.

After the service, the old school-room, a very interesting old timbered building, standing in the churchyard, was then visited, where a most substantial tea had been most generously provided by J. S. Pritchett, Esq. and his brothers, to which about fifty members sat down. The business meeting followed, J. S. Pritchett, Esq. being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, several new members elected, and Hagley selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Mr. Harry

Withers was then appointed conductor for the quarterly peal to be attempted at King's Norton. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Canon Barnard for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; the Rev. — Brown for conducting the service; the donors of the tea, and the ladies who so kindly waited at table.

The bells, tenor 14½ cwt., and of remarkably good tone, were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire being brought round, and making a satisfactory ending to a most enjoyable day.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held at Turvey on Saturday, September 16th. There was a fair attendance of ringers, and various touches were rung in the Grandsire and Plain Bob methods. Tea was partaken of at 6 p.m., and a short meeting followed. The Hon. Secretary stated with regard to the bells at Southill, Bedfordshire, that a resolution was passed at the vestry meeting of that church, that permission to ring there should be granted to none but their own ringers, owing to the state of the tower. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook (six bells).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. — Hulton for the use of the bells.

## RESCUED FROM DUST-HEAP.

For many years two oil-paintings have remained on the walls of the belfry of Gagwood parish church, Norfolk. At a recent vestry meeting it was suggested that as the pictures were rotting they should be consigned to the dust-heap. The Vicar protested, and the pictures were examined, with the result that they were pronounced to be fine old Dutch paintings of great value. They are now to be hung in the nave. One of the paintings represents the Spanish Armada, and the other the Gunpowder Plot.

After a silence of more than forty years, the bells will be rung again on Sunday at the Moscow church of the Old Believers, a sect which was recently permitted to resume the practice of its religion.

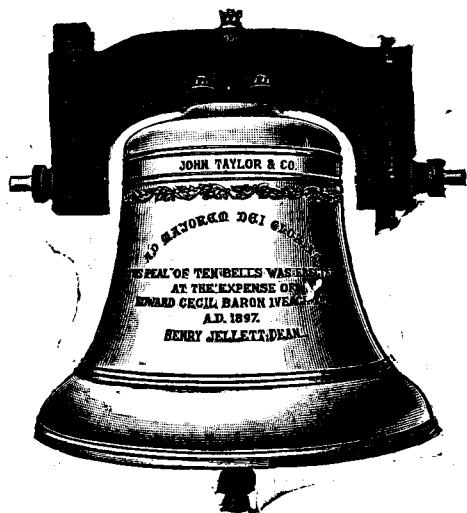
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The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,130, and 6,250 Endowment Assurances matured.

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**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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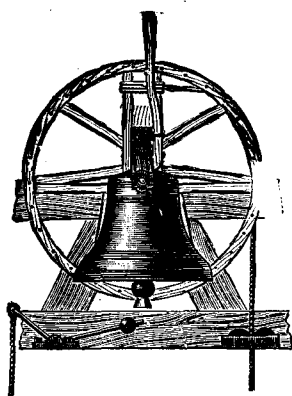
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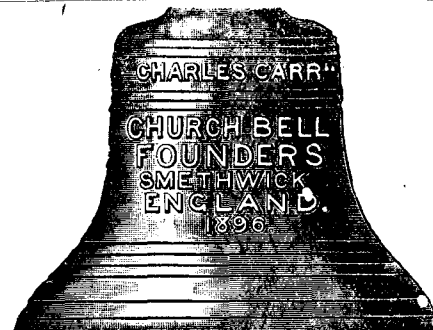
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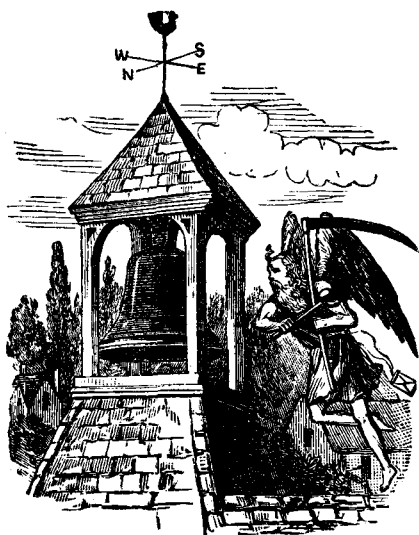
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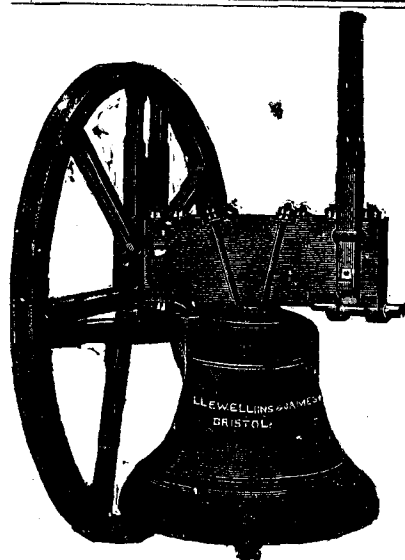
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

LAMBOURN (Berks.) St. Michael. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble by Wells; 2nd by Bayley; 5th by Warner. No founders names on the other bells, and no dates given. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner 1892. No further information.

LANCASTER. St. Peter. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1880. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Ropes bad. Method: whole-pull Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. No regular practice.

LAUNCESTON (Cornwall). St. Mary Magdalene. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears, 1901; 3rd and tenor by the same, 1874 and 1870 respectively; the rest by Rudhall, 1720. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Stokes, 1901. Ropes new 1901, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: twenty minutes before morning and evening services except in Lent. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

LAWTON (Cheshire). All Saints. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1901; 3rd by the same, 1882; the rest by Sanders, 1713. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1882. Ropes new 1902. Method: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7. The churchwardens are always willing to do any repairs.

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## LANGTREE PARISH CHURCH, DEVON.

### RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS.

The combined services of the re-dedication of the parish church bells and the harvest-home were very largely attended. The church was prettily decorated by Mrs. Halls (the Rector's wife), who also presided at the organ throughout the services. At a meeting of the parishioners in February it was then decided to have the bells rehung and the organ renovated. A committee was formed to raise the funds, which they did by means of a bazaar and canvassing for subscriptions. The work is now complete at a cost of just over £200, being £165 for rehanging the bells, etc., and about £40 on the organ. The whole of the cost has been obtained. The bells have been rehung with new fittings and latest improvements in a cast-iron cage, and new beams and flooring. Four of the bells have been quarter-turned and re-tuned, and Langtree can now boast of a most excellent peal of six in perfect order and tune. The work was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, near Exeter, who is to be congratulated on the excellent and smart way in which he has executed the work.

The proceedings on Thursday commenced with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and at 12.30 a special service of re-dedication of bells was held, when the Venerable Archdeacon of Barnstaple (Archdeacon Seymour), in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Bishop of Crediton, delivered an appropriate address. After the service merry peals were rung by bands of ringers from the parishes of Torrington, Buckland Brewer, Dolton, High Bickington, Monkleigh, St. Giles, Holsworthy and Merton, each set expressing their appreciation of the tone and movement of the bells.

Sports were also held for the school children, who were also provided with a free tea in the schoolroom. A public tea was also held and well attended, after which Mr. G. D. Copp (Torrington), very kindly gave his services free in conducting an auction sale of the articles which remained over from the bazaar.

In the evening the Venerable Archdeacon of Barnstaple again preached an appropriate sermon to a large congregation. Later a social gathering was held in the schoolroom, dancing, etc., being indulged in. The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to those who had so kindly assisted in the successful work just completed, and for the energy displayed by all in the object.

The collections taken throughout were in aid of the Bell and Organ Fund, and the Bideford Dispensary.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild met on Saturday, October 7th, at Christ Church, Southport. Despite the rain there was a good attendance of members, who took part in some excellent touches. The bells were in good going order and representatives were present from Hindley, Wigan, Poolstock, Aughton, Upholland, Ormskirk, Croston, Crosby, Crossens, Tue Brook and Rainford, as well as



from Christ Church and Emmanuel Church were present in the evening the members dined at Baker's Cafe.

At the business meeting the Master of the Guild, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, occupied the chair. Mr. W. L. Hutton, C.C., of Ormskirk, and Mr. John Martin supported. At the call of the Master sympathy was expressed with the family of the late Mr. J. Ascroft, of Croston, who was declared a good ringer, worthy citizen, and eminent Christian.

Mr. William Bentham, of Aughton, read the balance sheet, showing £3 13s. 10d. to the good on the general account, and £4 15s. on the benevolent fund sheet. Mr. John Martin, of Liverpool, hon. treasurer, gave some explanations, and Mr. Eastham, of Ormskirk, proposed the acceptance of the accounts, and urged that arrears of subscriptions should be attended to. This was seconded by Mr. Brown, of Wigan, who suggested a special meeting of the committee. Both the resolution and suggestion were carried after Mr. Lovell, of Tuebrook, and others had commented upon them.

The following were then elected upon the committee:—Messrs. G. Ball, Crossens; E. Bentham, Wigan; G. Brown, Poolstock; R. Calland, Hindley; T. Dalston, Croston; B. Hale, Crosby; A. Lovell, Tuebrook; R. Mawdsley, Halsall; J. W. Rimmer, Southport; J. Sholicar, Ormskirk; C. Sharples, Aughton; J. T. Smith, Sefton; M. Harris, Rainford.

Votes of thanks to Mr. John Martin (treasurer) and Mr. William Bentham (secretary), were passed, and they were re-elected. Mr. W. L. Hutton eulogised the work of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, and he was elected as Master of the Guild with acclamation.

Votes were then collected for the following candidates, who were declared duly qualified:—Messrs. Robert Hall, Samuel Cadwallader, Thomas Ellard, Isaac Blackburn, Joseph Schofield, Aaron Jones, and Henry Hesketh, of Rainford; and Messrs. Richard Buck and Wm. Jordan, of Crossens.

Subscriptions from Mr. I. Glover, of Alexandra Road; Miss Lomas, of Albert Road; and Mrs. Forbes, of West-cliff Road, were announced.

A resolution that the Master communicate with the Bishop of the diocese, asking that a representative of the ringers, as a church worker, be invited to his visitation, was unanimously agreed to.

#### GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Eastern Counties branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Gosberton, Saturday, October 14th. The following towers were represented:—Dorington Fleet, Gedney, Gosberton, Lynn, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Surfleet, Walpole St. Peter, Wisbech, Walsolken, and a new tower was added to the list (Quadrang). At 12 p.m., a service was held in the parish church, when the Rev. Clark delivered a very helpful address to the ringers, and Miss Noble kindly presided at the organ. At 1 p.m., the ringers, to the number of thirty-six, sat down to an excellent dinner at the Five Bells, after which the annual meeting was held in the absence of the President, the Rev. F. F. Wayet, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Law James. After the toast of Church and King, the election of officers was proceeded with. The Rev. F. F. Wayet was elected chairman for another year. Mr. Mackman, who was absent through illness, was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. Cross "who stated that he had now been secretary for twenty years, and wished to make

room for a younger man, but the ringers would not hear of his retirement from office," consented to be re-elected for another year. The finances of the branch were considered to be in a satisfactory condition, considering the many miles it covers. It was stated that, the funds in hand amounted to over £11. Several towers were proposed for the next place of meeting, Holbeach being chosen by a large majority. 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by the Rev. Law James, and 720 Double Oxford conducted by Rupert Richardson, was rung for the first time on the bells, and several touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, were rung during the day.

#### ST. PETER'S, JARROW-ON-TYNE.

The winter practices were resumed on Monday, October 2nd, at the above church. At the close of the practice an interesting presentation took place. Mr. R. S. Russel, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, asked Mr. E. A. Hern and Mr. J. T. Hogg, of Christ Church, North Shields, to each accept a silver-mounted walking-stick. In making the presentation Mr. Russel referred to the services which these ringers had rendered to them by attending their practices all last winter, and said that this had been highly appreciated, and their desire to show their appreciation had taken this form. In conclusion he hoped they would be able to continue their connection, and help them as much this season as they had done last.

Mr. Hogg in reply thanked Mr. Russel for his kind words, and was pleased to hear that their poor services had been so highly thought of, and that they would have to try and deserve all the kind things which had been said of them.

#### ESSEX CALVES ON THE ROAD.

Good towers, good bells, good ale, and good humour! All these essentials south-east Essex ringers found on Saturday, September 16th, when members of the following companies journeyed to Sudbury and Lavenham for a tour: Great Bad-dow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Prittlewell, and Writtle, with visitors from Barking, Horsham, and Woodford. Starting with a peal of Treble Bob Major at Writtle on the previous evening, 8.0 a.m. saw twenty good men and true on Chelmsford station armed with excursion tickets for Sudbury, where Mr. C. Sillitoe was waiting with brakes to take the visitors to Lavenham, where after a pleasant drive all duly arrived. On the road the action of the Central Council in wishing to shelve Bob Triples and Grandsire Major was severely criticised; also a hope was entertained that future peal publications of that august body would not be mainly of one person's compositions. Lavenham's famed bells were thoroughly appreciated by the ringers, as was also the trouble taken by Mr. Symonds of that village for their comfort. After a stroll round a return was made to Sudbury, where at the sign of The Porcupine dinner was another success, rounds coming up in 1 hr. Touches in the three Sudbury towers, with Mr. Harper standing in, followed by tea at The Crocodile, brought up train time. Votes of thanks to Messrs. Sillitoe and Symonds for local, and Mr. Kirton for general arrangements, and to the rev. gentlemen for granting permission to ring, brought up "that's all" to a capital tour. W. H. J.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

My name—or rather my cognomen (you know I like to be precise)—being mentioned last week, I had a look-in at the office to see what these “irresponsible scribblers,” as they were designated, had been up to. And I found, what do my brother-ringers think? Why an extract from a local journal with a long title, and this nothing but bare trumpery. To what appeared last week about this I say ditto. “Ribaldry and falsehood” appear to me very mild language when criticising, or stigmatising the effusion of the now apt-to-be notorious “X.Y.Z.”

I said “apt-to-be,” “Possibly may be,” I ought to have said, perhaps. We shall think, if we think at all about this “irresponsible scribbler” as the notorious fellow who once upon a time fabricated a lot of hair-brained chatter saturated with lies;—yes, I repeat the word, “lies.” My brethren, what is your opinion of this person's dishonest statements? Read it, and judge. Here is the first paragraph:—

“On Wednesday in last week, the inhabitants of Ipswich suffered martyrdom: the bells were ringing from morning till night. When I enquired the cause, I was told it was the Bishop's Silver Wedding; but when I congratulated him he said, “Who are you getting at?” so I knew I had made a mistake. Subsequently it transpired that it was the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. (heavens, what a name!) Somebody went and lent them my parish church to ring in all day, and they did it. All I can say is, if this occurs again I shall leave the parish.”

Take this wretched rodomontade *seriatim*. Did the people of Ipswich suffer martyrdom on the day in question? Of course not. Then the fable about the bishop's silver wedding. This gives one nausea, sickness, disgust. Just fancy a bishop saying, “who are you getting at?” Really I hope the managers of the *Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury* will stop “X.Y.Z.” from venting his spleen in their paper any more. One or two enquiries I have made in the neighbourhood has amply shown that this particular individual is always getting at various people week by week, a local Junius, in fact, with not even a modicum of his prototype's ability or wit. His peregrinations “Round about Ipswich” are paltry, but then unless he is a shareholder in the paper, perhaps he pays in current coin for the weekly insertion of his prate. He would have to pay a terrific sum to get his wretched adumbrations in the “B.N.” I can tell him.

Here is the next paragraph:

“I have had 754 letters of complaint on the subject; so I was not alone in my misery. What on earth a man is made of who can get any pleasure out of knocking two bits of metal together I cannot conceive. I put it in this way once upon a time to a bellringer, and his reply was: ‘you silly idiot: it is not that we enjoy—it is making a noise which we know crazes everybody else that gives us pleasure.’”

What can we say to this being? Was there ever such humbug as this written before? “754 letters of complaint!” Does he stand to this statement now; and will he pay £500 towards some good object, to be determined by the Editor of the “B.N.” if he fails to produce these 754 letters within a week? And then the nonsense, and the lie as well, he puts into the mouth of a ringer. What should we feel if this abominable scribbler were to relate such bosh verbally to any of us, myself among the number? If a breach of the peace were to ensue, who could wonder. I tell this person, that Norfolk and Suffolk

change-ringers, and the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association in particular, make “fat bacon” at him. If he does not know what that means, let him find out; the interpretation will not be complimentary.

To close with X. Y. Z. after the above, he has the con-founded impudence to put on paper the following:—

“Something over fifty years ago, Edgar Allan Poe wrote a poem called ‘The Bells.’ Well, if he could do it, I don't see why I shouldn't: so here is my attempt.”

And he actually has the face to stick down more than forty lines of wretched doggerel which he calls poetry. And such poetry. Oh dear! I know that some ringers have collected a private museum of ringing curiosities, and others are still occupied in doing so. If I were to send a copy of these lines to these friends for their collection of curiosities, they would feel insulted. But, if any of them are getting together a chamber of horrors, it might find a corner there.

One thing which interested (I won't say amused) me some time ago, was the subject of payment *v.* non-payment of ringers. I have not the slightest sympathy with the opinions of those gentlemen, who, for conscience sake, decline to receive any emolument of any kind for ringing. They evidently belong to that “exalted atmosphere” spoken of some time ago. The refusal to accept fees for ringing purposes is as illogical as the acceptance of them is correct. I have rung on many occasions, where extraordinary ringing has been required, and in company with the most influential members of the Exercise, yet they never refused to ring on these occasions because the ringing was paid for. They went one better. You need not ask what they did. You know they usually requested that their share should be divided among the other ringers who were not in such fortunate worldly circumstances. Which was the most sensible plan?

Where any individual ringer declines, on principle, to accept the usual payments made for ringing, surely the logical and correct way in such a case would be to instruct those who distribute such money, to hand it over to the other members of the company. Or, if they could not reconcile this with their conscience, there are plenty of other modes open to them. The calls of charity are ever with us, and the money could help to relieve them. Or, if this should appear incongruous, perhaps help to a fund for augmenting a ring of bells, such as that at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, would commend itself to them. I ask such high and sensitive natures to consider a suggestion of this sort.

With reference to the Harlow opening, I understand it will be a large affair. I hope to hear the £30 wanted has been subscribed before the day of opening. The circumstances are such that every ringer should send a coin.

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

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—I do not intend to prolong the discussion with Mr. Davies. He has fairly and clearly set forth his views on the subject, and I have tried to shew why I differed from his conclusions. Anyone who is interested in the matter can decide for himself. I just give one final word. If Mr. Davies means that the row we first ring in the second half does not occupy the same relative position as the row we first ring in the first part, he is right. But if he means that the second half of the ten-part is not a true and direct reverse of the first half, as true and direct a reverse as the second half of the six-part is of the first half, then he is wrong.

J. A. TROLLOPE.]

## ANOTHER FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Since my letter which appeared in your valuable paper for September 23rd, asking if the late Henry Hubbard's 5074 Stedman Caters (given on page 120 of the author's 1876 edition—also on page 87 of the new work "Stedman") had ever been rung, I find the composition is false, repetitions occurring at the tenth six of the course ending 365214 in the third part, and the thirteenth six of the coming-home course; so I hope now it has never been rung. Below I give the first composition ever composed on the plan of having the 6th in 2nd place—it appears in the author's 1854 edition—the false one not appearing until a later edition.

## 5074 STEDMAN CATERS.

234156 1 4 5 6 16

362154 - - -

364251 - - -

463152 - - -

462351 - - -

461253 - - -

164352 - - -

162453 - - -

163254 - - -

361452 - - -

561234 - - -

564132 - - -

562431 - - -

265134 - - -

264531 - - -

462135 - - -

465231 - - -

461532 - - -

164235 - - -

The last nine courses [three times repeated, produce—

563124

613452 1 4 6 15 16

312456 1 5

Round the second change of the last six. Henry Hubbard.

Let us hope that the above is true, because it was rung at Loughborough, and I believe again at St. Mary's, Ipswich, on September 18th, 1901.

A. NUNNELEY-WOOD.

[Our correspondent had better write to Mr. Carter direct relative to his last paragraph.—Ed.]

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In this week's number appears the report of a peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, with a foot-note stating "First peal in the method on the bells since 1869." I wish to point out that Mr. Washbrook called the last two parts of his 13,247 Grandsire Caters at the above church on October 26th, 1888.

A. NUNNELEY-WOOD.

SIR,—I respectfully beg to remind Mr. Samuel Reeves of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on the bells of St. Mary, Warwick, on Friday, October 26th, 1888, conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

A. E. PARSONS.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I am desirous of making a comprehensive list of quarter-chimes and chime tunes, which are, or have been in use in this country, and I shall be very much obliged if you will allow me space in your columns to lay before your readers who are interested in the subject, a request, that they will communicate with me as to any chimes, &c., of musical interest they may know of. In cathedrals and churches, where the ancient chime mechanism is still in use, quarter-chimes and chime tunes are of the greatest interest. This is also the case in many of the out-of-the-way village churches possessing six to ten bells, knowledge of which is very difficult of access, unless through the kindness of any of your readers, who may be interested enough to comply with my request. As far as I am aware, no such collection has ever been made; and, it is my desire, to include all quarter-chimes and chime tunes played by cathedral and church clocks, and also by domestic clocks which are worthy of note. I should prefer them in musical notation, but failing this, the order of the striking of the bells can be accurately indicated by numbers, beginning with 1 for the smallest bell.

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## ANOTHER CLAIMANT.

SIR,—The 5120 Superlative published by Mr. Dains in your issue of September 23rd., which Mr. Craven claimed, was composed by me early in February, 1904, and was first rung as my composition at All Saints, Hull, on May 24th, 1904, and again at Romford, on June 16th, 1904. The composition is published as mine in the Yorkshire and Essex Associations' reports for 1904; and, as it was not rung or published as Mr. Craven's until September 16th, 1904, I think it belongs to me.

G. R. PYE.

## THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

SIR,—In reply to my friend Mr. Davies, asking for the authority for the statement that the peal rang at Ashton-under-Lyne, on September 12th last, "was rightly considered to be the first peal of Stedman Cinques in Lancashire," (the foot-note to peal announcement says first *true* peal). I would point out that the foundation for this assertion is based on the fact that, it was notorious to all the older ringers in the county that the peal of 1863, rang at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was false, both in composition, as well as in ringing. The only ringer who had the figures (beside the composer) was the late George Crute (a relative) who asserted the peal was false in the coming home courses; and, he remarked on one occasion to myself, it was most extraordinary, seeing the peal commenced and ended with 9-10 lying still. Anything further than this I cannot say, excepting that, for many years the peal in question was a source of wrangling and disagreement with the older Liverpool ringers and others.

Mr. Davies is to be thanked for pointing out the 1828 peal which, it must seem, was entirely forgotten and lost sight of. This, of course, brings the Ashton peal into seconds place, although there is a doubt about the 1828 peal being correct, the time of ringing it seems incompatible with the weight of metal. However, we must accept the record given by Mr. Davies from the tablet.

As the only Liverpool man who was present and heard the Ashton peal, I was naturally asked about the peal of 1863, and I unhesitatingly gave my opinion that, the peal I then heard, was the first *true* peal of Stedman Cinques in Lancashire, having, of course, only the 1863 peal in mind; and, I must therefore apologise to the ringers for having misinformed them, my only excuse being that, I had no knowledge of the 1828 peal.

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## Notices.

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The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield to-day, Sat., October 21st. Tower open from 3 p.m. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions for the current year be paid as early as possible.  
G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, to-day, Sat., October 21st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary hopes that many will make it convenient to attend, and he would be glad to be notified of their intention.  
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Institute at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 24th.  
Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity parish church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, October 28. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited.  
C. BOWER, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7.30 p.m.  
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Bekesbourne (6 bells), and Wickhambreaux (6 bells), on Saturday, October 28th. It is proposed to visit Bekesbourne first, and the tower will be open at 2 p.m. Wickham belfry will be open at 3.  
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting after tea.  
EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harwich on Saturday, October 28th. A meat tea at 6d. each will be provided at the Hanover dining-rooms at 4.30 for those members who give at least three days' notice. The bells of the parish church will be available all day. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshal

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Monday, October 30th. Cathedral belfry (8 bells) will be open at 5 p.m.; St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas (6), all day. Committee meeting at The Three Tuns hotel at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral stalls at one o'clock. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members 2s. 6d. to non-members, annual meeting following. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary by Wednesday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*  
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex.—The new peal of eight bells will be dedicated on the evening of October 31st, and will be available to ringers the following day, November 1st. Those intending to be present must inform me not later than the 26th inst.

Potters Street Harlow.

GEORGE DENT.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Burdon, Dale, E. A. Davies, Dawe-Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, H. Langdon, T. Maynard, Newton, O'Meara, Peck, Pettit, G. N. Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or  
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.—This peal was rang as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lisney on the occasion of their diamond wedding-day. Mr. Lisney was an active ringer at Leatherhead for about sixty years, having rang at the parish church for the coronation of Queen Victoria. He rang his last peal in 1898, he being now in his 85th year, and but for the failure of eyesight he practically enjoys good health. It was also rang as a birthday compliment to A. Dean, it being his 100th peal made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 45, conducted 10; Caters 18, conducted 2; Bob Major 10 (including 10 208), conducted 1; Royal, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 15; Caters, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5. Total 100, conducted 13.

THE PEAL AT GOSFORTH.—This was the first peal in the method on the bells, first by the Association, and first in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. This is believed to be the first in the method north of Birmingham, and was rung by the regular "volentry" Sunday ringing band of the above church. This peal was arranged for September 29th, but owing to the fatal accident to one of the ringers (Mr. Thomas Maclaren, which happened on Wednesday morning, September 27th, and from which he died at 7.15 the same evening), it was postponed. By Mr. Maclaren's death the Association loses one of its best ringers. He was looking forward to ringing in this peal.

THE PEAL AT CHICHELEY.—This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been rehung with all the latest fittings by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and the "go" of them is excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. W. J. Easson), for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

MR. H. W. KIRTON'S FIFTY PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 14, conducted 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, —; Bob Major,

8, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob, 14; Double Norwich, 9; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Caters, 1. Total, 50; conducted 5. Rung in twenty-three towers and ten counties.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1905.

OUR records last week included the performance of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Clent, Worcestershire, wherein a lady—Miss KATHERINE THATCHER—rang the treble. This week we record a touch of 1444 changes in the same method, where the same lady, with her sister—Miss FRANCES THATCHER—was concerned. The appearance of these ladies calls to mind the ringing attainments of two other young ladies—the Misses WHITE, of Basingstoke, whose many peal performances are so well known. We hear that the Clent ladies above-named are greatly interested in the science; read our journal with regularity and pleasure; and have provided themselves with the chief standard works on the Art. We compliment them on their progress, and hope soon to hear that they are progressing in an higher method.

**The Metropolis.****MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY E. BALAAM, JUN. .. Treble.	NORMAN TOMLINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
GEORGE BESTER† .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON* .. 4.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ARMSTRONG, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The above are all members of the local band.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES.**

Tenor 31 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 9.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

This composition has seventy course-ends with 9-6-7-8 and 6-9-7-8 course-ends alternately, and is the first of its kind ever rung by a metropolitan society.

**Handbell Peal.****THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.***On Monday, October 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

IN THE TOWER OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

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

Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

Umpire—John W. Kelley. First peal of Major on handbells by the above society.

**The Provinces.****SWAINSWICK, SOMERSETSHIRE.****BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

JOSEPH MOORE* .. .. Treble.	JOHN TAYLOR .. .. 4.
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. 2.	OLIVER DERHAM .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CORDERY .. .. 3.	HERBERT E. HOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

First peal. Rung in honour of the re-opening of the church after being restored.

**NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 3, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 35 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	*ERNEST J. OLIVER .. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL } Tenor.
	ROBERT GEE .. ..

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

**RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 2.	*WILLIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.**

THOMAS A. TEASDALE .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 6.
JAMES A. SCOTT*† .. .. 2.	JOHN TOM HOGG .. .. 7.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 9.
HON. ALEXANDER ERSKINE 5.	*JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

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

**NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. WHITE* .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ERNEST J. OLIVER .. .. 4.	ROBERT GEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION***On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES WATSON .. .. Treble.	*JOHN MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 6.
PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 3.	GEORGE MCHALE .. .. 7.
ROBERT BINNS .. .. 4.	MICHAEL KILLORAN .. Tenor.

Composed by G. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by PERCY JOHNSON.

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

**LUTON, BEES.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

BERT WILSON .. .. Treble.	ERNEST YOUNG .. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 2.	ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK HUNT .. .. 3.	JOHN W. BARRER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. PRYOR .. .. 4.	HARRY SHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

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**HORNCURCH, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.**

ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE R. WILSON .. 5.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. 6.
ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 3.	JOHN DALE .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, October 7, 1905, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. in B flat.**

ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 6.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 3.	HARRY RICHELL .. .. 7.
HENRY R. DAWSON* .. 4.	HENRY HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.**

WM. C. GILLINGHAM* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	HAWKINS ENGLISH .. 6.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM* .. 3.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

\*First peal in the method.

**BROMLEY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.**

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 2.	ISAAC EMBY .. .. 6.
ERNEST BRETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
ROBERT BRETT .. .. 4.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.**

CHARLES R. TIBBLES* .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
ROBERT E. STAVERT* .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal. First peal of Stedman by a local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 10, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER RICHARDS* .. Treble.	†ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 4.
JOHN BASS .. .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FRYER .. .. 3.	†HARRY JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.**

FRANK FAY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

**GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWARD ASTLEY .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 5.
JOHN H. BIRD* .. .. 2.	GEORGE WARDLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	JOHN FOREMAN .. .. 7.
ROBERT W. FALCONER .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

\*First peal of Major. Further reference elsewhere.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5471 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MESSUM .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MARKS .. .. 7.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	EDWARD HULL .. .. 8.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 9.
HENRY WOOD .. .. 5.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

Rang as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lisney on the occasion of their diamond wedding-day; also a birthday compliment to A. Dean, it being his 100th peal. Further reference elsewhere.

**SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

WM. C. GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 4.
GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 2.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	*JOHN JEFFERIES .. .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS* .. .. 2.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMAS .. .. 7.
ALBERT C. HARMER* .. .. 4.	*FRED LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOLE .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
W. R. HOYLE .. .. 2.	S. MASON .. .. 6.
J. GRABHAM .. .. 3.	J. R. JONES .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	H. MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

WM. C. GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 6.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 3.	HARRY J. MEE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP .. .. 4.	FREDERICK MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by F. MEE.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM MYNARD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. 5.
EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

Reference elsewhere.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. TURNER* .. Treble.	FREDERICK PATES .. .. 5.
EDWARD GOSS† .. .. 2.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STATES .. .. 3.	HENRY BROOKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM F. MEADS .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. ANSCOMB .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

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

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED CLARK .. .. Treble.	WALTER W. BONHAM .. 4.
RANDALL V. PLUMB .. .. 2.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 5.
HERBERT J. TUCKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. COWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. COWLEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THOMAS STEERS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
HARRY LAST .. .. 4.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and  
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES .. .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. 2.	JOHN DENNER .. .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER .. .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DENNER .. .. 4.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	†ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM .. .. Treble.	*EDGAR HICKS .. .. 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS* .. .. 2.	*JOHN CREASEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Kent.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Brook's. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 5.
WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 2.	ALBERT LOVELL .. .. 6.
JAMES EASTHAM* .. .. 3.	†EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 7.
JOHN GARDNER .. .. 4.	*PETER H. HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CAUNCE.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by the Guild.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN NETLEY .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 6.
ALBERT FEIST .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 4.	WALTER J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by G. D. CGLEMAN.

Umpires—H. Fields and O. Wiles. This is E. Chasty's fiftieth peal, and is also the fiftieth peal rung at "Llanrock."

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. J. Rogers, J. Davies, T. James, H. Jones, J. W. Bisley, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, C. E. Williams.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. W. W. Chilwell, F. Martin, A. Latham, J. Morley, T. Mountford, W. Fitchford, H. Roberts, C. Morley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Friday, September 29th, at St. Nicholas' church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. W. Foreman, J. J. Lamb, W. Weatherstone, T. Cranfield, S. J. Bird, F. W. Thornton conductor, W. J. Jeffries, H. Langford, first quarter-peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, October 16th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1280 Kent, Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond, W. Sadler, F. Webb, C. H. Howard, E. Clayton, J. T. Barker, G. H. Sentance, S. R. Roper conductor.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent. S. H. Green, J. Rann, G. F. Margetson, J. Kimberley, W. Miller, G. A. Black conductor. On Sunday, September 3rd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. P. A. Coard, S. H. Green, K. C. Fox, G. A. Black conductor, J. Kimberley, E. Wightman. After evening

service 720 Kent. J. Kimberley, E. Fenn, G. F. Margetson, G. Faulkner, S. H. Green, G. A. Black conductor. On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service, 720 Kent. G. A. Black conductor, S. H. Green, G. F. Margetson, K. C. Fox, J. Kimberley, E. Wightman. This was the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band. After evening service 720 Plain Bob. C. Morse, S. H. Green, G. F. Margetson, J. Kimberley, E. Wightman conductor, G. A. Black. On Sunday, October 8th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. P. A. Coard, S. H. Green, K. C. Fox, G. A. Black, J. Kimberley, K. C. Fox, E. Wightman conductor, T. H. Beams. For evening service 720 Kent. T. H. Beams, E. A. Bacon, G. F. Margetson, G. Carter, J. Kimberley, E. Wightman, J. Rann, C. Carter, W. Clark, G. A. Black conductor.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 20th, 433 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear, F. Sear, H. Hopkins, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, J. D. Matthews conductor, F. Morby.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday evening, September 24th, after service in the evening at Christchurch, 485 Grandsire Caters. H. C. Mounter, J. W. Hinton, F. G. May conductor, A. Brown, G. T. Daltry, A. Stowell, J. Jefferys, A. T. Howell, A. L. Lewton, A. Braven.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 12th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Bnndle, E. Bennett conductor, A. Boxall, W. F. Meads, A. Trappitt, C. Dean, H. Last, E. R. J. Dunk, F. Holder, J. Rumble.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Thursday, August 10th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Upstone, F. Gregory, R. G. Rice, E. Aldridge, C. Greenough conductor, F. Waldron. Another 720 in the same method. F. Waldron, F. Gregory, R. G. Rice conductor, C. Greenough, R. F. Deal, H. C. Mulford.

CHOLSEY (Berks).—On Thursday, September 7th, 840 Grandsire Doubles. F. Upstone, C. Gregory conductor, F. Gregory, R. G. Rice, G. Cauldwell, H. C. Mulford. On Monday, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Upstone, C. Gregory, F. Gregory conductor, R. G. Rice, G. Cauldwell, H. C. Mulford.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service at St. Leonard's church, 1444 Grandsire Triples. Miss Frances Thatcher, W. Shilvock, C. Boughton, J. Barber, Miss Katherine Thatcher, F. Boughton, W. H. Barber conductor, T. Hughes. Longest touch by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

EAST HENDRED (Berks).—On Saturday, August 12th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Upstone, E. Aldridge, F. Gregory, R. F. Deal, R. G. Rice conductor, F. Waldron.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Thursday, September 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Roff, F. Baker, F. Sear conductor, T. Henry, A. E. Powell, J. Dickens.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 360 and 600 Grandsire Doubles. B. D. Townsend, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack. On Wednesday, September 13th, 600 Grandsire Doubles. B. D. Townsend, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, F. Gregory, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack. On Friday, September 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. B. D. Townsend, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, T. East, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, September 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. C. Hill, R. Bartley, W. Job first quarter-peal, W. Alcock, F. Locke, F. Medhurst G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

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**Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, held on 2nd March, 1905.**

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
31st December, 1904.

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THOS C. DEWEY, *General Manager.*

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*  
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*  
HENRY HARBEN,  
THOMAS WHARRIE. } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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

15th February, 1905.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO., Chartered Accountants

## THE BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Dunstable on Saturday, September 30th, which was well attended by members from Aspley, St. Paul's, Bedford. Biddenham, Bromham, Crawley, Dunstable, Leighton, Luton, and Woburn. The splendid ring of bells were raised in peal about 2.30, and were kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when the members adjourned to an excellent tea, which was very kindly provided by the genial Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, vice-president of the Association, who also presided, supported by the Rev. A. Rust, Hon. Secretary, of Husborne Crawley. About forty sat down. After tea a short business meeting was held.

The chairman, in a few well chosen words, said how very pleased he was to welcome the Association to Dunstable. Two new members were admitted. A resolution was moved from the chair, and seconded, that this Association discountenanced all peals rung under the heading of the Bedford and District Amalgamated Society, which was supported by several members and carried unanimously.

I should like to add a few words in passing in reference to the above. I am quite sure that it was very far from the thoughts of Mr. Barker, secretary to the Society, and quite unknown to him, that the peal was headed thus in your issue of September 30th, until he saw it. I will here quote you rule 7 of the Society. "The Society shall

in every way possible assist the Bedfordshire Association of ringers." It seems quite an error of judgement on some one's part. The chairman then suggested that monthly meetings might be held at Dunstable, Leighton and Luton for ringing practice, which was well received and carried. The company then broke up; some went to the tower for more ringing, and some of the Woburn band, with the Rector, set in for some double-handed ringing on a splendid new peal belonging to the Dunstable company, and some went to Luton to have a pull there. Thus a splendid meeting came to a close all too soon. H.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

All being well on Saturday, October 28th, ten members of the above Society will attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells at Exeter Cathedral. Starting time 3.45 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER.

## A RUINED CHURCH.

There was much discussion at the Norwich Consistory Court the other day with regard to the proposed sale of the bells of the ruined church of St. Mary Coslany. Part of the tower has recently collapsed, every window is shattered, and no services have been held there for many years. The income is only £19 per annum. The court ordered another vestry meeting to be convened.

## TINKER MEMORIAL FUND.

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Mr. T. A. Dyson, Gainsboro	...	0	2 6
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Mr. W. W. Bust, Penistone	...	0	2 6
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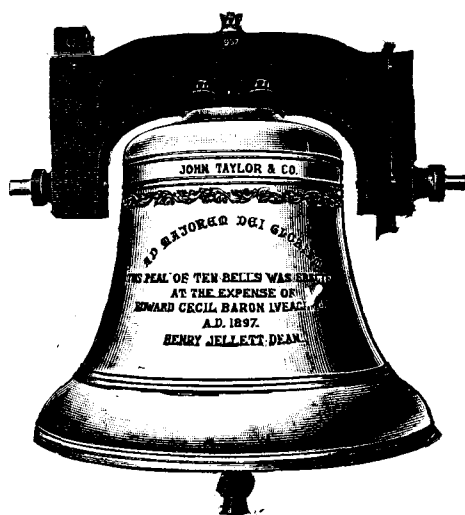
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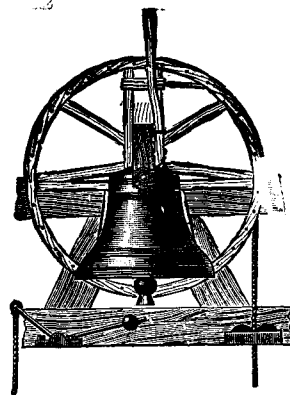
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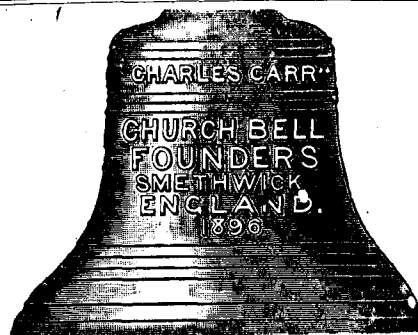
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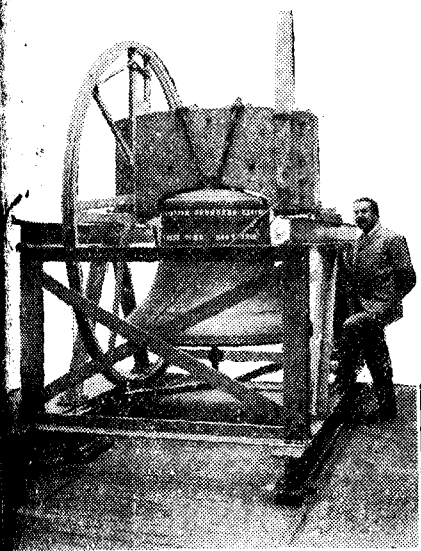
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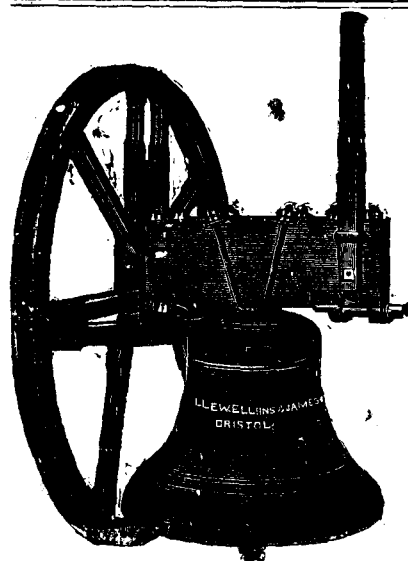
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*Bang 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).

LINSLADE (Bucks.) St. Barnabas. Eight bells; treble, 5th and tenor by Mears, 1904; 2nd by Warner, 1869; the rest by Chapman, 1781. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Mears, 1904. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45, except in Lent.

LLANDUDNO (North Wales). Holy Trinity. North Wales Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1892. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Ropes new 1892. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 8, except in summer months. Visitors always welcome.

LLANGOLLEN (Denbighshire). St. Collen. North Wales Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1887. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1893. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Monday, 8. Bells always available for visiting bands.

POPLAR (London). All Saints. Ten bells; all by Mears, 1822. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11.15, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful district meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch of the above Association was held at Lavenham on Saturday, September 30th, when members attended from Lavenham, Felsham, Glemsford, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James's and St. Mary's companies), Thetford, Sudbury (St. Peter's and St. Gregory's), Coggeshall, Stanstead, Long Melford, Hinxton (Cambs.), etc. The grand ring of bells at the church of SS. Peter and Paul were placed at the disposal of the members at

twelve o'clock, and several touches were rung during the afternoon by various members, including Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich. At four o'clock all the members sat down to a capital meat tea at The Swan hotel under the presidency of Canon Scott (Rector), supported by the Rev. R. L. Twells (Vicar of Hinxton, Cambs., and General Diocesan Secretary), Mr. Samuel Slater (District Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury), Mr. C. Sillitoe (organist of St. Gregory's church, Sudbury), Mr. E. Ambrose (Long Melford, and organist at Borley parish church), Mr. A. Symonds (steeplekeeper at Lavenham), Mr. H. Turner (Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds), Mr. T. Fitzjohn (St. Peter's, Thetford), Mr. C. H. Lomax (St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds), and about thirty-eight other members.

The chairman, after tea, in a few well-chosen words, commenced the business meeting by welcoming the Association to Lavenham, and called on the District Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held at Sudbury, which were confirmed and signed, after which some new members were elected. It was decided to hold (if possible) the next meeting at Clare in the spring. Other business was then proceeded with.

The chairman proposed, and Mr. C. Sillitoe seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the late District Secretary (Rev. H. B. Woolley), for the valuable services rendered to the Association, who resigned, having accepted the vicarage of All Saints, Long Stanton, near Cambridge. This was carried. The Rev. R. L. Twells proposed, and Mr. A. Symonds seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Rev. Canon Scott for the use of his beautiful church and bells, and for kindly presiding. This was carried unanimously, and the meeting which was a very pleasant one, then terminated.

The members again rang merry touches on the church bells, the first touch being 560 Bob Major by S. Slater conductor, H. S. Symonds, F. Parker, A. Symonds, E. E. Simpson, T. E. Slater, L. Leeks, E. Beckwith. Other touches included 576 Treble Bob, conducted by C. Sillitoe; Stedman Triples, conducted by H. Turner; and on the handbells a course of Bob Major by C. Sillitoe, J. Campin, W. Heard, and A. Symonds.

Prior to reaching Lavenham the party had travelled by brake from Bury St. Edmunds, visiting the towers of Felsham, Preston and Monks Eleigh. At Felsham they met Mr. W. Kinsey, who accompanied them to the tower, and some touches of Minor were rung. At Preston they received a welcome from the Rev. L. O. Asplen (Rector), some more touches being brought round. Mr. H. Frost rung his first 720 in this tower. The ringers then started for Monks Eleigh where they were welcomed by the Hon. and Rev. A. F. Northcote (Rector). Here more touches were rung on the fine ring of six in this tower. After partaking of refreshments at The Bull hotel, the ringers proceeded to the meeting at Lavenham.

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## THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Workington, on a recent Saturday, and was presided over by the Rev. S. P. Curwen, the rector. A nice company of ringers from Aspatria, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Egremont, Irton, and Workington, along with the Rev. W. H. Spurrier, of Irton, and the Rev. W. R. Burnett, of Crosthwaite, were present. Prior to the meeting, the annual competition for the challenge shield took place on the bells of St. Michael's church; and, after the chairman's opening remarks, he called upon the judge, Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, to give his decision, which was as follows:—Aspatria rang Plain Bob Minor for 16 minutes with 182 faults, and Cockermouth for 13 minutes, with the same number of faults; and Cleator Moor rang Superlative Surprise Minor for 14½ minutes with 102 faults; and Workington for 25½ minutes with 36 faults. The three first named teams unfortunately breaking down before completing the touch of 720 changes. Mr. Chapman congratulated the winning team on having rung an almost perfect touch, and presented the shield to Mr. A. J. Sanderson, the conductor, amidst applause. Mr. W. English kindly acted as marker for the judge. The secretary, Mr. J. D. Baxter, of Cleator Moor, read his annual report, which went thoroughly into the position of the association, and the means taken during the preceding twelve months to revivify, and cause greater interest to be taken in it by the Cumberland ringers and others interested in church bells and bell-ringing. The report was adopted, and a long and useful discussion then took place, in the course of which, it became evident that, it was the earnest desire of a number of the bands of ringers that the association should be kept alive, particularly as it had, in many instances, been the means of building up companies of change-ringers who were ever improving in their knowledge of the art, and the management of the bells; and it was hoped that this would be continued in the future, until all the belfries in the county would be supplied with bands of first rate industrious ringers, who would make it their business to see that the bells of their respective churches were, on each and every occasion when required, rung and rung well, and 'scientifically, thus producing the utmost music the bells were capable of. The Lord Bishop of Carlisle expressed his willingness to become the patron of the association, and the president, the Rev. P. L. H. Millard, of St. Aiden's, Carlisle, from whom a telegram was received, regretting his inability to be present, was re-elected. The vice-presidents, with the addition of the Revs. S. P. Curwen and W. H. Spurrier, were re-elected, and Mr. J. D. Baxter, and Mr. J. R. McAvoy, of Workington, were elected joint secretaries and treasurers. It was resolved that a medal of the value of 6s. be supplied to each member of the winning team. Several alterations in the rules were made, among them, one increasing the performing members' subscriptions to 2s. each; and another, permitting the members to practice on the bells chosen for the competition, at any time or times up to the day preceding the date fixed. The Cleator Moor ringers, who were the only six-bell ringers at present taking part in the competitions, very generously suggested that, next year's competition should be a touch of "Major"; but, eventually, it was decided to let it remain for six bells, in order to allow those eight-bell bands just coming to the fore, and having a difficulty owing to distance from belfry, &c., in getting their full complement of members to attend practices, to take part. It was also suggested that, the

advanced methods now being rung, might have a tendency to frighten away some of the younger bands, and that next year each band should be allowed to ring a touch of 720 changes in whatever method they thought fit; but, ultimately it was decided to leave this matter over until the next meeting, which, it was arranged, should be held at Keswick, in June, if the Crosthwaite bells were by that time in order, and if not then at Irton.

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS AT ST. ALBANS.

The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans having kindly invited the Winchester Cathedral ringers to visit his Cathedral, a very enjoyable time was spent by them in that city on Saturday last, accompanied by the Chapter Clerk, F. Bowker, esq., jun., who is a brother-in-law of the Dean of St. Albans. The London and South Western Railway Co. kindly reserved compartments in their corridor train, and also arranged with the Midland Railway Co. to do the same. St. Albans was reached between twelve and one o'clock. In the Abbey Institute an excellent luncheon had been generously provided by the Dean, who, unfortunately, was not able to be present owing to ill-health, but was represented by his son and the Curate of St. Albans. After luncheon a visit was paid to the magnificent Cathedral, and from the able manner in which the various points of interest were explained by the verger, the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There being about an hour to spare before evensong, the party were conducted to the belfry by the Captain of the St. Albans band, and some touches of Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. After tea, at which the visitors were the guests of the St. Albans ringers, the party returned to London, and visited the Electrical Exhibition at the Olympia, for which Mr. H. N. Warburton, of the Winchester Electric Works, had kindly provided passes. A most enjoyable day having been spent, very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean of St. Albans, the St. Albans ringers, and Mr. F. Bowker.

## FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, September 16th, a very pleasant evening was spent at this village. Ringers from Crimplesham, Menham, Shouldham, and the local men met there to welcome two members of the Yorkshire Association: Mr. R. Alcock and Mr. T. Metcalfe. A good 720 and 360 of Bob Minor was tapped off in fine style, also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Another 720 of Plain Bob finished the ringing for the evening. The bells being lowered, the members adjourned to The Swan hotel, where a pleasant hour was spent. J. M.

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## Notices.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 28th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. D. Stooks. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea will be provided on the usual terms at The Cherry Tree hotel. The Hon. Secretary hopes that many will make it convenient to attend.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea to-day, Sat., October 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at Parish Institute at 6 o'clock. Meeting after 7 p.m. Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The members of this society will hold their next quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity parish church, Stalybridge, to-day, Sat., October 28. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited. C. BOWER, *Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances) will be held at Bekesbourne (6 bells), and Wickhambreux (6 bells), to-day, Sat., October 28th. It is proposed to visit Bekesbourne first, and the tower will be open at 2 p.m. Wickham belfry will be open at 3. G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Harwich on Saturday, October 28th. A meat tea at 6d. each will be provided at the Hanover dining-rooms at 4.30 for those members who give at least three days' notice. The bells of the parish church will be available all day. E. W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Coggeshall

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Monday, October 30th. Cathedral belfry (8 bells) will be open at 5 p.m.; St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas (6), all day. Committee meeting at The Three Tuns hotel at 12 noon. Service in Cathedral stalls at one o'clock. Dinner at The Three Tuns at 2 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, annual meeting following. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary by Wednesday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*  
24, Inglesby Terrace, Sunderland.

St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex.—The new peal of eight bells will be dedicated on the evening of October 31st, and will be available to ringers the following day, November 1st. Those intending to be present must inform me not later than the 26th inst.

Potters Street, Harlow. GEORGE DENT.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, S.E. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Bucking, ham, Burden, Dale, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, H. Langdon, T. Maynard, Newton, O'Meara, Peck, Pettit, G. N. Price, Prime, Rowbotham,

W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 o'clock. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, November 2nd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 7th. After the latter, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Bolton, on Saturday, November 4th, at 6 o'clock. The President has promised to attend. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Melksham on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held on Monday, November 6th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. the Rev. W. W. Hough presiding. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than the first post on Wednesday, November 8th. Half-railway fares allowed up to 2s.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
1, Belmont Cottages, Green Lane, Chislehurst.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 11th. Cathedral bells available from 2 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumpers restaurant at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A meeting of the committee will be held immediately after the General Meeting. JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT FARNHAM, SURREY.—A peal of Grandsire was rung in this tower on November 10th, 1805, in 3 hrs. 6 mins., in commemoration of the glorious victory off Cape Trafalgar by Lord Viscount Nelson, by P. Avenell, P. Wheeler, J. Fewtrell, W. Ride, T. Birch, J. Newman, G. Alexander conductor, J. Burrows.

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## THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

*Report of the doings of the above Society from Christmas Day, 1904, to July 31st, 1905, as recorded by the President, Mr. George Worth.*

Christmas day, 1904, will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of this society, for on that day the bells were once more swung round, after being silent for over eighteen months, which silence was compulsory owing to the restoration of the tower in which they hang. When the band assembled on the eventful morning, two of those who had done duty eighteen months before were found to be numbered among the missing. One of these (Wm. Morell) had been laid reverently in his grave some time before; the other (who shall be nameless) came under the heading of "sick, lame, or lazy," the third of these descriptions more nearly fitting his then condition than the other two. All things considered, the go of the bells was pronounced fairly good. New year's eve, 1904, arrived in due course. In accordance with old-established custom the members of this society, in company with a number of their friends, male and female, assembled at 11.30 p.m. outside the west door preparatory to ascending the tower to ring in the new year. After a short argument with the modern Horatius who kept the gates, we were admitted to the cathedral, and at once made our way down the nave to the tower door. Traversing the sacred building at midnight, the only light being that given by a couple of oil lamps, a certain feeling of awe and reverence comes over every one, and each naturally speaks in a whisper, and walks as lightly as possible. The party keep well together, the younger ones especially so, and John slyly slips his arm round Eliza Ann's waist, and assures her that "we haven't come to the steps yet, and you needn't be frightened;" and the other young couples do likewise, with the result that all the young ladies indulge in a hardly-suppressed giggle. The old bachelor of the party, who has overheard these little pleasantries, merely sniffs, and mutters between his teeth, "what rot!" while the old married stagers among us smile knowingly, and wish they had their time to come over again. As soon as we get fairly on the way, ascending the winding staircase, this feeling of awe wears off, and gives place to mirth and merriment. We ascend the steps amidst laughter and medley of instructions as to where to put your feet. Arrived in the tower after much puffing, being eighteen months short of practice in tower climbing, we find that one young lady has fainted, but she soon comes round, and is taken up on to the balcony for a little fresh air. To this balcony most of the visitors repair in order to experience the novel feeling of being nearly at the top of the Minster on New Year's eve. After allowing the greasers a little time in which to adequately perform their very necessary duty, the bells are raised, and all made ready for welcoming the New Year. Then comes a short interval of waiting until the witching hour arrives.

At last Big Peter booms out the passing of the old year. Each man stands to his rope, and as the sound of the twelfth stroke dies away the bells ring out, welcoming the year 1905.

After a quarter-of-an-hour's ringing "Stand" is called, and then ensues a round of hand-shaking, and wishing of "A Happy New Year, and plenty of 'em." Another short touch is rung, and the bells are ceased. We descend the winding staircase amid another chorus of advice as to where to put your feet, and much merriment among the members of the party. Outside the great west door we part, each making tracks for home with the knowledge of another year well begun.

The wedding of Miss Bardwell at St. Michael-le-Belfrey church early in January, and that young lady's desire that such an auspicious event in her life should be celebrated by a wedding peal worthy of the occasion, gave the members of this society an opportunity of indulging in one of those extra ringings which they so much appreciate, and incidentally make the young lady's father know (through the medium of his pocket) that he has started his daughter on her married life in a manner worthy of her position.

The annual meeting of the society took place on the last Saturday in January, but as a full report of the proceedings at that meeting will be found in the minutes kept by the secretary, they will not be repeated here.

The 2nd of February, the society's great day of the year, will live long in the memory of the members for two reasons; the

first of these is that day we received, through the good offices of the Dean (who has always been a good friend to the ringers), a full year's salary. May his shadow never grow less. The second reason that on that day we rung the bells for the consecration of the Bishop of Carlisle, and the suffragan Bishop of Burnley.

Saturday, February 4th, was another big day in our history, for on that day the annual dinner was held. Meeting at 6.30 p.m., at The Lowther Hotel, full justice was done to the well-cooked courses provided, this being done amidst a buzz of conversation and jokes, the liveliest member of the happy party being our retiring president, who insisted on initiating our veteran secretary into the niceties of dinner-eating as a fine art. The tables being cleared, each member settled down to enjoy the after proceedings, with the knowledge that, like the village blacksmith, something had been attempted, something done. The chairman (Mr. J. W. Cundall "Johnny") short, stout, with hair inclined towards grayness, gave the loyal toasts without indulging in any high-flown language. He called on the company to drink the health of His Majesty, the Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family. Ringers being nothing if not loyal, this is done with musical honours. Mr. Abe Haigh, dark, strong, a heavy-end man, gives us a song in his best style, which is much appreciated. Next Mr. Howard (uncle) the veteran, eighty-three, and still ringing, bending with the weight of years, but still enthusiastic, gives the toast of "The Archbishop and the Dean and Chapter." This is the veteran's hardy annual, and one he loves. If love of the clergy here below is any passport to the good things hereafter, then our veteran should in due course reap a rich reward. Mr. T. Hodgson (Tommy) spruce, well groomed, light voiced, gives The Navy and Army, commencing with an exclamation at being surprised at being put down for a subject which he knew nothing about, he goes on to give us a really admirable little speech as to why we should wish health and strength to the defenders of the empire. Mr. G. Breed (George) full jawed, stout, retired run-getter, typical boniface, ex-volunteer, replies. This is another hardy annual, and having a good grip of the subject, does ill justice to it. Next Mr. T. Haigh (Tom) bob-caller, ringing enthusiast, inclined towards bowls, calls on the company to drink the health of The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers. This he does in a series of well-chosen phrases, showing that he has followed the working of the Association with real interest. Mr. Howard, one of the vice-presidents, and father of the Association, suitably replies. A song by Mr. F. T. Earnshaw (Fred) all muscle, saddlers' gold medalist, bad to beat at bowls, reveals to us vocal talent in our midst lying hid for some considerable time. Mr. A. E. Fearnley (Albert), sharp-featured, smart, the commercial of the party, in a proper business-like manner gave the toast of The Press, specially referring to the ringers' own journal, "THE BELL NEWS." This was responded to by Mr. G. Worth (George), thin-jawed, pale-faced, inclined to be bald, lino hand, who did a little advertising by extolling the merits of the high-class *Yorkshire Herald*. Next Mr. James Thompson (Jemmy), strong, red-faced, workmanlike, gives the toast of The Donors, recounting the virtues of those to whose liberality we are at times so much indebted. Mr. G. Horner (George), tall, ringer-bred, cricket financier, then gives us a song in his best and most powerful manner. Mr. L. Woodcock (Leo), short, sturdy, first favorite for the matrimonial handicap, then invites the company to drink The Heath of the Visitors. Here again talent is revealed, for without any preliminary apology he gets through his duty in a very capable manner. This is responded to by Mr. Stokes, the Lincolnshire student from St. John's, very creditably. Mr. R. Thompson (Bob), stout, jovial, umpire-in-chief, also responded in his well-known robust style. The last, that of The Host and Hostess, brought to a close a very successful and enjoyable evening.

On Saturday, February 25th, eight members of this society journeyed to Selby, with the object of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of the Abbey Church. After two or three attempts we got well away, but at the end of an hour's creditable ringing the attempt failed, owing to the writer of these notes allowing his mind to become diverted from the work in hand. We returned to York with one more failure added to the list.

On Saturday, April 9th, a very uncommon incident occurred,

During the raising of the 11th, through a misunderstanding she was allowed to bump with such force that the stay broke. This serves to show that however capable we may be in the handling of bells, unless sufficient care is exercised accidents are liable to happen.

Early in June the secretary to the gala committee was interviewed with regard to the usual ringing for that event. After a second interview, and failing to agree on the question of terms, the ringing fell through.

The next meeting in the tower was the greeting of the hon. the judges, for the assizes, to be held for the city and part of the county, in July; and so ends the half-year's doings.

THE PRESIDENT.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Continuing the policy inaugurated last year of visiting outlying districts of London, this Society, on Saturday, paid a visit to Walthamstow. The peal of ten at St. Mary's (parish) church was kindly placed at their disposal, and were made good use of by the visitors; Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten being the methods indulged in. At 8 o'clock an adjournment was made to the club room at The Nag's Head, where, under the chairmanship of the worthy master, W. D. Smith, a capital musical evening was enjoyed. Amongst the company of about forty members and friends were noticed: W. T. Cockerill, C. F. Winny, A. Hughes, M. A. Wood, T. Maynard, &c. The duties of accompanists were most ably carried out by Messrs. J. Cabbitt Smith and C. Lowe, both of whom possess talent of no mean order. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Beams, Thornton, Watson, Wood, Smith, Rumens, Pinsent, &c. Violin Solos by G. Lowe, Saxophone Solo by J. D. Smith, who also contributed a solo on the one stringed violin as well as a tune on the handbells. A course of Stedman Caters double-handed was also rung by Messrs. Manning, Fenn, Winny, Wood, and Cockerill.

The Chairman gave a lucid speech on the aims of the "Youths," and after the usual votes of thanks, the National Anthem, and "Auld lang syne," successfully terminated the evening.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE BEDS. AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—With reference to the report of the quarterly meeting of the Beds. Association in your issue of last week, I notice that a resolution was recorded: "That this Association discountenance all peals rung under the heading of 'The Beds. and District Amalgamated Society.'" This resolution has been incorrectly reported, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker's words being: "That this Association views with displeasure the practice of peals being rung in the county by societies other than the Beds. Association."

You will agree, Sir, that the resolution as it appeared is superfluous in the extreme, as a county association cannot take action against other distinct societies (the Amalgamated being one) ringing peals in the county if the men so will it, and the bells are available (to take steps to make them unavailable would be very ungentlemanly), therefore it is only in their province to discountenance them and "keep the change."

A peal was rung at Luton last week, for instance, under the auspices of the Royal Cumberland Youths: this I take it, they will have to discountenance, as they cannot possibly claim it; but why should not another resolution to the same effect be passed in this case, which would be equally as logical.

It will be known to several that this is a preliminary to an open-air treatment between the two societies with a view to at least a personal entente-cordiale being reached. The Amalgamated was born on an unlucky day, at an evil hour, and at (most convenient to your correspondent) the wrong place, and I am afraid it will therefore come to an early grave.

To get to business will the hon. sec. of the baby association kindly oblige by giving us the full rules, plenty of air, and also

explicitly explain the aims and objects of his society, as when this is done, and more teeth are cut (only one or two has yet been cut, and that at St. Peter's, Bedford), the undertaker may, I think, be called in at once. B. and D. A. S.—R. I. P.

ERNEST J. GALE.

#### AUTHORSHIP OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I would like to point out to Mr. G. R. Pye and the exercise that Mr. Craven composed the peal in question on February 8th, 1904, and handed the figures to me which are still in my possession, on the same night at my house in Chesterfield, and during the same week sent them to Mr. S. Thomas, of Ranmoor, and also showed Mr. A. Knights them in the tower at Chesterfield, on Tuesday, February 9th, when we met for practice. The peal was also attempted at Ranmoor the same month, or very early in March. This, I think, should prove that Mr. Craven is the original author. G. W. BEMROSE.

SIR,—The figures of the peal claimed by Mr. G. R. Pye, were given to me at Bolsover, on Saturday, February 13th, 1904, by Mr. Craven, and I attempted to call it at Ranmoor on the 26th of March, the next opportunity not presenting itself until September 16th, when it was rung at Shepshed. This is a plain statement of facts, which should prove that Mr. Craven has certainly a strong claim to the authorship. SAM. THOMAS.

#### "TOUR IN LANCASHIRE."

SIR,—I am requested to inform our friend Mr. J. R. Pritchard, that what George Crute told him is not accepted in Liverpool as sufficient evidence that the Stedman Cinques, rung in 1863, was found to be false. I have the testimony of Mr. Isaac Meadows, who rang with the late John Heron throughout his lifetime, and rang in all Crute's handbell peals, who states there was no charge of false composition brought against the peal; and the alleged wrangling and disagreement only existed in Mr. Pritchard's imagination. That the ringing was bad has been generally allowed, and for my part, I do not care for such twelve bell ringing as that done in so short a time. But in recent years, peals have been rung in practically the same time at Bristol. Can Mr. Pritchard explain, why it can be done in Bristol (with a tenor some 9 cwt. heavier) and not in Liverpool. If old records are to be wiped out through such statements as those produced, where are we to stop. Mr. Pritchard's memory must be failing him. Did he never see the Liverpool Youths' Peal Book, or hear of a beautifully written record of a peal headed by a picture of the three towers of St. Nicholas, St. Peter's, and St. Luke's, which records the 1828 peal of Stedman Cinques; and there is good reason to believe that the composition was one of the late Mr. Henry Cooper, of Birmingham, who called the opening peal of Grandsire Cinques in Liverpool. This seems probable, as the composer's name is omitted from the peal board, and in other cases, they all say "composed and conducted by William Thistlewood." In conclusion, we hope before long to invite Mr. Pritchard and his Ashton friends to hear the third peal of Stedman Cinques rung in Liverpool, although like theirs, it may not be rung by a local band. WILLIAM DAVIES, Steeplekeeper, St. Nicholas.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1905.

OUR friends will bear in mind that the dedication of Harlow new bells takes place on Tuesday next, and on the following day they will be available to ringers from all parts. We have been interested in this Harlow enterprise from the first; and would like to inoculate many of our friends with similar warmth and appreciation. The increase of bells should be dear to all ringers. If the Exercise at large has helped this movement, in response to our appeals, it will bring credit on us all, for such endeavours we should help by every means in our power. A local ringer, we hear, has cheerfully given from his substance a bountiful sum towards the bells; and it is hoped that many, if they have not already contributed to such a good work, will emulate him when they visit Harlow on Wednesday.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, October 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, SOUTHWARK,

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

HENRY W. KIRTON† .. Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 6.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT .. .. 7.
D'OYLEY S. SIMONS* .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method. †Fiftieth peal.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK EDWARD HYLAND* Treble.	FRANK CHARLES NEWMAN 5.
EDWARD TAYLOR† .. .. 2.	ARTHUR JOHN NEALE .. 6.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
SAMUEL JOHN BIRD .. .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the Nelson centenary; also as a birthday compliment to F. H. Gooch on completing his 44th year.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
GEORGE PAICE .. .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung in honour of the Nelson Centenary.

## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 3.	*WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 8.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 9.
REGINALD EDWARDS* .. 5.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung to celebrate Trafalgar Day; also as a birthday compliment to W. Weatherstone, who completed his 65th year. †First peal of Stedman Caters. \*First peal in the method.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.  
Tenor 27 cwt.

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 6.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PRYOR .. .. 7.
CHARLES PRYOR* .. .. 3.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 8.
ERNEST PRYOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 9.
ERNEST BONFIELD .. .. 5.	*WILLIAM J. NORTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

\*First peal on ten b. lls. Rung in honour of the Nelson centenary.

## The Provinces.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES WANE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. MASON .. 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON .. .. 2.	HENRY HORNER .. .. 6.
JOHN MCKELL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLOWS .. 7.
ROBERT JENNISON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BILLOWS.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK LONG .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CATCHPOLE .. 4.
DANIEL PRENTICE .. .. 2.	HARRY WELHAM .. .. 5.
EDGAR RIVERS .. .. 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES GREEN .. .. Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS* .. 2.	ALFRED J. REDMOND .. 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. .. 6.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 3.	THOMAS F. KING .. .. 7.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 4.	JAMES N. WAKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. F. KING.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. N. Wake, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ELIJAH PAGETT* .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HINTON .. .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal of Bob Major.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

ALDERMAN LING .. .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. .. 4.
DAVID LEGGETT .. .. 2.	ROBERT SMY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. FISHER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

## WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5400 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Queen Bess, Royston Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, London Victory, Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Victory, Morning Star, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, City Delight, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EGERTON G. NICHOLLS .. Treble.	JOSIAH PANTHER .. .. 4.
ALBERT CROSSMAN .. .. 2.	ROBERT J. RICKETTS .. 5.
ARTHUR PANTHER .. .. 3.	ALBERT NASH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

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## ROMSEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lbs.

FREDERICK H. PASKINS .. Treble.	SERGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM G. T. FOWLER .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 5.
FRANCIS E. BRADSHAW* .. 2.	THOMAS PEERS .. .. 6.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. 3.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 7.
JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\*Elected a member before starting.

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

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYN HILL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
JAMES LITTLE* .. .. 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 6.
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. 4.	†ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Treble Bob.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON .. .. 5.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. .. 2.	EDGAR BAILEY .. .. 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON .. .. 7.
NORMAN BAILEY .. .. 4.	*CHARLES BAILEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method as conductor.

## CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. KNIGHT* .. .. Treble	T. WYATT .. .. 4.
E. GOULDSTONE† .. .. 2.	*G. TIPPETT .. .. 5.
F. DERRICK* .. .. 3.	E. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. KNIGHT.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

## HAVANT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. Treble.	*ANDREW COLLINS .. .. 5.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
CHARLES GROVES .. .. 3.	EDWARD J. HARDING .. 7.
JOHN SYMONS .. .. 4.	GEORGE INSTRALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Nelson Centenary :—

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES SAUNDERS .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	JAMES THOMAS .. .. 6.
ALBERT GOULDING .. .. 3.	JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 7.
NOAH REES .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the late Bishop of Gloucester.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

PETER INCE .. .. Treble.	PETER NUTTALL .. .. 5.
FRED HAUGHTON .. .. 2.	TOM BLEAKLEY .. .. 6.
ANDREW NUTTALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 7.
FRED MORRIS .. .. 4.	*JAS. CONSTANTINE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

\*First peal

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## SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

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

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

C. TBRUSH .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
F. FARRANT .. .. 2.	J. A. CHILCOTT .. .. 6.
SAM MASON .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	*J. GOULD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

\*First peal.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

BEN REED .. .. Treble.	LIONEL SHOORBRIDGE .. 5.
CHARLES PLAYER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 6.
ERNEST WILSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 7.
ERNEST BURGESS .. .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDBE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the late Bishop of Gloucester (Dr. Ellicott), who was interred in Birchington churchyard on that day. Messrs. Collison and Goldbe were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

## BARNESLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES DALTON POTTER Treble.	†ROBERT JOHN RICKETTS .. 5.
ALBERT CROSSMAN† .. 2.	GEORGE SYKES TYAS .. 6.
ARTHUR PANTHER† .. 3.	*ALBERT LISTER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR RACKHAM* .. 4.	†ALBERT NASH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

\*Proposed members previous to starting, and first peal. †First peal of Major.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

JOHN POOLE* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 5.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 2.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 6.
ALBERT F. HAWKES† .. 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 7.
ERNEST DAWSON .. .. 4.	FREDK. G. RADLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

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

## REDHILL, SURREY.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 5.
JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 2.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 6.
ARTHUR BASHFORD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 7.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 4.	HARRY W. EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

## FARNHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LOWMAN* .. Treble.	ALFRED BAIGENT .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. SMITH .. .. 2.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 6.
THOMAS UPSHALL .. .. 3.	*CHARLES EDWARDS .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN. 4.	*ERNEST BOWDITCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN.

\*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

## FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED LEADER* .. .. Treble.	EDWIN T. HOOPER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WILDER .. .. 2.	EDWARD W. BUTLER .. 6.
GEORGE T. LEADER† .. 3.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

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

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

SAMUEL TAYLOR (R.N.)† .. Treble.	WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 5.
ALEXANDER OSBORNE† .. 2.	JAMES TULETT .. .. 6.
FREDK. A. HOLDEN (R.M.) 3.	†WILLIAM HUNT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. The Dean of Rochester (Dr. E. Lane, visited the belfry and complimented the ringers on their excellent peal.

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## SALISBURY, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY .. .. Treble.	GILBERT NEALE .. .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. .. 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING .. .. 3.	SERGT.-MAJOR A. PYE .. .. 7.
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Conducted by SERGT.-MAJOR ALFRED PYE.

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BRATHAY (Lancashire).—On August 3rd, two 720s of Plain Bob. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodward, W. Robinson, J. Holme, B. Hawkrigg. On August 7th, 720 Kent. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Robinson, G. Purdon, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. 720 Violet. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodward, W. Robinson, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. Another 720 in the same method. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Robinson, F. Woodward, G. Purdon, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. On August 21st 720 Violet. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Robinson, F. Woodward, G. Purdon, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. 720 Woodbine. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodward, W. Robinson, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. On August 28th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, F. Woodward, W. Robinson, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite.

DALTON (Lancashire).—On August 15th, at the parish church, 720

Violet, 720 Kent and 720 Oxford, in 1 hr. 21 mins. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, T. Woodend, W. Robinson, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Tuesday, October 17th, after a confirmation service at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. B. Hunt, S. Willshire, T. Daniels, L. Taylor conductor. A. Knight, W. Hulbert, F. Merrrett, A. Aland.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 15th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Langdon, E. Brett, F. Perrin, D. Gummer, W. G. Matthews, H. Kirton, J. Jarvis conductor, A. Church.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 27th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. G. Gray, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, T. J. Watts. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's). G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. J. Watts first quarter-peal as conductor, G. Greenhill. On Sunday, October 1st, for morning service, 608 London Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, A. F. James, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, N. J. Pistow W. Watts conductor.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, October 1st, for Divine Service in the afternoon, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Jordan, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Waite conductor, W. Watts. After service 720 in the same method. J. Gardiner, G. Gray, R. Milton, J. Luckey, W. White, W. Watts conductor.

GREAT HORKESELEY (Essex).—On Sunday, October 22nd, for the morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Plain Bob. After service 720 Double Court Bob. For the afternoon service 720 Plain Bob. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor

WIVENHOE (Essex).—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob. After the service, 720 Double Court. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Bowell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

ARELEY KINGS Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 9th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. E. Day, S. J. Hughes, W. Murray, H. Mills, E. J. Brown conductor, T. Lowe. After a short touch of Stedman Doubles five of the local band took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, T. Elcock, J. Reynolds conductor, C. Beaman, S. J. Hughes.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 24th, at the Abbey, for Evensong, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. T. Strudwick, J. Jackson, F. W. Stokes, A. Hall, F. Cryer conductor, H. Fairlam, A. Midgell, J. Birdsall. After service, on handbells, 120 in the same method. A. Hall, F. W. Stokes conductor, F. Cryer. On Sunday, October 1st, for Evensong, 336 Grandsire Triples. L. Parnham, F. Cryer, F. Welbourn, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Sunday, September 17th, for evening service, 588 Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, F. Larkey, J. Aspinwall, A. Lovell, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Counce conductor, R. Walker. On Friday, September 22nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, E. Counce, J. Aspinwall, W. Hargreaves, W. Booth, T. Hammond, jun., A. Lovell conductor, S. Stewart. On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Hammond, jun., E. Counce, J. Aspinwall, G. Dickinson, T. W. Stewart, J. Martin, A. Lovell conductor, R. Walker.

WEST DERBY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 17th, after evening service at St. James's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Counce, J. Aspinwall, W. Booth, G. R. Newton conductor, A. Lovell, S. W. Stuart.

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THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Saturday, September 2nd, this Society had their annual ringing outing, Dorking and Guildford being the towns visited. Leaving Reading at 9 o'clock we reached Dorking soon after 10, and made our way to St. Martin's church. Here we found the steeplekeeper, Mr. E. Dodd, busy preparing for us to start ringing. The bells, which are a lovely ring of eight, were soon tapping off a touch of Stedman, after which several more were rung in Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. W. Osborne and J. Swain respectively. A move was then made for dinner, which needless to say was done ample justice to. Train time arriving we left Dorking on the return journey to Guildford, arriving there soon after three o'clock, being met by Mr. J. Hunt, who very kindly conducted the party to Holy

Trinity church. Here again some very good touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, conducted by C. Giles and A. W. Osborne. Time not allowing very much more ringing before tea, we were soon enjoying that most refreshing beverage, all wanting a cup very badly. The party then dispersed, some one way some another, having an hour to spare before going to the church of St. Nicholas. Here we were met by one of the local ringers, who very kindly showed us into the ringing chamber, a very spacious one, with ten ropes waiting for us to handle. They were soon off—eight of them—into a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by touches of Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich Major, assisted by two of the local ringers. The hour allowed for ringing here soon slipped away, and having about another hour to wait for train time we had a short look round and a pleasant talk over ringing times, etc. Then the return journey was

commenced, arriving home just before 11 o'clock, all expressing themselves greatly pleased with the day's proceedings, the weather, ringing and arrangements leaving nothing to be desired. W. P. Routh, esq., who was among the party, very kindly defrayed the cost of the tea. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly did their share to make them welcome; also to the clergy for the use of their respective bells, and they hope to spend another such a very pleasing day's ringing another year. A. W. H. O.

THE ST. EDMUND'S SOCIETY, NORTHAMPTON.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Saturday, July 29th. It was decided this year to have a drive out into the country and visit a few of the village churches. A start was made about 8.30, Towcester being the first place to stop at, where, after partaking of light refreshment, a visit was paid to the tower, and a few touches of Grandsire Doubles were got through. A move was then made to Whittlebury, where the bells were soon tuning out to some more Grandsire Doubles. Time not allowing a very long stay here a move was made for Wicken, where a hot dinner was awaiting them. The inner man refreshed the handbells were brought out and some Grandsire Triples rung with the help of two friends. The tower was then visited, where some of the local band had assembled, touches of Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being rung. Then on to Stony Stratford, where a few more touches of Bob Minor were rung, this being the last ringing item for the day. Thoughts of home was the next item on the programme, which was reached about 11 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks are due to the various church officials for the use of the bells. J. M.

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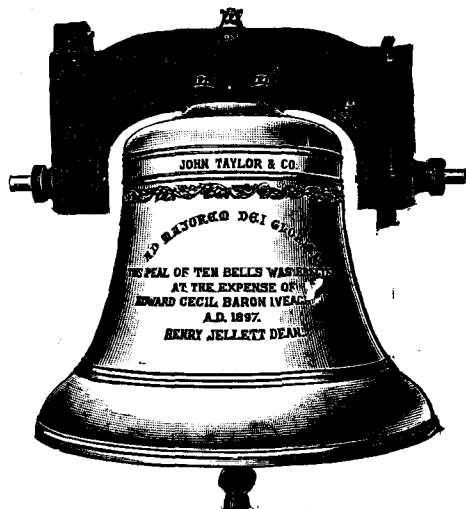
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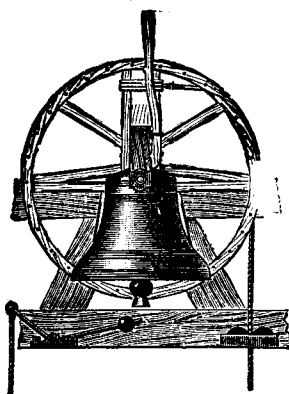
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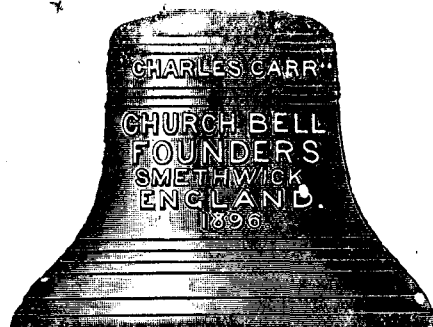
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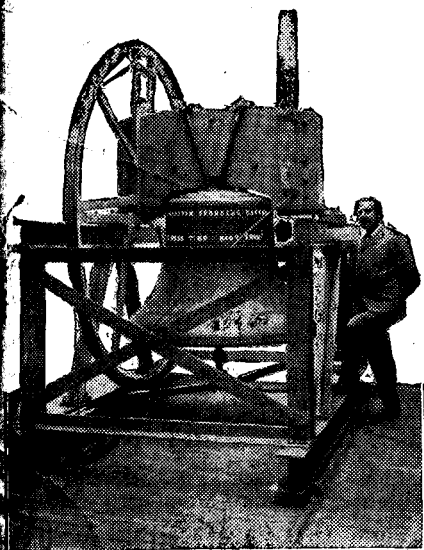
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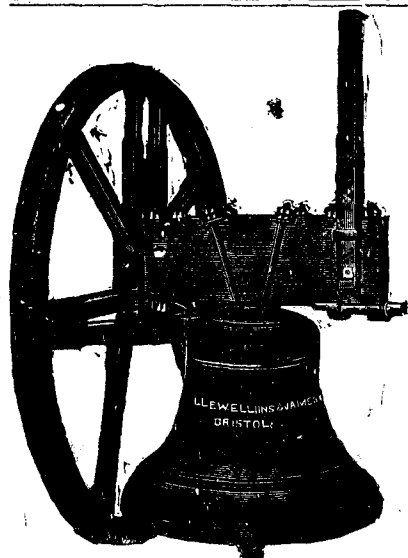
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

LONDON. St. John's, S.E. Kent County Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1874. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897, good. "Standard" Methods. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.30.

LYMINGTON (Dorsetshire). St. Thomas a Becket. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor, 1900. No information as to the 6th; the rest by Wells, 1786.

MARSHAM (Norfolk). All Saints. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears, 1842; 3rd by Newman, 1703; tenor 7 cwt., by Brend, 1621; the rest by Dobson, 1824. Bells are not ringable. No further information.

MERTHYR TYDFIL (Glamorganshire). St. Tydfil. Llandaff Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1896. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1896. Method; Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice; Tuesday, 8. Visitors are welcome.

NEWPORT PAGNELL (Bucks.) SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells; 7th and tenor by Mears, 1816 and 1819 respectively; 3rd by Lester, 1769; the rest by the same, 1749. Tenor 22 cwt. No further information.

OLNEY (Bucks.) SS. Peter and Paul. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Howell, 1903; 3rd and tenor by Bagley, 1682; 5th by the same, 1822; 4th a pre-Reformation bell; 6th by Alton, 1631; 7th by Russell, 1733. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Howell, 1903. Ropes new 1903. Method; Bob Major. No further information.

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On a recent Tuesday evening the work was tested by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, in which Messrs. Matthews, Milsom, Tull, and Palmer of Midgham, and Mr. Smith, of Aldermaston, took part.

## WEST HAM, ESSEX.

The reopening of this ring of ten took place on Saturday, October 21st, Nelson's Day, when the following towers were represented: Hornchurch, Loughton, Leytonstone, Romford, Wanstead, Woodford, and the local company. The work of re-hanging the bells, and strengthening of the frame, has been ably carried out, and the go of the bells reflects great credit upon the bell-hangers. The bells were raised about 4.30, and kept going until 8 o'clock in Grandsire Triples, Caters, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The tower also has been restored at a cost of about £600.

## PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF GRANTHAM.

About four years ago, the vicariate of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, being vacant, it was offered and accepted by the Rev. Welbore MacCarthy, formerly Archdeacon of Calcutta, who, upon his appointment to the living, was made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral and Rural Dean. During his residence in Gainsborough he has worked extremely hard, and made a great many improvements in matters connected with the parish church, among which were necessary reforms in the belfry, for which all true ringers in the neighborhood are very grateful. A few weeks ago he was offered the living of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and by the express wish of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, accepted the same. A little later His Majesty the King was pleased to appoint him Bishop-Suffragan of Grantham, in the See of Lincoln, and he was consecrated at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by other Bishops, on October 18th, and will shortly leave Gainsborough to take up his residence in Grantham.

On Tuesday evening, October 24th, his lordship visited the tower to say good-bye to his ringers, when Mr. P. O. Bixby in the name of the members thanked him for the kindly interest he had taken in their Guild, and on their behalf asked him to accept a small gift as a mark of their gratitude to and affection for him. The present was a

handsome brass inkstand. His lordship thanked Mr. Bixby for his kind words, and the members for what he called a useful present, and gave them excellent and practical advice. In the course of a short but interesting speech he said: "Of all the work that I have undertaken in the parish, and which by God's grace I have been able to accomplish, none has given me so much satisfaction as the reforms that have been made in the belfry." He then urged the members to push on, persevere, and become expert change-ringers, and to take no notice of reports and predictions which were being circulated." For, said he, "I can assure you that no alteration will be made in the constitution of the Guild either by me or by my successor, and if any one attempts to alter it I shall consider it a great slight to myself." He also stated that probably he would occasionally visit Gainsborough, and that if convenient he would pay a visit to them in the tower, and that undoubtedly opportunities would arise when the practical experience he had gained in Gainsborough would be of great service to him, when advising on matters affecting belfries and ringers.

### A QUAIN RINGING CUSTOM.

Having heard that for three or four consecutive Sundays the bells of the parish church, Corringham, Lincolnshire, were rung at the close of the morning service, my curiosity prompted me to ascertain the cause. Meeting a parishioner, I interrogated him, and the following conversation took place:—"Why were Corringham bells rung last Sunday after morning service?"—"Because there was a 'spurring'."

"A spurring! What do you mean? I don't understand you."—"Don't you know? I thought everybody knew what a 'spurring' is. Why, a 'spurring' means an 'axing' in church. Mr. S—the 'churchwarder,' can tell you all about it, because he is a ringer."

Later, I interviewed the "churchwarder," who explained that for many years it has been customary at Corringham, whenever the "banns of marriage" are published for the first and third times, for the ringers present to repair to the tower immediately after service, and ring a short touch.

He also informed me that, an old and respected inhabitant of that village was in the habit, during his lifetime, when present at church, immediately after the publishing of the banns, to rise, and in an audible voice say, "God speed them well."

Undoubtedly there exist in various places many curious ringing customs, accounts of which would possibly interest and amuse many of your numerous readers. May I suggest that those who know of the existence of any such quaint customs, be invited to forward accounts of the same to you for publication in "THE BELL NEWS."

P. O. BIXBY.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Thursday, October 18th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, being the first on the bells. A. Rainbird C. Sheldon, A. Rainbird conductor, R. Mison, E. Drake.

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### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the above Association was held at Heathfield on Saturday, October 21st. There was a capital attendance, the following towers being represented: Christ Church, Eastbourne; Christ Church, Blacklands; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Pevensey; Mayfield; Hellingley; Southover, Lewes; St. Nicholas, Brighton; and Waldron, in addition to representatives from the local band. The bells were raised about 3.30, and good practice was had in the four Standard methods until 5.30, when the members present, numbering twenty-five, adjourned to The Star hotel, where a first-rate tea had been provided, and to which ample justice was done. In the absence of the Vicar—the Rev. Canon Pennethorne—Mr. G. Howse, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, presided at the tea, and at the business meeting which followed. The following new members were elected: Rev. S. F. Borrow, of Christ Church, St. Leonards (an annual hon. member); Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Whyke Regis, Weymouth (Life Member); and Messrs. C. Gatland and A. Harfey, of Christ Church, Eastbourne.

It was proposed by Mr. A. Gower, and seconded by Mr. Piper, that the next quarterly peal be one of Grandsire Triples, that it be rung at Christ Church, Eastbourne, and that Mr. G. H. Howse be asked to conduct it. This was carried unanimously, it being left for those desirous of taking part in it to send their names to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Penfold, and carried. The Secretary proposed, and Mr. Stroud seconded, and the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Howse for his able conduct in the chair. In thanking the members for their expression of goodwill to him, he congratulated them upon turning up in such goodly numbers, by doing which he assured them they were rendering the work of the officials more pleasing and encouraging.

The meeting then adjourned for further ringing, the bells being kept going until eight o'clock.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The autumn meeting of the above Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and a service was held in All Saints church at 4.30, the lesson being read by the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), and the address given by the Rector (Rev. B. Long). The company then adjourned to All Saints Church Rooms where about fifty sat down to a substantial tea, the Mayor of Wokingham, N. C. Mylne, Esq., being in the chair, being supported on his right by the Master, and on his left by the Rector of Wokingham. Among the company were S. S. Mellvill, Esq. (churchwarden), the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, E. Broome, E. J. G. Forse, Messrs. W. Pole Routh, W. Newell, J. Swain, S. Paice, G. Martin, A. W. Osborne, G. J. Wright, and A. E. Reeves (Assistant-Secretary). After tea another move was made to the belfry, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—Established 1637.—The 268th Anniversary Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge. S.E. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. W. H. L. Bucking, ham, Burden, Dale, E. A. Davies, Dawe-Garrard, Golding, Harman, Horrex, Hughes, H. Langdon, T. Maynard, Newton, O'Meara, Peck, Pettit, G. N. Price, Prime, Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, Taffender, Winney, M. A. Wood, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 o'clock. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, November 2nd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 7th. After the latter, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Bolton, to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 o'clock. The President has promised to attend. G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Devizes Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Melksham to-day, Saturday, November 4th, at 3 p.m. E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Branch Sec.

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held on Monday, November 6th, at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 4. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., the Rev. W. W. Hough presiding. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than the first post on Wednesday, November 8th. Half-railway fares allowed up to 2s.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.  
1, Belmont Cottages, Green Lane, Chislehurst.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 11th. Cathedral bells available from 2 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumpers restaurant at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A meeting of the committee will be held immediately after the General Meeting. JAMES W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest, on November 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held

at Colne, on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 14th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30. Every member who can make it convenient, is earnestly requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester Street, Oxford Road, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells ready at 4 Meeting at 7. W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch Church Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, December 2nd next. Bells available 2 p.m. A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held on Saturday, October 14, at Holy Trinity, Hulme, when, considering the bad state of the weather, over forty put in an appearance from Ashton, Hyde, Reddish, Pendleton, Eccles, Miles Platting, Stretford, Didsbury, Rusholme, Manchester Town Hall, and St. John, Worsley, and the local company. The meeting was further brightened by the local company inviting the visitors to tea which was much appreciated, the Vicar and churchwardens sitting down with the company. After tea the Vicar welcomed the association to his parish, and he was supported by one of the wardens, when the visitors adjourned to church for shortened evensong, the business meeting following, at which the Vicar and four of his ringers were elected members, and also one from the Town Hall.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed to 36, Saudringham Road, South Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Mr. William Horne has changed his address, viz:—c/o E. A. Goulding, Esq., M.P., Wargrave Hall, Twyford, Berks.

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

## THE BEDS. AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Gale's letter concerning the resolution passed by the Beds. Association re the Bedford and District Amalgamated Society, I may state that the discussion was upon the words recorded in B.N., and not upon the resolution as given by Mr. Gale. I stood in the Cumberlands peal rang at Luton, and have not heard a word said against that by any one; we hope to have the Cumberlands down again to assist us to ring a Beds. Association peal. I am inclined to believe that the majority of members in the Bedfordshire Association would prefer to ring on the "quid pro quo" system with other counties, and thus have some visible means of the "entente."

Now Sir, we will put the case as short as we can. On Saturday, June 10th, at Harrold, Beds., we formed a small society to hold monthly meetings, to visit towers not visited by the Beds. Association, and try to work up some enthusiasm for the art in this district. It was expressively stated that it was not a peal-ringing association (notice the list of peals rung in Beds. this year). The report in B.N. stated that "the rules are of a formal character, stating the objects of the society, the meetings to be held monthly, conditions of membership, etc., and one rule stating expressively that the society do in every way possible help and assist the Bedfordshire Association."

A peal has been rung by the St. Peter's company, Bedford, as an Amalgamated peal. That is what, and rightly so, the Beds. Association objects to, and that is what was discussed at Dunstable. That is how St. Peter's company got, as Mr. Gale puts it, their teeth cut. Mr. Gale thinks an undertaker may be called in. He is a member of both societies, and it is his duty, as a member, to do his utmost to prevent the decay of either. A copy of the rules was given to him on Saturday, October 14th, the conductor of the peal in question received one three months ago. Any other person interested in ringing can receive the same by applying to me.

Mr. Gale finishes his letter with the capitals R.I.P. That must mean, not a Latin quotation familiar to our Roman Catholic brethren and to some Protestants, but—Rise In Power. That is our wish regarding change-ringing in Bedfordshire, that is the aim of our baby society regarding the Beds. Association. I am open to correction, but I think every member of the B and D.A.S. is a member of the parent association.

We are doing what at the present time, the Beds. Association cannot do; we desire to organise change-ringing in this district, to abolish stoney, and to get bands to take up scientific change-ringing, to obtain fresh members for, and to strengthen the hands of the Beds. Association. And we believe that each member has as his motto the motto of the Beds. Association: "Floreat in Aeternum Scientia Campanalogia."

JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—Members can ring peals under the name of the B. and D.A.S. if the same are booked to the Beds. Association. Please notice B.N. for methods of publishing.

## "THE TOUR IN LANCASHIRE."

SIR,—Mr. Davies, in his letter last week, has given all the information required, viz.: that the peal (so called) at Liverpool in 1863 was bad (therefore no peal at all). The correct note therefore to the Ashton peal should read: "First peal of Stedman Cinques by the Association; first peal rung single-handed in the county; and second in the county."

With regard to the composition, are there no other old ringers contemporary with the composer who can bear my statement out? I think I can find a few, although it is hardly worth while arguing this question so long as the peal was admittedly bad.

I do not and certainly did not contradict the 1828 peal, I only threw a doubt on the time of its performance. (The question of Bristol does not apply, as I think it was found, when the Bristol tenor was taken down and weighed, that it was something like half-a-ton (or more) lighter than reputed.) Does Mr. Davies think that St. Nicholas bells were rung through a peal

at 24½ per minute, and that when they were at their best? If he does I don't. His reference again to the supposition that the 1828 peal was one by Cooper of Birmingham, who composed the opening peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells (thirteen or fourteen years before) is rather unfortunate, as the Grandsire peal has been found out to be false. I think the figures are in evidence to prove this. Is the Stedman peal ditto?

Again, I cannot accuse my memory of deceiving me of a thing that I never knew the existence of. If he has seen the original peal book of the Liverpool Youths Society, he has certainly the advantage of me, and I may say scores of others. I would like to ask him to look again and see if his assertion is correct, that the record is embellished with the pictures of St. Nicholas, St. Peter, and St. Luke. If this is correct, why St. Luke? There was no such church in existence in 1828. A building there certainly was, and an iron bell frame bearing the date 1828 by Gillibrand, of Liverpool, is in the tower. The bells were bought from a church in Manchester, and were rung for the first time on St. George's day (April 23rd), 1829, while the church was not consecrated until 1831, and the first recorded peal (in the tower) was not rung until 23 years later (1852). The record of the 1828 peal, therefore, is posthumous, and the time of ringing must have been in the recorder's imagination.

In conclusion, I will be pleased (D.V.) to accept Mr. Davies's invitation to listen to the third peal of Stedman Cinques in Liverpool; but, if it is all the same to him, he might invite me to listen to the second first. However, I am pleased to think that, his invitation conveys the idea that something is at last being done to put the oldest peal of 12 in the county in order.

JOHN R. FRITCHARD.

## AUTHORSHIP OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I should like to point out to Messrs. Craven, Bemrose, and Thomas that the above was handed to me by my brother on Saturday, February 6th, after I returned home from an attempt for a peal at Southwark. I sent the figures on to Mr. Lindoff the same week. Mr. Bemrose says Mr. Knights saw the peal on February 9th. I should like to inform Mr. Bemrose that I met Mr. Knights at Putney on March 1st. I told him about the peal my brother had, and he said: "Craven had a peal something like that, he thought, but he had not seen it."

I suppose Mr. Craven is aware that it's a recognised thing that he who publishes a composition first claims it. I must say I am surprised at him trying to claim a peal after it has been twice rung, and published in two association reports.

W. PYE.

## Obituary.

## HENRY BRADSHAW.

We deeply regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Barthomley, Cheshire, on Sunday, October 22nd, at the age of seventy-five, after a very short illness. Deceased was a member of the parish church company for over fifty years, and was most regular in his attendances. He never mastered the art of ringing on an inner bell, always being content with the treble. At the funeral, which took place on Wednesday, October 25th, the local company followed him to his last resting-place. Previously a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a last mark of respect. May he rest in peace.

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On Monday, October 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES :

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES E. HART .. 1-2	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3-4	CHARLES DRAPER .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

Referee—Samuel Maskrey, who checked each lead-end. Witness—G. Basson.

**Date Touches.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

LAWTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening October 22nd, at All Saints church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1905 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Hancock, E. Harper, W. F. Hartshorne, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. Wildblood, W. Rigby, W. Leeson. Arranged and conducted by W. F. Hartshorne.

**Miscellaneous.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MAIDENHEAD (Berks.).—On Tuesday, October 5th, at All Saints, Boyn Hill, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Little, A. Walker, T. Price, H. Cox, M. Smither, G. Martin, J. Eldridge, H. Jones.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Brooks, J. Richards, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, L. Fidler. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On October 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Gibbs, A. Hill, H. Salisbury, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, E. Gibbs. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Gibbs, A. Hill, E. Gibbs, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, H. Salisbury. And 360 each of College Single and Canterbury Minor.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

NORTHAMPTON.—On Monday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 509 Stedman Caters. T. Harris, F. Hopper, T. Harris, W. Rogers, W. Farey, H. Key, S. Lawrence, W. Roberts, F. Wilford, E. James. On Wednesday, October 25th, at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wills, H. Blundell, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, J. Mackay, H. Smith, J. Metherell conductor, E. Haxley.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, October 30th, for practice at the parish church, 1280 Double Norwich. F. Webb, W. Sadler, R. Roper, C. H. Howard, E. Clayton, J. T. Barker, W. Grimwade, A. B. Wiffen conductor.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1024 New Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich. W. Prior, G. Jordan, F. Webb, T. J. Watts, S. R. Roper, G. Sentance, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

**THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Rose, G. Goacher, E. James, G. T. Sarel, G. Butcher, W. Biggin conductor, J. Allen, A. Slater. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. James.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Freeland, G. Edser, sen., A. Woodrow, F. J. Shepherd conductor, T. Cutforth, C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, R. J. Polley.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, October 3rd, at St. Michael's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Elcombe, F. Faskins, C. Hayter, R. White,

J. Walker, G. Newman, W. G. Fowler conductor, T. Hayter. Also a 210 with J. Walker, 4; R. White (conductor), 4; the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

GOSPORT (Hants.).—On Sunday morning, October 8th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Gardener, H. Ford, H. Reynolds, B. Brown, A. Clark, B. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, J. White.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, sen., composer and conductor. W. H. Lowman, T. Upshall, A. Smith, A. Baigent, E. Bowditch. On Thursday, October 19th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Upshall, T. Upshall, E. Bowditch, H. Garfath, sen., conductor, A. Baigent, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards, H. Kimber.

GOSPORT (Hants.).—On September 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Clark, B. Ford, H. Reynolds, B. Clark, H. Reynolds, B. Clark, H. Westbrook, H. Taylor, J. Whiting conductor, R. Fuge. On September 17th, for evening service, 500 Grandsire Triples. H. Reynolds, B. Ford, R. Brown, H. Westbrook, A. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, B. Clark, J. White.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday, September 24th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sheaff, C. R. Millway, C. Turner, E. Potter, H. Last, H. Saywell, R. Stainer conductor, C. Sheaff.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 29th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, S.W., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Harvest Festival, in 48 mins. E. Weaver, G. Channer, F. T. Gover, T. Channer, J. Thimblethorpe, E. E. Phillips, E. Jones conductor, C. Teasdale.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds.).—On Tuesday, October 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. McCubin, L. Rickett, W. Seabrook, J. Nash, W. Webb, G. Bonfield conductor, W. Botsford, J. Clements.

OVERBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 8th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Whittle, E. Devereux conductor, A. Devereux, W. Payne, L. Nicholls, W. Ricketts. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Whittle, E. Devereux, A. Devereux, W. Payne, L. Nicholls conductor, W. Ricketts.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 15th, being the Dedication Festival at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. J. Perkins, H. W. Catterwell, G. R. Pye, J. Cottis, A. J. Carter, E. Pye, W. Watson conductor, R. Vyse. On Sunday, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, was rung in honour of W. Pye's wedding, which took place at Leytonstone on the Saturday previous. G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. W. Catterwell, G. R. Pye composer and conductor, A. J. Carter, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, E. Pye. His brother ringers wish him every happiness.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. J. Armstrong, H. E. Balaam, G. Bester, E. G. Tomlinson, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade, W. Pickworth.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 22nd, at St. Bartholomew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 48 mins. A. J. Wallater, H. Tinsley, E. J. Tyler, J. Tyler, C. Wallater, J. Malpass, J. Bates, G. Hughes conductor, J. Lawton, A. Blundell. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by all except the ringer of the 9th.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1905.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, October 14th, at the parish church, Brewwood, a good muster of ringers being present, representing the following towers in the archdeaconry:—Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wood Green, Walsall, Bloxwich, Tattenhall, Handsworth, Tipton, Darlaston, Blakenhall, and Brewwood. The bells were raised in peal, and during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich Major, were successfully brought round. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, when the Vicar, the Rev. C. Dunkley, instead of

preaching a sermon as is customary, gave a very interesting history of the fine old church, which was much appreciated by the members present. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, the chair being taken by the Vicar, at which some new ringing members, and the Rev. F. Tennison, a honorary member, were elected. An adjournment was then made to the Institute, where tea was in readiness, and ample justice having been done to the good things provided, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Godden, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, that the best thanks of the members be given to the Vicar for his very interesting description of the church, for the use of the bells, and for the use of the Institute for the tea, and to all those who had done so much to make the afternoon a enjoyable one. In responding the Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome the association to Brewood; and, as the time went on, he would very much like to see them there again. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Walsall, on the third Saturday in January, 1906.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 9.
MARK WOODCOCK .. 5.	REUBEN CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by H. P. HABMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Pye and Miss Charlotte Newman, the band wishing the heartiest congratulations and the best of luck.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALFRED R. SANDIFORD .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5.
HENRY GEORGE HILL .. 2.	WILLIAM JAMES ALDRIDGE .. 6.
ARTHUR JOHN NEALE .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 4.	ALBERT NORMAN BANGAY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE HILL.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the consecration at Southwark Cathedral of the Rev. Canon John Cox Leeke, M.A., as Bishop-Suffragan of Woolwich.

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7-8.

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#### ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. DEAN.

#### EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 19, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

J. LIVERMORE, JUN. .. Treble.	G. WATSON .. .. 5.
S. F. C. SAKER .. .. 2.	G. H. HOWSE .. .. 6.
A. GOWEE .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
G. PENFOLD .. .. 4.	E. GOWER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for getting them ready. This is one of the quarterly peals of the Association.

#### CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 20, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

NOBLE SPINDLOW .. Treble.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the eve of the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch of the above Guild at Witney, and of the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar.

#### LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL .. .. Treble.	ALFRED MILLIS .. .. 6.
LEONARD ALLEN .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. SMITH .. 7.
SAMUEL COTTON .. .. 3.	JOHN S. NEEDHAM .. 8.
FREDK. H. DEXTER .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. 9.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

First peal of Stedman on tower bells by all except the conductor and A. Millis. On account of the central position of St. Martin's church, permission to attempt peals is only granted on very rare special occasions, the last being at the Coronation of King Edward in 1902, when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

#### GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES HARDING .. Treble.	HARRY WRIGHT .. .. 5.
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WILLIAM A. ARNOTT .. 3.	JOHN GODFREY .. .. 7.
EDWARD R. TODD .. .. 4.	JOHN W. HARWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

## ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BOWEN .. .. Treble	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. 2.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS ELCOX .. .. 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

Rung on Trafalgar Day, and also on the occasion of the presentation to the Rector and Mrs. Vawdrey of a large silver bowl and pair of candlesticks, a gift from the parishioners after twenty-five years' work in the above parish; and in connection with their silver wedding.

## ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION (No. 1) Tenor 22½ cwt.

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A. TAYLOR .. .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. .. 4.	R. PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal of Stedman, aged 11 and 14 respectively.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

J. BUTLER .. .. Treble.	*T. J. BUTLER .. .. 5.
A. E. SELWYN* .. .. 2.	*J. PIPPIN .. .. 6.
G. H. ROBINSON* .. .. 3.	F. ATWELL .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BAKER .. .. 4.	†S. JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED ATWELL.

First peal as conductor. †First peal. \*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ellen Morwenna Martyn, only daughter of G. R. Martyn.

## WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRED TROTH* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 5.
JAMES P. SIMPSON .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. .. 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES

\*First peal. Rung to commemorate the Nelson Centenary.

## MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. .. 5.
GEORGE STAFF† .. .. 2.	*HARRY BUCKLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN W. FITTON .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH GREENWOOD .. 7.
EDWIN SCHOFIELD .. .. 4.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

First peal †First peal as conductor.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY .. .. Treble.	HARRY COOMBS .. .. 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	ROBERT MILES .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 4.	FRANK COLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

B. Debenham was elected an honorary member of the above society before starting for the peal, which was his first in this method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Pye, the company wishing him all happiness and prosperity in his married life.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DAVID ANSCOMBE .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 5.
HENRY SYCAMORE .. .. 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

This peal, which is a six-part, is now rung for the first time. It is the first in the method by all the band and by the Association.

## CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK BOSWELL* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. BOOTH .. 4.
JOHN LOVELL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. .. 5.
EDWIN S. MYNARD .. .. 3.	FREDERICK J. MYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

\*First peal on six bells.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

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

ERNEST OVERALL .. .. Treble.	CHARLES GALE .. .. 4.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. CARTER .. .. 5.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the Hertfordshire Association.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALKER .. .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. 7.
JAMES FERNLEY .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the ringers, and by the Guild. Rung by way of honouring a hard working member of the Exercise, Mr. William Pye, on the occasion of his marriage.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT PICKERING .. .. Treble.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 5.
ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. 2.	*DANIEL JONES .. .. 6.
THOMAS O'CONNOR† .. 3.	†HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 4.	THOMAS PERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. †First peal in the method as conductor.

## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALBERT GILBERT .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WILKERSON .. 4.
WILLIAM L. DARLOW .. 2.	ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 5.
ERNEST BONNETT .. .. 3.	ROBERT G. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Rung to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the County Association. First peal by all the band, and first on the bells by an entirely local band.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

THOMAS HUXLEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRICE .. .. 2.	JAMES MORGAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 3.	RICHARD JONES .. .. 7.
ROWE HUXLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

First peal of Triples on the bells, and the first by the local company.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
ALFRED WALLATER .. .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6.
JOSEPH ROBERTS .. .. 3.	†RICHARD DUNN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HINTON .. .. 4.	SAMUEL BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 2.	†HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES H. CLARKE† .. 4.	*HARRY HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 500th peal of Stedman conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. First peal on the bells. \*First peal in the method. Great credit is due to H. Harrison for the excellent manner in which he rang this badly hung tenor throughout the peal.

## ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	*FRED WATKINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 2.	*JOHN BROOK .. .. 6.
FRANK HILL* .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 4.	*GEORGE PIPES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SHARDLOW* .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 5.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. 2.	*JOHN SIDDALL .. .. 6.
HENRY GEORGE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MILLETT* .. .. 4.	ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

## MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY GEORGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. 5.
JOHN H. PAULSON* .. 2.	JOHN SIDDALL .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. 4.	*ALFRED CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The weight of the tenor at Rochester Cathedral is 26 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. without clapper and fittings, not 25 cwt. —The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Great Yarmouth and recorded last week, should read Edwin R. Todd, and not Edward.

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### THE HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

The first annual dinner (Wm. Verry commemoration) was held at The Red Lion hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 23rd. Forty-one ringers and friends sat down to an excellent dinner provided by host Sayers. After dinner an excellent programme was gone through. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. B. Clarke, of Endwood Court, Handsworth, Mr. W. H. Godden, Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, presided. The first toast given was that of "The King"; then a tune on the handbells by Messrs. Banks, Verry and Russam. The memory of the late William Verry was given in silence, the chairman dwelling upon the sterling qualities of deceased as a man in whose company no one need be ashamed.

Mr. Withers gave a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Double Norwich on the dulcimer. Mr. Reeves proposed

"Success to the Handsworth Ringers," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. R. Faux, to whom the meeting was so much indebted, remarking that he had been connected with the Handsworth ringers for fourteen years or more, and had done and would do what he could to advance their progress.

A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung in hand by A. P. Smith, H. Withers, J. Carter, T. Russam, S. Reeves.

Mr. R. Faux, in reply, said he had known deceased for over forty years, and could speak as to the sterling worth of him as an outspoken man, eccentric and odd in his manner, but genuine as a man.

Messrs. Banks, Verry and Workman gave a selection on the handbells. A course of Grandsire Triples by H. Withers, J. Carter, J. George, A. P. Smith. Time getting on Mr. S. Reeves gave "The health of the Chairman." Mr. George seconded. After singing Auld Lang Syne

the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

### FESTIVITY.

On Saturday evening, September 16th, the ringers of St. Cadoc's church, Pontypool, were very kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Davies at The Mason's Arms, Trevethin. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

The Vicar, who presided, proposed The Health of the host and hostess, to which Mr. Davies suitably responded.

During the evening Mr. W. Williams, on behalf of the ringers, took the opportunity of presenting Mr. S. Rogers (the Captain) with a beautifully engraved walking stick, as a slight token of the valuable services he has rendered in the belfry.

Mr. Rogers, who was quite taken by surprise, said he would always be ready and willing to do all that lay in his power to further the interest of ringing.

Mr. Davies proposed "The Health of the Vicar and Churchwardens," the Vicar responding.

A vote of thanks to the chairman having been passed, a most pleasant evening came to a close.

### WOOLWICH TOWN HALL.

The large tower clock has been completed some time, but was only formally started on October 28th. It has four illuminated dials, and is fitted with all modern improvements. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. The party journeyed by the eight o'clock train from Guildford, and arrived at Waterloo about 9.30, where they were met by Mr. C. F. Winney, who had made excellent arrangements for the day. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells at St. John's, Waterloo Road, St. George's, Southwark, and St. Magnus, London Bridge; and permission having been obtained the party were shown over the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral, and viewed Great Paul. After lunch the party again visited the Cathedral and the Tower Bridge, and in the evening South Kensington Museum, returning by the 10.15 train after having spent a most instructive and enjoyable day. The company desire to thank the steeplekeepers at the different churches visited, and Mr. Winney for his great kindness throughout the day.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, R. C. Ford, W. Alcock, F. Kennett, F. Medhurst, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, held on 2nd March, 1905.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147. INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
Claims for	..	..	..	147,936	16	5	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
	..	..	..				Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
	..	..	..				Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
	..	..	..				Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	7,303,050	5	2
	..	..	..				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
	..	..	..				Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
	..	..	..				Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
	..	..	..				Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..			
	..	..	..				Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
	..	..	..				London bonds	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
	..	..	..				Bank of England stock	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
	..	..	..				Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
	..	..	..				Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
	..	..	..				Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
	..	..	..				Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
	..	..	..				Rent Charges	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
	..	..	..				Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
	..	..	..				Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
	..	..	..				Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
	..	..	..				Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand..	..	..	..			
	..	..	..								£55,359,505	3	5
	..	..	..										

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, Actuary.  
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman,  
HENRY HARBEN,  
THOMAS WHARRIE, } Directors.

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

15th February, 1905.

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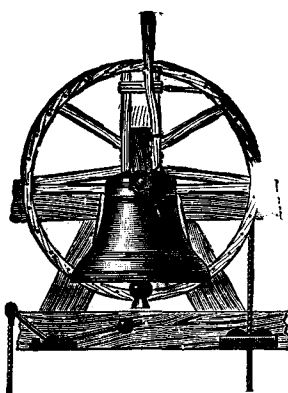
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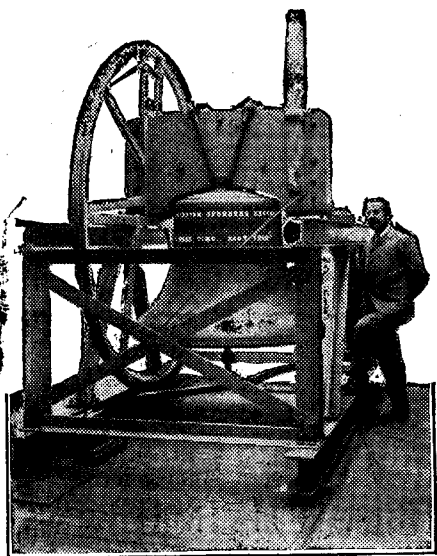
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

PETERBOROUGH (Northants.) St. John. Eight bells; all by Dobson, 1808. Tenor 28 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Sundry repairs by Taylor a few years ago. The church authorities have been advised to rehang the bells, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 1st in month 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice; October to Lent, Thursday, 8. Visitors are always welcome.

PORTSEA (Hants.) St. Mary. Eight bells; treble and tenor by Mears, 1889; the rest by the same 1764. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1897. Anything required is promptly attended to. Ropes new 1901. Methods; Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing; 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.45. Practice; Tuesday, 8. Visitors always welcome.

PLYMOUTH (Devon.) St. Andrew. Ten bells; treble, 1874; tenor 35 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 11 in., 1840; the rest 1749. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1897. Ropes good. Method; Grandsire. Sunday ringing; 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice; Tuesday, 7.30.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks.) All Saints. Eight bells; all by Taylor; treble, 2nd and tenor, 1905; the rest 1863. Tenor 12 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1905. Methods; Grandsire and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice; Thursday, 7.30, September to April.

### ASHTON CHURCH BELLS, DEVON.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter on a recent Saturday rededicated the ring of six bells which have been rehung in connection with the restoration of the ancient church of

Ashton. The church dates from the latter end of the 14th and beginning of the 15th century, although there are some portions of the building of a still earlier period. It was dedicated in November, 1259, to St. Nectan, and consists of a nave and north aisle of equal lengths, and the tower at the west end of the nave containing the six bells. A fine old oak door at the entrance is perforated by bullets, which were probably fired when "Place Barton," which adjoins the church, was taken by a detachment of the Parliamentary forces besieging Exeter in 1646. The Elizabethan pulpit of carved wood, for a long time disused, has been replaced in very nearly its original position at the south-end of the screen. To it is affixed an iron sand glass stand, and over it is an elaborate sounding-board. In 1900 funds were appealed for, and a complete scheme of restoration entered upon. In 1903 the church was re-opened after about £900 had been expended in the work. This sum has practically all been cleared off owing to the generosity of the people in the neighbourhood.

The bells have now been rehung in new fittings throughout, the work being ably carried out by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury. A new belfry floor has also been put in, while the bell-cage has been greatly strengthened by two heavy iron girders. The cost of this work is nearly £90, and a debt of £7 or £8 still remains to be met. The collection at the re-dedicatory service was devoted to this fund, as also the proceeds of the public tea which followed.

The little church was crowded at the re-dedication service. The clergy present were the Lord Bishop of the diocese, the Rector (Rev. J. C. Onion), the Rev. O. H. Cary (Trusham), and the Rev. T. Flavell (Christow). The opening hymn was "O God, our help in ages past." The service was intoned by the Rector, while the lesson was read by General Sir Richard Harrison, K.C.B. The dedicatory prayers were said by the Bishop of Exeter, who afterwards preached from verses 3 and 4 of the second chapter of Haggai.

A public tea was afterwards held in the schoolroom, previous to which General Harrison proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop of Exeter and Mrs. Robertson for their presence.

The Bishop, in reply, said he had not yet been to every parish in the diocese, but he had not visited any place where there was a more beautiful church, set in a more beautiful part than they had the privilege of possessing at Ashton. When he thought of the condition of the church as it was described to him a few years ago and what it was now, he marvelled at the success which had attended the splendid efforts of the Rector and parishioners in the getting together the funds necessary for the restoration. The result was a splendid one, and only showed what could be done with courage and devotion.

The bells were rung during the evening by the parish ringers.

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Sunday morning found us at 9 a.m. to ring for morning service at St. Sidwell's. The local men kindly raised the bells and handed over the ropes. Four courses of Stedman Caters was rung, and then the first course of Treble Bob Royal on the bells brought us to service time at 10 a.m. We then went to St. David's, where the first course of London and Superlative Surprise was rung on these bells, time not permitting any more, service being at 10.45. Arrangements had been made for us to ring at one o'clock at the parish church, Heavitree, a mile and a half out of Exeter, but serious illness near the church would not permit a large amount of ringing, so only a course each of Superlative and London Surprise—the first in the method on the bells—was rung on these well-going and grand ring of eight, tenor 26 cwt., and many were the ambitions expressed that they would like to ring a peal on these bells. Light refreshments was afterwards obtained at The Ship inn, where a course of Stedman Cinques (double-handed), was rung on the handbells by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, H. R. Newton, J. W. Golding, H. Eden, A. W. Brighton, and A. B. Peck. Also a course of Stedman Caters by Messrs. A. W. Brighton, T. Faulkner, R. J. Wilkins, J. W. Golding, and C. Gordon. Dinner at 2.15 in Exeter brought us up to our return train time at 3.45 p.m. Passing through Bristol many were on the platform desirous to know how we had progressed,

and much regret was expressed at the failure. This also was repeated on arriving at Paddington at 8.30 p.m., where some of our London colleagues had come to welcome us. We cannot close this article without thanking our Exeter friends for their kindness, and Mr. Edwin Shepherd for making arrangements for what proved a peal failure, but afterwards an enjoyable visit. T.H.T.

## RINGER'S WEDDING AT RYE.

On Saturday, the 21st October last, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at Rye, when Mr. William Billenness, of Havergate Villa, Levington Road, Ipswich, son of Mr. William Billenness, of 4, Sydney Terrace, Rye, Sussex, and Miss Bessie Gibson, daughter of Mr. Oswald Gibson, Houghton Green Farm, Playden (a village a mile out of Rye), were joined together in the bonds of holy matrimony. The bride was attired in a dress of white silk, trimmed with a Brussels lace flounce, and carried a bouquet the gift of the bridegroom, and was given away by her father. Four bridesmaids attended the wedding, and were attired in cream dresses, and carried bouquets, and wore gold locketts and rows of pearls, gifts of the bridegroom. The following were the bridesmaids: Miss E. M. Davis (Playden), Miss A. Hayhoe (Craydon), Miss L. Gibson (niece of the bride, Playden), and Miss E. Watson (Rye). The best man was Mr. G. Billenness, brother of the bridegroom, captain of the Rye ringers and master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Nettleton. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, and the Rev. J. Nettleton proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, and the bridegroom suitably responded. The bride and bridegroom departed by the 6 o'clock train for Clacton-on-Sea, where the honeymoon has been spent. With reference to the bridegroom's ringing career, he has obtained upwards of 50 peals, and rings with the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Change Ringers, Ipswich, and in honour of the wedding, ten members of that Society went for a peal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, but the peal came to grief after ringing 1 hour and 30 minutes. This Society are exceedingly sorry the peal was not brought to a successful issue; but, on the other hand, all the members of the Society wish the bridegroom a happy married life. Previous to living in Ipswich, the bridegroom resided in Rye, and was conductor of the ringers at St. Mary's Church, and also was master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild of Change Ringers. In the present band of change ringers at Rye, 5 of the members were ringing when the bridegroom was at Rye, and they presented him with a case of carvers, wishing him a long and happy married life, and trust that prosperity will always be with him.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of this Association was held at Doulling on Saturday, October 28th, and was well attended, the various towers represented being Doulling, Midsomer Norton, Frome, Chilcompton, and Leigh-on-Mendip. The Rev. J. Darbyshire presided over the business portion of the proceedings, at the close of which he was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks. During the afternoon and evening the tower bells were available to the ringers, and some good touches of Doubles were rung. Tea was provided at the Abbey Barn inn, to which some thirty ringers sat down. Evensong was held in the church at 6 p.m., the Revs. J. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), and J. Darbyshire officiating, the latter giving a most impressive address to the members. The meeting will be remembered as one of the pleasantest and most successful ever held in the Deanery. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Wellow, near Bath, in January 1906.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, October 14th, the monthly meeting was, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Wilkinson, held at Sharnbrook. There was a fair attendance. Various Plain and Treble Bob methods were rung upon the bells, and some assistance was given to the local band. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Milton Ernest to-day, Saturday, November 11th.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

More than ordinary interest attached to the meeting of the Guild held in Exeter, on October 21st, from the fact that the Bishop of Exeter had arranged to be present. Consequently there was a large attendance of members, amongst whom were the Revs. M. Kelly (President), F. Molineux (Hon. Sec.), Preb. Bird, Messrs. Chapple, Brighton, Shepherd, Kindersley, Stokes, Manley, Davey, and representatives from the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. Thomas (Exeter), Tiverton, Heavitree, Harpford, Washfield, Teignmouth, Littleham, Thorverton, Lymptone, Clyst St. George, Ottery, Upton, and Withycombe. The President, in according the Bishop a hearty welcome, remarked that, it was the first time that a Bishop of Exeter had honoured the members with his presence at one of the meetings of the Guild, and such recognition on the part of his lordship should give great encouragement to the members in their work. The Guild, during its existence of over 30 years, had been productive of great results, in reforming abuses which existed in the belfries, in the restoration of rings of bells, and promoting change-ringing.

The Bishop, in thanking the members for the hearty welcome they had offered him, said that he was as much impressed with the readiness with which the ringers throughout the diocese assembled in their belfries to ring their bells by way of doing honour to their Bishop on his visit to their parishes. He made it a practice to go to the belfry and testify his appreciation of their services, and offer a word of encouragement to them in their work. No church was properly equipped without its band of ringers, which were as essential to the work of the church as organists, Sunday School teachers, and others. Skill in ringing took many years to acquire, and he heartily recognised the efforts of those who devoted their time and

ability in making themselves efficient, and thus perform their share in promoting the life of the Church.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents of the churches in the city, for the use of their bells, and to Miss Woolcombe for arranging for the tea.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree, St. Thomas and St. Petrock's were in frequent requisition during the day, and some excellent touches of Caters, Triples and Doubles were heard at the various towers.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, October 28th. Although six-bell towers only were open, a good muster attended, from Canterbury, Wickham, Sturry, Ash, Deal and other places being represented. Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor were rung in quick succession, many young hands gaining a little insight and further experience in various methods which they were practising.

At 5 o'clock the ringers were invited to tea at the parish rooms by the rector, the Rev. G. Hyde Smith, which was thoroughly appreciated. The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (secretary of the Association) expressed the thanks of the company to the rector for his kindness, he replying, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many present, and that at such times he always looked to the local conductor, Mr. Harrison Smith, for instructions, whom he regarded as his "boss" in ringing matters, and with Mr. Helmore, hoped this would not be the last occasion he would be able to welcome the Association to Wickhambreaux.

**THE BROXBOURNE ASSOCIATION.**

An interesting presentation was made at the usual practice on Friday evening, 27th ult., of a silver creuet to Mr. J. R. Pulham, hon. secretary of the Association, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Trick, the master, made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and expressed their pleasure at having this opportunity of expressing, in a practical way, their esteem and appreciation of his work as secretary. Mr. Pulham, in thanking his fellow ringers, said, he appreciated this gift as much as any he had received, and hoped to be connected with the Broxbourne Association for a good many years.

**NOTES TO PEALS.**

**THE PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**—This peal, which was arranged for Mr. E. H. Lewis, of the Cambridge University Guild, is believed to be the third peal of Double Norwich ever rang in this locality, the first being rang at Christleton in September, 1844, the second at St. Mary's Without-the-Walls, Chester, in December, 1902. The peal is a reduction of a 5376, containing all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

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### HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—DEDICATION OF A NEW BELL AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

On October 4th an interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of the parish church, viz., the dedication of the treble bell, which has been recast. The belfry of All Saints' church occupies a unique position among the towers in the county, as it contains the only ring of ten bells in Buckinghamshire, and the heaviest ring of ten bells in the diocese of Oxford. The treble bell, which has been used for more than a century, had long been out of tune, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, a well-known and much-respected ringer, not only in this and adjoining counties, but in other parts of the country, very kindly and generously undertook to defray the cost of recasting the bell. It was, therefore, placed in the hands of Mears and Stainbank, by whom the work has been most satisfactorily executed. The inscription on the bell, which weighs about 5 cwt., is as follows: "Thos. Mears, London, fecit, 1802. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1905, at the expense of W. H. Fussell, for 30 years a ringer." The expense of recasting the bell has been £14 10s., and the cost of removing and re-hanging has amounted to an additional £8. It is hoped that before long a larger and equally important work will be undertaken—that of re-hanging the bells, which it is estimated will involve an expenditure of £300, towards which a subscription has been initiated. On the above date the parish church tower was open to visitors from 2.30 to 4.30, and the dedicatory ceremony in the belfry at half-past three was attended by a number of parishioners and others interested in bellringing. Among those present were the Mayor (Mr. C. H. Elsom) and Miss Dove. Previous to the service a 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung on the six heavy bells. The Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Shaw) read appropriate sentences, and then proceeded to the bell chamber, accompanied by three ringers (Messrs. W. H. Fussell, F. Hayes, and R. Coles), where the new bell was formally dedicated. Returning to the belfry, the Vicar recited suitable collects, and after pronouncing the Blessing, he delivered a brief address.

The Vicar said that they had just performed a ceremony which did not very often occur—that was the dedication to the service of the Sanctuary of a new bell. That was to say, it was a new bell in so far as it had been entirely recast. It was the old bell, for the metal from which it was made was the same. Without going now at any length into the use of bells, and perhaps without referring in any way to the other side, that was from the point of view of some people living close to the church who might look upon the bells critically, he thought they would all be agreed that it would be a distinct loss to them if the bells were not there, or if, being there, they could not be used. Personally, he lived as close as most other people to the Church, and it might be that not having the affliction of some people who suffered from nerves, the sound of the bells did not strike him as it would others. Living close as he did it was very rarely that he felt inclined to say "I wish those bells would stop." As they knew, the reason why that bell had been recast was because in course of time—it had served them for over 100 years—it had become so completely out of tune that nothing could be done but recast it. They were all very much indebted to one of the old ringers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for enabling them to carry that out. Mr. Fussell had very kindly undertaken to bear the actual cost of recasting the bell, which was considerably the greater part of the expense, if they would undertake to bear the cost of conveyance of the bell to and from the foundry and its rehanging. He should also like to mention that the belfry members were not without hope that some day the whole peal might be rehung. He was afraid that in the present condition of their liabilities and all that they had in hand in the parish, it could not be in the immediate future. Although they who only heard the sound of the bells did not realise the importance of this matter, if they talked to the ringers they would tell them that it was of the utmost importance that the rest of the peal should be rehung. They had started a fund amongst themselves, and when a fund was started there was always an opportunity for contributions at any rate, and it was always a satisfactory thing when work was taken in hand to find that they had something to begin with. The ringers would be pleased to take the opportunity of adding every little to the nucleus of the fund which had already been started from those who loved bells. He thought this was all he

need say that day. He would, however, express their very best thanks to Mr. Fussell for having so generously come forward in this matter and provided the cost of recasting the bell, and also take the opportunity of expressing what he was sure all church-people and all parishioners would feel, viz., their gratitude to the ringers, who gave so much time and trouble to ringing the bells. Of late years, it was wonderful how belfries had improved all over the country. The way in which belfries were conducted used to be a reflection upon the Church, but nowadays belfries were conducted in quite a different manner owing to the type of men who took an interest in bellringing. Belfries were now well kept, and ringing was done as a definite work for the Church. The whole character of church bellringing was entirely different from what it was thirty or forty years ago, or less.

The Mayor said that the Vicar had thanked Mr. Fussell, and he would also like to do so on behalf of the town. In the position that he held as Mayor it became him to do so, because the bells were not only used for parish and Church purposes, but for all kinds of occasions besides. They were used for national rejoicings and for many other purposes, including the 9th of November ceremony, in which last year he was personally interested; and he was sure he was only expressing the feeling of every townsman in saying how very much they were indebted to Mr. Fussell for the generosity he had shown in recasting the bell. He also joined in the thanks to the ringers, and he hoped that before long they would see the fund increasing for the re-hanging of the whole peal. It was a work for the Church, and a work which would interest everybody in the town.

Mr. Fussell observed that he had never had an opportunity before of showing his appreciation of bellringing and his love for the Church of England, and his sense of gratitude for many mercies during the short period of his life. It all came into his head more than twenty years ago—why should a whole town be inflicted with a want of harmony in those bells, and a rickety old chiming apparatus chiming in an uncertain and in an unmusical way to those who cared to listen. That had been going on for a quarter of a century to his knowledge. There came a question of cost, and he thought, well, that would be little in proportion to the immense gain in a musical way to the residents of Wycombe, to the ringers, and to the Church at large. What he had done was a small way of showing some return for the happy days he had spent in belfries throughout England. He had received there considerable personal friendship and attention from their own ringers, and also from one of the present Mayor's predecessors, whose name was inscribed on one of the peal boards in that tower, and who was a ringer himself. He was sure the Vicar would have been only too pleased to have entertained some scheme for improving the bells of Wycombe church had it not been for more urgent calls in the shape of parish needs. He had had the opportunity of ringing peals all over Great Britain—upwards of 200—and he had enjoyed the association and friendship of ringers of all classes; and he had secured so much happiness from bellringing that he thought he could not do better than show his gratitude and appreciation in this way of recasting their bell.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a touch of 252 Stedman Triples was rung, followed by a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on the light six, Mr. Fussell ringing the new bell.

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## RINGERS' GATHERING AT MARKET RASEN.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 7th. Additional interest was given to this meeting, as it was the celebration of the 21st year of the formation of the branch. In 1884 the branch was formed at Market Rasen and Caistor, and it was therefore fitting that the coming of age meeting should be held at Market Rasen. In the afternoon a meeting of the representatives of the Market Rasen district (which includes Market Rasen, Louth, Caistor and Wragby) was held in the vestry, under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. Westbrooke, of Caistor, who is president of the branch. The usual routine business was transacted. Mr. J. Hackney, who for many years has acted as secretary for the district, tendered his resignation, as he has now ceased to be an active member of the ringers. He has been in office ever since the formation of the branch. Mr. Bixby, the general secretary of the branch, spoke in high terms of the work Mr. Hackney had done during his term of office. They all regretted his severance from the secretarial duties, but hoped he would still remain interested in the branch, and he proposed that Mr. Hackney be the district representative on the Northern Branch committee. This was carried unanimously. Mr. C. Laywood was appointed to fill the vacant district secretaryship.

After the meeting a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Melville, Vicar. A very appropriate address, based on the words, "What think ye of Christ" (St. Matthew 22nd and 42nd verses), was given by the Rev. W. W. Westbrooke. Mr. J. A. Edlington, the newly-appointed organist for the parish church, officiated for the first time. After the service the members sat down to a splendid spread at The Aston Arms. The Rev. W. W. Westbrooke presided, and was supported by the Rev. D. M. Melville, Mr. J. Cundale (churchwarden), Mr. P. O. Bixby (general secretary) and others. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided,

The hon. secretary, Mr. P. O. Bixby, of Gainsborough, submitted his report on the work of the branch during the past six months. At the outset he referred to the last meeting of the branch at Market Rasen in 1900, when a paper on "The work of the Association since its formation" was read by the then secretary, Mr. Geo. Chester, a copy of which paper Mr. Bixby advised all the younger members to obtain and peruse. He then referred to the coming of age of the branch, and to the many changes that had taken place during that time. Many had come and gone, and some had been called to their rest. Among the latter they numbered the late Canon Andrews, a true friend to the branch, and one whose memory would always remain with them, honoured and respected. After remarking that changes either for the better or the worse had taken place, Mr. Bixby said: "After studying the history of bells, towers, ringing and ringers in Lincolnshire, I have come to the conclusion that in respect to them the changes have been for the better. Compare the condition of our towers and bells, the state of scientific change-ringing and the conduct of our ringers at the present time with that of twenty-one years ago, and you cannot but be convinced that great changes for the better have been made; and there is not the slightest reason to doubt that the Guild has been indirectly, if not directly, the means of bringing about these great changes. Therefore I may safely say that the Guild has done some good and useful work in the past, and I for my part believe, and I feel all present will agree with me, that the Guild—the work of which has not yet been adequately appreciated—has before it a great and useful future. Mr. Bixby then referred to the work that had been done in bringing the Guild and its objects before the clergy and laity, and urged upon the members the necessity of securing more honorary members.

Nine new members were subsequently admitted, including A. Creasey, C. Sanderson and F. Sanderson, Market Rasen.

Mr. J. S. Seamer said the motion on the agenda he wished to bring before them was the granting of an honorarium of three guineas to their worthy secretary. It gave him great pleasure to move this, as he had had the opportunity of seeing the splendid work Mr. Bixby had done for the branch. It was he who had introduced the idea of Divine Service, and attempting peals at their half-yearly meetings.

Mr. Hackney, Market Rasen, said it gave him great pleasure

to second the proposition. He had had the pleasure of working with all the secretaries they had had for that branch, as he was one of the members who first joined when that branch was formed in North Lincolnshire, and he had found Mr. Bixby one of the best they had ever had.

Mr. Bixby briefly responded, and thanked them for their gift. He greatly appreciated what Mr. Seamer and Mr. Hackney had said, more especially the latter, as it came from one of the founders of the branch.

Mr. Ladd proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. M. Melville and the churchwardens for the use of the bells that day, and also for the service.

The Rev. D. M. Melville, in responding, said they were pleased to welcome them there that day. He hoped they would feel they were real and true workers in the Church, and bear in mind that what they did was for the glory of God.

Mr. Heyhoe (Grimsby), in proposing the health of the chairman, said it was a great pleasure to see a clerical gentleman as chairman at their meetings. The great interest Mr. Westbrooke took in bells and ringers was evidenced by his efforts in getting the bells renovated at Caistor, and which were now a splendid ring.

Mr. Bixby seconded.

The rev. gentleman said he was deeply interested in all Guilds, and especially guilds of men. He said he did not think there was anything much better for a man to take up than the Art—and it was really an Art—of bellringing. Alluding to the Caistor bells, he said he was very pleased to tell them that the £300 it cost to renovate them had all been paid off.

After tea several touches were rung, and also touches on a splendid set of handbells belonging to Mr. Skinner, of Grimsby, a ringer of over fifty years' standing, who very rarely misses a meeting of the Guild. The meeting was very successful.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The bells of All Saints, Wigan, and St. James's, Poolstock, rang out merrily on Saturday, September 30th, to mark the occasion of the visit of the above Association to Wigan to hold its annual meeting. By kind permission of the various authorities the bells were open to the visitors, who were not slow to avail themselves of the opportunity. Various changes were rung, and almost all were eager to have a pull. At four o'clock the whole of the company assembled in the parish church, when the Rev. W. G. Edwards Rees, M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas's, Pendleton, delivered an address from Ephesians iv.—"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The rev. gentleman founded a good sermon on this passage.

After the service an adjournment was made to All Saints' School, where tea was partaken of, which was served up in a most attractive manner by Miss Morris. Afterwards the annual business meeting was held. The Rev. W. E. Kingsbury, on behalf of the Rector, who was unavoidably absent, bade the ringers welcome.

The President gave a short address, and during the evening stated that they had a membership of 1066, and the total worth of the Association was £90 3s. 7d.

The various reports were read and adopted, and the business of election of officers and the fixing of the next annual meeting place was then proceeded with. All the retiring officers were re-elected with these exceptions: Mr. J. H. Banks, who took up the office of ringing secretary in place of Mr. J. Shepherd, and Mr. Chapman and Mr. Aspinwall took the places of Messrs. Eachus and Shepherd on the Central Council.

Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the majority of the visitors again made their way to the belfry of All Saints and St. James's churches. The next place of meeting will be Ashton-under-Lyne, which will be visited after an absence of nineteen years.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1905.

THE account we have received about the attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Exeter Cathedral, has not that completeness which in these days is looked for in such transactions. It is true that some of our friends, ambitious to relate every incident of a tour, for instance, whether applicable for publication or not, inflict no small amount of tediousness on many readers, to say nothing of the weariness inflicted on ourselves. Our friend who supplies this account is generally concise in his contributions to this paper, and he has been so in this case. Some of us would have been interested in a little further information—not upon outside matter foreign to the subject—



but upon what took place in the ringing-chamber, with a fuller account of the failure. As, however, the band are not disheartened, but mean to try again, we shall no doubt have some very interesting particulars when success has been gained.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL.

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

#### AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD, A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester,  
Chichester and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK SQUIRES† .. Treble.	*GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 4.
SAMUEL J. BIRD* .. .. 2.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3.	*HENRY TORBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. †First peal. \*First peal of Surprise.

### The Provinces.

#### ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.
JOHN WYATT .. .. 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINEE .. .. 3.	ALFRED BASSETT .. .. 7.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

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

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	FRANK BARRETT .. .. 6.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 2.	*CECIL VALENTINE .. .. 7.
AMOS FAWDRY* .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
FREDERICK JUGGINS* .. 4.	JOHN BROWN .. .. 9.
HENRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN... Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal on ten bells.

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

On Tuesday, October 31, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

GILBERT BLAY .. .. Treble.	CECIL VALENTINE .. .. 5.
FREDERICK JUGGINS .. .. 2.	HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
AMOS FAWDRY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN JUGGINS .. .. 4.	E. LANGFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

#### EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR SWANNACK* .. Treble.	THOMAS SPURR .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. METCALFE .. 2.	HARRY WARBURTON .. .. 6.
ROBERT MILES .. .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR T. WINTER .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

\*First peal in the method. This composition was the first peal composed by Mr. Knights in the year 1879, and is now rung for the first time.

#### BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANALLA,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 6.
CADWALADER WILLIAMS* 3.	ALBERT J. HUGHES .. .. 7.
EBENEZER TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Major.

#### SHAROW, YORKS.

#### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PICK .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LANGSHAW .. .. 5.
JAMES BAXTER .. .. 2.	FRED SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BURNETT* .. 3.	WILLIAM THORPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES HOWROYD .. .. 4.	†ERNEST BURNETT .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

#### QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. Treble.	JESSE GILLET .. .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. 3.	FRED LEWIS .. .. 7.
CECIL T. H. BOXWELL .. 4.	*SIDNEY HAYWARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

The above are all bachelors. \*First peal. Rung as a farewell to S. M. Loxton, who is shortly entering the bonds of matrimony.

#### EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

T. JOHN STOKES* .. Treble.	EDMUND SARGENT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 2.	HARRY BURCH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.
FRANK DAVEY .. .. 4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

\*First peal of Triples.

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## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 5.
GEORGE PLASKETT .. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 6.
JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. 3.	† WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

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

\*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 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.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER.. .. Treble.	CHARLES GALE .. .. 4.
P.C. ALBERT LAWRENCE .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.. 5.
ERNEST OVERALL .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. CARTER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CARTER.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. Phillips, a member of the Little Munden Society, to Miss Emily Lawrence, sister of the brothers Lawrence.

## ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

RICHARD MAINWARING* .. Treble.	EZRA HOMER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK HOOMER .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR TIMMINS .. .. 6.
ALBERT HOOMER .. .. 3.	SAMUEL DOWELL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BEDDOWES.. .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

\*First peal. First peal of Major by all except the conductor.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in B flat.

HARRY RICHELL .. .. Treble.	HENRY R. DAWSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 2.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 3.	ALFRED RICHELL .. .. 7.
HARRY BUSH .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. RICE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

\*First peal.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HULME,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH .. .. Treble	WILFRID G. MOSS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER.. .. 3.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. 7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal. This is the first peal rung on these bells, which were augmented to eight in 1837.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

A. K. HOWARD* .. .. Treble.	FRANK K. BIGGS .. .. 5.
W. PHIPPS .. .. 2.	R. BUCKLAND .. .. 6.
J. S. HAWKINS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. .. 4.	J. W. BAGLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT LOVEL .. .. Treble.	† WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 2.	JAMES W. RIMMER .. .. 6.
LEWIS J. TYLDESLEY .. 3.	*JAMES S. RIMMER .. .. 7.
JOHN GARDNER .. .. 4.	SAMUEL STEWART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES S. RIMMER.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by the Guild.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES* .. .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE .. .. 3.	HENRY DEW .. .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 3.	HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 7.
JOHN SCONCE .. .. 4.	*JAMES MORGAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Reference elsewhere.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHARLES DEAN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 6.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
HARRY LAST* .. .. 3.	*ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 8.
WILLIAM HOPLEY*† .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 5.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

\*First peal of Treble Royal. †Elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER† .. .. Treble.	*ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 6.
FRANK FAY .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	*REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 9.
GEORGE F. SWANN* .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

†First peal of Royal as conductor. \*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

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## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE THURLOW .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM .. .. 2.	GEORGE PERRY .. .. 6.
GEORGE WHITING .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Lanham.

The following ten peals were rung during the Sussex Annual Holiday Ringing Week, by members of the Sussex County Association—October 21-30, 1905:—

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, October 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE CAMPANILE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the Nelson Centenary.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Monday, October 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A sharp.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

The band took tea with the Vicar after the peal.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
KEITH HART .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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## BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. KING .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The band had 3 hrs. 9 mins. to ring the peal and to catch their last train to Brighton.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, October 26, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS* .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBOOK, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

On Friday, October 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 5.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT* .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Friday, October 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is G. Williams's rooth peal in this method.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, October 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.  
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
SYDNEY SAKER* .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Stedman Cateters.

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## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Monday, October 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAW .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is E. C. Merritt's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## Handbell Peals.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE OLD WHITE HART, MARKET STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM R. HENSHER.. 1-2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 5-8.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3-4.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. 7-8.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

First handbell peal by the Association, and first of Major in the county. First handbell peal by all. Umpire—T. R. Hensher.

**PEAL CORRECTIONS.**—The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Martin's, Leicester, should read "Joseph" not John S. Needham.—In the peal at Old Jewry reported last week, the umpires, whose names were unfortunately omitted, were Messrs. A. T. King and R. Charge.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**WALKDEN (Lancashire).**—On Wednesday, September 20th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Brookes, J. Worthington, A. Potter, W. Denner, S. Oakes, J. Denner, John Potter conductor, Joseph Potter. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Ernest Bury and Miss Sarah Dorathea Martin.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WRITTE (Essex).**—On Sunday, November 5th, for the Dedication Services at 11 a.m., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. R. Wood, T. Lincoln, H. Head, F. G. Radley, G. W. Sorrell, A. Head, W. Lincoln conductor, F. E. Edwards. At 6.30 p.m. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Crush first quarter-peal, E. Dawson, F. G. Radley, H. Head, W. Emery, H. F. Cooper. T. Lincoln first quarter-peal as conductor, W. Lincoln.

**LEYTONSTONE (Essex).**—On Saturday, October 28th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Pye and Miss C. Newman, 720 London Surprise. G. Dawson, S. Hayes, W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, H. Torble. At the home of the bride courses of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by W. Pye, Sergeant Major A. Pye, G. R. Pye, E. Pye, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble. The St. John the Baptist ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Pye every happiness.

**WEST HAM (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Oxford. W. Keeble, F. C. Newman, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, A. Neale, G. A. Black conductor. After service 720 Cambridge. F. C. Newman, S. Bird, T. Cranfield, G. A. Black, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

**NESTON (Cheshire).**—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 and 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Metcalfe, W. Briscoe, J. Tilley, J. Edwards, W. Williams, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts. On Sunday, July 23rd, 350 and 168 Grand-

sire Triples. J. Roberts, J. Edwards, T. Metcalfe, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe conductor, C. Coventry, J. Meador, W. Williams. On Sunday, July 30th, 360 each of Kent and Oxford Single. T. Metcalfe, J. Tilley, J. Edwards, J. Meador conductor, C. Coventry, W. Briscoe, J. Roberts. Recently, for Divine Service, several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. On Sunday, October 1st, a plain course of Stedman Triples.

**ASH (Kent).**—On Sunday, October 22nd, 2160 of Minor, being 720 each of College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. H. H. Wilkes, C. Harris, W. J. Browning, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, F. Fraser conductor. Two 120s of Bob Doubles. H. H. Wilkes, C. Harris, H. Wilkes, W. J. Browning conductor, E. Crowther, H. Rogers.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On October 10th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 576 Bob Major. Rev. R. E. Prichard, H. T. Pye, R. Wilding, F. G. Manning, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. On October 17th, 640 Oxford Treble Bob. F. G. Manning, H. T. Pye, W. Button, R. Wilding, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, G. Andrews, W. J. Schofield conductor.

**HAYDON (Lincolnshire).**—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Michael's church, four 120s of Grandsire Doubles. E. H. Dale conductor, F. Cox, T. Longland, W. Pickworth, J. T. Dale.

**OLDHAM (Lancashire).**—On Friday, October 27th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. D. Whitworth, S. Elson, E. B. Shaw, J. Priestley, J. Davies, S. Stott conductor, S. Butterworth, A. Waites, M. Newton. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late L. R. Harries Jones, a gentleman very well known and highly respected in the town of Oldham.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service in the morning at Christ Church, 1280 Bob Major, in 48 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, H. E. Balaam, H. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, M. Fensom, J. Armstrong conductor. On Sunday morning, October 1st, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bester, G. T. Tomlinson, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor, J. Armstrong.

**WOKINGHAM (Berks).**—On Saturday, October 31st, to commemorate the Nelson Centenary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. E. Whittingham, F. Lush, W. Paice, S. Paice conductor, A. Wiggins, J. French, F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Afterwards the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th went to St. Paul's church, and assisted to ring 1568 changes for the same event. On Sunday, November 5th, being the Sunday in octave of All Saints, another quarter-peal was rung for evening service, in 48 mins. F. French, W. Paice, G. Cole, F. Lush, S. Paice conductor, A. Wiggins, F. Mattingley, A. Hill.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Wednesday, November 1st, being the 31st anniversary of the dedication of St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. W. Ayres, F. J. Kumens, H. Rumens, F. C. Maynard, K. Maynard, jun., J. Milner, G. B. Lucas conductor, O. L. Twist. Longest touch by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 8.

**WIVENHOE (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 15th, by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, the St. Peter's company of Colchester visited this church and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. T. Pye, G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, F. G. Manning, W. Button, W. J. Schofield conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. H. T. Pye, W. Button, G. Rashbrook conductor, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield.

**WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).**—On Tuesday, September 26th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, J. Armstrong, M. Fensom, S. Wade conductor. On September 29th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. H. E. Balaam, M. Fensom, E. G. Tomlinson, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor.

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## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool District.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. **WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham, Saturday, November 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. the Rev. W. Hough presiding. Half-railway fares good up to 2s.

**T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**  
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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 11th. Cathedral bells available from 2 p.m. Evensong in the cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea at Dumpers Restaurant at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A meeting of the committee will be held immediately after the General Meeting.

**JAMES W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.**

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Luton, Ernest, to-day, Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

**JOHN W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.**

**Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 14th, at the North Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Tea to be taken at 8.30. Every member who makes it convenient, is earnestly requested to attend.

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

Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**North Bucks Church Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available 2 p.m.

**A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.**

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements.

**C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.**

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A meeting will be held at Luton on November 18th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

**A. KING, Local Sec.**

**Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—S. and W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.

**J. J. PRATT, Dis. Hon. Sec.**

**The Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Uttroxeater, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (newly rehung) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Hall, at 5 p.m. the Vicar presiding. Meeting in church at 6.30 p.m. Members invited to be present at tea must give notice not later than Wednesday, November 15th, to W. Richardson, 16, Park Street, Manchester.

**D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

**Herts Association of Change Ringers.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Division will be held at Knebworth, on Saturday, November 18th, 1905. Tower open at 3 p.m.

**D. ELLINGHAM, Secs.**  
**W. H. LAWRENCE,**

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Geddington on Saturday, November 18th, 1905. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

**J. C. SHATFORD, Hon. Branch Sec.**

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, at Basingstoke. Tea 5.30. Meeting, etc., afterwards.

**REV. F. G. HUME, Dist. Sec.**

**Leeds and District Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society, will be held on Saturday, November 25th, 1905, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. till 9.30. Peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Woodman Inn at 7 p.m.

**FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kingsthorpe, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King William, 4.30. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, November 22nd.

**F. WILFORD, Hon. Branch Sec.**

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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At the meeting of this Society held on Tuesday, November 7th, the following officers were elected for the year 1905-6: Master, Mr. E. P. O'Meara; Treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; Senior Steward, Mr. C. S. Burden; Junior Steward, Mr. A. A. Hughes; Trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S. W.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. Austin has removed to No. 4, The Hazels, Lysons Avenue, Gloucester.

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## Correspondence.

## BARHAM OF LEEDS—ECCLESTON CHURCH.

SIR,—I have been hoping that someone would give some account of Barham's long ringing feats, especially of the peal of 40,320, which is firmly believed in in Kent. Mr. Daniell puts them down as "curiosities," but to ringers they are most interesting. The Wigston long ring was justly regarded as an exploit, though not brought round—here was a recorded ringing of 24,800. Of course there were only eight men at Wigston, but the ring is much lighter than Leeds, tenor 20 cwt.

The "place called Eccleston, Cheshire," contains Eaton Hall, and the very costly church was built by the late Duke of Westminster: so money can hardly be wanting if alterations of the present state of things is desired. Perhaps Mr. Bodley, R.A., is not responsible; it is to be hoped

that things will be better at Liverpool Cathedral. But architects' ignorance of bell matters is phenomenal. The late J. L. Pearson designed three towers for Truro Cathedral (one built), in none of which will it be possible to hang a *ringing* ring; and I well remember G. E. Street, R.A., confiding the hanging of a heavy ring to a *clockmaker*. "OLD RINGER."

## AUTHORSHIP OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. W. Pye's letter, allow me to say that I don't think his letter has in any degree strengthened his brother's position with regard to the composition in question. Firstly, it seems very curious that he should so readily mention the date his brother got the peal after he had seen the date that I produced it, and especially so, when one remembers the fact that his brother in a letter a fortnight ago failed to do so. He instead made the vague statement that he produced it early

in February, 1904. Mr. W. Pye's statement is absolutely false. Mr. Knight could not possibly have said that he had not seen the figures. He might have said he was not sufficiently well acquainted with them to say that both were the same. If Mr. Knights will give his testimony, he can only bear me out. The next statement Mr. Pye makes is rank nonsense. We published the figures because we had rung the peal, none of the band knowing that the peal had either been composed or rung by any other person. I ask Mr. Pye how was I to know that they had rung a peal any more than they knew I had rung it. He does acknowledge he knew I had rung one something like it; and again with regard to the figures being published in the Association reports, he omits to say that this is also published in the same report as a composition. In conclusion let me say that if Mr. Pye wished to claim this peal as his, he ought to have started very nearly twenty years ago. Allow me to thank Mr. Thomas and Bemrose for coming forward with their evidence. ARTHUR CRAVE

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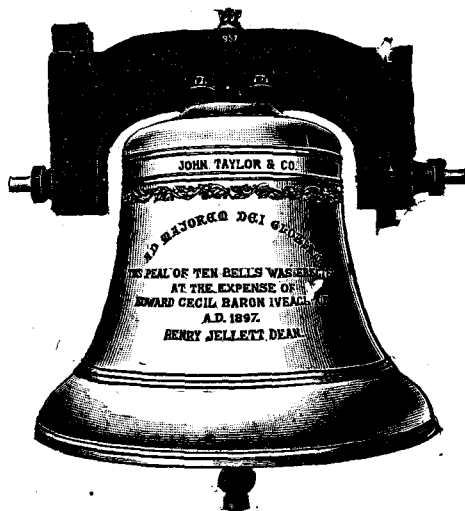
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## IN KENT WITH ESSEX RINGERS.

The Prittlewell ringers only go out a year, but when they do they make their minds for a good time. Wednesday the 18th ult., the day appointed, saw a good number of good men and true cross from Truro to Gravesend, rail to Maidstone, and on to Leeds, where Mr. H. Hollands put out the various objects of interest in the beautifully-restored church, also the grave of James Barham's grave, and a copy of the vellum of an old ringing song. The ringers commenced with a well-struck 572 Gossire Caters, touches of Triples and for the youngsters, and a course of Ten Bob Royal to finish with. Next the drive to Maidstone, and dinner at the Bower inn, the host doing his best to make everybody comfortable, his efforts nobly seconded by Herr Klockenbusch, Southend, whose jolly red face beamed over the bar as he dispensed ginger and other things with his usual generosity. Then a glorious afternoon in All Saints' belfry, where the writer called his first twenty years ago. Caters, Triples, Ten Bob Major, and a course of Royal F. G. Newman, brought up tea time. Words of thanks to Messrs. F. Mannering and Thompson, who spent the day with them to Mr. Hollands for Leeds arrangements, and to the Vicars of St. Nicholas and Saints for the use of the bells, brought the day to a close and the ringers home, and happy. W. H.

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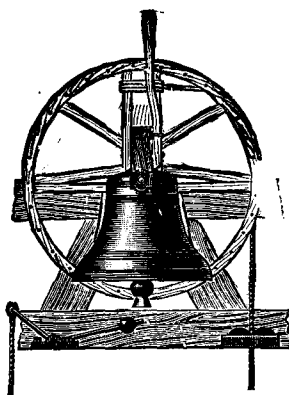
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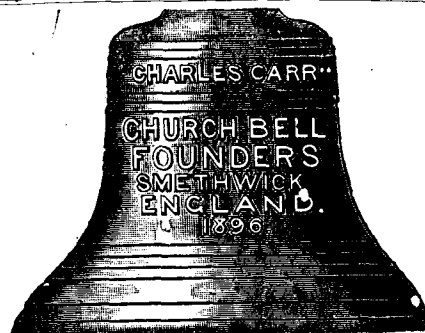
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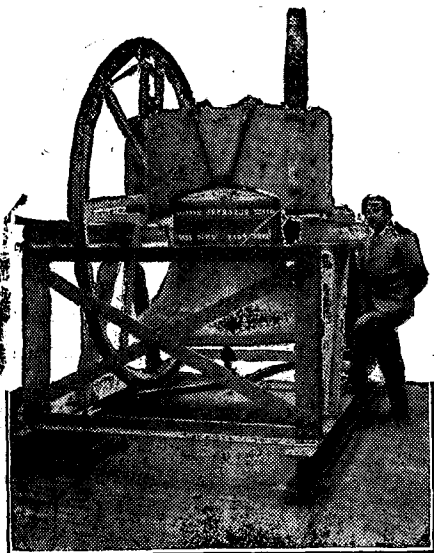
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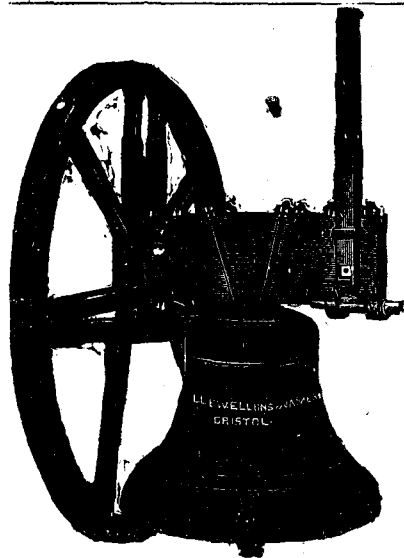
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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).

PRITTLEWELL (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Ten bells; treble, 2nd and tenor by Warner, 1902; 3rd and 4th by Mears, 1897; the rest by the same, 1872. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.45. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 8.15.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk). St. Andrew. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; 5th and 6th about 1470; no founder mentioned; 7th by Darbie, 1677; the rest by Warner, date not stated. Tenor 16 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day. Method; Plain Bob. No further information given.

READING (Berks.) St. Giles. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears, 1890; the rest by the same, 1793. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Blackbourn, 1890. Ropes new 1904. Methods; Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.30 to 10, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice; Tuesday, 7.30.

RICHMOND (Yorks.) St. Mary. Cleveland and North Yorks. Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Warner, 1904; tenor 13 cwt. by the same, 1863; 3rd, 1739, founder unknown; 6th, old bell, no date; the rest by Smith, 1697. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner, 1904. Ropes new 1904. Method; Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice; Friday, 8.

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## ST. ANDREW'S, OWSLEBURY, HANTS.

In spite of the inclement weather, on Monday, October 30th last, the parishioners of this little country village filled their church on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester to dedicate three new bells. The service had been printed and was fully choral, the familiar hymn "Now at length our bells have mounted," being sung, with two others. The Vicar, Rev. C. Buston, formerly hon. sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and afterwards hon. sec. of the Northumberland Guild, took the prayers, the lessons being read by the Revs. C. E. Matthews and E. W. Carpenter, Vicars of Bursledon and Thorpe, and respectively Master and hon. sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Rev. C. Wickham (Twyford) was also present. The Bishop of Winchester having proceeded to the west tower, said the prayers of dedication, the ropes of the 3 new bells having been first tied together. His lordship subsequently preached an eminently practical sermon from Romans xii. 15; "Rejoice with them that do rejoice." He said the parishioners were to be congratulated on the acquisition of such a peal of bells, enlarged upon the various uses and lessons which their music should always bring home to the hearts of those who heard them, and finally expressed the hope that the ringers would become skilled change-ringers, and always endeavour to remember that as church officers, they must set an example which would be a help to the worshippers who assembled in God's house. It was for God's honour, praise, and glory, that the bells should sound Sunday by Sunday.

During the singing of the last hymn, a collection was taken for the bell fund, and there only remains a deficit of about £20 to complete the entire cost of the work, which has been admirably executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The late Earl of Northesk at his own expense completely restored the tower a few years ago, and thus enabled the 3 new bells to be added to the old three. The new bells make an excellent splice, and the old 3 have been retuned and re-hung with new fittings, etc.; the tenor is about 11 cwt. in A, while the new trebles are F sharp, E and D respectively. The go of the whole peal is admirable. During the service a short touch of Stedman was rung, and afterwards several 720's in different methods were brought round. The first 720 on the bells was one of Kent Treble Bob: Alice White, 1; W. C. Lampard, 2; W. T. Tucker, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; W. H. George, 5; and H. White (conductor), 6; while Messrs. J. W. Whiting, F. Hansford, Rev. C. Buston, and Rev. C. E. Matthews also took part. The arrangements for the opening were made by Mr. J. W. Elkins, the hon. sec. of the Winchester District, Owslebury being some 5 miles from the Cathedral city. The Vicar hospitably entertained his guests and the ringers at luncheon and tea, while Captain Standish, one of the churchwardens, kindly provided a brake for the ringers to and from Twyford station. The Vicar, Rev. C. Buston, is to be heartily congratulated on the completion of this peal, on the admirable arrangements he organised, and on the enthusiasm of the parishioners of Owslebury.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

[Specially and exclusively reported for "THE BELL NEWS."]

The Two Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Anniversary Dinner of this society was held at the Bridge House hotel, London, on Saturday evening, November 4th. The chair was occupied by the Master (Mr. W. D. Smith), the vice-chairman being Mr. O. P. O'Meara. Miss Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst, was present, and the large company included among others the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), A. T. Dudley (Chiswick), J. W. Eisdell (Barking); R. A. Daniell, Esq. (Royal Cumberland Youths); and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. sec.), Arthur Hughes (treasurer), F. W. Waller (London), W. P. Routh (Reading), John W. Taylor, junr., Loughborough, and many other well-known ringers from all parts of the country.

From the secretary's (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) report, we find that during the year 41 peals have been rung by the society, consisting of

Grandsire Triples	..	6	Handbells ..	..	2
" Caters	..	1			
" Cinques	..	1			
Treble Bob Major	..	1			
Double Norwich	..	1			
" Caters	..	2			
Stedman Triples	..	10	" ..	..	1
" Caters	..	2			
" Cinques	..	7	" ..	..	4
Superlative Surprise	..	4			
Cambridge	..	1			
London	..	5			

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District meetings have been held during the past year at Kingston, Barking, and at Walthamstow. The number of new members totalled 31. Three peals of London were rung on Easter Monday by the same band which created a record.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara, vice-chairman, submitted in felicitous terms the toast "The King and Royal Family," mentioning that the fact of his being an Irishman, gave him additional pleasure in doing so. The toast was received with musical honours.

The Master, in submitting the toast of the evening, "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said: I have great pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening. You all know that this society was established in the year 1637. Before, however, proceeding to speak of the society I desire to say that letters regretting inability to be present this evening have been received from Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., Major-General Mackinnon, C.B., the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. F. E. Murphy (Walthamstow), Mr. G. Breed (York), Mr. W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), Mr. Godden (Birmingham), Mr. G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), and Captain Shuldham (Norton, Somerset). He then read three telegrams of congratulations and best wishes to the society from the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon (of Speldhurst), Lachland Mackinnon (of H.M.S. *Russell*, of the Channel Fleet), and George Mackinnon (of H.M.S. *Goliath*, Mediterranean squadron). The reading of the telegrams was received with applause, and the Master asked Miss Leny to convey the best thanks of the "Youths" for the senders' kind remembrances.

The following letter, addressed to the Secretary, was then read by the Master:—

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A., October 18th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,—About two years ago I chanced to come in possession of some family heirlooms transmitted from Simon Bishop and his descendants to James McLellan, an Englishman, and scenic artist, now living in Boston.

Simon Bishop was a coachmaker, living in Colchester in 1747, and his ornamental business card (now before me) shews that his shop was at East Hill in that town. His son, also named Simon, married first a daughter of Philip Clay, Mayor of Colchester, and carried on the business of coachmaking at Beccles, near Bungay, Suffolk. After the decease of her husband, Mrs. Bishop made her home with her grandson Mr. McLellan, in London, and died May 11th, 1879, at No. 54, Brunswick Road, Upper Highgate, being interred at Kensal Green. These relics then descended to Mr. McLellan.

Among these objects were two brass candlesticks which had been

carefully preserved by Mrs. Bishop, as being formerly the property of the Duke of Wellington, and used by him throughout the Peninsula Campaign. Her brother, Lieut. Oliver, served in this campaign, and was attached to Lord Wellington's staff.

At the close of the campaign, when certain objects having no great intrinsic value were distributed as souvenirs, these candlesticks fell to Lieut. Oliver.

I may add that Mr and Mrs. McLellan are an honest worthy couple, whose character and appearance would furnish adequate guarantee as to the authenticity of these candlesticks. As to antiquity, they will speak for themselves.

I am now forwarding them by express to your address, and shall be much gratified if the Ancient Society of College Youths will accept them as a modest addition to their cabinet of curiosities.

With best wishes for the welfare of the society, and kindest greetings to yourself and my other friends of the guild,—I am, yours most sincerely,

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

The letter was greeted with much applause, and continuing the Master said:—Well, gentlemen, I hardly think such relics as these could have reached here on a better occasion than the present, and I am sure that Dr. Nichols deserves a hearty vote of thanks for his remembrance of this society in this excellent way. We can assure him that they will be highly treasured, and that we shall keep them most sacredly with our other objects of value in our safes, and they will be well looked after. With regard to the society, gentlemen, I have to say it is in as flourishing a condition as ever it was—in fact, I think it is better this year than last, and I hope that every succeeding year will see it continue to flourish. No one would have thought in years gone by, that the society would have reached the height it has at the present time. Everyone present knows that it is the premier society of the world—that this society with its sister society—the Cumberland Youths, are the two staple societies of the world. They have brought up young men to be proficient in the art. A good deal has been said about ringers who have done without outside help, and such who are now in good positions, have everything to be proud of. When the science is a pure one, it is only necessary for those who choose to attach anything in the art, to take their beliefs to the belfry, and attempt to call a touch—it doesn't matter what it is—Grandsire Triples or anything else, and if they are not true to their calling the bells will pretty soon show that they are wrong. This society, for the past two years, has gone out of its conservative way and has visited outlying districts, and they have been productive of a very great deal of good, and have shown that, we are not always hiding our light under a bushel, and that we are approachable. It is a right and proper thing for all ringers to look after the younger church-goers in the parish. There is one thing I should like to impress upon all ringers here present, and that is, that they should be churchmen first and bell ringers afterwards. I take it that each man should have the greatest respect for the parish church to which he belongs. If he has the ability and the time, there is the possibility of his getting young men who are in the choir or leaving it, to attend the belfry, and teach them what is required to be a ringer. I think a great deal of that is being done, or the ringing science would not be on the basis it is at the present time, and hold the position it does. We have a great many of the clergy amongst us, and it is to them that we have to look for a certain amount of encouragement. At the same time we, as ringers, are very proud to think that as the Phoenix, we have risen out of our ashes, that we are really independent. As laymen, we should work for the church, at the same time we are independent of the church to the extent that we are capable of going into a tower, and if the bells are ringable, to produce some of the best music possible on the bells. I do want to impress upon all those present, not to think so much of peal ringing. I think more of practice nights than I do of peal ringing. As far as peals are concerned, I think they should crown the efforts of those youngsters who are coming on in the parish. Peals should not be pursued as a sort of pastime or a sport. Everyone should try to bring on the younger members of the parish in the art, and peals are sure to come along as the crowning efforts of what those youngsters have been doing. I do not think we ought to give quite so much time in peal ringing. I do not say but what all praise is due to those who partake in these particular peals, and in these most intricate peals all honour is due to them, at the same time we ought not to lose sight of what we really are—church bell ringers—and that we

ought not to make a fetish of peal ringing, and so neglect the weekly or fortnightly practice as the case may be. We ought to give as much time as we can to the practices, and bring on the young men of the parish, and so leave behind us—this society, or any other society, to which we may be fortunate to be adhered to—in a better position than which we found it. Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the health of our noble selves, the College Youths.

(To be continued.)

#### JUBILEE OF MR. W. A. ALPS, OF WALTHAM ABBEY.

In celebration of his jubilee, Councillor W. A. Alps entertained the members of the Waltham Abbey Society, of which he is Master, at a supper given at The Green Dragon Inn, on Saturday evening, November 4th. The Rev. J. H. Stamp, a vice-president of the Society, occupied the chair. He was supported by Councillor W. A. Alps, Mr. Frank Carter, secretary, and Mr. Thomas Mitchell (senior member). Mr. G. E. Peace (Treasurer), was in the vice-chair, and had the support of Mr. H. Thompson (assistant secretary) and Mr. George Cole (steward). Other ringers present were Messrs. D. Tarling (steeple-keeper), G. Thurgood, J. Adams, T. Colverd, L. G. Thurgood, E. Wallage, and E. Hall. To show their goodwill towards Mr. Alps several members of the Urban District Council attended. After supper the Secretary read letters of regret for inability to attend from Mr. T. Powell, Mr. James Pettitt, and Mr. A. E. Hilton.

Proposing the toast of the evening, the Rev. J. H. Stamp said he considered it a great honour to be asked to occupy the presidential chair on such an auspicious occasion. They were assembled to celebrate the 50th birthday of their friend, Mr. Alps, and to wish him very many happy returns of the day. To-night he ended his jubilee; to-morrow he would begin another jubilee, and though they could scarcely express the wish that Mr. Alps would be able to celebrate in that way the completion of his second period of fifty years, yet they could hope to meet together and congratulate him upon the celebration of his diamond jubilee. Mr. Alps had been connected with a great many institutions in the parish, in connection with which he had done much useful service. To the young men of the parish he had set a very good example. He had not lived a selfish or idle life. The greater part of his fifty years had been spent in serving his neighbours. For thirty-three years he had been connected with the Waltham Abbey Society, and for long periods he had been associated with various other institutions. Whatever people might think of Mr. Alps' eccentricities—if he might be permitted the term—they would be unanimous in esteeming him for many good points in his character. They must admire his diligence and his zeal in whatever he took up. When he associated himself with any society he made it one of his chief points to attend the meetings regularly. And not only did they admire his diligence and zeal, but they admired his persistency. When he thought he had a good object before him, he would not rest until he had achieved it, or until someone had shewn that he was in the wrong. Another point to be admired in Mr. Alps, although some of his friends said they suffered from it at times, was his native eloquence. Mr. Alps afforded proof that eloquence was not restricted to Ireland. Again they must all admire Mr. Alps' good nature. It could be wished that in all societies there were men who could take a rebuff or a "setting down" as well as Mr. Alps. He never bore animosity or ill-will, which was an extremely good trait in his character. Another excellent attribute produced by him was his remarkable retentive memory, which had often served him in good stead. Mr. Alps, he said, was born at Essex House, Waltham Abbey, on October 4th, 1855. After leaving the British School, he attended a night school conducted by Mr. Wakefield. Subsequently he became associated with the late Mr. Teat, a leading politician of this town, and it was largely due to his influence that Mr. Alps became a public man. In 1887 he took a prominent part in the foundation of the well-known Victoria Swimming Club, and was presented with a writing desk in recognition of his services as organising secretary. In 1887 he was elected a member of the old School Board, and two years later he was appointed to a

committee formed to oppose the separation of Waltham Abbey from the Edmonton Union, and this object was successfully achieved. In 1890 Mr. Alps was again returned—this time unopposed—to the School Board, but three years afterwards, by reason of a very serious illness, he did not seek re-election. Recovering from that illness, Mr. Alps, in February, 1895, was elected to the local Charity Trust, a position which he had held ever since. Then he served the Ancient Abbey Lodge of Odd-fellows, with which he was associated at one time as Grand Master, for twenty-five years. In 1899 he was returned to the Urban District Council, and had retained his seat to this day. At the election of 1902 he was returned at the head of the poll, and in 1905 he was second only to Mr. Arthur Chapman. In connection with the local Patriotic Fund Committee, formed at the outbreak of the South African War in 1899, Mr. Alps was unanimously chosen chairman. When the new Education Act changed the system of school management, Mr. Alps was appointed a member of the local advisory sub-committee, and still occupied that office. It would be seen from this sketch of his career that the position of Mr. Alps was a very honourable one, particularly as he was a man who had "risen from the ranks." For thirty-three years he had been identified with the Waltham Abbey Society, and was now its respected Master. He had now rung upon the bells of 100 churches. In 1896, the Abbey ringers presented Mr. Alps with a complete copy of Shakespeare's Works. He was one of the restoration committee appointed to carry out the arrangements in connection with the renovation of the tower, and Mr. Alps deserved his share of the credit which was due to the promoters of the work for the success with which the scheme had been carried out. On behalf of the ringers, the chairman then presented Mr. Alps with a handsome illuminated address elegantly framed. The text of the address is:—

"The Waltham Abbey Society of Change-ringers.—Presented to Mr. W. A. Alps by the members of the above Society on the occasion of the celebration of his 50th birthday, conveying sincere congratulations and good wishes for many happy returns, and in some slight recognition of his close association with the society as a change-ringer for the past thirty-three years, and his services and ability as conductor for twenty years. In the position of Master for the past six years his services have been invaluable to the Society, the prosperity of which it has ever been his object to maintain; and the great appreciation of his services is hereby recorded. Officers: W. A. Alps (Master), G. E. Peace (Treasurer), Frank Carter (Hon. Secretary), H. G. Thompson (Assistant Secretary), and George Cole (Steward). 4th October, 1905."

Having read the address, the chairman proposed "The health of Mr. Alps," and wished him many happy returns of the day.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and musically honoured.

Responding to the toast, Mr. Alps, who was again loudly applauded, returned his sincere thanks for the valued testimonial that had been presented to him. He said he had heard it suggested that "Old Bill" should be presented with an umbrella or a walking-stick now he was getting older. But he didn't feel at all old. One gentleman had told him that he ought to go to New Zealand, but he was not likely to go. Proceeding, Mr. Alps said it was the object of his life to do good to his neighbours, and he thanked Mr. Stamp for the kind words spoken of him. Speaking of the ringers' society, Mr. Alps said that one handbell in its possession was dated 1846, but that was a comparatively recent date, and he could not say how long before then the Society had been in existence. The members of the Waltham Abbey and Saffron Walden Societies had been attached to each other as change-ringers for over ninety years. The names of Carr, Woodbridge, Ovenden, Powell and Britten would always remain in honourable association with the Waltham Abbey Society. The first peal he (Mr. Alps) called as conductor was twenty-seven years ago, and that was Mr. Colverd's first peal. Sad experience had been seen in other societies brought about by division, and he hoped the Waltham Abbey Society would always remember the adage—"United we stand, divided we fall." There had been divisions in this Society, and for a great many years some members, including himself, had fought hard against those divisions. And now, he was glad to say, the Society was perfectly united. There was room for more members, and applications were invited. More honorary members also would be welcomed. Gentlemen could



become such by paying 2s. 6d. or more per annum. The ringing members had to pay a small sum fortnightly in order to keep the Society going. The Society received so much a year from the church authorities, but that money was paid into the funds of the Society, and did not go into the pockets of the members. When the bells were rung on Sundays the members gave their services gratuitously. A gentleman some time ago said that these services were worthy of recognition, and he would see if something could not be done. "And that's all that has been done," commented Mr. Alps, amid laughter. He thought that, exclusive of himself, of course, the Society could be congratulated upon its excellent officers. In Mr. Peace they had an admirable treasurer, who closely watched the expenditure and kept the purse strings very tight. Mr. Tarling kept everything in the belfry in exceptionally good order. He (Mr. Alps) had visited over 100 towers, but he had never yet found a belfry better kept or more comfortable than the belfry of Waltham Abbey. Of course it was known in Waltham Abbey there was a ring of only eight bells. But the frames were there for twelve, and he hoped that some day some generous donor would strengthen the peal by the addition of two or more bells. The existing bells, by the way, which it had been necessary to lift on account of the work to the tower, were ready for use again on Friday evening, October 13th. Referring to the presence of the Councillors, Mr. Alps said he regarded it as a high compliment that six of his colleagues on the Council should have attended that gathering. Closing his speech, he thanked the Chairman and the company for the very cordial reception they had given him.

During the evening capital songs were rendered by various members of the company.

### 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"

#### HUBBARD'S TRIP IN STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—Ringers of Stedman are under an obligation to Mr. Nunneley-Wood for pointing out the slip made by no less an authority than the late Henry Hubbard. The peal is reproduced in the new work "Stedman," and not wishing to lose this interesting example of an early peal with the 6th fixed in 2nds, it struck me that some one amongst our skilled composers would possibly not mind rectifying the error, and so leave the honour of the peal to the memory of one who did so much for ringing in his day. Happening to be writing at the time to one well qualified for the task, I broached the matter, and it has been most obligingly fallen in with. Will, therefore, the possessors of copies of "Stedman" kindly alter the peal of H. Hubbard's, given on page 87, to read 5076 (two more changes than before), and further alter the homing course to read 3, 7, 11, 13, 15, 18, and make the additional note, rectified by Mr. J. R. Pritchard, 1905. Mr. Pritchard very cleverly, without altering the number of calls, and by re-arranging two only, viz., the 7th and 15th, has put the matter right and well deserves our thanks.

Now comes this question—Could a reader of the excellent book from the pen of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, have found the mistake out for himself, supposing he had searched for it? For my brother always held that it was the duty of a conductor to qualify and prove for himself the peals he proposed to call.

The best answer is the following: as no additional knowledge has been used, in penning these lines over and above that set forth in Mr. Davies' "Theory and Proof" of Stedman Caters, chapter vi. At the beginning of this chapter, p. 73, the reader is warned of the special danger of Stedman Caters, owing to the whole of a six being of one nature (all *in-course*, or all *out-of-course*), so that the dodging bells have great powers of quietly bringing about a repetition. This is further emphasised on page 74. On page 75 are set out two very instructive tables, in skeleton character, showing the varying positions of 9-7-8, at the six-ends in a plain course of tittums, one table giving the backstrokes, and the other the corresponding handstrokes. Embodied, also, in these tables is the corresponding relative positions of the bell fixed in 2nds at the course-end, so that we

are very near indeed to the pith of the matter. On page 77 dealing with the starting and homing courses, we find "(3) examine the six-ends to discover if in any of them the three heavy bells and the bell fixed in 2nds place in the body of the peal collectively fall into a position which they occupy in a tittum position; (4)—If they do, the portion where they are thus situated must be compared with the body of the peal."

Let us proceed to test these points, first as to (3). After pricking out the six-ends of the homing course (we are not here troubling with the starting course), we find that at the 13th six-end, the heavy bells, 9-7-8, and the 6th (the bells in 2nds) at a course-end are in a very suspicious position, for they turn up 652983471. Not only do Mr. Davies' skeleton tables show this, but they point out that the mischief—if it be there—is a handstroke (that is to say, a dodging) trouble, which will occur at the 10th six of a course. This handstroke pitfall is very clearly shown because it is in the handstroke table that we identify the similarity of the tittum position, and we may almost point out with certainty that this is the very snare which caught the old composer.

The would-be prover will have fortified himself for the earlier stage of the proof, with a list of all the course-ends, and if he wants to save himself trouble, he will object to finding all the 10th six-ends through the various courses, and still more to finding their handstrokes. Therefore we must treat our suspected row and find its particular natural course-end so that we may compare it with the others in the body of the peal.

Our suspect being 652983471—with a bad reputation "at hand," we dodge the three hind pairs and get 652894317—as our backstroke basis at the end of a 10th six; treating this by a scale for "eight sixes from a quick six-end," we get as its natural course-end 326415978. The three back bells are common to the tittum course-end, so we take no notice of them, and go on to 415; searching in the body of the peal we find 415 in 4-5-6 at the 8th course-end of the 3rd part. As the 10th six is the one in which we may expect to find "ructions," let us turn up the 9th six and proceed cautiously. The 9th six-end we find to be (by "scales" on page 83), 259638741, and three more rows of a quick six give us 652983471, the very row we ought to have been hoping not to find.

It has proved very interesting to put Mr. Davies' writing to a practical test, as I had previously formed an opinion that their proof of Caters was one of the best and most lucid chapters in the book, and so I think it will prove to those who will follow this matter through in the fullest detail of which I give here only a bare outline.

In thanking you for your space, allow me to add my own personal thanks to Mr. Pritchard for stretching out a hand in favour of the preservation of Mr. Hubbard's peal, and for the prompt and kindly manner in which he has ungrudgingly saved the composition to us.

WM. SNOWDON.

#### BARHAM OF LEEDS.

SIR,—With reference to your correspondent's letter in yours of the 11th inst., it seems to me that the fact of the Wigston long length being rung by eight men only, differentiates it altogether from the extent of Bob Major at Leeds. The former, like the rivalries in long lengths of Treble Ten between the College and Cumberland Youths in the eighteenth century, has a distinct tendency to stimulate aspiring members of the Exercise to increased physical and mental exertion; but to get a party of fourteen men to ring completely the extent of so simple a method as Bob Major cannot have that effect. I have a great respect for Barham's work and accomplishments as disclosed by his record, but all the same that particular instance does not appear to me the one on which to form an appreciation of him. It seems to me a mere curiosity.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I should say that "An Old Ringer" is not so old as his *nom de plume*, neither a regular reader of "THE BELL NEWS." His statement in your last issue that "the Wigston long ring" was justly regarded as an exploit though not brought round, etc.; calls for an answer. It is strange that such a sentence should have passed the editorial eye. The Wigston "long ring" was brought round, true and correct to the satisfaction of all concerned. The figures were sent to "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, and for aught I know to the contrary, are there now.

They were also published in the Midland Counties Association Report for 1904. Leeds tenor is 20 cwt., that of Wigston 14½ cwt.; but it was not because of the weight we went to Wigston. It would have made very little difference if she had been half-a-ton heavier. I would have preferred a bell the weight of St. John's, Leicester (21 cwt.), which goes quite as well as Wigston, but permission is the chief factor. Any long-peal man knows that there is not enough shoulder work on a light tenor. It affects too much the muscles of the wrist. If "Old Ringer" keeps his eye on "THE BELL NEWS," he may be enabled to bear the next attempt for either 21,000 or 25,000, but it will not be at Wigston, owing to the opposition of the local press on the last occasion.

W. WILLSON.

## AUTHORSHIP OF THE 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Craven I wish to inform him that my brother did not know the actual date he produced it till he asked me the date he gave it to me, as he had not kept any account of it. If Mr. Lindoff will give his testimony he can tell him the date I sent him the figures. He also says that my statement about Mr. Knights telling me he had not seen the peal, is false, and I challenge him to prove it. I also ask him to deny if he can, that on the evening of February 7th he pronounced the false compositions of Mr. Lindoff that are on the same plan as this, to be true; so it is quite evident he had not then started to produce this peal. I think that while telling me about the items I admitted, it would have looked a good deal better on his part if he had admitted that my brother wrote to him last December about the authorship of this composition, and the childish reply he gave was a suggestion that they should both claim it, if anyone ever heard of such a thing. If he had acted any way honourable, he would have given up his claim, as he knew quite well it was not his. Instead of that he sends it on to the Yorkshire Association as rung for the first time, knowing at the time it was rung by the same Association four months before. I may say that this is not the first occasion in which he has endeavoured to claim other authors' compositions. It is not many years ago since he published a 5184 Double Norwich belonging to Mr. Washbrook, after it had been before the Exercise about ten years, and published in the Midland Counties Association Report, and when it was pointed out to him by I believe Mr. Dench, he was not honourable enough to withdraw his claim.

W. PYE.

SIR,—I am afraid that I cannot throw much light on the authorship of the above peal. When I met Mr. W. Pye at Putney I remember mentioning recent false compositions that had been rung in this method, and saying that Mr. Craven had got a peal of 5120 on the plan of the false peals. Mr. Pye then said that his brother had also got a peal of 5120 on the same plan, but neither of us had the figures to show. I cannot remember whether I had seen the figures of the peal before I met Mr. Pye, but if I had not, it would be a most unusual occurrence for Mr. Craven to have a peal of this quality in his possession nearly a month without shewing it me. My son says he remembers Mr. Craven shewing the peal in the belfry on one practice night, but cannot remember the date.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your current issue of "THE BELL NEWS" you record a peal rang by the Lancashire Association at Holy Trinity Church, Hulme, on Saturday, November 4th. It is stated at the bottom of the news that this is the first peal rung on the bells since being augmented to eight. Please allow me to correct this as being wrong. The first peal was rung on December 10th, 1887, a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., by \*John Heald, 1; J. O'Brien, 2; \*James Heald, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. Ettock, 5; A. Egginton, 6; J. F. Woods, 7; Thomas Heald, 8. Conducted by J. F. Woods. \*First peal. This will probably be found in the issue of December 17th, 1887.

A. BARRY.

[Mr. A. E. Wreaks, and other writers admit that the statement was an error, and withdraw it.—The letter of E. G. Gale is too long for insertion: the subject being of no general interest.—Ed.]

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We hear that more than 230 pages of the new edition of Jasper Snowdon's *Grandsire* are now in print, and that an effort is being made to have the work completed for the first week in December. It will interest our readers to learn that practically all that Mr. W. H. Thompson knows on the subject is being incorporated in the book, and that several novel diagrams by that mathematical authority will illustrate many interesting and debatable points.

Mr. Thompson's pamphlet of 1886 being out of print, special permission has been given to the Editor of the new edition (Mr. Wm. Snowdon), to embody its leading features, so that, together with the review by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, as given in the first edition, a fairly complete grasp may be had of that valuable little work—"A note on Grandsire Triples." This pamphlet our readers will remember finally proved the impossibility of the whole peal of Triples with common bobs only, and, therefore, that Holt's one-part stands the masterpiece for all time. Notwithstanding the endeavour to bring the scientific side down to the date of issue, no curtailment of the elementary parts of the late Mr. Snowdon's writing will be made, so that the book will be as complete as ever for the beginner.

## Obituary.

## JOHN ROWLEY.

Death has removed another of the ringers of the parish church of Barthomley, Cheshire, at the age of 70 years. Deceased was born and lived in this pretty little village all his life, and was greatly beloved by all who came in contact with him. He had been a member of the local company for over forty years, never failing in his duties as a ringer. We laid him to rest in the above churchyard on Thursday, November 9th, 1905, amid many manifestations of sympathy, the Rector, Rev. G. W. Skene, officiating. The bells, which he always loved and admired, were rung muffled at intervals during the afternoon by his brother ringers. "Life's task well done."

## JAMES DICKEN.

We deeply regret to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place at High Grove, Greenfield, Yorkshire, on Friday, November 10th, at the age of 45. The deceased had been a member of the local company (Christ Church, Friezland) for 28 years, and was highly respected by all ringers who knew him. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and had rung 12 peals with that body. He was also one of the Friezland band who was so successful on 6 bells between the years 1887 and 1897, a record of which was published in "THE BELL NEWS." At the funeral, which took place on Monday, November 13th, at Saddleworth Parish Church, the local company rung a muffled peal, and then returned to Friezland church and rung another peal deeply muffled as a last mark of respect. May he rest in peace.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1905.

THE contention regarding the authorship of a peal of Superlative Surprise, which has for some few weeks been dealt with among our correspondence, seems a long way from settlement. Perhaps the treatment which the question is undergoing is not of the best, because the parties concerned do not adhere closely to the points which are pertinent to the issue. It is not necessary to rake up other matters which have nothing whatever to do with the subject; whether one's opponent has been guilty in the past of something not honourable. Such things are better left unsaid—the possession of transcendent ringing skill does not warrant the use of such observations.

We believe that our friend HENRY DAINS brought forward the peal as his own in this paper of September 23rd. Why did not Mr. G. R. PYE then point out at once that the composition was his? Mr. CRAVEN claimed it as his on October 7th, and it was on the 21st October—nearly a month after its appearance—that it is claimed by Mr. G. R. PYE. No inference is to be drawn from this that the last-named gentleman's claim is not sound, but it would have been better if he had went into print the very first opportunity afforded him.

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ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

[Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method by the above Association.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

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

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Coventry, Cambridge, Wells, London, Durham and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. 4.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. 2.	WILLIAM MILLER .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. 3.	HENRY TORBLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate His Majesty's birthday, and also the wedding of Mr. W. Pye and Miss C. Newman, which took place at the above church on October 28th. The conductor has now called a peal in seven methods from each bell in the tower.

### The Provinces.

#### HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

BERNARD CLARKE* .. Treble.	JAMES FLOYD .. 5.
CHARLES GOLDING .. 2.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. 3.	HARRY GOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM FLOYD .. 4.	GEORGE SELLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

\*First peal. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the above Association.

#### ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN .. Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 5.
JOHN THORPE .. 2.	GEORGE LEWIS .. 6.
WALTER COATES .. 3.	SAM THOMAS .. 7.
ALBERT NASH* .. 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

\*First peal in the method.

#### ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor about 11 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES SAUNDERS .. Treble.	ROBERT THOMPSON .. 5.
JAMES THOMAS .. 2.	ALBERT GOULDING .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN .. 7.
JOHN PRICKETT .. 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Reference elsewhere.

#### WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

#### THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and Antelope. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN* .. Treble.	RICHARD NICHOLLS .. 4.
CHARLES TYRELL* .. 2.	JOSEPH READ, SEN. .. 5.
JOSEPH READ, JUN.* .. 3.	*FREDERICK CASHMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH READ, SEN.

First peal by the above Association. \*First peal. First peal on the bells.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE RUMSEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 7.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley.

#### HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS (R.C.),

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PERCY JOHNSTONE .. Treble.	PATRICK LAVAN .. 5.
ROBERT BINNS .. 2.	JOHN O'BRIAN .. 6.
MARK MELIA .. 3.	GEORGE MCHALE .. 7.
WILLIAM VARLEY .. 4.	MICHAEL KILLORAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by G. MCHALE.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

#### BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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

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

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

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

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New  
London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	HARRY DAVY .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. Treble.	*MAURICE SMITH .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY.. .. 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 10.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 11.
ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th twelve times right, and the 6th eighteen times right in the tittums position, and the 6th fourteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions with the treble a second bell, and is the first peal of Stedman Cinques composed with these qualities. \*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PRIOR.. .. 6.
WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 3.	†GEORGE DENT .. .. 7.
WALTER HOBBS* .. .. 4.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal of Oxford. †First peal in the method as conductor. This is H. J. Tucker's 150th peal, and W. Watts' 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,  
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 5.
JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 2.	THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 6.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 3.	REUBEN HALL .. .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has only 4-5-6 in 6ths place at a course-end. This is J. Jones' 100th peal eighty-five of them being rung with the conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES.

JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN., .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the county, and first by the Association. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WARBURTON .. Treble.	ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 6.
T. HERCY DENMAN* .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER.. .. 7.
ARTHUR SWANNACK .. .. 3.	†ARTHUR T. WINTER.. .. 8.
GEORGE W. METCALFE .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. 9.
ROBERT MILES .. .. 5.	*THOMAS SPURR .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ARTHUR T. WINTER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR DURLING .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	*GEORGE HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday; also on the occasion of a baronetcy being conferred upon Richard Biddulph Martin, Esq., M.P., at one time a resident of Chislehurst.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS*.. Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK.. .. 6.
HENRY DAY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER .. 4.	CHARLES ORAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

\*First peal. First peal rung on the city bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday; also of the re-election of the first Lord Mayor—Alderman Robert Hughes—for the city of Cardiff.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS .. .. Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
TITUS BARLOW .. .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 7.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM DENNER .. .. Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

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

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 6.
JAMES LITTLE .. .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 4.	†ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

†First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEO. ROBERT V. CRUSH* .. Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 5.
HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. .. 6.
ERNEST DAWSON .. .. 3.	HENRY HEAD .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. MANNING.. 4.	†THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

\*First peal. †Fiftieth peal.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS* .. Treble.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN .. .. 5.
GEORGE EDGER, SEN.* .. 2.	CHARLES HAMBLIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW .. .. 3.	GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 7.
JOHN EMERY .. .. 4.	*ROBERT J. POLLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WOODISS.

\*First peal. First peal by the local society.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD GOBEY† .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PIPES .. .. 5.
HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. .. 6.
ISAAC HOUTON* .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	*ALFRED T. BAKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. GOODWIN.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

## WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. REED .. .. Treble.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 5.
F. FARRANT .. .. 2.	REV. W. M. K. WARREN.. 6.
G. STACEY .. .. 3.	H. MOORE .. .. 7.
G. ATKINS .. .. 4.	A. H. HAYWARD .. .. Tenor.

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## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. Treble.	PERCIVAL WOODS .. .. 4.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM .. .. 5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, and was rung in consequence of one member of the band failing to turn up for Kent Treble Bob Major.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN F. PENNING .. .. Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR .. .. 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by ARTHUR F. JAMES.

\*First peal as conductor in any method.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 5.
FRED EVANS .. .. 2.	†JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 7.
THOMAS WATTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM MILLS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM MILLER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. 5.
CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN JOHNSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE WOODS.. .. 3.	ARTHUR LATHAM .. .. 7.
HARRY ROBERTS .. .. 4.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal.

## BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, College Single, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE .. .. Treble.	ROGER SATTERTHWAIT .. 4.
WOODBURN NEVINSON .. 2.	JOHN HOLME .. .. 5.
FURNESS WOODEND .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

First peal in seven methods by all.



## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,  
AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

SAMUEL REEVES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS HORTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung to celebrate the 66th birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal at Rowley Regis reported last week, the ringers of the 3rd and 4th should read Homer, not Hoomer, as published.—The peal of Bob Major on handbells rung at Wellingborough, and published in our last issue, was the first peal of Major on handbells in Northamptonshire, and first on handbells by all except W. V. Newman.

## Date Catches.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, November 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Taylor, J. H. Sholicar, J. Sholicar conductor, H. J. Ellis, J. Pilkington, J. W. Pilkington, J. R. Park, T. Martland. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Canon Blundell, for forty-two years Rector of Halsall, Rural Dean of Liverpool diocese, and chaplain to His Majesty the King.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, October 29th, before the afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford. After service another 720 in the same method. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, G. Andrews, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 31st, for practice, 720 Double Oxford, 720 Double Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Double Court. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Double Court. After service 720 Double Court, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Double Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard. W. J. Nevard conducted all the ringing except the Cambridge and Bob Minor, which W. Hazell conducted. In the 720 Double Court F. Smith rang the 5th. In the 720 of Oxford Treble Bob G. Green and A. Smith rang the treble and 2nd. In the 720 Bob Minor A. Smith rang the 2nd. These are the local men; the rest are the Great Bentley company.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. BRIAVELS.—This is the first peal on these bells which have just been rehung by Greenleaf and Frisram, of Hereford. The 2nd, which was badly cracked, has been recast by Mears and Stainbank as a treble, and the old treble which was flat, tuned down to take the place of the 2nd. They are now an excellent peal in perfect condition. The back six were cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1764, and the trebles by Rudhall in 1830. The ringers were kindly entertained to a meat tea at The George hotel by the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. May. The work in the tower is a credit to the firm who have recently rehung the bells of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and are now engaged at Swindon and Cheltenham.

THE PEAL AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM.—Mr. James Jones' 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 3; Major 2; Caters 19; Royal 1; Stedman Triples 8; Caters 7; Bob Triples 2; Major 8; Caters 1; Royal 3; Treble Bob Major 5; Royal 2; Forward Major 4; Royal 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 8; Caters 1; Union Triples 3; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Canterbury Major, 1; College Single Triples 1; Double Norwich Major 1. Total—100. Two of the peals of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells; also a record peal of Grandsire Major (10,272); a record muffled peal of Caters (8009); and the Editor's 7001 of Grandsire Caters.

THE PEAL AT WRITTLE.—Mr. T. Lincoln's Fifty Peals.—Grandsire Triples 9; Caters 2; Oxford Bob Triples 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 2; Caters 1; Bob Major 5; Treble Bob Major 19; Double Norwich 6. Total—50.

THE PEAL AT HARLOW.—Mr. W. Watts' 100 Peals.—Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Bob Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 1; London Surprise Major, 1, conducted 1; New Cumberland 3, conducted 3; New Cambridge 3, conducted 2; Cambridge 3, conducted 1; Superlative 14, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob 4, conducted 1; Oxford 5; Double Norwich 7, conducted 3; Bob Major 5, conducted 2; Stedman Triples 11, conducted 6; Grandsire 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob, 1; Seven Surprise Methods on six bells 17, conducted 16; Seven Treble Bob Methods 13, conducted 12; Seven Minor Methods 7, conducted 2. Total—100; conducted 54. Rung in three different counties, and in eleven different towers.

THE SAME PEAL.—Mr. H. J. Tucker's 150 Peals.—Kent Treble Maximus 1; Stedman Cinques 1; Oxford Royal 1; Kent 5, conducted 2; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 4; Grandsire 8, conducted 7; Superlative Major 8, conducted 2; Cambridge 1; New Cumberland 2; Double Norwich 16, conducted 2; Kent Treble Major, 12, conducted 8; Oxford 5, conducted 3; Canterbury Pleasure 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 12, conducted 10; Grandsire 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 14; Oxford Bob Triples 6, conducted 6; Grandsire 46, conducted 32; Darlaston Bob 3, conducted 3; Seven methods on 6 bells 2, conducted 1. Total—150; conducted 79. Rung in forty-eight different towers, and ten different counties.

## NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well on Saturday, November 25th, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of ringers will attempt at St. Peter's, Kelsale, a peal of 1000 changes and upwards of Treble Bob Major. Starting time 2.30 p.m. sharp.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, November 21st., and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, November 30th, both at 8 p.m.  
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A meeting will be held at Luton, to-day, November 18th, Bells available at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.  
A. KING, *Local Sec.*

**Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—S. and W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, to-day, Saturday November 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.  
J. J. PRATT, *Dis. Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter, to-day, Saturday, November 18th, Bells (newly re-hung) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Town Hall, at 5 p.m., the Vicar presiding. Service in church at 6.30 p.m.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Herts Association of Change Ringers.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Division will be held at Knebworth, to-day, Saturday, November 18th, 1905. Tower open at 3 p.m.  
D. ELLINGHAM, } *Secs.*  
W. H. LAWRENCE, }

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Geddington to-day, Saturday, November 18th, 1905, Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.  
J. C. SHATFORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, at Basingstoke. Tea 5.30. Meeting, etc., afterwards.  
REV. F. G. HUMF, *Dist. Sec.*

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kingsthorpe, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King William, 4.30. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, November 22nd.  
F. WILFORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

**Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the south eastern division will be held at Chelmsford, on Saturday, 25th inst. Meat tea 5.30 p.m. at Dolphin Inn. Members 6d each. All those intending to be present please let me know by 22nd inst. Bells (10) will be open for ringing.  
BENJ. J. THOMPSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells at 3. Meeting at 5.30.  
R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at West Tarring, on Satur-

day, November 25th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea for those who inform me of their intention of being present by Thursday, November 23rd. The secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions owing for the present year.  
H. EVANS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrecfa, near Caerleon, on Saturday, November 25th, at 4 p.m.  
REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**Oxford Diocesan Guild—North Bucks Branch Church Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, December 2nd next. Bells available 2 p.m.  
A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual district meeting of the south western division will be held at West Ham, on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30., to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The cost of the tea will be 6d. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members. All who intend to be present are particularly requested to advise me before November 29th. The tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, will be open during the evening.  
G. A. BLACK, *Dist. Sec.*

**The Bath and Wells Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, December 2nd 1905. Bells available all day. Service will be held at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the "Prince of Orange" at 5.30 p.m. 6d. each to member. Business meeting immediately following. Members intending being present should send me their names not later than Tuesday, November 28th.  
A. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements.  
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. J. Nudds, has removed to No. 41, Weedington Road, Kentish Town, N.W.

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### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28th, the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the parish institute, Portsea. Members were present from Fareham, Havant, Petersfield, Wickham, Gosport, Swanmore and St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, together with the local ringers. Tea was provided in the Institute at one o'clock, of which thirty members partook. After tea the business was commenced, the Rev. C. W. Scott presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the following members were unanimously elected to the various offices for the ensuing year: the Rev. C. W. Scott, chairman; J. W. Whiting, Secretary; G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary; J. Harper and O. C. Coombs, representatives on the central committee; and E. J. Harding, auditor. The quarterly meetings are to take place at the following places: Nec-

ley, Westmeon, Petersfield, and the annual at Portsea. The two central meetings will take place on Easter Monday and August Bank Holiday. Mr. Franklin, of Shedfield, was proposed an honorary member, and five members of the Shedfield band were proposed probationary members, the same band applying for an instructor. The meeting decided to send G. E. Chappell, of Wickham, to instruct the band. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. B. R. Wilson for the use of the bells; the Rev. C. W. Scott for so ably presiding; and Mr. J. W. Whiting, Secretary. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire being rung.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 12th, a party from Woodford and Loughton drove to Harlow for some ringing on the new peal at St. Mary Magdalen. Arriving about

four o'clock, the visitors were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Dent, and an adjournment was then made to the belfry. The bells were quickly raised and set in motion, and an excellent struck touch of Stedman was followed by 576 Kent and 504 Stedman. After service 288 Treble Bob and another 504 Stedman. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Carter, Clark, Rann and Bacon of Loughton; Margetson, Green and Black of Woodford; and Dent and Hobbs of Harlow. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Hobbs and Bacon. The visitors were particularly delighted with the tone and go of the bells, both of which are excellent and reflect great credit on the founders. Best thanks are due to Mr. Dent for his hospitality and kindness, and the visitors returned home having thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, November 4th, and was well attended by members from Scunthorpe, Barrow, Thornton Curtis and the local men. Several touches of Bob Major, Triples and Treble Bob were rung at the parish church. In accordance with rule 6 a district committee meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Rev. E. Bullock, Vicar (vice-president of the above branch), when W. H. Heyhoe was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. J. W. Seamer elected a member of the general committee for the year 1906. At 5 p.m. a service was held in the new side chapel, conducted by the Vicar. Miss S. E. Bennett kindly presided at the organ. At 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the ringers partook of an excellent tea at Harman's hotel. This was followed by a meeting, the Vicar presiding. After a few remarks by Mr. P. O. Bixby, hon. general sec., the election of members took place, and Scunthorpe was appointed for the next place of meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and use of the bells concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

### PRESENTATION AT HEAVITREE, DEVON.

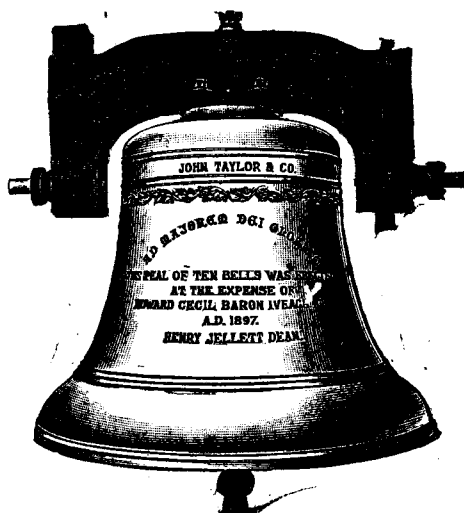
One of the younger members of the Heavitree Society—Mr. William Boundy—was, on Saturday, November 11th, united in marriage to Miss Matilda Halfyard, also of Heavitree. On the preceding practice night the Vicar, as President of the Society, with several hon. members, came up in the tower to present Mr. Boundy, on behalf of the members, with a marble clock and illuminated address, and in so doing referred to the good feeling which now existed between all the members. Mr. J. R. Nethercott ably supported the Vicar in the same strain, and Mr. Boundy suitably returned thanks. At the wedding eight members assembled in the tower to greet the newly-married pair by firing the bells, and ringing two short touches. In the evening an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples collapsed after ringing 3000 changes,

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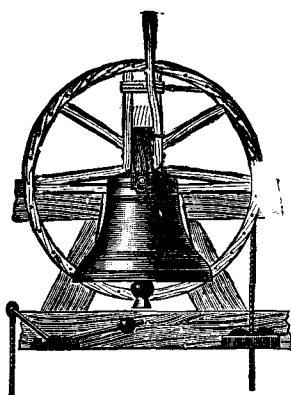
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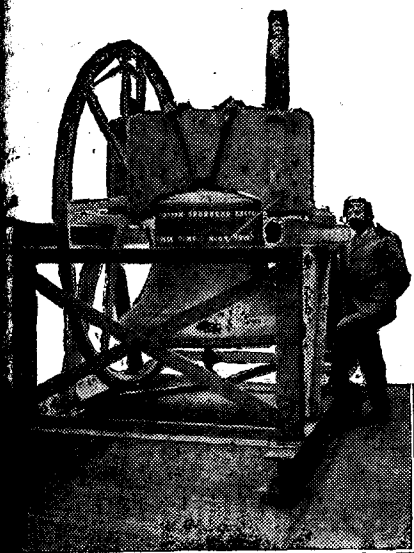
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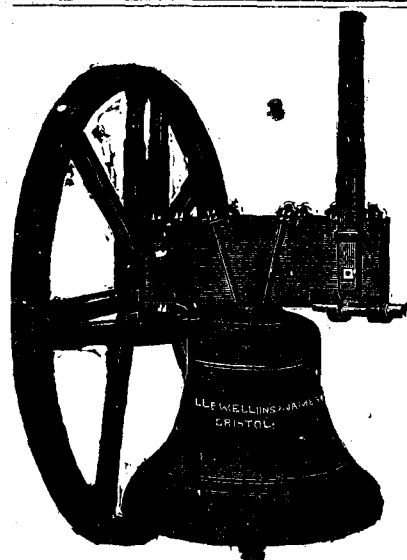
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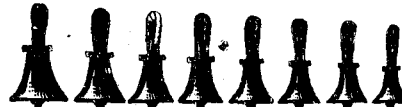
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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. No further information can be received after the end of November.

### SCHEDULE (continued).

RIPON (Yorks.) The Cathedral. Ten bells; the two trebles by Shaw, 1891; the rest by Lester, 1761. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Shaw, 1891. Ropes good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.45 to 10.30, and 4.45 to 5.30. Practice; Tuesday, 7, October to February inclusive.

RUDDINGTON (Notts.) St. Peter; the two trebles by Taylor, 1897. Tenor 17 cwt., by Hedderley, 1763. No information as to the rest, except that the 5th is dated 1663. Iron frame. Bells go fairly. Rehung by Taylor, 1888. Ropes new 1903. Change-ringing just starting. Sunday ringing; 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice; Wednesday and Friday, 7.30.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.) The Cathedral. Eight bells; treble by Mears, 1845; 2nd and 5th by Phelps, 1730 and 1731 respectively; 6th by Lester, 1758; the rest by Wightman, 1699. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. No further information.

St. Peter. Ten bells; treble and 2nd by Briant, 1787; 4th by the same, 1812; 8th and 9th by Taylor, 1883; the rest by Phelps, 1729. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. There were originally twelve bells, the two trebles being by Warner, 1868; but these were sold in 1883 to defray the cost of recasting the 8th and 9th.

NOTE.—The above information respecting St. Albans has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Jerram, no return having been made by the local ringers.

### HEADINGLEY. LEEDS, YORKS.

In response to a pressing invitation from Mr. J. McKell, of Gargrave, ten members of St. Michael's company, including Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, visited that place on Saturday, October 21st. On the journey, and during a wait at Shipley, handbells were in evidence; Stedman,

Grandsire and Bob Major delighting an audience in the waiting-room at the latter place. Arriving at Gargrave the ringers were welcomed by Mr. McKell, and after greetings and a look round the very pretty church, rich in stained glass, a walk in the country was decided on. Passing over the bridge spanning the river Aire, which is here uncontaminated with the dyeing effluents passed into it nearer Bradford (by those seekers after the Almighty dollars, who are also the magistrates sitting in judgment on a poor man for taking a rabbit, but who fail to convict themselves for destroying the purity of the air with beastly smokes, and the river Aire with their abominable dyeing refuse), we enter the village decorated with flags, etc., for Trafalgar Day, and are shown the interesting parts of the same, and various interesting things occur to our guide *en route*, as when we meet a detachment of nurses and bassinettes, he regaled us with the following story.

"One of His Majesty's Inspectors was examining a class in the school on the history of the district, and asked what the staple trade was. No answer being forthcoming, the Inspector, to brighten up their intelligence, asked what they saw most when leaving school, and received the unexpected answer—Nurses and Bassinettes."

Leaving the village the contingent passed over the Leeds and Liverpool canal, and through some beautiful country to Eshton Hall, the seat of Sir Matthew Thompson, standing in a well-wooded park abounding in game. The return journey was enlivened with a few stories from the Doctor and brother Shaw.

Tea was served at The Swan hotel, and under the presidency of Mr. McKell this function came off a great success. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. McKell for his kindness, and then tracks were made for the tower, but owing to service Double Norwich and London Surprise were the only methods rung.

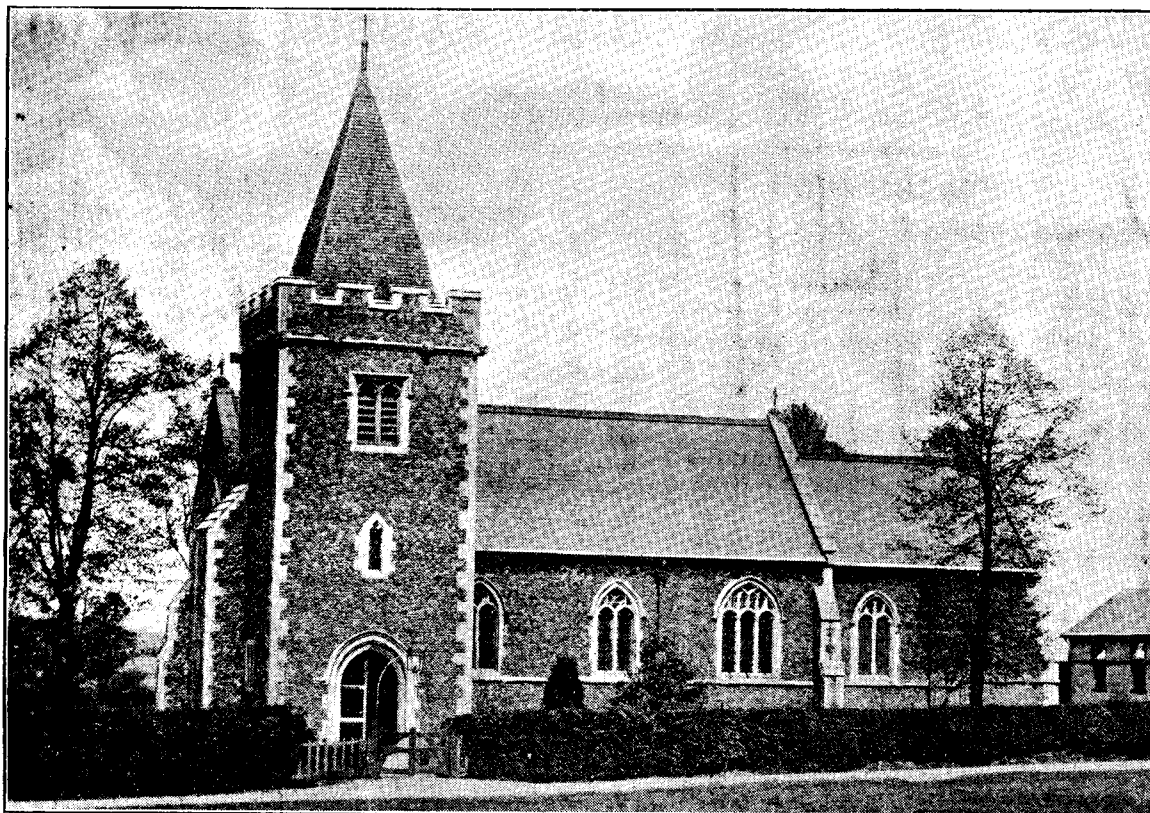
Returning to the hotel a social hour was spent in the company of the local men. Touches were rung in various methods on the handbells in which all took part. This brought up train time, and after taking leave of our friends we journeyed back to Leeds with very pleasant recollections of our Gargrave trip.

H. W.

### SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, November 4th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a tablet recording the ringing of two peals was unveiled in the above church. The tablet which was presented by Mr. Rose, one of the members of the company, is of carved oak, and was fixed in the porch. The inscription testifies that two peals were rung, one on December 20th, 1902, of 5040 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by W. Drew; and the other on January 14th, 1905, of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, 5040 changes, conducted by F. Watling. The Rector (Rev. L. Staniforth), in unveiling the tablet, thanked the donor heartily for his gift to the church, and also the ringers that attended the ceremony. The ringers then adjourned to the tower where ringing was indulged in,

## THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW, ESSEX.



## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

Tuesday, October 31st, 1904, will long be remembered by many of the residents of Harlow Common and surrounding villages, for on the evening of that day the Lord Bishop of Barking dedicated to their divine purposes the new ring of eight bells which the Rev. Henry Elwell and the parishioners had been working and hoping for during the past six years.

The parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, is situated nearly three miles from the mother church of St. Mary the Virgin, the population, of only between 400 and 500, is chiefly of the working class; there is no squire nor resident landlord; and the "living" (?) for a Vicar amounts to only a few shillings per week! Our readers will therefore appreciate the fact that during the vicariate of the Rev. Henry Elwell the church has been entirely rebuilt step by step: chancel, nave, tower, organ, stained east window, and now the bells, completes a perfect and beautiful church, which will stand for centuries as a memorial to the unflagging energy and devotion of a loving Vicar's life's-work.

When the project for furnishing the tower with a ring of bells was first started, many people thought, considering the money already raised for the other purposes, that the collection of a sum of upwards of £500 would be an almost impossible task; but the strenuous effort created an almost world-wide interest, and subscriptions have not only been received from all parts of the kingdom, but from such distant places as British Columbia, South Africa, and New Zealand.

The service on the dedication day commenced at 6.30 with an imposing procession carrying banners, headed by

a cross bearer, and singing the well known psalm, "All people that on earth do dwell." Many of the clergy from surrounding parishes took part, and at the close of evensong, a procession was formed and proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop, taking the ropes in his hand, solemnly dedicated the bells to their high and holy use. Whilst the choir and clergy returned to the chancel, the ringers from the parish church rang a few rounds on the bells. The Bishop entered the pulpit, and in the course of an eloquent sermon exhorted his hearers to heed the voices which call us to a higher life, taking as his text, "And they heard a great voice saying unto them, Come up hither."

A feature of the service was the singing of the hymns: "Lifted safely to the steeple," and "Hark on high the joyful music." Afterwards touches were rang on the eight bells, in which Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. took part.

Next day, "All Saints," the bells were open to ringers, and a great many availed themselves of the opportunity, various methods being rung.

The bells are from the Loughborough foundry, and right well sustain the reputation of that eminent firm. Everything is of the newest and most approved pattern. The seventh bell is inscribed "Praise the Lord." Each of the others has a Latin inscription taken from the Canticles of the church, and in addition the tenor records the fact, that the peal was erected in the 30th year of the Vicar's incumbency, and also bears the names of the churchwardens. All have the founders' trade mark, and are decorated with a floral band, being harmonically tuned. Their sweet notes were heard far and wide, and gave the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to all who heard them. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. 9 lbs,

## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 11th, a meeting was held at Milton Ernest. Owing to the weather and bad condition of the roads, very few members attended. Those who did attend were well repaid by the enthusiasm displayed by the local company, and the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. E. L. Holmes. Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were the order of the day. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, who with the able assistance of Mrs. Holmes, presided at the tables.

After tea a short meeting followed. Mr. J. Hartop, on behalf of the ringers at Thurleigh, invited the society to hold their meeting at that place.

On the proposition of Mr. Barcock, seconded by Mr. Gaylon, it was decided to accede to the request, and hold the next meeting at Thurleigh on December 16th.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Barker), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality and kindness in granting the use of the bells that day, mentioned the keenness shown by the Rector with regard to scientific change-ringing, and also sympathised with him in the trying time he had had in teaching his band. Mr. Gaylon seconded, and it was carried with acclamation.

The Rector in responding stated the pleasure it gave him to receive the society. He hoped shortly to hear some of the more intricate methods rung upon the bells. It was his desire to add another treble to the ring of five, and he hoped it would not be long before that was accomplished. It was the first time the society had been there, and he wished it every success at the monthly meetings.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at the parish church, Sheffield, on Saturday, November 4th. The bells of St. Mary's were also kindly placed at the disposal of the society; but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was not quite such a muster of ringers present as is usual at the city meetings, and it was late in the evening before the latter were made use of. The bells of the parish church, however, were kept busy until 7 p.m. with touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Maximus, Forward Major, and London Surprise, the performers including representatives from Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Ecclesfield, Doncaster, Rotherham, North Wingfield, Barnsley, Norton, and the city churches. The business meeting was held at the head-quarters of the society, one new member being elected, whilst the members present numbered about 40.

The secretary asked for assistance from the various conductors of peals rang by members of the society, by their sending in particulars of same as soon as possible, so that the new peal book may be brought up to date. In addressing the meeting, Mr. G. O. Dixon said there was a general feeling amongst the majority of members that a large photograph should be taken of as many members as possible at a convenient time and place, and a copy of same be kept at the head-quarters, therefore, he should have great pleasure in moving that a resolution be put to the meeting, asking the officers of the society to take the matter in hand. This met with the entire approval of all present, and on being seconded by Mr. J. Holman, was carried unanimously.

Several suggestions were made, but it was subsequently left to the committee to fix a suitable date and place. A

heartily vote of thanks to the clergy, and the two local companies, for the use of the bells, brought the business to a close, the remainder of the evening being spent in friendly intercourse, and touches on the handbells.

## 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."

## AUTHORSHIP OF THE 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—Since this discussion has been on, I have been looking up old correspondence on the subject. As I received communications relative to such peals in February, 1904, from each of my friends, a summary of their contents, as far as I am concerned, soon settles the matter. First, Mr. W. Pye sent me the 5120 as his brothers peal, together with a composition of Mr. Dench. This was about three days after Mr. Dench's composition had been rung. Mr. J. Parker can, no doubt, furnish the date of this, which would determine the date Mr. Pye's peal came into my hands. On the other hand, Mr. Craven wrote me on February 9th, 1904. He enclosed his peal which was a 5024, and inferior to the 5120.

G. LINDOFF.

[Another letter on this subject will be found on page 456.]

## MR. CARTER'S PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—I have at last heard from Mr. Carter about the peals of Stedman Caters and enclose part of his letter. May I suggest that you put something to this effect when you have space:—"We are asked to correct Mr. Carter's 5031 Stedman Caters which appeared on page 352 of the present volume. The calling of the first course should be 2, 5, 6, 11, and that of the twenty-fifth course 8, 9, 10, 15, also the regular calling in the first half should be 15, 16, not 14, 15. The 5031 was first rung on May 6th, 1905, and the 5077 on July 13th, 1905, both at St. Peter's, Aston conducted by Albert Walker."

A. NUNNSLEY WOOD.

P.S.—Mr. Craven has written asking when his letter appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," withdrawing the 5184s Double Norwich, which I pointed out to him in October, 1903, belonged to J. W. W. W. No such letter appears, and I do not remember one although I was looking out for it at the time—whether he wrote to you or not, I cannot of course say. He particularly wants to know about this letter to protect himself against Mr. Pye.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DURHAM.—This is the first peal of Major on this historical peal of bells. It was suggested that this peal should be entered in the old fashion, by beginning "The Ringers ascended the Tower," and ring the peal, suggesting that the ascending the tower and ringing the peal takes equal exertion, as there are 255 steps to the belfry floor. But those who know the very heavy go of the bells, will not agree with this, but will agree the above peal is a very creditable performance.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

[Specially and exclusively reported for "THE BELL NEWS."]

(Continued from page 435.)

Mr. E. Lanford Dale, in responding for the Society, said he did so with much diffidence, because he saw around him veterans of the Art, where as he, though nearing fifty years of age, was but a youngster, and only some two years a member of their ancient Guild. He had heard of various things in their possession spoken of, but so far as he was concerned, as assistant librarian of one of the very largest libraries in the kingdom—*Sion College*—the Society's peal books were the only illuminated manuscripts which were constantly kept up to date in that age of printing, such as the halfpenny press. He saw before him his friend who would make every peal go, and who rang perhaps at *St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green*, in his very early days a peal which then rang through the kingdom as a feat of renown. He saw those whose music resounded through the country from various towers and steeples. The Master had spoken of the younger ones coming on. It was difficult to dispose of a boy when he left the choir with a broken voice. He knew of a band of ringers not far away who began in 1901 as youngsters, and who now rang *Stedman Triples*, and that was an example for everybody. Surely the records of the past 250 years were not to be dropped now. Peal ringing was all very well in its way, but various Vicars came to him and said he should have the towers right away, that they would get into the county court in consequence, and they would get fifty letters of complaint. Bring on the young blood and the peals would come of themselves. There was another thing, let them be just to all men and fear not. Let them never call in question any performance unless they could with their own hands ring a better, and if so go and do it. Would anybody tell him that the *College Yonths* had not got as good men now as they had thirty years ago? Yonder was a coterie of veterans; they rang then, and there were members who could ring now and could stand for 9½ hours. He always advised clergy to turn young men who left the choir into the belfry, which was better than football, and they would not get their necks broken. There were bells waiting to be rung, and if every one would buck up and put their shoulders to the wheel the *College Yonths* would boast twice the number of members, and the bells of the churches would be rung Sunday by Sunday, year in and year out, as long as the Church of England should stand. He had known in days gone by of belfries being closed for twenty years—a good spell of a man's life—because they were not properly used, and therefore it behoved them as *College Yonths*, as ringers, and above all as Churchmen, to make a proper use of that part of the House of God known as the steeple.

Mr. E. A. Davies, in submitting "The Church," said: I am not sure if I have had the honour of proposing the toast which is put down for me to-night at a former dinner here, but whether I have or not I am quite certain that the toast of *The Church* will be received by you with the greatest acclamation. As our Master has already said ringers should be churchmen first and ringers afterwards. That is an opinion which I hold most strongly. The Church of England—well, one scarcely knows how to begin to talk about it—the subject is so large. How much England owes to its National Church is past all that I can say. It owes a great deal of its good government to the Church. It has in years gone by educated the children of this country, and it has been up to recent years almost solely responsible for the education of the children. How much stronger the Church would be had there not been so many divisions. No doubt the influence of the Church would have been much larger, and we hope as years go on there will be greater unity among the christian people of this country. We are all loyal to our own Church of England. We have been proud to see the works of our ancestors in erecting in every parish in this country its parish church and its national schools. We are glad to know that this kind of thing is still going on—that churches are still being built in London-over-the-border, and in our colonies. These will in years to come shew that the people of England at this day have not lost their love and loyalty to the old Mother Church to which they belong. There is a great responsibility resting on Church people in this country at the present time in looking after and maintaining the fabric of these ancient

churches that have been handed down to us from generations gone by. I take it to be the duty of every Englishman—no matter what sect he belongs to—to hand on these monuments of the past in a better state of repair than what they found them. Church bellringers are very anxious in this matter, because we have on very many occasions found that the belfries of England have been in the past very much neglected. We are glad to know that reforms and repairs have been extensively carried out in many places, and that is still going on. We are more particularly here interested in our City churches. These beautiful buildings that have stood for centuries as monuments of England's greatness, the rich congregations that once assembled within their walls no longer get there. They live away out in the country, and the churches still remain as monuments really. Well I am glad to find that in many instances the churches in the City are made use of now on week-days for short mid-day services, where men can turn in out of the street, and in that way the churches serve a very useful purpose still. Then we come to consider the towers and steeples of the City of London. What great part in the past and in the present day do the bells of London play in the national life of the country. Upon all festive occasions, great Church festivals, national events, Lord Mayor's days and the like, the people of the City of London look forward to hear their bells pealing from the various towers. How tame would be a Lord Mayor's show without some bellringing going on. Well, ringers look with interest when they find that a number of peals of bells in the City are not in the state of repair that one would expect to have them in a city so rich and large as London. Now take the peals of twelve bells in the City of London. With the exception of that magnificent peal of *St. Paul's Cathedral* there is scarcely one said to be in good going order. We look to our new Cathedral of *Southwark*—the bells there are not pealable—they want a new frame and rehanging. A vast amount of money has been spent on the repairs and restoration of *Southwark Cathedral*, and justly so. I hope it may not be far distant when that peal may be once more heard and rung so easily and comfortably as they were in years gone by. Then return to another peal of twelve bells. I refer to *Bow, Cheapside*. There has been a vast amount of money spent there. The bells have been twice rehung, and recently a great amount of money has been spent on putting up the old chimes again, which we are all very glad to hear. I am given to understand that the belfry, although it has been made the best of, sadly wants re-doing, and that there should be a new frame for the peal of bells at *Bow*. Then go to the peal of bells at *St. Bride's*. This peal of bells were rehung not many years ago, but for some reason or other they are never heard. Whose fault it is I don't know, but I believe they are seldom or never heard in ringing. *St. Giles's, Cripplegate*, is another peal of twelve bells which go badly; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill*, are not all that they might be, especially in the summer time, when I understand they go bad. This is the state of twelve-bell peals in the City. We have several others that I might mention—*All Hallows, Lombard Street*, a peal of bells taken from *Fenchurch Street* and rehung in *Lombard Street* not many years back, and these bells are scarcely ever rung I believe. The Vicar, the Bishop of *Marlborough*, wanted to hear his bells rung, but before the ringers could get to work they had to clean up the tower. There is a great want in the City of keeping these bells in repair. I think that if this state of affairs was brought before our City Companies or perhaps the Corporation, by our good Bishop, backed up by our good friend the Archdeacon, whom I am pleased to see here to-night, something might be done so that the bells in the towers of London might be rung with comfort and with pleasure, not only by those who ring them, but also by those who hear them. We are indebted to the Bishops and Clergy for the good of the Church and the good of the Church's cause in this country. I am quite sure we are all proud of our clergy, and you will I am sure join with me heartily in wishing every prosperity—shall I use the word every success, and every blessing that God can send down upon the Church of England. I have great pleasure in proposing "The Church," coupled with the name of the Archdeacon.

(To be continued.)

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



## THE SUSSEX WEEK.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

For many a year I've swung,

In my old grey tower, up high;

And many's the varied peal I've rung,

As the years went stealing by.

Old Tenor.

Once again it is my pleasure to record the progress of this annual holiday ringing week, and with strict injunctions from our Editor to "cut it short," I will proceed to business.

SATURDAY, October 21st. The members concerned congregated at Chichester in the afternoon, in response to directions from the Hon. Secretary of the Sussex County Association, Mr. A. B. Bennett, who had carefully organised a good week's programme. The anniversary concerned "Nelson Centenary" by our opening peal of the week, and our numerous visits to seaside towers changing my title of war to "naval correspondent." We fittingly celebrated Nelson Day like many other bands did in various parts of England, by a good peal—Superlative—in the fine detached tower standing beside the Cathedral, concerning the *non consecration* of which I beg to differ from the views entertained by others on this question. We were kindly met by the local Secretary and other officials, who had prepared everything for an early start, but Mr. Bayley was detained, and so on the completion of the peal forced us into "a rush" in order to catch the last train to Brighton at 9.34. Mr. Bayley and I rang 6-5, and I was especially pleased to hear the words "this is all," when Bill Bailey came home. Mr. G. Williams came up from Southampton and heard the latter part of the peal; he did not expect us to catch our train; most of the band finished their toilet *en route* to, and while in the train. Such unpleasant haste often spoils the success of a peal, and during the week, by hook or by crook, we had several close shaves in what I must term peal-snatching, ere the last train home was due.

Brighton Central was reached in safety, sleeping arrangements having been thoughtfully made with Messrs. King, Bennett and Hart, we were off to our several diggings soon after eleven, of course after the usual greeting and good-night cup together with the Brighton Bobbers at the canteen.

SUNDAY was spent as a day of rest. Ringing took place at St. Peter's for Divine Service morning and evening, where the Surprise methods were rung *ad lib*. An excellent sermon was delivered by the curate-in-charge at St. Peter's at night in the absence of the Vicar of Brighton through a slight accident, appropriate reference being made to the death of Nelson in 1805, and the flagship *Victory*. An address of much value and interest to those who had the pleasure of being present, and especially to ringers of to-day, was given, and the famous signal in the hour of Nelson's death afforded excellent material for dilating upon the duty of man and the duty of Churchmen. During the day a walk on the parade and to Rottingdean was enjoyed, and a visit to the new museum containing a complete collection of British wild birds, presented recently to the town by a Bucks collector. Many specimens here shown are now extinct, and I can recommend visitors to Brighton not to miss such an interesting and rare sight, and I regret that such a show could not be housed in somewhere in London for the benefit of thousands who never or seldom see a wild bird, as was originally intended by the late owner, who spent a lifetime and a fortune in obtaining the various species.

MONDAY.—To Eastbourne by the 9.20 a.m.; met by Mr. C. Howse at Christ Church, a bandy ring light ring of eight, lightest peal but one (Beeding), in the whole county, our peal, No. 2, being the first in the method on the bells. We had time to take light refreshment and inspect a young porpoise recently captured on the coast, and exhibited in a local fishmonger's window. Resuming our journey at 3.50, Battle was duly reached, and we directly invaded the tower of St. Mary's church, ropes and oiling carefully attended to, and the proposed method discussed. We essayed Superlative in preference to Stedman, two hours good striking ending ignominiously our attempt for peal No. 3. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat. We supped at The Chequers hotel—substantially—Mr. A. B. Bennett in the chair, Mr. Howse leaving afterwards to get home to Eastbourne. Sleeping was provided at Mr. Franks and Mrs. Bannister in the High Street, both cases to bear in mind in case a brother-string should need such accommodation.

TUESDAY.—At 9 p.m. a waggonette and pair was in readiness

to drive us to Salehurst, but after a course of Stedman here, any attempt for a peal would be felt sure to act prejudicially against the urgently needed restoration of the frame and fittings. Several of the bells are cracked, and the frame rickety, and yet permission to ring was kindly given by the worthy Vicar with the expressly written injunction that "no smoking or drinking took place in the belfry." We gladly obeyed this condition as loyal and true members of the County Association, which was founded twenty years ago last January for the reformation of such habits. Habits and misdeeds which alas were permitted and condoned by hundreds of clergymen in office during the past century, whose word was law, had it been spoken. Now that a better state of affairs prevail in our belfries throughout England, do not let us blame the forefathers of bellringing too much. An old custom dies hard, whether good or evil, and the thanks of the whole Exercise is due to the clergy of the past twenty years for their kindly forbearance in dealing with an evil, for which the bellringer was not altogether responsible in the past. We adjourned to the village inn—to take our mid-day meal—one of such houses can generally be found adjoining most country churchyards. Salehurst church is dedicated to St. Mary; it stands on an eminence, and commands good views of the country, the parish partly bordering the county of Kent. The bells, tenor 19 cwt. 10 lbs. in E, were cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel, and upon a tablet in the north aisle we read that "George Peckham munificently presented to this church its ring of eight bells." He was churchwarden for many years, and died in May, 1788 in his sixty-fourth year. Probably he was a ringer in his younger days, for we find a lead slab recording his name and that of a brother-warden in connection with the re-leading of the tower roof, and his interest in the tower and its bells would be sufficient to shew that the ringers' bodily wants would not be overlooked. The good old times of Salehurst belfry came to an end at the close of the last century, when a strike of the ringers and the provision of a chiming apparatus left idle bells for many a year. Our journey resumed by trap, we passed through autumn tinted bye-lanes with parkland scenery on either side, and fine examples of afforestation. Brightling was reached in good time to score a peal, our No. 3, by 4 o'clock, and as we were due at the vicarage to tea at that hour, note-taking was curtailed, as indeed it had to be in most cases. In this churchyard is a monster stone tomb in the form of a pyramid, built about 30 feet high with 25 feet base, with an entrance door on the west side. Erected in 1812 by George Fuller (no relation of the Hurst Fuller, squire of the parish, who died twenty-two years later, and lies buried beneath). He desired to be seated in an easy chair, placed in the centre of a compartment formed in the heart of the pyramid, a wish that could not very well be complied with, when his end came. In the gallery at the west-end of the church is one of the finest barrel organs of its kind, playing thirty airs, the gift of the late squire. The Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sturgess Jones), presided at our tea-table. We enjoyed an hour's chat over the tea-cups, and with hearty thanks to him, sped on our way. We arrived at Battle Church at 6 o'clock, and at once began the attack on this fine ring of eight, with Superlative for the second time of asking, our tenor man being keen and hearty as ever; but we rang one hour only, and like our Exeter correspondent, I will omit the why and wherefore. Our thanks were due to the local ringers for politely giving up their practice night to us, indeed, they also offered us the bells for the next afternoon and evening, as they were engaged to ring for a wedding; but, we reluctantly declined in order to visit the other towers as originally planned. An early rump-steak supper at The Chequers followed by a fireside glass of grog and some good ringing yarns, the pros and cons of success at Exeter, soon brought closing time. Here is a local story which serves to show how good intentions sometimes "gang agley." After due permission—a visiting band of ringers recently made a good attempt for a peal of Major.

(To be continued.)

## NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well to-day, Saturday, Nov. 25th, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of ringers will attempt at St. Peter's, Kelsale, a peal of 10000 changes and upwards of Treble Bob Major. Starting time 2.30 p.m. sharp.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1905.

THE consummation—devoutly wished for during a long period; the anxiety of many who hoped not in vain—of the great work at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, is very worthy of notice in this column. On another page is given a sketch of the church, followed by a concise account of the proceedings at the dedication of the new bells. We prefix the word "great" to the work which has been done; and when the energy and perseverance displayed in promoting this now successful movement is thought of, and learned; and the many drawbacks and disappointments always inseparable from such affairs are considered, the work is very great indeed. We have only

to read the particulars to make us wonder how, under all the circumstances, the effort to raise a complete ring of bells has proved successful. The church, it appears, is erected upon what at one time was a bare common, or heath, the precincts being void of that class of inhabitants who are able to render financial help in Church extension of any kind. Upon such a spot a Vicar is placed who never rested day or night until his Church was made a temple worthy of its existence. For years he toiled patiently and hopefully, brushing away all obstacles—and they were of course many—which showed themselves, and he is now rewarded. In his latest effort—the equipment of a ring of bells—there were more than the usual difficulties to surmount, and he has overcome them all.

Knowing something of the untiring efforts made to obtain these bells led us and others to become interested, and desirous of helping such a movement. We fear, however, that the scheme is not clear from the incubus of debt, which could be done away with if all our readers would send "a copper or two" for that purpose. It is a pleasure to find that many ringers already helped financially; perhaps they may be led to consider the advisability of a further subscription.

The cry is often heard—"The bells are not ringable, but there are no funds." Let us all take heart from the example of Mr. ELWELL, who without the slightest possibility of aid from his parish, carried out his object. One parishioner, however, our friend Mr. DENT, a ringer, who has just called the first peal on the new bells, must be excepted from this remark, for he gave a very large contribution. And it was very nice to hear that the worthy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild figured among the helpers. After this Harlow success, certainly no one who has the restoration of bells at heart need despair.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. CRAVEN.—Too long; it is thought the subject should drop, unless those mentioned in Mr. Lindoff's letter would like to add anything.

C. CHARGE.—We intend, if possible, to give the figures of some compositions next week; will you send again?

J. W. BARKER.—Your answer is found in the foregoing.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Monday, November 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BUDD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 6.
HARRY E. BALAAM† .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 4.	*HERBERT J. PALMER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

##### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 6.
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GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

#### The Provinces.

##### BRISTOL.

##### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (THE ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, CLIFTON.)

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CLIFTON,

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

JOHN THOMAS .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. .. 5.
RICHARD CLARK .. .. 2.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 6.
WALTER APPERLEY .. 3.	JOHN BURFORD .. .. 7.
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Conducted by JOHN BURFORD.

First peal by the Guild. First peal of Stedman as conductor. \*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

##### WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HERBERT PAGET* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT MILLS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GRIFFITHS .. .. 2.	JAMES CULWICK .. .. 6.
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WILLIAM PEART .. .. 4.	ELIJAH PAGET .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

\*First peal.

##### ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS STANSFIELD .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 5.
GEORGE HOYLE .. .. 2.	E. JOHN STOTT .. .. 6.
JOSEPH CROSSLEY .. .. 3.	*GEORGE YATES .. .. 7.
THOMAS BUCKLEY .. .. 4.	*JOHN E. NUTTALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BUCKLEY.

\*First peal.

##### BRADFORD, YORKS—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 27 cwt.

HERBERT C. BUCKLEY .. Treble.	JAMES MAWSON .. .. 5.
JOHN BODDY .. .. 2.	JOHN WOTTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BOLTON .. .. 3.	SIDNEY C. CLARKE .. .. 7.
WILLIE BOOCOCK* .. .. 4.	SAMUEL PALFRAMAN .. Tenor.
	CHARLES BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WOTTON.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mawson on the twentieth anniversary of their wedding-day. \*First peal. Owing to the tenor going bad, the above two men rung in turns.

## BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Tuesday, November 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

T. FAULKNER .. .. Treble.	D'OYLEY SIMONS .. .. 5.
J. COTTIS .. .. 2.	G. W. FAULKNER .. .. 6.
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A VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE* .. .. Treble.	JOHN MATHEWS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 2.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STONE .. .. 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE .. .. 7.
MAURICE SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. C. JUDGE.

Arranged for Mr. Smith, of Banbury. \*First peal.

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

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

H. HOULTON* .. .. Treble.	F. LUSH .. .. 5.
W. HOULTON† .. .. 2.	*S. ADAMS .. .. 6.
W. PAICE* .. .. 3.	*A. H. JONES .. .. 7.
J. F. MATTINGLEY* .. .. 4.	T. HOULTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOULTON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE .. .. Treble.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. .. 6.
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. .. 3.	JOHN BAGULEY .. .. 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Brackley, and to Mr. Richard Edge, under steward at Worsley Hall.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE, TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM STENNING .. .. Treble.	THOMAS STRINGER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT* .. .. 2.	HENRY KINGSLAND .. .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HART† .. .. 4.	DAVID DAVEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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## PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

TOM DOICK .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. LEE .. .. 5.
LEONARD STILWELL* .. .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. .. 6.
STEVEN STONE .. .. 3.	SYDNEY W. COBDON .. .. 7.
PERCY H. DOICK .. .. 4.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. LIFFE† .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 5.
HARRY HARRISON* .. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC HUFTON .. .. 3.	HENRY FLETCHER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL BURGOYNE† .. .. 4.	ALFRED T. BAKER .. .. Tenor.
	†JOHN HUFTON .. ..

Conducted by HENRY FLETCHER.

First peal as conductor. †First peal. \*First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Owing to the bad condition of the tenor, it was necessary to have two to ring it.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 2.	WILBY HAZELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. .. 7.
GEORGE ANDREWS .. .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WOKCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WALLACE COLLINGE* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN BASS .. .. 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BOWEN† .. .. 4.	JOHN WOODBERRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

## HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 5.
WALTER HOBBS .. .. 2.	*GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. H. W. Stanley was elected a member previous to starting.

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DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS PEERS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HOYLE* .. .. 2.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER .. .. 3.	JOHN POTTER .. .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\*First peal in the method.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES LITTLE* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 7.
HERBERT COX* .. .. 4.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by GEO. MARTIN.

\*First peal in the method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

JOHN A. DART .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. JAY .. .. 2.	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. CARTER .. .. 4.	JOHN DALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED). Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PRAILL* .. Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS LINCOLN .. .. 6.
ALFRED WRIGHT .. .. 3.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 7.
HARRY RICHELL .. .. 4.	HENRY ROLFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\*First peal, for whom it was arranged, and rang as a birthday compliment.

REIGATE, SURREY.  
(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

EDWARD DEWEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 5.
ALBERT E. BARROW .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. .. 6.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 4.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples recorded in this tower rung on November 17th, 1805; also as a birthday compliment to Francis T. Hoad, sen.

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TWYFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT WHITE .. .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	*ALBERT MARKS .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITH* .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM C. LAMPARD .. 7.
WILLIAM ROWE, JUN.* .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

SIDNEY ADAMS .. .. Treble.	JAMES BURGE .. .. 6.
JAMES ROUTLEY* .. .. 2.	FRANK MILLARD .. .. 7.
EDWARD LLOYD* .. .. 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 8.
SIDNEY WYATT .. .. 4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 9.
SAMUEL P. MERSON .. .. 5.	JOSEPH FOWLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES BURGE.

First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters by all. First by the Association, and first in the county and west of Bristol by local men.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London, Violet, Kent and Burton Treble Bob, and 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in twelve methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Berry.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY† .. Treble.	*VICTOR WHITE .. .. 5.
ELIJAH WHITE* .. .. 2.	*ALFRED HACKETT .. .. 6.
HENRY RAYBOULD* .. .. 3.	GEORGE N. COCKEN .. .. 7.
HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

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

DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT W. FALCONER .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 7.
EDWARD HERN .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.  
Reference elsewhere.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ..	5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER ..	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. ..	6.
WALTER T. BENNETT ..	3.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .	7.
THOMAS BALDWIN ..	4.	THOMAS J. WHITING ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by WALTER T. BENNETT.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. S. M. Loxton, a much respected member of the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 20, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT DAY* .. ..	Treble.	WILLIAM BUTLER .. ..	5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ..	2.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. ..	6.
JAMES THOMPSON† ..	3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..	7.
ERNEST BUTLER* ..	4.	JOHN P. TARTON .. ..	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

## Date Touches.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, November 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. C. Taylor, H. Johnson, C. Kennington, S. Allington, J. E. Kennington, T. Scrimshaw, J. W. Chapman, W. H. Heyhoe conductor. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. H. Fuller, the oldest ringer in Grimsby.

WRAGBY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 changes of Treble Bob Minor, in the Oxford and Kent variations, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Jackson, A. Gough, G. Harrison, J. Easter, J. Hewitt, J. Adams conductor. There is no record of a date touch ever having been rung here, the band therefore conclude this is the first on the bells.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CHISWICK.—On Sunday, July 2nd for morning service at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard, F. Wilkes, C. E. G. Caulfield, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, J. T. Kentish, H. W. Wilkes, G. J. White, T. Tinker.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 1248 Double Norwich Major. A. Cutmore, H. S. T. Richardson, A. V. Selby, A. E. Bradley, E. G. Stibbons, J. T. Kentish, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard conductor. On August 6th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in which T. W. F. Bonnick rang his first quarter-peal. On September 20th, 1248 Double Norwich Major. A. Cutmore, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, A. E. Bradley, J. T. Kentish, E. G. Stibbons, H. G. Miles, W. E. Garrard. On October 15th, 1227 Stedman Caters. H. G. Miles, A. Cutmore, T. W. F. Bonnick, J. T. Kentish, A. E. Bradley, A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard conductor, F. Redknapp.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, September 11th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Tice, C. Hilton, W. G. Bunch, W. Filmore, E. Hearman, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, F. Hagley. First 500 by the ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 and tenor.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On September 12th, at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire

Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, A. Hill, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones, J. Pardoe, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On September 13th, 1151 Grandsire Caters, conducted by H. Wilkes, T. Lane ringing the tenor. On September 14th, 828 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, A. Hill, C. Jones, W. C. Jones, J. R. Newman, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Lane. On September 15th, 900 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. C. Jones, W. G. Wayte ringing the tenor. On Sunday, September 17th, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, J. Hill, C. Jones, W. C. Jones, J. R. Newman conductor, J. Pardoe, H. Wilkes, A. Hill, W. H. Johnson, W. G. Wayte. On September 25th, 572 Grandsire Cinques. F. Viles, J. Hill, A. Hill, G. Checketts, W. Powell, C. Jones, W. C. Jones conductor. J. Newman, H. Wilkes, R. G. Knowles, W. H. Johnson, W. G. Wayte.

LEIGH (Worcestershire).—On September 27th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Viles, F. M. Newman, J. R. Newman, F. Dunaway, J. Worman, W. C. Jones conductor. First 720 by the ringers of 1, 2 and 5. On October 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor and 720 College Single. B. S. Hill, A. Hill, H. T. Knowles, J. R. Newman, W. C. Jones conductor, R. G. Knowles. A peal was attempted, but came to grief in the 3rd 720. Mr. J. R. Newman kindly provided tea afterwards, when touches of Triples and courses of Caters were rung on handbells.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—In connection with the Harvest Festival Services at the parish church the following ringing was performed: On Wednesday evening, September 27th, before service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, T. Garwood, P. Garwood, G. Aitkens, T. E. Slater, B. Maxim. After service, 720 Woodbine. G. Smith, T. Garwood, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke conductor. On Sunday evening, October 1st, before service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Woodbine. T. E. Slater, T. Garwood, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, G. Smith, A. J. Clarke, conductor. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. E. Slater, S. Slater, P. Garwood, B. Maxim, G. Smith, A. J. Clarke conductor.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On September 3rd, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Pauli, T. Sarguisson, H. Parrish, H. Jones, R. Borrowes conductor. On September 5th, 120 each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Peacock, Sarguisson, Parrish, Handley, Pauli, Jones conductor. On September 8th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Sykes, Sarguisson, Parrish, Handley, Clarkson, Jones conductor. On September 17th, 120 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. Peacock, Sarguisson, Parrish, Handley, Clarkson, Jones conductor. September 24th, for Matins, an attempt for 1185 came to grief after ringing 39 mins. On September 24th, for evening service, 465 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 44 mins. Peacock, Sarguisson, Parrish, Handley, Jones, Pauli conductor. And 720 Kent. These are the first 720s of Oxford and Kent by six resident Middleham ringers.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 13th, at St. Laurence's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Holmes, G. Holmes, J. Norton, G. Bullock, H. Bullock, J. D. Bullock conductor, G. Holmes. On August 20th, 720 Oxford. J. Norton conductor, rest as before. On September 10th, 720 in the same method, conducted by H. Bullock. On September 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. O. Morris, G. Holmes, J. Neston, G. Bullock, H. Bullock, J. D. Bullock conductor.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On September 12th, at Christ Church, 672 Double Norwich. J. Godber, J. Darlington, G. A. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson. Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Johnson. On September 16th, a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. J. Godber, J. Darlington, G. A. Smith, H. Smith, F. Darlington, W. Thompson, J. Johnson conductor, E. Shone.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, November 30th, December 14th and 28th, and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesdays, December 3th and 19th, all at 8 p.m.

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

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Northampton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kingshorpe, to-day, Saturday, November 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

**Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the south eastern division will be held at Chelmsford, to-day Saturday, 25th inst.

BENJ. J. THOMPSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, November 25th. Bells at 3. Meeting at 5.30

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at West Tarring, to-day, Saturday, November 25th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30 The secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions owing for the present year.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa, near Caerleon, to-day, Saturday, November 25th, at 4 p.m.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Assy. Hon. Sec.*

**Oxford Diocesan Guild**—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, December 2nd next. Bells available 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—The annual district meeting of the south western division will be held at West Ham, on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The cost of the tea will be 6d. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members. All who intend to be present are particularly requested to advise me before November 29th. The tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, will be open during the evening.

G. A. BLACK, *Dist. Sec.*

**The Bath and Wells Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1905. Bells available all day. Service will be held at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the "Prince of Orange" at 5.30 p.m. 6d. each to member. Business meeting immediately following. Members intending being present should send me their names not later than Tuesday, November 28th.

A. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at

Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers, on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m.

T. R. HENSHER, *Gen. Hon. Sec.*

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Tipton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available at 4. Service at 5. There will be a free tea provided for those that send in their names to me not later than November 28th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 2nd. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Members who intend to be present at tea, must give notice to Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, November 30th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Rotherham, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at local head-quarters "Mail Coach Inn," Wellgate, 5.30 p.m. General meeting, ditto, 8 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting, 7.15.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, December 2nd. Annual meeting reports for distribution.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

**The London County Association** (late the St. James' Society).—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, December 9th, with the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. Mosley, at the church of All Saints, Poplar, E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

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

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington, on Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

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## Correspondence.

## AUTHORSHIP OF THE 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In response to your remarks in leading article of "THE BELL NEWS" for the 18th instant, I may say when sending you the 5120 Superlative I considered I was sending you a peal of my own. Its previous publication by Mr. Craven somehow escaped my attention, and as I cannot fix a date to its composition I relinquish any claim thereto.

Your correspondents, Mr. A. Craven and Mr. W. Pye, don't seem to be able to fix a date definitely either, but they will, let us hope come to some satisfactory conclusion.

Mr. Pye hit the right mark when he referred to the recognised rule of first publication, and if all of us would stick to this rule most complaints or misunderstandings would be avoided.

But Mr. Editor, "THE BELL NEWS" is the place for the publication. It gives the greatest publicity, and should, I submit, be the recognised medium for such authority. My reasons for so saying are as follows:—

In what I am about to say I hope it will be thoroughly understood. I do not wish to throw any slight upon our Associations in any way whatever. Their authority is good and cannot be better, as I know most of the gentlemen leading them do their utmost to be correct, not only in reference to composition figures, etc., but in all other ways.

But, Sir, all Associations are more or less local, and the valuable reports or records are not quite I think as common or as easily comeatable as "THE BELL NEWS," and so I say publication of a peal in an annual report does not give the publicity, or, as Shipway put it, "the advertisement" the publication in "THE BELL NEWS" does. Not only this, the annual

report only appears once in twelve months, whereas "THE BELL NEWS" is weekly. Hence the greatest publicity, and should be the one and great authority. If this rule had been adhered to the present question between Mr. Craven and Mr. Pye would not have arisen. I don't say, Mr. Editor, these compositions were not sent you, and I cannot say they were. That I must leave to the parties concerned and yourself. But I do say the way I have tried to point out is the safest and quickest way of claiming and making sure of a claim to authorship. Shipway wrote in a similar strain in the year 1816 or about, and when there had been nothing new published for about thirty years. When he wrote no doubt he expressed the feelings caused by results of more than one person falling over (or discovering) the same set of figures (composing I should have said). The same state of things remained till the days of the celebrities Messrs. Cox and Haley, in their early days. Then it was the custom to write on the figures of a new composition in duplicate copy, and previous to starting to ring the peal, to place a copy in the hands of reliable persons both friendly and opposite to the feeling, in order to retain the composition. The late John Cox has related this experience to me more than once. These two veterans would delight in a turn with each other. One of them, Cox I believe, produced 59 courses in a peal of Stedman Caters. Haley afterwards or previously got the 60 courses between two singles, and whether similar compositions had been produced by other men previously I can't say. It was the first production by the veterans concerned, and good business too, and I reckon each scored. This took place in the latter part of the forties, probably 1849, a period when bellringing records would only be given in sporting papers, *i.e.* *Bell's Life in London*. This, Mr. Editor, is a brief illustration of the question and difficulties when peal figures are not advertised in your paper first; and whatever anyone may think, or whatever views he may hold, "THE BELL NEWS" should be the fort to capture for publication, and the security for authorship. It seems to me by the correspondents' letters that have appeared, this 5120 was published in two Association reports about the same time, when by right of priority the earliest should hold good. Which ever it may be I know not, and if this is not so who then is the author? And that's where the rub comes, and here comes the reminder. I have the honour to be a member of the premier Association (Yorkshire) but I have not the report containing this composition. My own fault I admit, but so it is, these reports as before said, good and valuable as some of them are, they are not so easily acquired as "THE BELL NEWS."

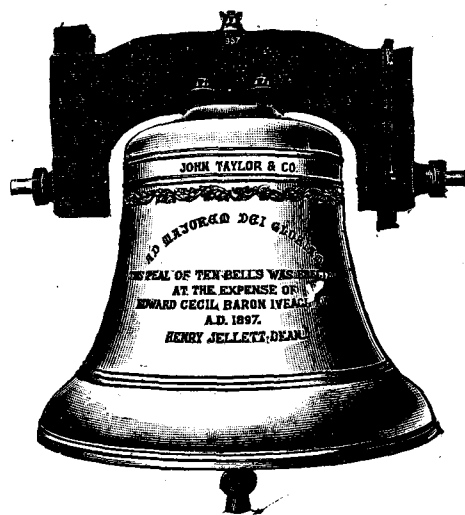
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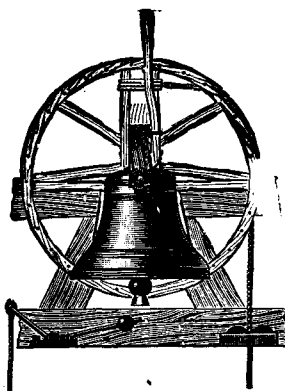
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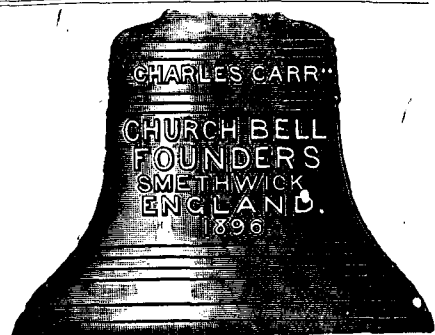
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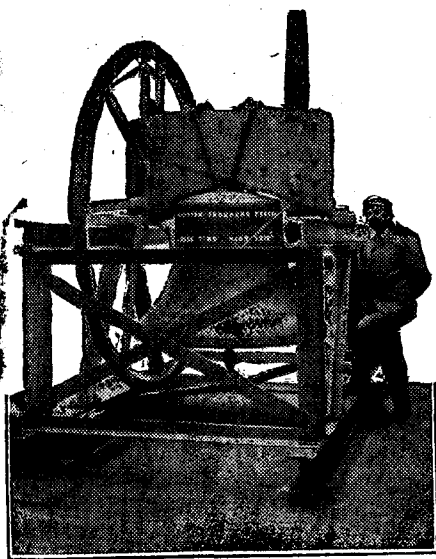
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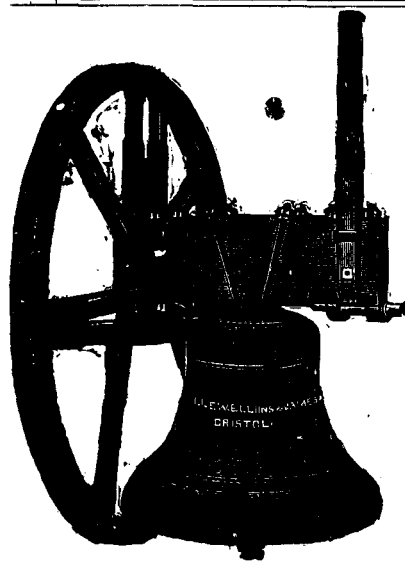
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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.*

No further information in regard to rings of bells can be received by the Committee.

#### SCHEDULE (continued).

**SALISBURY (Wilts.)** St. Edmund. Eight bells: treble and 2nd by Mears, 1884; 6th by the same 1846; 4th by Wells, 1774; the rest by Purdue, 1656. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Bells go fairly well, and are rung on festivals. No further information.

**SCORTON (Lancashire).** St. Peter. Eight bells; all by Warner. Tenor 20 cwt. Bells go well. No repairs except ropes for twenty years. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6.30 to 7. No further information.

**SETTLE (Yorks.)** Holy Ascension. Eight bells; all by Warner, 1887. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob and College Single. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice weekly in winter, but no fixed day.

**SHILDON (Durham).** Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1902. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

## TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

### DEDICATION OF A RING OF BELLS.

Since Towednack has been made a separate ecclesiastical parish, the new Vicar (Rev. W. Whitley) has effected several desirable improvements in the parish church. For a number of years the tower contained three cracked bells, and for more than half a century these bells have not been rung. Some months since the Vicar and churchwardens turned their attention to this matter with the result that the old bells have been recast, and a fourth added, and provision has also been made for two additional bells.

The work, which has been well carried out, was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, who have supplied an independent cast iron frame. The bells have been hung upon entirely new fittings, consisting of head-stocks, gun-metal pedestal bearings, turned gudgeons with cast-iron shoes, wheels, ropes, stays, sliders, with all the necessary ironwork for their suspension, including new clappers and chiming apparatus with oak double door.

Wednesday, November 11th, which was set apart for

the dedication of the bells, was a red-letter day in the parochial history of the parish, and the inhabitants quite entered into the spirit of the affair, and joined most heartily in the important function. The parishioners donned their holiday attire, and with the flag floating from the tower, Churchtown was quite en fete.

The dedication service took place at 3 o'clock, when a good congregation assembled in the parish church. The surpliced clergy present were the Vicar (Rev. W. Whitley), Revs. J. F. Lemon, Vicar of St. Hilary (a former curate of Towednack when the parish was joined with Lelant), T. F. Maddrell (Vicar of St. John's Penzance), D. R. Vaughan (Vicar of Zennor), and the Rev. R. E. Griffin (Vicar of St. John's, Halsetown); with the Rev. E. J. D. Hellier, representing the parish of St. Ives. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Rev. J. F. Lemon. The office of dedication of the bells (as sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese), was said by the Rev. T. F. Maddrell, who prayed for God's blessing on the undertaking. This was followed by a touch on the bells, and the singing of the *Te Deum* as a special act of thanksgiving. An excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Maddrell from the text, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew xviii. 20).

At half-past four an excellent tea was served in Mr. Hugh Dunstan's spacious barn, over 100 partaking of "the cup that cheers," including Mr. Edward Hain, M.P. and the Mayor of St. Ives (Mr. R. S. Read). Valuable assistance was rendered at the tables by Mrs. M. Quick, Mrs. Wm. Hollow, Mrs. Bastow, the Misses Baker (2), Bastow (2), Martin (2), and F. Hollow.

Merry peals on the bells were rung at intervals by the following ringers, who kindly came over from Ludgvan for the purpose;—Messrs. E. Lawrey 1, R. J. Boase 2, John Stewart 3, and F. Lawrey 4. Mr. W. H. Boase also rang the tenor bell.

The pretty little church was well filled for evensong. The Vicar intoned the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. P. E. F. Berry, Vicar of St. Elwyn, Hayle. Mr. Berry also preached, founding an admirable discourse upon the text, "Make two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly." (Numbers x. 2.)

Special hymns and psalms were sung during the day, the choir (under the direction of Mr. Hugh Dunstan, who presided at the harmonium), rendering good service.

After the evening service the bells rang out again. The night was beautifully fine, with a bright moon shining calm and clear. Walking down the road towards Trendrline the effect was very beautiful. The sweet-toned bells echoed and re-echoed with marvellous regularity, and left the impression—and a charming impression too—that there was a peal of eight bells going.

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## BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on a recent Wednesday. A festival service was held at St. Mary's church at 5.30 p.m., the preacher being Canon Grant. In the course of an eloquent address the reverend gentleman first contrasted the state of towers and ringers when he was a much younger man with the conditions now prevailing. Although the present conditions were greatly in favour of the towers and men, he urged upon his hearers the duty of not forgetting or neglecting the religious side of ringing in their enthusiasm for the scientific aspects of it.

A splendid tea was laid at The Star inn, presided over by Canon Grant, who was supported by the Rev. A. R. Wiseman (Rector of Seale), and Mr. A. Hollier organist of St. Mary's church). After tea the meeting was held. The District Secretary (Mr. J. Jones), reported that the present number of members was seven life members, seventeen honorary members, and 172 ordinary with eighteen towers in union, shewing an increase of over thirty members during the year.

The balance sheet showed a deficit of 15s. on the year's working, mainly owing to the instruction which had been given in change ringing at several of the outlying parishes. The Rector of Seale said that his was one of the parishes which had received instruction, and the ringers were so pleased with the improvement made that he should have great pleasure in clearing off the slight deficit. Mr. C. Willshire (Guildford) was elected chairman of committee, the other officers being re-elected. The peal secretary (Mr. A. Pulling) reported that 17 peals had been rung during the year comprising Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman's Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, and Bob Royal. It was decided that the next peal should be attempted at Shalford tower, Mr. Trewin to be conductor. It was also decided to hold the February meeting at Farnham, and, a wish having been expressed to see the interior of the Castle, the Rector of Seale said he could assure them of the great sympathy of the Bishop with their work, and with all grades of church workers generally. The May meeting will be held at Cobham, the August meeting at Witley, and the annual meeting next November at Guildford. The subsequent proceedings took the form of a very enjoyable smoking concert, Mr. Hollier being at the piano. Ringers were present from Albury, Bramley, Cobham, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Haslemere, Merrow, Puttenham, Seale, Shalford, Shere, etc.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Association took place at Llandudno, on Saturday, November 4th. The towers represented were:—Bangor, Buckley, Gresford, Llangollen, Llandudno, Portmadoc, Rhyl, and Wrexham. The Rector, the Rev. D. B. Hughes, presided in the absence of the vice-President through illness. The minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed, and a resolution was passed that the annual report of the Association should, in future, be made up to December 31st in each year, instead of February 14th as before. Ten new members were admitted. After the meeting, the Rector kindly entertained the members to an excellent tea to which nearly thirty sat down. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for the cordial welcome he had extended to the Association, and for kindly providing the tea.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## THE PEAL AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—I take the liberty of calling your attention to one of the finest and most difficult peals that, as an admirer of bell-ringing, I had the pleasure of hearing at Durham Cathedral, on Saturday, the 18th ult., when a rendering of Superlative Surprise Major was carried out with the most excellent and gratifying results. The band I learn was as follows:—Robert W. Falconer, 1; Alfred F. Hillier, 2; William Story, 3; Edward Hern, 4; William T. Robson, 5; Joseph E. R. Keen, 6; William H. Barber, 7; Ernest E. Ferry, 8. Conducted by W. H. Barber. I go as far as to say that there has never been a more brilliant display of ringing on these bells, and there is every credit due to the conductor and the other members of the band. The finish was as brisk as the start, and I knew the task would be a great one, as many have failed on those bells; they stuck at it most tenaciously, and gained a most creditable achievement. I have by chance had the opportunity of a copy of a letter received by one of the ringers from the Dean of Durham, which I have much pleasure of enclosing. I would esteem it a favour if you will kindly insert it in the columns of your most valuable paper.

H. ATKINSON.

[Copy]

"The Deanery, Durham, November 22, 1905.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I am very glad to hear that you carried through the 'Superlative Surprise' triumphantly, for I had been alarmed of the complete failure of your predecessors, who complained sorely of the condition of the bells. I think I should like again to set up a notice of your success as before. Could you let me have the details, and I will have another board put up presently.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. KITCHIN."

## Obituary.

## ISHMAEL RICHARDS.

Death has removed one of our ringers of the parish church of Milverton, Somerset, at the age of 64 years. Deceased was born in this parish, and had been a ringer for a great many years, and a member of the B. & W. Association. He was laid to rest on Monday, November 20th, 1905, amid many manifestations of sympathy, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Felton) officiating. Arriving at the church, the hymn "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow," was sung by a full choir, Mr. J. J. Allen, organist and choir-master, presiding at the organ. Hymn "On the Resurrection Morning" was also sung, and as the funeral cortege was leaving the church, the Nunc Dimittus was sung, also at the grave, hymn "Oh, Heavenly Jerusalem." After the funeral service was ended, the bells were rung half muffled by his brother ringers, and in the evening a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 25 minutes, time not allowing for a full peal: T. Andrews, H. Norman, R. Scott (conductor), F. Normao, W. Chapman, A. J. Andrews, W. Andrews, R. Chapman. T. Andrews was elected a member of the Association before starting. Several beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the Vicar, also one from his brother ringers, and from several sympathising friends. R.I.P.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

*[Specially and exclusively reported for "THE BELL NEWS."]**(Continued from page 448.)*

The Ven. the Archdeacon of London, in responding, said: I beg first of all to thank Mr. Davies for the very interesting and excellent speech that he made in proposing this toast. He brought many matters of importance before us, and I am sure they are worthy of our consideration. The particular point that touches me of course is the state of the bells and belfries in this City. Now if one or two representatives of the College Youths and of some of the belfries in the City could make a little report as to what Mr. Davies has pointed out this evening, which of course I am not personally cognisant of, it would be very interesting, and we might perhaps be able to carry out his suggestion through such a report, and get City men generally to make a collection for putting these belfries in complete and perfect order, because I am certain that the City is proud of its churches and of its bells, and of all its antiquities, and all the associations connected with the churches, and I feel sure that something useful and satisfactory might be accomplished. I don't know how many times before I have returned thanks for this toast on this pleasant occasion. I am very sorry that I was not with you at the beginning, but I had another duty. The Archdeacon explained that he had been presenting prizes, etc., given by the Queen and people of Holland to London's factory girls, who were skilled in gymnastics, and who taught their less proficient sisters. Continuing, he said: I am always glad to have the opportunity of expressing the great gratitude of the Clergy and of church people generally to the bellringers for the excellent, loyal and hearty support which they give to the Church through their delightful art of bellringing. It is a delightful thing on these occasions to see gathered together, from many parts, a collection of loyal and hearty churchmen. We meet people who are not churchmen on many occasions, and we respect them and know their good works, and value them, but it is delightful when we are surrounded by members of our own ancient and glorious National Church. I assure you it does me good, and I congratulate you on the fact that it seems that your pursuit and occupation is not only good for your minds, not only good for the Church, but it is good also for your bodies, for you do present certainly very healthy and satisfactory appearance. There is something specially English, I think, about our bells and our bellringing. They are harmonious, their music is vigorous and they are eminently useful. I happened to be in the great city of Rome last January, paying my first visit there, and there was much of course in that magnificent city of antiquity which was fascinating and admirable and glorious, much that we cannot compete with in this country. For instance the great Cathedral of St. Peter is nearly three times the size of our great St. Paul's, and there are things all over Rome of an interest that is quite unsurpassed; but there was one thing which I missed very much—I was there two Sundays, and there was nothing like our bellringing or even our chiming. Little bells in some churches and deep bells in others, but so far as I could make out there was only one bell in each church. Our great national historical church needs at the present moment more concentration; it needs more of that internal harmony which you display in your belfries. There is too much of pulling different ways; there is too much of individual self-will and of want of regard for the feelings and even the prejudices of other people. If you were to conduct your peal-ringing in the belfries on the same principles that sometimes men manifest themselves in different parts of the Church of England, the result would be that you would never be invited to take part in bellringing again. Gentlemen, we ought not in our church to make ourselves unpopular. It may be necessary sometimes to stand up for great principles, but when everything is going smoothly and harmoniously, when the Church has the fairest prospects before it that ever any great organisation had, it is surely disastrous and calamitous in the extreme when anything like self-will or self-seeking threatens the happiness and prosperity of the whole. I venture to think with reference to one cause of unpopularity of the Church at the present time—the late Education Bill, which I am not going to discuss because it is not a proper time to do so; but at any rate it is very un-

fortunate indeed for the Church of England when she seems to take any advantage by law which is to the disadvantage or is thought to be to the disadvantage of those who do not belong to her. Such an advantage is not really an advantage, because it ranges all her opponents strongly against her, and those who were beginning to feel kindly towards her are drawn back into a condition of opposition. We have to give up our own way in many things. We have to think of the good of the whole country rather than of the party. We must all, according to our ability and our powers, be working to the great fabric of the Church of Christ in England. That is the main point that we, as Christians, have to see to the extension, the spread not of our own party, not of our own principles even, not of our own ideas, not of our own predilections, but the good of the whole people, and of the christianity of England as a whole. Our part itself may be very humble, but I would remind you that each part is as necessary to the whole as any other, whether it is great or small. I would remind you of what happened when King Solomon's Temple was building in the ancient days of the Hebrew monarchy. There were parties sent forth to different parts of Palestine to prepare for that great structure. There was a party of stonemasons sent to the quarries on Mount Lebanon, and there, in their remote valley, far from Jerusalem, without seeing what was going on, they were engaged day after day in the toilsome occupation of hewing stone according to certain dimensions, not knowing where it was to be placed, or what was to be done with it. There was another party of carpenters and hewers of wood who were sent to forests on the slopes of Lebanon where cedar trees grew, and it was their business, day after day, to toil laboriously at hewing these trees and making their trunks into planks and pieces of wood. They all wondered what was to be done with the task they had in hand, and they thought possibly in taking service under so great a king as King Solomon, they might have been assigned some task that was nobler and more worthy of their efforts. Then again, there was another party sent down to the hot steaming tropical valley of Jordan, who were working at brass and founding of iron, and making joints and nails, and all kinds of instruments which were necessary to the building of the Temple. They seemed to be occupied with a very uninteresting and humble work. They were far from Jerusalem—the mountains divided it from them, and they did not know what was to be done with their work. They may have been surprised that some nobler work was not assigned to such skilful labourers as themselves. But at last King Solomon sent out the message to say, that the Temple was prepared and finished, and all the workmen were invited to come up from the different quarters where they had been labouring, and see the result their labours had produced. And when they came through the mountains and the valleys, and the defiles towards the holy city, and saw that glorious building of marble and gold, whose pinnacles and spires and domes rising to the blue sky of Palestine, then they felt that their work had been worthy, and although they had been perhaps disappointed, and wondered what the result would be, they were eminently satisfied when they saw what had taken place. So it is with ourselves. Our work may be very humble, it may seem insignificant, but depend upon it, it is important to the good and advantage and progress of the whole, and God rewards our work just in proportion as it has been conscientious and done in His Spirit. So my friends will you go on our delightful English Sunday mornings and evenings, and continue to send forth your peals of harmony sounding over hill and dale, over meadow and wood and town, calling the villagers to prayer and praise, in the way that their fathers knew. It is not easy for the clergy always to do their work with as great accuracy and precision and immediate success as you do. But all must work together for the great end, and the great result of making England a nation, fearing God and loving righteousness. The Ven. Archdeacon's remarks were received with applause.

*(To be continued.)*

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Central Committee met in the vestry of All Saints, Maidstone (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. E. H. Hardcastle) on Saturday, November 18th. It was settled to hold the general meeting in 1906, on Whitsun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge.

## THE SUSSEX WEEK.

(Continued from page 449).

WEDNESDAY.—Up early was the routine, and in a raw cold misty morning—after a sound breakfast—we met at the station for 8.32 train to Rye, Mr. A. B. Bennett leaving us on business, and Mr. King, of Brighton, completing our band. There being morning service on when we arrived, opportunity was given us to take a look round the town and the church under the guidance of verger Price. A town of much antiquarian interest, its narrow streets paved with cobbles, its quaint old tiled houses with overhanging gables causes one to wonder about the townspeople who lived here two centuries ago. The tower of this church is central to a cruciform structure, and is approached by wide stairs which lead to a narrow passage in the walls of the upper story, so narrow, somewhat like St. Albans—that one of our party had to go slow. Assembled in the belfry, we ventured on Cambridge, two attempts of a couple of courses gave us good practice, and a fair peal was sent home, first in the method on these bells—our No. 4. The Old Bell was our headquarters for the day, and here we had dinner at 3 o'clock. Mr. George Billenness giving us a flying visit, regretted his absence, but was excused on his explaining the time devoted to getting his brother spliced the Saturday previous, and rendered thanks for making local arrangements for us. The text on the church clock at Rye—"For our time is a very shadow that passeth away," came home forcibly to us while we sat in the Bull. Taking the 4.36 train to Bexhill, we duly arrived, after a smart change of trains at Hastings, and we promptly presented ourselves at the church at a quarter to 6 p.m. to an astonished verger. This courteous official was busy lighting up for an evensong at 6 o'clock, with an address to follow by the Vicar, which the verger thought would be over by 7 o'clock, when we could commence our ringing. This was not comforting news when our last train out for Brighton left at 9.40, and our journey appeared wasted, notwithstanding the Vicar's letter of permission to start at 6.20. The writer was deputed to interview the Vicar in the vestry at once, and found that gentleman most courteous. The oversight was amended by the Vicar promising us to start at 6.30, not later, which meant a considerable reduction in his service and address and for which we were most grateful, and which it is to be hoped has not resulted in any deterrent effects upon the congregation then assembled. Our Major here had to be abandoned, and a quick peal of Stedman substituted. We started off at a rattling pace before all the congregation had left the nave, the half-way "S" coming up in 1 hour and 16 minutes, and a good well-struck peal throughout, slowing down a bit towards the end on finding our gain on time. In this tower the ringers stand round the font on the ground floor open to the church. We were joined by Captain G. Watson and Mr. F. Kennett, of St. Leonard's, who came to hear the ringing, and we were also joined afterwards by our energetic secretary, who informed us that illness prevented the use of Buxted tower on Friday. Grinstead was tried, but services prevented, and ultimately Arundel was secured. Our journey by train home to Brighton was highly enlivened by a young Hertfordshire Hodge, who possessed some mimic ability especially in "I. I. on Scotch." An impromptu concert took place, Messrs. Hart and Fussell singing songs, and at Lewes we were joined by Messrs. Dawe and Merrett, who had been doing justice to the good things set forth at the annual supper of Lewes Ringing Society. In passing, I may add that, this peal is now in the hands of Mears and Stainbank, for the addition of two trebles and rehanging the octave—thus providing Sussex county with its second peal of ten bells.

THURSDAY.—Our train to Hayward's Heath for Lindfield left at 10.8. Here we made two attempts, ringing 304 courses of Superlative, with Mr. F. Rice, of Crawley, joining us to take treble. Somehow we couldn't get the hang of these bells at all, and like last year, this tower had to be placed upon the black list. We sat down to a good leg of mutton dinner prepared by the proprietress of the Creamery, and afterwards returned as far as Hassocks by train for Hurstpierpoint, where a good peal of London was rung with a new hand in the method in Mr. G. T. Williams, of Horsham. Generally, the whole day's work was similar to that of last year, except that we started into changes later. The bells came round at 10.15, and our train left Hassocks at 10.49, with a walk of 2 miles, this meant "moving." Thanks to the "training" which we had been going through for

some days past, we succeeded once more in taking our train home, although, I fear, the natives did not appreciate our late ringing, nor the indiscriminate manner in which we left the town so hurriedly.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

## BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The need of something being done to improve the condition of the church bells here has long been felt, owing to various things (which were considered more urgent) continually cropping up, and which, it must be admitted, were really necessary, the question of the restoration of the bells has had to stand over.

Some two months ago, the secretary to the local band of ringers again ventured to bring the matter before the notice of the Vicar, and was then given permission to prepare an estimate. In the meantime the tower was visited by that well-known enthusiast in the matter of bells (Mr. Keith Hart), who at once pronounced them to be absolutely in a dangerous condition. The secretary was then asked to procure expert advice, which he lost no time in doing, and which fully confirmed Mr. Hart's views.

It is now decided to have the bells quarter-turned and tuned, new fittings throughout, and the frame strengthened by means of steel angle plates, etc., the cost for which is estimated to be about £150. A subscription list was started a week ago, and already over £90 has been subscribed, and the work has now been placed in hand, and will shortly be commenced. The above bells are of special interest, they being one of the oldest peals of eight in Sussex; rumour has it on good authority, that in 1714-20, the above was the only peal of eight in the county which were ringable. Five of the bells have probably been recast since that date, as the seventh bears the date 1724, and the treble, second, fifth, and tenor 1740.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DEPTFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, August 26th, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of this church, to celebrate the jubilee of the consecration of the church. As a jubilee does not come very often, it was thought that this should be permanently recorded, and so a beautiful marbette tablet has been placed on the wall of the tower, giving details of the performance, which was accomplished in 2 hours 55 minutes, by Bert Miller, F. W. Richardson, J. E. Davis, F. G. Perrin, W. Weatherstone, E. Brett, W. J. Jeffries, and C. D. Letzer. W. J. Jeffries conducted the peal, which is especially interesting to the young band of ringers at St. John's, being the first peal by Messrs. Miller, Richardson, and Letzer. The tablet having been fixed, the next item was the unveiling of it. Mrs. Atkinson, the wife of the Vicar, was asked, and consented to perform the office of unveiling the tablet. So on Thursday, November 2nd, a special meeting was held in the tower, the Vicar, his wife, the church and tower wardens and ringers being present. The Vicar first offered prayer, and then spoke of the place occupied by the ringers in the work of the church, and of the good feeling which existed between the Vicar and church officials, and the ringers. Mrs. Atkinson then unveiled the tablet, and everybody present expressed themselves as being pleased with it. The tower warden, Mr. Agar, then thanked the Vicar and his wife for their attendance, and the officials for their interest. On behalf of the ringers, the Captain, Mr. W. J. Jeffries, spoke of the ringing as being a great pleasure, and was thankful for the increased interest manifested in it. The whole company then mounted the stairs to the ringing chamber, and rung a touch of 126 changes Grandsire Triples. The church officials then bid good night to the ringers, and another touch of 503 Grandsire Triples brought the meeting to a satisfactory conclusion.

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Has the 6th and treble in 2 4 for the 1, 6, 8s in the tittums position, and the 6th and 3rd 24 times in 2 5 for the hand-stroke home position. First composed on this plan.

\* 1, 6, 16.  
† 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17.

Has the 6th and 3rd in 2 4 for the 3, 6, 8s 24 times in the tittums position, and the 3rd and 6th in 2 5, 23 times for the hand-stroke home position. First composed on this plan.

\* 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18. † 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

## SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN W. BARKER, *Bedford.*

5024.	5056.
23456 B M W H	23456 B M W H
23564 x -	35264 x -
52364 -	42563 -
65324 -	54263 -
43526 -	25463 -
32465 x -	25634 x -
26354 x -	46532 -
35264 -	54632 -
63254 -	65432 -
25634 -	65324 x -
62534 -	36524 -
56234 -	53624 -
42635 -	63425 -
64235 -	54326 -
52436 -	35426 -
45236 -	43526 -
24536 -	32465 x -
54632 -	32654 x -
54326 x -	63254 -
63425 -	26354 -
32654 x -	52364 -
53624 -	26543 x -
46325 -	26435 x -
34625 -	42635 -
34256 x -	34625 -
23456 -	34256 x -
	23456 -

By F. DENCH (*College Youths*).

5088.
23456 M W H
43652 -
43526 x -
25634 -
32654 -
53624 -
42635 -
64235 -
26436 -

Twice repeated.

5088.
22456 M W H
42356 -
65324 -
35426 -
45623 -
26354 -
26543 x -
54263 -
25463 -

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 5rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th each six courses at home without the 2nd. It is the first 3-part peal published with the bells reversed in 5-6. Another great feature is the reverse of these peals are false, apparently exploding the theory that all peals will reverse.

Mr. H. Dains writes as follows:—

While Messrs. Pye and Craven are discussing the rightful ownership of the published 5120 of Superlative, it would be interesting to know who the following belongs to:—

5024.

23456 M B W H
45236 -
24536 -
52436 -
43526 -
65324 -
36524 -
53624 -
53246 -
64235 -
26435 -
26354 -

Reverse course-ends.

32654

32546 -
54326 -
34625 -
56423 -
56234 -
25634 -
62534 -
23645 -
34256 -
25346 -
42356 -
35426 -
23456 -

## TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By FRED. ROBINSON, *Mirfield.*

5568.

23456 M B W H
35426 I -
23564 - 2
65324 2 2
63254 I 2
62534 I 2
24536 I 2

Twice repeated.

Has the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th each their extent in 5-6 without 2nd in 6ths place.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By W. WILLSON.

By C. CHARGE.

Loicester.	5152.
5056.	23456 I 4 6
23456 I 2 3 5 6	54326 -
75263 -	43526 -
27356 -	35426 -
75326 -	62534 -
52376 -	35264 -
73256 -	52364 -
35276 -	25463 -
72536 -	54263 -
23576 -	42563 -
37526 -	24365 -
25736 -	43265 -
	32465 -
	23564 -
43265 -	35624 - s
32465 -	25436 -
	54236 -
43526 -	42536 -
35426 -	25346 - s
24536 -	53246 -
45236 -	32546 -
52436 -	35246 - s
24356 s -	52346 -
43256 -	23546 -
52346 -	
23546 -	
35246 -	
54236 -	
32456 -	

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th 18 times wrong, and its extent at home with the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

First rung at Gravesend, Kent, June 24th, 1905, conducted by John H. Cheesman.

Repeated.

Has the 6th always in 5-6 with Queens, and her full extent at home.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1905.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the above was held on Tuesday evening, November 7th, in the belfry of Newcastle-under-Lyme, for the purpose of unveiling a peal-board which had been presented by the Mayor (Alderman R. B. Millard, Esq.) The chair was occupied by Mr. Skerratt, of Newcastle, who in a neat speech called upon Councillor H. Warburton to unveil the board, upon which was a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. E. King, the leader of the company at Newcastle, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his generosity in giving the board, and for the kindly interest which he always took in bellringing and bellringers. This was seconded by Mr. S. Churton, the conductor of the peal,

and carried with applause. Alderman Millard briefly and suitably replied. The proceedings closed with thanks to the chairman and Councillor Warburton.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MILES* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 6.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN* .. .. 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
ERNEST BONFIELD* .. .. 4.	*MARK WOODCOCK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

\*First peal in the method.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE STACEY .. .. Treble.	*FRANK SKEVINGTON .. .. 5.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER .. .. 6.
ARTHUR JONES .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHARGE .. .. 7.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 9.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY BARRETT .. .. Treble.	THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 5.
HARRY WARNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
REGINALD EDWARDS .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. WALKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is Mr. T. Taylor's 100th peal, a list of which will appear in due course.

### Peal-Boards

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#### BRISTOL.

On Thursday, July 13, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 6.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. 3.	JAMES E GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 4.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

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

The above would have been rung as an Association peal, but it was afterwards stated one was out of membership. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

#### SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN WILSON† .. .. Treble.	REV. R. W. PITT .. .. 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. .. 2.	ROBERT HUTTON .. .. 5.
RICHARD BALDREY .. .. 3.	GEORGE KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WILSON.

†First peal as conductor.

#### HYDE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thesday, November 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, \*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HAUGHTON* .. Treble.	THOMAS BRADLEY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH COOK* .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM WILDE .. .. 6.
SAM BOWKER* .. .. 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 7.
HARRY NORGROVE* .. .. 4.	ALBERT HOUGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and Conducted by WM. WILDE.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

#### SHIFNAL, SALOP.

#### THE SHIFNAL ALBION SOCIETY, AND THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER .. .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	*JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	CHARLES PICKEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

\*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman ever rung by the above Guild. The first peal in the method out of London was rung on these bells, but this is the first peal of Stedman rung on them for upwards of sixty-one years.

#### PULHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 20, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

HERBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 6.
JAMES TANN .. .. 3.	*OLIVER BROCK .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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

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## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING .. .. 6.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 3.	ALGERNON LEWTON .. .. 8.
HARRY PARSONS .. .. 4.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 9.
SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung muffled on the occasion of the Whitsun commemoration. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROWLAND FENN .. .. Treble.	*D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. .. 5.
HENRY E. PARKER .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
GEORGE COTTIS* .. .. 3.	CALEB FENN .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

\*First peal in the method.

## STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR HOUGHTON .. .. Treble.	ALBERT HOUGH .. .. 5.
JOSEPH COOKE .. .. 2.	THOMAS BRADLEY .. .. 6.
SAM BOWKER .. .. 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 7.
HARRY NORGROVE .. .. 4.	JAMES SHAW .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

This peal was rung by members of the St. George's Society, Hyde, as a birthday compliment to their secretary, the ringer of the 4th.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HULME,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM HULSE* .. .. Treble.	WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM H. COOPER .. .. 6.
ALFRED WILSON .. .. 3.	HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER BROWN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

HARRY KIRK* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 8.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL† .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. 9.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. 5.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Knights, which took place at Holy Trinity church, Chesterfield, on November 21st, 1880.

## ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, November 22, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN STRINGER .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 5.
GEORGE PARSONS .. .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. .. 7.
FRANK FAY* .. .. 4.	PATRICK FINITY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK FAY.

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

## WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 22, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HUBERT RAISEY† .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
ALBERT RUFFELL* .. .. 2.	CLIFF DRONFIELD .. .. 6.
JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE T. SAXBY .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THR NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

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

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss E. Bengley to Dr. Gordon Lambert, of London.

## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. E. MEFFIN* .. .. Treble.	J. E. KENNINGTON .. .. 5.
A. W. LONG .. .. 2.	†E. BROWN .. .. 6.
H. RUSHBY* .. .. 3.	J. W. SEAMER .. .. 7.
P. C. LONG .. .. 4.	A. B. SHEPHERD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

†First peal. \*First in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Fuller and A. B. Shepherd (Grimsby), and to Mr. C. Jackson (Hull), a great friend of the Grimsby ringers.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 23, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY FOLKARD .. .. Treble.	JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 5.
EVERED G. WALSON .. .. 2.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 6.
ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. 4.	THOMAS WATERMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

### BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 23, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. Treble.	*THOMAS JORDAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 7.
GEORGE JORDAN* .. .. 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 8.
WILLIAM WATTS* .. .. 4.	†HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 9.
WALTER PRIOR* .. .. 5.	*PHILIP SPRINGHAM .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.  
\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal by P. Springham since he has been steeplekeeper at the above church. This composition is now rung for the first time.

### BUSHEY, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT..Treble.	WM. G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 2.	HARRY A. HORREX .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 2.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY ..Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

### HAWLEY, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MAURICE STEER .. .. Treble.	HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 5.
GEORGE W. BRION* .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 7.
HENRY HUTTON .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING ..Tenor

Composed by E. BURTON, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. It was intended to ring Double Norwich, but meeting one short, Mr. Steer very kindly took the vacant rope. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. Steer.

### RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS ROLLERSON .. .. Treble.	GEO. H. HARGREAVES .. 5.
THOMAS COLLINGE .. .. 2.	HERBERT H. SHAW .. .. 6.
ERNEST TAYLOR* .. .. 3.	†JAMES ROLLERSON .. .. 7.
HY. COLLINGE* .. .. 4.	*ALEXANDER RIDGOUH ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES ROLLERSON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

### WISTANSTOW, SALOP.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER HAYWARD .. .. Treble.	†FRANK WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAYCOX .. .. 2.	GEORGE PICKEN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SAUNDERS* .. 3.	JOHN BRADNEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. RUDD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

### FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.

WILLIAM GILSON .. .. Treble.	*HARRY SPARKES .. .. 5.
ROBERT RAYNER .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK BARTER .. .. 6.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. 3.	ERNEST LINCOLN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM RICHES .. .. 4.	ALBERT RICHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM RICHES.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells since they have been put in good ringing order. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Dr. Raven for the use of the bells.

### NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being seven 720s each called differently.

EDWARD MUNDAY .. .. Treble.	WALTER G. ROWE .. .. 4.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	*CHARLES J. FRAY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROWE, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. J. FRAY.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of A. Marks, one of the local band, and Miss Godwin, which took place at this church on the same day.

### BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 5.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. 2.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 6.
ALBERT E. BARROW .. .. 3.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 7.
GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 4.	HARRY W. EDWARDS ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Quickest peal on the bells.

### WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Delight, Burton and Kent and Oxford.

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 Treble Bob methods by the above Association.

### WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE MILES .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOWELL .. .. 4.
GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEVARD.

First peal on the bells which are a new ring by Mears and Stainbank, and were opened on July 20th, 1905.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PALMER .. .. 2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. 4.	*SAMUEL FOSSKETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALF CLARKE .. .. Treble.	WALTER BONHAM .. .. 4.
GEORGE HORWOOD .. .. 2.	GEORGE COWLEY .. .. 5.
RANDAL V. PLUMB .. .. 3.	*JAMES TOMPKINS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE COWLEY.

\*First peal on the tenor.

## BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROWLAND FENN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. .. 5.
HENRY E. PARKER* .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 3.	CALEB FENN .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. 4.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bbl.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

POYNTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, November 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 12 mins.—J. Armstrong, T. Potts, D. McCall, W. Isherwood, W. Bowdon, J. Wood conductor. Longest length by all except the conductor.

AMBLESIDE (Westmoreland).—On Tuesday, November 21st, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1905 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Fairclough, W. Shepherd, A. Newton, W. Frickett, T. Graham, J. Holme, W. Robinson composer and conductor, W. Fisher.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, November 14th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1905 changes in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods: 225 College Pleasure, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Tanner's Pleasure, College Exercise, City Delight, London Scholars, and Arnold's Victory. S. Hellewell, J. W. T. Holgate, J. W. Chadwick, E. Redshaw, W. Brown conductor, E. Newton.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILES PLATTING (Lancashire).—On November 7th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor was rung in honour of the tenor ringer being elected to the Manchester City Council. J. Hall, W. G. Hargreaves conductor, R. Morriss, J. Eachus, H. Hall, J. E. Gilchrist.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, November 1st, (All Saints Day), on the occasion of the consecration and opening of the new church of All Saints, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob

Triples, including a quarter-peal, was rung at St. Mary's church. E. J. Walsom, A. H. Taber, H. Folkard, A. Harding, H. Browning, L. Copsey, H. Stemp, E. Harris, J. Basden.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Williams, E. Davies, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones, J. Butler, T. Butler, F. Atwell conductor, J. Pippin.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Thursday, September 28th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Williams, F. Charles, A. Morgan, J. Ford J. Bullen, G. Robinson, J. W. Jones conductor. S. Baiss. On Sunday, October 1st, for evening service at St. Woolo's church, 560 Grandsire Triples. J. Goddard, A. E. Selwyn, S. Baker, J. Butler, T. Butler, J. Poppin, F. Atwell conductor, S. Jones. On Sunday, October 8th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Coy. Sergt.-Major S. Rawe, R.G.A., A. E. Selwyn, S. Baker, F. Atwell, T. Cox, J. Butler, W. Coombes conductor, J. Pippin.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday morning, November 26th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southampton, 720 Bob Minor. E. Munday, C. J. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., W. G. Rowe, W. Rowe, G. Williams conductor.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, September 16th, at the parish church, an half-muffled peal of Stedman Catere was attempted as a last token of respect to Superintendent Walker, of the Aston Police, and late churchwarden at Aston. The peal came to grief owing to two bells changing course. G. Swann, H. Withers, A. Walker conductor, T. Reynolds, A. P. Smith, A. Chambers, T. Rus-sam, Rev. C. A. Clements, J. Neal, W. Painter.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, September 20th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, after meeting one short for Double Norwich, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was stopped owing to illness near the Cathedral after ringing 3100 changes. A. Walker conductor, A. Chambers, H. Withers, G. Pigott, S. Groves, G. Swann, A. P. Smith, S. Jessop.

LEINTWARDINE (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday evening, November 21st, as a token of respect to the late Dr. J. Cartwright, who was interred in the afternoon, the usual whole pull and stand was rung at St. Mary's church by H. Cartwright, H. Gough, H. Hunt, J. Newman, S. Roberts, J. Staines, P. S. Sadler conductor. The bells were also rung half muffled for Matins on the following Sunday by the same company.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. G. F. Harder first quarter-peal, A. Hubbard composer and conductor, O. Weaver, E. Jones, J. Thimblethorpe, E. C. Phillips, F. T. Gover, C. Teasdale.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, 330 Grandsire Caters. R. M. Blackwall, T. Horton, S. Wesley conductor, A. Roberts, T. R. Flint, P. Price, E. J. Oliver, R. Gee, W. Lee, W. S. Knibb. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. Canon Lewis, who was interred the day previous, and who was formerly a curate of the above church.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637.—The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, December 14th and 28th, and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesdays, December 5th and 19th, all at 8 p.m.  
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild—North Bucks Branch**—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association**—The annual district meeting of the south western division will be held at West Ham, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The cost of the tea will be 6d. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members. The tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, will be open during the evening.  
G. A. BLACK, *Dist. Sec.*

**The Bath and Wells Association**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd, 1905. Bells available all day. Service will be held at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the "Prince of Orange" at 5.30 p.m. 6d. each to member. Business meeting immediately following.  
A. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Central Northamptonshire Association**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m.  
T. R. HENSHER, *Gen. Hon. Sec.*

**St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley**—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Tipton, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available at 4. Service at 5.  
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Business meeting at 5 p.m.  
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society**—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Rotherham, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at local head-quarters "Mail Coach Inn," Wellgate, 5.30 p.m. General meeting, ditto, 8 p.m.  
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association—Bolton Branch**—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting, 7.15.  
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton, to-day Saturday, December 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.  
EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Chester Diocesan Guild**—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at St.

Mary's, Stockport, to-day, Saturday, December 2nd. Annual meeting reports for distribution  
A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

**The London County Association** (late the St. James' Society).—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Saturday, December 9th, with the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. Mosley, at the church of All Saints, Poplar, E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

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

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington, on Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentrich, on Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after.  
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch**—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on December 16th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.  
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Herts Association**—A district meeting will be held at Bushey and Oxhey, on Saturday December 16th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5.30.  
H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch**—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 4.  
WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association—Central Division**—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, December 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5, at Sandifer's Restaurant, 63, West Street, 6d. each. Service at 6 o'clock. Will all those who intend to come, please let me know not later than Wednesday, December 13th.  
ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association**—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements.  
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association**—It has been decided to form an Association for the Bristol Diocese under the above heading. Will ringers desirous of joining, please send their name and address to G. T. DALTRY, 23, King Square Avenue, Bristol.

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## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## RINGERS' WEDDING.

An interesting and pretty wedding took place at the Whitwick parish church on Wednesday, November 15th, in which the contracting parties were Miss Mary E. Allen and Mr. Frank Middleton, both of Whitwick. The bridegroom is a member of the Derby County Football Club, having figured in most of the first team's matches this season at outside left forward. Mr. Middleton is also a very useful honorary member of the Whitwick Society. Needless to say (although several of the ringers were included in the wedding party) the ringing was attended to in right good style. Ringing started as the happy pair were leaving the church, and again in the evening, some well-struck Grandsire Triples, in which the bridegroom took a rope, being successfully brought round. At the reception, which was held in the large room of the Conservative club, the

Vicar (the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie), who proposed "The health of the Bride and Bridegroom," spoke in glowing terms of the bridegroom, as being in his (the speaker's opinion) a real gentleman. Mr. S. W. West, as representing the ringers, spoke in high terms of the bridegroom's connection with the ringers' society. As Mr. Middleton is also a chorister, the service was fully choral. Handbell ringing was indulged in at intervals during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have the sincere good wishes of a large circle of friends. They were the recipients of a very handsome collection of wedding presents.

S. W. W.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, October 28th, at Cowbridge, Glamorganshire. Perhaps, owing to the very short notice which was given calling the

meeting accounted for the meagre attendance. For various reasons the meeting could not be held on the originally appointed date, and the first opportunity that was offered was taken, that being the reason for such short notice. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed by the Vicar, who had kindly taken the chair. The next meeting in Glamorganshire takes place at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, this being the annual meeting. The next quarterly meeting is arranged to take place in Monmouthshire, at Llanfrêchfa, near Caerleon. At the close of the meeting the Vicar very kindly entertained those present to tea.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, several members of the Farnham branch paid a visit to Frensham to try change-ringing upon the musical ring of six. Arriving at four o'clock a start was made, but owing to the long draught it was with great difficulty that anything could be done. After a little adjusting of ropes, etc., things went a little better. The Vicar then visited the tower and expressed his pleasure at meeting them, and kindly invited all to tea. After tea the belfry was again visited and 720 Grandsire Doubles rung in 28 mins. W. Lowman, A. Baigent, H. Garfath, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards, E. Bowditch. This is the first 720 on the bells. During the evening a new set of handbells were brought out which had only arrived that day for the local ringers from Messrs. Barwell. These proved a great attraction, the tone being beautiful. It is hoped that the churchwardens will soon put up guides for the ropes, as the local band are very anxious to commence change-ringing.

## THE TINKER MEMORIAL FUND.

The following subscriptions have already been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	3	7	6
F. M. Burton (Gainsborough)	0	5	0
C. H. H. Harper	0	2	0
A. O. Barber (Frieston)	0	1	6
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W. H. Wilson (Horwich)	0	2	0
James George (Rugby)	0	1	0
Bolsover ringers, per Mr. Flint	0	5	0
Rev. C. W. Ker (Gainsborough)	0	1	0
Rev. H. W. Simpson	0	2	6
Rev. R. H. Armitage	0	2	0
Gainsborough Society, per			
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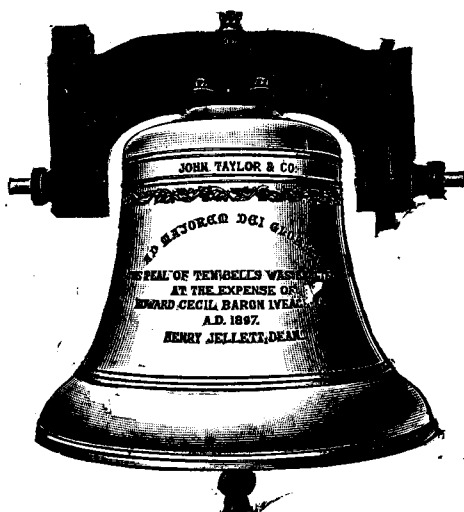
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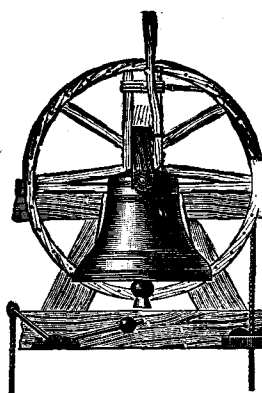
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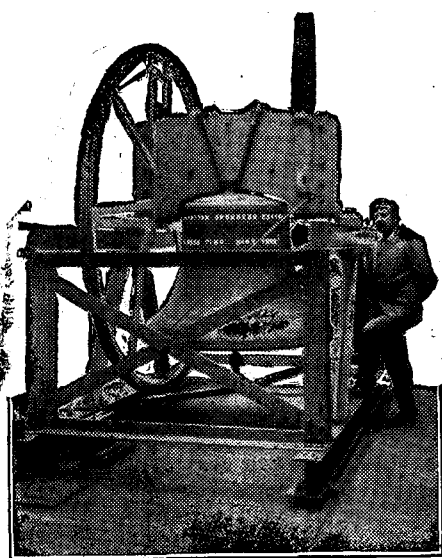
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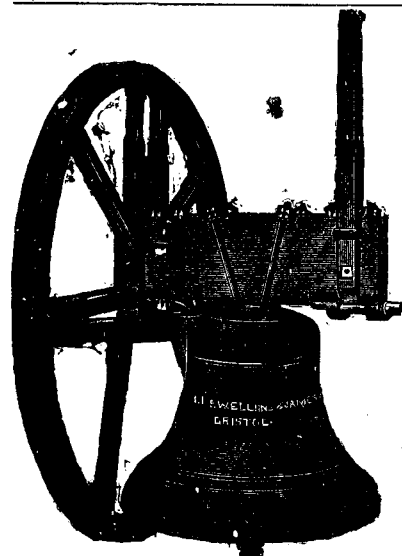
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### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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.*

No further information in regard to rings of bells can be received by the Committee.

#### SCHEDULE (continued).

SKETTY (Glamorgan). St. Paul. West Wales Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1850. Tenor 15 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing; 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk). St. Edmund. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Moore, 1881; 3rd by Dobson, no date; 4th and 5th by Darbie, 1668; 6th and 7th by Brazier, no date. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in., 1828, no founders name. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day, 1897. All repairs promptly attended to. Ropes good; renewed as required. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 10 to 10.20, and 6 to 6.20. No practice.

THORPE (Norfolk). St. Andrew. Eight bells; all by Moore, 1880. Tenor 14 cwt. Iron frame. Owing to weakness of tower bells have never been rung.

WERRINGTON (Cornwall). St. Martin. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1898. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

WYCOMBE, HIGH (Bucks.) All Saints. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ten bells; 2nd and 3rd by Briant, 1788; 5th and 9th by Phelps, 1711; 7th by Swain, 1756; 6th by Mears, 1890; the rest by the same, 1802. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Bells require rehanging, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1899, indifferent. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.15. Practice: Monday, 7, October to March inclusive.

WYMONDHAM (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. 4th and 7th by Newman, 1739; 6th by Brend, 1638; tenor 25 cwt. by the same 1653; the rest by Mears, 1903. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day, 1903. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 6. No further information.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DURHAM.

Durham was again roused from its usual state of quietude on Monday, October 30th, the occasion being the twenty-eighth Annual Festival of the Association. The peals of bells at the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas were very kindly placed at the disposal of the members by permission of the respective authorities, and good use was made of the opportunity thus afforded by the numerous members who attended from all parts of the two dioceses, representatives being present from Bishop Auckland, Bishopwearmouth, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Darlington (three towers), Gosforth, Hurworth, Newcastle, North Shields, Shildon, Staindrop, Sunderland (two towers), Tanfield, West Hartlepool, Whickham and Whitley Bay.

The Committee met at The Three Tuns hotel at noon, and discussed the peal referees' report and the ordinary business of the Association. A bye-law was passed whereby each member ringing in a peal should contribute the sum of 1d. towards the cost of entering the record in the peal-book, the conductor to be responsible for the collection of the amount.

The Annual festival service was held in the Cathedral, the members occupying seats in the stalls. The Rev. V. K. Cooper (Precentor), conducted the service. A short address was given by the Rev. E. G. Drummon, of Blaydon, who took for his text the words—"Let everything be done decently and in order." He said that one of the chief aims of the Association as set forth in the Annual Report was the abolition of irreverent and unbecoming behaviour in the ringing-chamber, and that was very essential, because the belfry was part of God's House. There was no question but that a great improvement in that respect had already been effected by change-ringing Associations throughout the country. The new method was calculated to arouse greater interest than the old custom of ringing rounds. They had had opportunities of seeing how the young had been brought into close connection with work, in fact becoming part of the life of the Church by assisting as bellringers. He trusted that every encouragement would be given to those who were anxious to become ringers. There was an old saying—"Tell me your pursuits and I can tell your character," and he believed that bellringing helped in the forming of a good character, because it required power, concentration, quickness and endurance. If they regarded ringing as part of the work of the Church, and if they rung their best to the glory of God, then they could claim the help of His grace to do it. The lessons to be derived from change-ringing were: order, variety and completeness. It was only by God's blessing that things could be done orderly, and with thoroughness. Let them ring in this way as unto the Lord.

Dinner was served at The Three Tuns hotel, and proved thoroughly satisfactory to the forty-five members who participated. The Rev. Arthur Allwork, Rector of Whickham, presided, Mr. James Baxter occupying the

vice-chair. The chairman submitted the first toast—"The King," which was followed by "The Bishops and Clergy of the two northern dioceses," proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, who coupled with the toast the names of the Revs. A. Allwork and J. E. Philipps, Vicar of Staindrop. He stated that their great desire was to work in harmony with their clerical friends, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a number present.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps, who responded first, stated that although not a ringer himself, he took great interest in ringing, and was the life-long friend of the very famous ringer—the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Rev. A. Allwork, in his reply, reciprocated the wishes of Mr. Routledge for a closer harmony between the clergy and the lay-members.

Mr. Wm. T. Robson presented the annual Report and Balance-Sheet, and stated that although the past year had not been equal to its predecessors, so far as the number of peals rung were concerned, the ringing that had been done had been very good in quality and quantity, the quality being higher than any previous year. The membership was practically the same as before, the total number being 454 as against 456. They had added thirty-five new ringing members and seven ordinary members to the Association. The statement of income and expenditure shewed a balance due to the Treasurer of 18s. 10d., in addition to which there was an expenditure to meet of about £5 for new peal-book and writing up to date, making a total of £5 18s. 10d. Against this the arrears of subscriptions amounted to £8 17s. 6d. There were thirty-two belfries affiliated with the Association, Alnwick and Consett having dropped out through non-payment of subscriptions. The Association had suffered a heavy loss in the death of the Ven. Archdeacon Hamilton, of Northumberland, who had been a patron since its inauguration. With regard to Ferry's list, twenty-one belfries had sent reports. Competition was again very keen, a much narrower margin dividing the three leading belfries than was the case last year. The awards were as follows: Chester-le-Street, 2071.08; North Shields, 1995.01; Darlington (Holy Trinity), 1786.61. The peal list, although beaten twice previously by the number of peals scored, was a record one in the quality of the peals rung, working out at an average of 19.68 points per peal, as against last year's record of 19.63. Some forty-seven peals had been rung (one on handbells), in twenty-one different towers, the total number of points being 925. The report included a summary of the meetings of the year, and a short account of the Central Council proceedings by Mr. R. S. Story. The Committee much regretted the fact that this gentleman and also Mr. C. L. Routledge, the President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, had resigned their positions. Taken as a whole the individual reports from belfries indicated some progress, but in many instances there was a lack of that zeal and energy which ought to be shewn by every individual member of the Association. That, however, was quite capable of remedy in the future, by recognising the great fact, so ably pointed out in the address that day, viz., that whatever they did must be done to the glory of God.

The Rev. J. B. Jealous, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had not been long resident in the north, but from what he had heard he thought they had a right to congratulate themselves upon the Report.

Mr. J. Smith seconded, and said he was glad to see the clergy taking more interest in the belfries, and thought

they might pay more frequent visits to the belfry to encourage the ringers in their work. The report was adopted.

The chairman then presented the certificates to Chester-le-Street, North Shields, and Holy Trinity, Darlington, and in so doing expressed the hope that it would be an incentive to other belfries to try and gain them.

The Rev. H. Robinson, Vicar of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, remarking that the Association was greatly indebted to them for their services. This was seconded by Mr. Jas. Parker, and carried with acclamation.

The election of officers for 1905-6 next took place. It was decided to ask Mr. R. Story again to become President, and failing his acceptance, Mr. G. T. Potter, of Gosforth, was unanimously elected. Messrs. T. Hudson (Sunderland), and W. Sheraton (Chester-le-Street), were elected Vice-presidents; Mr. W. T. Robson (Sunderland, Secretary); and Mr. T. Gofton (Treasurer).

Mr. Robson thanked the members on behalf of all elected.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. G. Drummond for his excellent address, remarking that on the occasion of his undertaking such a duty, the only bells he could find mention of in the Bible were connected with the High Priest's vestments.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and carried.

The Rev. E. G. Drummond, in reply, remarked that he had felt it an honour and pleasure to address his fellow-ringers.

Votes of thanks were accorded with acclamation on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Parker, seconded by Mr. W. H. Porter, to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, Dr. Armes (the organist), and the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Nicholas and St. Oswald's for assistance in connection with the service, and for the use of the bells. Messrs. R. S. Story, C. L. Routledge and Wm. Robson were elected as representatives to the Central Council; and Messrs. R. S. Story, T. Gofton, W. T. Robson and W. H. Barber as Peal and Ferry's list referees.

Mr. W. H. Porter gave notice that should in future be four Vice-presidents (one from each of four districts to be arranged) instead of two as previously.

The chairman announced that the meetings for 1906 were as follows: February—Cramlington; Whit-Monday—Stockton or Bishop Auckland; and August—Houghton. Twenty-one new members were elected at this meeting, among these being the Ven. Archdeacon Henderson, of Northumberland (as a Patron), and the Rev. W. P. Mayor, Vicar of St. John's, Darlington.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. A. Allwork for presiding.

The Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the New Palace Steamers, Limited, was held at the Company's Offices, 50, King William Street, E.C., on Thursday, 30th ult., when Mr. T. E. Barlow, Director and Manager, was able to place before the members a most satisfactory Statement of Accounts for the past season, with which all present were more than pleased, and though no new steamer will be built for this Company for 1906, yet, if the results are then as good as they have been in 1905, the Patrons of the New Palace Steamers may rely on one or two fine new steamers being ready for 1907.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths** Established 1637.—The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, December 14th and 28th, and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, December 19th, all at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The London County Association** (late the St. James' Society).—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held to-day, Saturday, December 9th, with the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. Mosley, at the church of All Saints, Poplar, E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

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

**Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington, to-day, Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentrich, to-day, Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after.

T. ALLBONE, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Standish to-day, Saturday, December 9th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

**Royal Cumberland Society.**—The next business meeting of this Society will take place on Monday next, December 11th, at the Bedford Head Hotel, after the usual practice at St. Martin's.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Herts Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Bushey and Oxhey, on Saturday December 16th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5.30.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, December 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5, at Sandifer's Restaurant, 63, West Street, 6d. each. Service at 6 o'clock. Will all those who intend to come, please let me know not later than Wednesday, December 13th.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held at Thurlough, on Saturday, December 16th. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

JOHN W. BARKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, on Saturday, the 16th December. Tower opened at 5 p.m. Ringing to cease 7 p.m. The tower of St. Margaret's will be open till 9.30. Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

A. OSBOKNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norwood (6 bells) station Southall, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

**Bedfordshire Association.**—Southern District.—Monthly meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, December 16, 1905.

W. W. C. BAKER.

**The London County Association, late St. James' Society, Est. 1824.**—In accordance with Rule XVII. a special general meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th, at 9.45 p.m., in the Association's room, at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., when it is hoped as many as can make it convenient will attend. The usual fortnightly practice will be held previous at St. Clement Danes, at 8 p.m.

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

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on December 26th (Boxing Day) at 4 o'clock.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The anniversary meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business, will be held at Bristol on Boxing Day, the 26th inst. Service at St. Nicholas Church, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Holt, at 12 o'clock, to be followed by a dinner and meeting at the Occidental Restaurant, High Street. Half-price will be allowed to members sending notice to the hon. sec. on or before the 20th inst. 12, 10, 8 and 6 bell towers open for ringing at intervals during the day. Further particulars if required can be obtained from

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association.**—It has been decided to form an Association for the Bristol Diocese under the above heading. Will ringers desirous of joining, please send their name and address to G. T. DALTRY, 23, King Square Avenue, Bristol.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. E. Reader has removed from Mellor to Forestfield, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

[Specially and exclusively reported for "THE BELL NEWS."]

(Continued from page 459.)

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in proposing "London and Provincial Ringing Societies," said that a quarter of a century ago he joined every ringing society in England. A peal in those days was thought a very great event, and men would travel a tremendous number of miles to take part in one. They had grown in number, in importance, and in ability. The increase of peals was owing to the individual work of members. Bishops, priests, and deacons had given ringers a great deal of support and assistance. He was told that a peal of 17,000 changes had been rung at Nottingham, which was a magnificent performance. He had never heard better ringing than a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells a few months ago. A very sore point with him was Bow church in Cbeapside. About twelve months ago he had carefully penned a letter to the Vicar recommending alterations and how the necessary money could be raised, and what could be done with it. He (the speaker) wanted £1600 spent upon Bow belfry so as to make it the finest belfry in the world. The Vicar agreed with his suggestions, but he had a vestry, and the aged and antique members of that vestry said that the present condition of affairs had done for their fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, and it would do for them. Mr. Hughes was granted a miserable sum of money to do the best he could, and what he did was satisfactory, but they had not got the best belfry in the world. He was always pleased to meet members of ringing societies, and he generally met a few at Bisley each year. He was told that Mr. George Bowen had travelled 220 miles, from Ilfracombe, to be with them that night; Mr. Hinton from Bristol, Mr. Wilkins from Gloucester, Mr. Taylor from Loughborough, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge from Crowthorne, and Mr. Hickman from Nottingham.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in responding, thanked the company for the cordiality of acceptance of the toast, and said, that he had replied to the toast so often, that he was in the position of the clergyman who had preached yearly from the same text. He had nothing new to say. Bishop Butler, in his well-known sermon, had pointed out that one of the most appropriate times for a man to keep silence, was when he had nothing to say.

Mr. J. Hickman also responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend the dinner. He would like to correct Mr. Dawe as to the 17,000 peal which took place by the Leicester Company, at South Wigston. He remembered Mr. Dawe coming 200 miles to ring a peal which did not come off. It was no use saying much of the Nottingham ringers, because they are not a deal of good. They were lacking a good conductor at Nottingham, such as some of those present were.

Mr. Wm. D. Smith (the master), in proposing the toast of the visitors, spoke of the excellent performances of the choir and the orchestra, which were highly appreciated.

Mr. W. Sinclair responded on behalf of the visitors.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara in proposing the toast "The Officers of this Society," said that the officers had carried out their duties with exactitude during the past year. Mr. Smith had been in the chair, and he hoped that he would again be in the chair next year. He had before made a long speech about their secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill. They could not find a better secretary anywhere, nor one who would devote more time, thought, and energy to the good of the society. If they lost him they would never get another like him. Mr. Hughes, their treasurer, and the stewards had done excellent work for the society. He hoped to see the society still more flourishing in the future than in the past.

Mr. Arthur Hughes in responding said that the bulk of the work fell upon Mr. Cockerill. The secretarial work was very great, and the way that Mr. Cockerill got through it was quite astonishing. The society was in as flourishing a condition as it ever was—they were not going back but going forward.

The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Selections were given by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. Cubitt Smith. Part songs and glees were rendered by members of the St. George's Glee Union, conducted by Mr. Joseph Monday. A course of Treble Bob Major on the handbells was excellently performed by Messrs. C. Fenn, R. Fenn,

T. Faulkner, and A. C. Hardy. The vocalists of the evening were:—Miss C. Harvey, Messrs. E. Lanford Dale, S. Blackmore, W. Chamberlain, G. Lake, and W. H. Judd. The pianoforte accompanists were Messrs. T. Johns and A. C. Smith.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the whole company brought a very successful evening to a close.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## MR. DENCH'S PEALS.

SIR,—Mr. Dench's bomb-shell in last week's issue can but cause consternation, not only to our composers, but to all peal ringers. For years have we been going on in the blind belief that if we reverse a true peal, the reverse variation is also true, and requires no proving. Many and many a peal has, for the sake of musical qualities, and other reasons, been rung in its reverse form. In our blind ignorance we have gone thoughtlessly on, trusting in what others have told us, rather than find out for ourselves. Well, it is no good sitting down and bewailing the fact. Something surely must be done, and that quickly. Every peal must go through the mill again. It's too long to wait till the Central Council can appoint a committee to tackle the work. Is there no man who can tackle this enormous amount of work. Cannot we induce our friend who has exploded this matter to take it up. I can think of none more capable. While he is deciding, let us examine these marvellous productions, which have shown such remarkable properties, their reverse variations being false. Yes, true enough. Their reverse variations are false. But why? The only answer that I can find is they are both false.—Yours etc.

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SIR,—I regret to state that the first peal of Superlative published in the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" by my friend Mr. F. Dench is false, repetition changes occurring with the treble dodging before in the first course of the first part with those in the second course of the second part, and also in the first course of the second part with those in the second course of the third part.

N. J. PITSTOW.

## ANOTHER CLAIM.

SIR,—The peal of 5568 Treble Bob Major, on page 461, under the name of F. Robinson, of Mirfield, was composed by me on April 1st, 1882, and first rung at Debenham, Suffolk, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, on January 22nd, 1902, conducted by William Grimes. The figures will be found under No. 1042 in the Annual Report for 1902.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

## THE 5120 OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I see that my name has been mentioned by Mr. Lindoff in the above. Mr. Lindoff himself has proved that Mr. Craven was the first in the field, as he received Mr. Craven's peal on the 9th, and Mr. Dench's peal was not rung until the 13th, and Mr. Pye's figures did not reach him till after that date. I myself received the 5024 from Mr. Dench about the same time, and it was rung at Edmonton, on September 2nd, 1905, and the figures were published in "THE BELL NEWS," and Mr. Dains by omitting the bobs—when 4 6 was in 5 6, obtained Mr. Craven's 5120, which he published the following week, and this week I notice he has again sent Mr. Dench's 5024, asking to whom it belongs. I leave him to judge.

J. PARKER.

[This correspondence may now cease. Ed.]

## "THE BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION."

SIR,—I notice a footnote to a peal at St. Nicholas, Bristol, rung on the 13th July last, and also a notice as to a proposed Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association, which appear in your issue of Saturday last. The footnote to the peal states that it would have been rung as an Association peal, but it was afterwards stated one was out of membership. This is not quite intelligible. Probably, the writer meant that it was not published as an Association peal in consequence of a statement made after the peal was rung. The only non-member, the ringer of the 4th, G. T. Daltry, resigned membership of the Gloucester and

Bristol Association on the 9th of June last, consequently he must have known at the time the peal was arranged, that he was no longer a member of the Association. With regard to the proposed new Association, I am exceedingly sorry to see this notice as I fear it may tend to sow discord among the Bristol ringers. Just subsequent to the separation of the Dioceses, at a meeting of the Association held at Swindon, in April, 1898, it was proposed *per forma* (in pursuance of a notice given by Mr. Daltry and in his absence), that it was desirable that a separate Association should be formed for each of the dioceses, but not a single member was found to support the motion. Since that date, as far as I am aware, the question has never been mooted at any meeting of the Association. In my opinion the right way, if there is any strong feeling in favour of a distinct Association for each diocese at the present time, would be for the matter to be brought forward and fully discussed at the anniversary meeting to be held at Bristol on Boxing Day. I would earnestly appeal to any of our members who are thinking of joining the fresh Association, to postpone a final decision on the matter until after the meeting to which I have referred, when any complaints or grievances which they may have with regard to the present Association can be fully gone into. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

#### ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Sunday, November 19th, was the golden wedding-day of Mr. and Mrs. G. Marsden. Mr. Marsden is one of the oldest and most-respected ringers in the district, and one who can boast of having every copy of "THE BELL NEWS" carefully preserved at the present time from the very first number, every one of which he always makes a practice of reading from beginning to end; never a man had ringing more at heart. The local company rung a date touch on the back six, assisted by Mr. Torton from Killamarsh, during which Mr. Biggin and myself, having walked over from Norton, did justice to some good roast beef at our old friend's Mr. F. Hancocks. Messrs. W. Worthington, A. Worthington, A. Smedley, from Staveley having arrived, we were now able to have the eight going, Messrs. Worthington and Biggin each calling a touch, the local men being short handed the eight are not often heard. This state of affairs is the same at other places in the district, the lack of young ringers will soon become serious if the stumbling-blocks are not removed. We can't live for ever, therefore it is our duty to teach young men to take our places when the time comes. My old friend George can say in this respect, that he has done his duty; and may we long see him and his good wife live to read the numbers of our "BELL NEWS."

#### WHITTLESFORD, NEAR CAMBRIDGE.

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#### Date Touches.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

BRATHAY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 2nd, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1905 Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 465 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Woodbine, and 720 Violet. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, F. Woodend, W. Robinson, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite. Conducted by J. Backhouse.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Saturday, October 21st, Trafalgar Day, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. R. Dennison, T. Salmon, R. Everson, T. Haslam, W. Tyson, W. Atkinson, J. Braithwaite, J. Salmon. Conducted by W. Atkinson.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE, WORTHING (Sussex).—On Monday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins. A. Tulett, J. Smart, H. Evans, E. H. Lindup conductor, G. Gatland, J. H. Paice, A. W. Groves, B. Bassett. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Smart, Evans and Bassett. It was arranged to start for a peal, but two of the band arrived too late.

##### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, October 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Holllocks, H. Crick, A. Holllocks, B. Maxim, J. Fayers, W. Holllocks conductor. On Saturday, October 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. H. Symonds, H. Crick, J. Fayers, A. Holllocks, H. D. Poulson, W. Holllocks.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 29th, at the residence of A. Symonds, on handbells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. J. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds conductor. Rung to celebrate the 15th birthday of J. S. Symonds. On Monday, October 30th, in the tower, on handbells, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Symonds, F. Parker, A. Symonds, 3-4; S. H. Symonds, E. Simpson, T. King conductor, 7-8.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Tuesday, October 24th, at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Holifield, G. Holifield, F. White, H. Holifield, F. Tubb conductor, C. Valentine, R. White, W. Robins. On Friday, October 27th, 2520 Grandsire Triples. W. Holifield, H. Tubb conductor, A. Coles, G. Holifield, H. Holifield, C. Valentine, R. White, F. White, jun. On Tuesday, October 17th, on handbells, two courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Tubb, 1-2-3-4; R. White, 5-6-7-8.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins. W. T. Elson, C. Charge, W. E. Judd, A. Jones, W. J. Troughton, C. Potheary, A. Jones, R. Charge, C. Hunt. Composed and conducted by C. Charge.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On a recent date, at the parish church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 45 mins. H. Marks, W. Messam, G. Marriner, W. E. Otway, H. Wood, T. Miles, E. Hull, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, H. Cropley. On Sunday, September 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. H. Marks, G. Marriner, H. Wood, E. Hull, W. Marks, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, H. Cropley.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 16th, at St. Mary's church, 448 Superlative Surprise. W. Smith, W. Brown, Cyril Herbert conductor, M. Matthews, D. Harris, E. Herbert, M. Lane, W. Chibnall. On October 30th, 672 Superlative. W. Smith, W. Brown, D. Harris, M. Matthews, S. Avis, Cyril Herbert, E. Herbert, W. Chibnall.

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It is at present intended, if we can get our artists to work in time, to give some illustrations in our number for the 23rd instant. In the present day the demand for the illustration of newspapers is very great, so that in announcing this proposal, it is thought necessary to use the convenient "if." Our friend "P.S." promises a contribution next week. Correspondents, it is hoped, will remember that when they require replies by post, they must send a stamped addressed envelope. All should know that brevity and conciseness are the principal ingredients towards early insertions of reports, etc.

**The Metropolis.**

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

On Saturday, November 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3.	REGINALD EDWARDS .. 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.	ALFRED B. PECK .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	REGINALD EDWARDS .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE PAICE .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 7.
JAMES PARKER .. 2.	*WILLIAM WARD .. 8.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 3.	*GEORGE A. CARD .. 9.
CHARLES H. MARTIN* .. 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 10.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 5.	*ERNEST S. POLL .. 11.
GEORGE B. LUCAS* .. 6.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal of Treble Twelve.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

**The Provinces.**

STREET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

ARTHUR CHAFFREY .. Treble.	FRED MARSH, JUN. .. 5.
HARRY PARISH .. 2.	*CHARLES TAYLOR .. 6.
CRISPIN J. WEBB .. 3.	ARTHUR W. WEBB .. 7.
JOHN H. TRIMM .. 4.	SAMUEL R. B. HAWKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PARISH.

\*First peal away from the treble.

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

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lbs. in E flat.

FRANCIS H. KAY .. Treble.	*ERNEST WILCOX .. 5.
ARTHUR HARRISON* .. 2.	*ALFRED PARKER .. 6.
GEORGE CLARKE* .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. 7.
GEORGE BLANCHARD† .. 4.	*FREDERIC ROWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. GEORGE.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and tenor were elected members previous to starting.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALFRED WALLATER† .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5.
SAMUEL BAKER .. 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER .. 6.
JAMES TYLER .. 3.	†JOHN MALPAS .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 4.	WILLIAM FISHER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LAUGHTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.
CHARLES PAYNE .. 2.	OSCAR PAYNE .. 4.
EDGAR PAYNE .. 4.	.. Tenor.

Conducted by O. PAYNE.

First peal by all except W. V. Newman. \*First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN W. SMITH* .. Treble.	†EDWARD HERN .. 5.
ERNEST E. FERRY .. 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. 6.
ALFRED DALTON* .. 3.	ALFRED HILLIER .. 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. 4.	JOSEPH E. KEEN .. Tenor.

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. Treble.	THOMAS MANNERING .. 5.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 2.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 6.
HENRY MOORE* .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKIES .. 7.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED* .. 4.	*ARTHUR F. ASHMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 6
WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 7
THOMAS PRICE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells by a local band. Rang as a birthday compliment to Thomas Price, whose list of fifty peals, appears elsewhere.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOSEPH ELTON .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BIRCH .. .. 5.
EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. .. 2.	DANIEL JONES .. .. 6
ARTHUR J. SEABROOK .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

Rung in honour of the complete recovery from a severe illness, of Mr. J. Elton the respected tower-keeper at this church.

## GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Coliege Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY CHAPMAN * .. Treble.	JOHN BOWER .. .. 4.
ALFRED SPOKES .. .. 2.	JOHN ALEXANDER .. .. 5.
JOHO WEDGE .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

\*First peal.

## BRAMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Coliege Trebles, Coliege Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory.

SAM HELLIWELL .. .. Treble.	E. REDSHAW .. .. 4.
T. LATIMER .. .. 2.	*W. BROWN .. .. 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 3.	ERNEST NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER BROWN.

Rung in honour of the marriage of S. Helliwell; also the fiftieth birthday of E. Redshaw. \*First peal as conductor.

## COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 26, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

HERBERT C. MOUNTER*..Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 5.
HARRY LEWIS .. .. 2.	JAMES KITCHENER .. .. 5.
JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. .. 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER.. .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 4.	SIDNEY HAYWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal of Triples.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	*FRANK A. PEIRCE .. .. 6.
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 2.	JOHN PERRY .. .. 7.
CHARLES COLLINS .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. WILSON.. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 8.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 5.	*FRANK PATRICK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. B. BRADLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

\*First peal of Caters. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Basil John Mason Reay, son of the Rev. T. O. Reay, M.A., Vicar of Prittlewell, to Miss Florence Margaret de Fontaine, daughter of the Rev. A. de Fontaine, Rector of Bletchingley.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	HARRY J. BORRETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BLAKE .. .. 2.	ROBERT BLAKE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK MIDDLETON*.. 3.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MOORE .. .. 4.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

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

## HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, November 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK JORDAN .. Treble.	ERNEST GIBBS .. .. 4.
JAMES HEMMING .. .. 2.	FRANK COOK .. .. 5.
HERBERT JORDAN .. .. 3.	REV. H. H. STAFFURTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, November 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\*First peal as conductor.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 27, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB-AND-SINGLE FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 2.	EDWARD HERN .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 3.	GEORGE W. DIX .. .. 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This novel composition is now rung for the first time, and has the same number of calls in every course throughout, including 380 bobs and forty singles. It is the first composed with these qualities. This is J. E. R. Keen's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, November 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE'S (R.C.),

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN .. .. Treble.	†GEO. OLIVER DIXON .. .. 5.
TOM O'HARA * .. .. 2.	*FRANK BURGAR .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 3.	*ROBERT HARRISON .. .. 7.
JAMES EVINSON* .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. BURGAR.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples, and first in the method as conductor. †First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, November 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS .. .. 2.	*ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	*GEORGE HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. F. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THOMAS GOFF* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. REED .. .. 5.
HENRY PEDERICK† .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 3.	EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 7.
THOMAS MILES† .. .. 4.	†THOMAS TUTTE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

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

**GLOUCESTER.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 8.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 4.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 9.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. Tenor.

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

Rung in commemoration of the Queen's birthday.

**WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN ROBERTS* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. GRACE .. .. 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 2.	*HENRY FYLES .. .. 6.
GEORGE HISLOP* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK THOMAS* .. 4.	WALTER HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

\*First peal of Major.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLAED,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs.

JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PASKINS .. .. 5.
FREDK. H. PASKINS .. .. 2.	GEORGE NEWMAN .. .. 6.
HERBERT C. HAYTER† .. 3.	WILLIAM G. F. FOWLER .. 7.
ROBERT WHITE .. .. 4.	FRANK HAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES ELCOMBE.

†First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. First peal by an entire local band.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.
GEORGE DIX .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. 3.	*OSWALD SIMM .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. 4.	EDWARD A. HERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung to celebrate the sixty-first birthday of Queen Alexandra. \*First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,**

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the method on the bells. First in the method ever rung in the county of Essex; also the first by the above Association. Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of St. Albans holding a Confirmation.

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Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

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# THE IN-COURSE EXTENT OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

(TENORS TOGETHER.)

In "THE BELL NEWS" of April 25th, 1903, an article by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope was published, dealing with the in-course extents of Bob Major, Double Norwich and kindred methods. The extent obtainable was stated to be fifty-nine courses, or 6608 rows.

On reading it at the time, I considered it an able and clear exposition of a truth, which as the author said, is well-known to old composers, but had hitherto been a puzzle to beginners. But I have lately discovered, while busy with Double Norwich Major composition, that such is not the case in that method.

The effect of the bobs at 5 has evidently been quite overlooked, possibly owing to it being a five-course calling. This effect is best shown by the following touch:—

23456	5	6
34256	-	-
23645	-	-
36245	-	-
23564	-	-
35264	-	-
23456	-	-

This is a touch consisting of an even number of courses, and yet nothing has been taken from any other course but the six included. Moreover, altogether there is a bob at 6 in the plain course, the sixth lead of the course 42356 may be used either plain or bobbed. This is explained by the fact that the bob at 5 cuts out the repeating row. And, of course, the same applies also to the courses 62345 and 52364.

Including these three, there are fifty-four entire courses to be introduced into the touch to make a complete peal of sixty courses. As this is an even number, it is not only possible, but presents no difficulty.

and therefore does not require explaining. When this is done, the in-course extent is shown to be 6624 rows, and the sixty course-ends are obtained.

In further proof of this I append the complete peal.

6624.

23456	1	4	6
65324	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
45623	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23645	Bob at 5	-	-

Twice repeated.

If a bob is added at 4 in the fourteenth course, and a single at 6 is substituted for the bob at 5 in each part, the extent with the tenors together (13,440 changes) will be produced in six exactly equal parts.

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5120.

23456	1	4	5	6
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23564	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
34526	s	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated; has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and twenty times right. Composed December 7th, 1902.

# PEAL NOTES.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—Peal rung somewhere at Bristol with no name of church.

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The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the  
31st December, 1904.

LIABILITIES.					
	£	s.	d.		
Shareholders' Capital .. .. .	1,000,000	0	0		
Reserve Funds .. .. .	2,300,000	0	0		
Life Assurance Funds .. .. .	51,911,568	7	0		
Claims fe cie admitted .. .. .	147,936	16	5		
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	£55,359,505	3	5		

ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.		
British Government securities .. .. .	3,352,296	0	2		
Indian and Colonial Government securities .. .. .	5,127,756	19	9		
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds .. .. .	4,556,180	8	6		
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates .. .. .	12,956,382	10	3		
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties .. .. .	3,784,323	16	4		
Freehold and leasehold property .. .. .	3,487,982	7	1		
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom .. .. .	7,303,050	5	2		
Railway, Gas and Water Stocks .. .. .	7,408,311	15	7		
Suez Canal shares .. .. .	165,742	7	5		
Telegraph and other shares .. .. .	97,789	2	6		
Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds .. .. .	267,930	15	7		
Bank of England stock .. .. .	200,559	18	6		
Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks .. .. .	1,142,054	9	2		
Foreign Government securities .. .. .	1,149,790	8	1		
Reversions and Life Interests .. .. .	1,052,757	17	5		
Loans on Company's Policies .. .. .	1,881,959	1	6		
Rent Charges .. .. .	308,901	7	10		
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances .. .. .	403,073	18	8		
Outstanding interest and rents .. .. .	456,268	15	3		
Cash—In hands of superintendents .. .. .	35,155	17	0		
Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand.. .. .	221,237	1	8		
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	£55,359,505	3	5		

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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody on December 31st, 1904.

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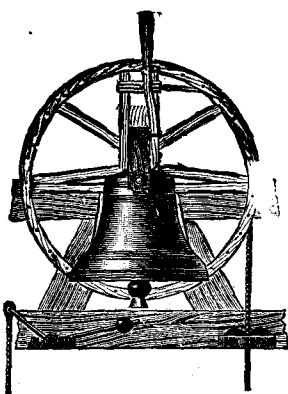
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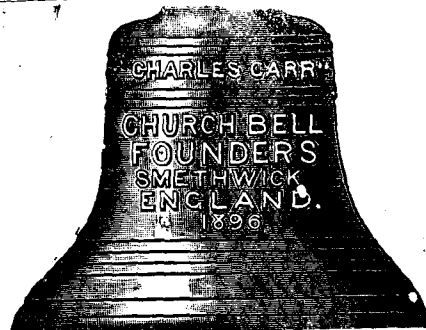
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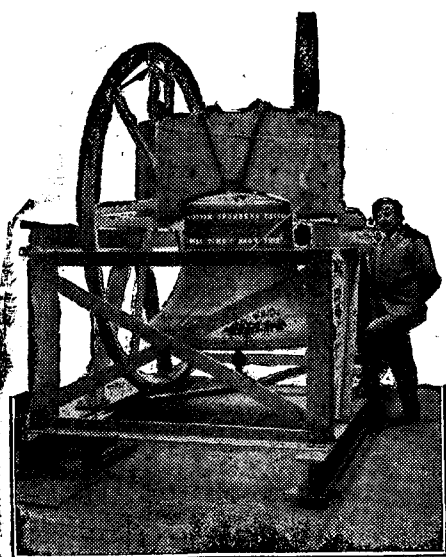
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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.*

No further information in regard to rings of bells can be received by the Committee.

#### SCHEDULE (continued).

BURGESS HILL (Sussex). St. John the Evangelist. Sussex County Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor; treble, 2nd and 3rd, 1904; 5th and 7th, 1900; the rest 1897. Tenor 14 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1904. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30 in winter months only. Ringing-chamber being too close to bells, the sound needs to be softened.

COTTINGHAM (Yorks.) St. Mary. Eight bells; treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th by Warner, 1897. No information as to the rest. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Iron frame. Rehung by Warner, 1897. No Sunday ringing or practice. A chiming apparatus is fitted.

DEPTFORD (Kent). St. Nicholas. Kent County Association. Eight bells; tenor 20 cwt. by Mears, 1842; the rest 1701-2; founder unknown. Iron frame. Bells go very well. Rehung by Warner, 1904. Ropes new 1904, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.45.

HARLOW COMMON (Essex). St. Mary Magdalene. Essex Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1905. Tenor 12 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. No information as to change-ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 5 to 5.45. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

## WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On St. Andrew's Day the Bishop of Ely dedicated the restoration work which has been done this year upon the ancient and interesting tower of SS. Mary and Andrew's church, Whittlesford. The tower (11th century in its two lower stories, with a 15th century addition above), had been in a very bad state of repair for some 200 years, as the removal of the plaster, with which the church was coated before 1740, most plainly showed. No fewer than five Norman windows were found in the course of the work, and there were many interesting discoveries, especially of a rude and early bas-relief forming the head of one of the belfry lights. The subject of this is a seated man, with a goat—obviously representing Satan—whispering into his ear. The whole tower has now been put into perfect order by Messrs. Rattie and Kett, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite. Three of the five old bells have been recast by Mears and Stainbank, a sixth bell and a new ringing-frame and fittings provided.

Messrs. Smith, of Derby, have added a chiming clock. The whole of the cost, some £1,600, has been paid by an anonymous friend. The festival day was enthusiastically kept by the villagers, who have followed the work with the keenest interest and gratitude. They themselves had been raising money for an organ, and a generous gift of the festival offertories completed the sum required for this. The fabric of the church remains in a very bad state, but the restoration of the central tower is the first and hardest step towards the removal of this reproach, and the thanksgiving to Almighty God is fervent and sincere in Whittlesford.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 25th, a well-attended quarterly meeting took place at Llanfrecha, Monmouthshire. Previous to the meeting the bells (6) were raised, and Grandsire Doubles rung by mixed bands. The meeting commenced at 4.15 by the Vicar (Rev. T. Reynolds) very kindly taking the chair. After welcoming the members of the Association to his parish, he called upon the Assistant Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. This done, were duly confirmed and signed. The Vicar then asked for information as regards the work, objects, etc. of the Association. The Assistant Hon. Secretary then detailed the good work which is being done by Associations, with the result that the whole of the members of the local band wished to become affiliated to the Association at the forthcoming annual meeting which takes place at Cardiff on Boxing Day.

A discussion then followed as to the next place of meeting for Monmouthshire, and it was eventually decided that it should be held at Llangibby in the spring, and that permission be asked for the use of the bells at Tredunnock (which is the adjoining parish), on the same day. There are six bells in each tower, and both are making headway in change-ringing. Subscriptions were next taken, and after a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding, the meeting closed.

The Vicar very kindly invited all present to tea, which was an excellent one. This being over, the best thanks were accorded the Vicar and ladies for their kindness in serving, etc. Steps were then made for the tower and Doubles and Minor were indulged in, and thus concluded one of the best meetings ever held by the Association. The best thanks are due to Mr. Ford, the leader of the local band, for having everything in readiness, and a very noticeable feature of the meeting was how well the local band mustered. Unfortunately at many meetings which take place the members of the local bands are conspicuous by their absence.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are now well into December, the period when readers of this paper will be considering what they shall do with regard to the approaching festivity of Christmas. Some well-to-do brethren will be formulating schemes for the exercise of benevolence; some others, not belonging to the well-to-do, will be wondering who will send them a Christmas dinner, or help them to obtain one. May all good ringers (and also deserving people who have not the luck to be ringers), have plenty of wholesome provender wherewith to make their Christmas enjoyable.

The all-absorbing topic just now is the change of government. Very few impartial people will doubt that a change of some sort was necessary. But exception may reasonably be taken to so much "gush" being uttered concerning some of the members of the new Government. Not only their various idiosyncrasies, but even particular portions of their dress have been alluded to. One rev. gentleman, it is stated, has expressed a hope that the member for Battersea will never wear a frock coat or a tall hat! To me this seems mere bosh. Why should he not wear a frock coat as well as any one else? Very comfortable and economical attire is a frock coat, both for summer and winter. There is a saying to the effect that threatened men live long; and the same may be remarked with respect to hats. The silk hat has been threatened with extermination many a time, but it is still with us. No other mode of head-gear is there which makes a man look so completely dressed. Let the poor hatters live; and the makers of frock coats also.

This brings me to notice some new announcements—or perhaps I ought to say "advertisements"—which has recently appeared in our paper. I allude to those of a famous ringer who is in business as a tailor and outfitter—Mr. J. Steddy, of Edenbridge, Kent. He supplies tall hats and frock coats to those whose taste lie that way; boots and shoes, and every other known raiment. In these days of "phones" of all sorts, there is no difficulty in dealing with a tradesman who lives miles away. John Steddy has made capital arrangements, which any of his ringing friends may hear of by sending him a post-card.

Our old friend Jim Hunt of Guildford, is another who solicits the patronage of his ringing brethren. There is his specialty of peal-tablets, very original, for instance. Some readers will have gone in for the many splendid pictures given with the Christmas numbers of the large illustrated papers. Our friend will frame these for you in a most superb and artistic manner, and at a very cheap rate. Or he will send you the best and properest material to do the work yourselves if you prefer. Then there is Wilfrid Matthews, of Macclesfield—the son of a most worthy sire—who lives in hopes that his friends will remember him at this Christmas time, and send him some good orders for his beautiful silk articles. Last, not least, is our old friend W. Gordon, of Stockport, as good a musician as he is a ringer and composer. He has the best stock of music for ringers there is to be found in the world—and he sends a great deal of it to his customers for very little money. These are the men we should deal with—and they are all strong Churchmen, not dissenters. "Help the brotherhood."

You will recollect the correspondence some time ago

wherein was asserted the dictum that only churchmen, not dissenters, should be church bell-ringers. That subject I am not going to re-open, but the question has often occurred to me whether those gentlemen who maintained this view always dealt exclusively with tradespeople who were Churchmen. Mind I am not saying they should be so exclusive as that. But more than one instance has lately been brought to my notice where tradesmen who are ardent Churchmen, regular in attendance at Church, cannot get a look in when anything is wanted for Church purposes, but those who dissent from the Church are first favourites in such matters. You will say this ought not to be so; I say the same most emphatically.

Reverting for one moment to the products of our friend Matthews, of Macclesfield, I have an idea that I read somewhere of a peal record being executed by him in silk, to serve as an handkerchief or for framing. This must have been a very novel and pleasing article. If the cost is not too great, it might become more frequent. We want a change now and then for peal records.

I have at some length brought the interests of our manufacturing brethren before you. Don't any of you write me a letter to say you are going to do this, or you are intending to do that, or the other. Don't let me hear from those concerned that my advocacy on their behalf—all our brethren, don't forget—has been of no use. Don't be callous to this appeal for support. Don't forget it is your bounden duty to "help the brotherhood." Send in your Christmas orders immediately you have read this number, and let me hear from all these ringing tradesmen that prospects are bettering.

To come to another subject. We read some time ago that the principal proprietor of *The Daily Telegraph* had been made a peer of the realm by the title of Baron Burnham. Some of the papers had a lot to say about his enterprise, etc., with this paper. But these writers didn't know everything. There was a time when the "Tellewag" was in exceeding low water; in fact it was in the market. And who do you think was very nearly a purchaser? Why the late Robert Stainbank! This was before he became connected with the well-known Whitechapel firm. The negotiation for purchase was almost closed, when he consulted his solicitors respecting it, and they advised that under the then existing circumstances it was not desirable to complete the negotiation. That's remarkable, is it not? I have no doubt that under his influence, had he purchased it, the paper would have remained faithful to its first political creed. More next week.

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## Correspondence.

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

## THE EXTENT OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Parker for his sympathetic reference to my article on the Sixty In-course Courses. I was aware that by use of bobs at 5 you can get sixty in-course course-ends, but the object of my article was to shew why you cannot get sixty complete courses. It is obvious that the use of "befores" in Bob Major, "5's" in Double Norwich and such like loses a part of the course which you can by no means regain. Consequently they were outside the scope of my article. I think it was Mr. Lindoff who first composed a peal of Double Norwich with sixty in-course-ends, though he did not tell us as Mr. Parker has done on what touch he founded it. Anyway Mr. Parker's peal, although not the first of its kind, is a very clever composition.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Mr. Parker will find it interesting to compare his peal with two three-parts with the sixty 7-8s before in the last Central Council Collection—one by John Reeves and one by myself—which anticipate all the essential features of his composition. I say this without meaning in the slightest to detract from the merits of his peal.

P.P.S.—Apropos Mr. Dench's peals, a reverse of any true composition must be true.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Parker's article last week re the sixty course-ends of Double Norwich, I beg to remind him that although perfectly correct in what he states, he is some nine years late in those statements, as I had the honour to be the first in the field with these compositions, a number of which were published in 1897.

G. LINDOFF.

## THE BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—In reply to the letter signed C. E. D. Boutflower, in your last issue, respecting peal rung on 13th July, it was well known before the arrangements for the peal were made that I was no longer a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, so that his inferences from footnote are entirely erroneous. As to the new Bristol Association it has been formed to meet the views of its supporters, and there is no necessity to discuss in your columns what might have been done in another way. I hope it will provide the means for carrying on the proper work of a ringers' association, free from the dissensions which has been so prevalent locally of late.

G. T. DALTRY.

## THE PEAL AT DURHAM.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence in your issue of the 25th ultimo, I am not acquainted with Mr. Atkinson as a change-ringer, but a reflection is cast on those who have not been so fortunate in their attempts on these bells, which is unfair, and I think should be refuted. This peal has been known by me for some twenty-five years, having rung in the first peal ever rung on them, which was well rung, as was testified to by a large number of witnesses, the occasion being an Association meeting day. Later the bells were restored to some extent, my advice being asked, with the result that sometimes they can be rung comfortably, and sometimes they are impossible for peal ringing. As evidence of this, shortly after these repairs, I arranged a band to meet the Rev. F. E. Robinson, which included, if my memory serves me rightly, the late F. J. Harrison, W. Holmes, and J. W. Taylor, jun., I think men whose abilities as heavy-bell ringers at that time require no proclaiming in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of to-day; but the bells were found to go so badly that a peal was out of the question, and Mr. Robinson called the next day on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank complaining of their work. They sent a man down about ten days after, when we went thoroughly over the bells, testing them in every way, when they were found to go capitally. More recently a band was arranged for the Rev. Maitland Kelly, when I did not ring, but I listened in the belfry to an excellent performance—a peal of Stedman Triples—which description I am glad to say was confirmed by Dr.

Carpenter, a member of our Central Council of Ringers, and who happened to be staying in the City. The attempt prior to the last peal proved the bells to be that day unpealable, and I should have defied even our friend Wm. Pye to have taken the tenor through a 5000. There is no doubt that the peal is like one or two well-known rings, materially affected by the weather, and further the bells not being frequently rung, the gudgeons are sometimes found quite rusty. There is no question that our ill-starred attempt would be of benefit to our successors, but under any circumstances a peal of Major at Durham is a creditable performance, and I congratulate the band on it. I am only sorry that it has been denied to me to take part in either a peal of Stedman or Major on these bells.

R. S. STORY.

## TO MR. HICKMAN, OF NOTTINGHAM.

SIR,—Devotees of our Art will scarcely feel flattered at Mr. J. Hickman's remarks respecting Nottingham ringers. Speaking at the annual dinner of the College Youths he is reported to have said "It is no use saying much of the Nottingham ringers, because they are not a deal of good. They lack a good conductor. With all due respect to Mr. Hickman's long experience, I must say I cannot agree with him, and I think it very unwise to give expression to such sentiments. It can serve no good purpose, comparisons are always odious, and it is likely to have anything but the desired effect, and to discourage young ringers. As a matter of fact bellringing is more popular in Nottingham at the present than at any previous time, and I can only ascribe Mr. Hickman's comments to ignorance or indifference of the present state of things. He is a conductor and a very popular one, and could do much to advance the popularity of the Art if he would use his influence and encourage his colleagues by prompt and regular attendance at his own belfry.

G. H. JOHNSON.

## FROM MR. DENCH.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Pitstow for pointing out the falseness of my peals of Superlative. I took great care in proving them, by the proof scale in Sottanstell's book, but to my disappointment his book has left a lot out. I once remember Mr. Lindoff informing me in a private correspondence that the Cambridge proof in Shipway's work was wrong. Undoubtedly I should have taken that lesson, and not have trusted to the proof of others.

F. DENCH.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM (RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 28TH).—MR. T. TAYLOR'S 100 PEALS.—Bob Triples, 1; Oxford Bob, 2; Grand-sire, 6; Bob Major, 8; Kent, 15; Oxford, 1; Stedman Triples, 8; Bob Royal, 1; Kent, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2. Total—100. These have been rung in seven counties and the City of London, viz.: Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex and Kent.

THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD (RECORDED LAST WEEK).—J. E. R. KEEN'S 100 PEALS.—Union Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 4, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples, 3, conducted 2; Caters, 3; Treble Bob Minor, 1, conducted 1; Kent Major, 16, conducted 3; Royal, 7; Oxford Major, 2; Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8; Double Oxford Major, 1; Superlative Major, 12; Cambridge Major, 4; London Major, 5; Stedman Triples, 26, conducted 5; Caters, 5. Total—100; conducted 12. Also took part in four peals of Stedman Caters, the composition of which was false.

THE PEAL AT MAIDENHEAD (RECORDED LAST WEEK).—T. PRICE'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 18; Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 16; Caters, 2; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 6; Treble Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 1. Total—50.

THE PEAL AT ARKLOW, IRELAND.—This peal was rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, and also as a birthday compliment to the Master, A. Tailyour, Esq. This composition is rung for the first time, and has all the 6-7s the right way, and is without a four-bob set, and is the first ever composed with these qualities.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.—A peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Peter's, Walworth, has been sent without the name of any Association or Society.—A peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Colne, Lancashire, has been sent without any time being mentioned.

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

## THE SUSSEX WEEK.

(Continued from page 460).

Don't discuss the petty "ziffles," in your Triples,  
When it's rung;  
Occasionally take a little, good mild tipple,  
When you've done.

FRIDAY, October 26th, we started for Arundel at 10.15 a.m., the railway company giving us cheap return tickets, and on the way the smoking ruins of The Sussex Pad were discernible near Lavington, this famous old Sussex roadside inn having been destroyed by fire the night previous. A good view of the Miller's tomb on the distant downs was obtained, although the windmill he owned has long since disappeared. This monument of a past and gone brother tradesman appealed to our conductor in vain, whose weak point or crank consists of bells absolutely. Making direct for the tower, after the usual preliminaries a musical peal of Superlative was brought home on this mellow peal by Mears and Stainbank, and so our lost tower here of last year was cleared up. Our Canadian traveller explored the wilds around Arundel, having taken upon himself to stand out for the day, and at noon he was reported to be burrowing in The Black Rabbit, one of the neighbouring inns. Dinner was taken at The Bridge hotel, Mr. Bennett presiding in honour of his first peal of Superlative. Arriving at B Central, not a "central bell," at 5.15, there was just time for a cup of tea hard by, and then on again to Uckfield at 5.40 p.m., where an unexpected dilemma presented itself to a daunted band. There was no steeplekeeper, keys, nor light at the tower at 6.20 p.m., so my readers may guess how little we expected to make a peal, when we had to catch the 10.2 train for Brighton. However the best of a bad errand was made by our athletic Keith spurring round to the vicar's, the verger's, and the secretary's homes, and to the High Street, ere the necessary man and key could be button-holed and the proper passports obtained, and even then our Mr. verger did not come to the tower with alacrity. We subsequently discovered that the grumpy apathy of that gentleman arose through the local officials erroneously expecting us the night before, when they had most kindly raised the bells, and got everything in readiness for us, all to no purpose. Such is one of the many vicissitudes of the peal ringer's life. A suggestion was made, late as it was, to start, and at 6.50 we entered the tower, hurriedly raised the bells, and began on the principle of neck or nothing. Superlative was selected, fast ringing ensued, but with an excellent compass, and I must add as a compliment to the Whitechapel firm, the "go" of bells enabled us to secure Lindoff's 5088 in 2 hrs. 48 mins., with a tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. This was Mr. Williams' "century" peal of Superlative, which, both he and his treble man, are not likely to forget for some years, on account of the fairy-like "whispers" of the 6th man in the last course. In the second course Mr. Charchwarden Bannister visited the belfry from the church, and after a word or two with Hart very politely took a seat and remained till the end, occasionally admiring Mr. Gifford's "Yoricks." Some locals tried the entrance door without coming in, and in the fifth course the Vicar, the Rev. E. Sanderson, M.A. paid us a visit, and while the ringing was in progress expressed his pleasure at our visit, hoping we would enjoy the peal. Our tenor-man being nearest his reverence thanked him on our behalf for his kind permission, whereupon our treble-man informed him that further conversation might involve us in a breakdown, when the Vicar quickly and quietly withdrew, much to our relief, no trips having occurred in the meantime, although the pace was still hot. After all this we seemed fated to meet with success. Bob smiled at Frank, Harry grinned at Bill, Whit nodded to Giff, while Georgie smilingly called the bobs, as much as to say—"You never know your luck; shall we get it?" From the church to the station the roadway is on the down grade all the way, so once again we caught our train, and arrived at Brighton at 10.40 p.m. after travelling seventy-three miles and ringing two peals in just over ten hours, practically our busiest day of the week. W.H.F.

(To be continued.)

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## Date Touches.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 5th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. E. Meffin, S. G. Steele, H. Rushby, A. W. Long, P. C. Long, E. Brown, J. W. Seamer conductor, M. J. Richardson. Composed by C. Jackson. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. J. Richardson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On Monday, December 11th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, 608 was rung. G. Williams, C. Fray, W. Rowe, W. H. Crute, W. T. Tucker, W. C. Lampard, W. H. George, J. George conductor. On Sunday, December 10th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 168 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; J. George conductor, 7-8.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, December 10th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Rowe, C. Fray, W. Rowe, jun., W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, J. George conductor. For evening service 288 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Williams conductor, W. W. Gifford, J. George, A. Marks, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, September 3rd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Andrews. On Sunday, September 10th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. T. Lampard, F. Smith, W. H. Crute, G. H. Voice, E. G. Lampard, C. Russell, J. H. Elkins conductor, D. Froom. On Wednesday, September 13th, for practice, 324 Stedman Caters. F. Smith, E. G. Lampard, W. H. Crute, G. Voice, L. S. Lampard, W. Andrews, W. Loveland, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard conductor, D. Froom. On Thursday, September 14th, for Miss Braithwaite's wedding, 305 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. C. Lampard. And 572 in the same method, conducted by W. Andrews. On Wednesday, September 20th, 420 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Andrews. On Sunday, September 24th, 546 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. G. Lampard. On Sunday, October 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Andrews. G. Noice, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, J. Gasson, E. G. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. Andrews, D. Froome. On Wednesday, October 11th, 305 Grandsire Triples. Rev. F. G. Hume, G. Williams, W. Rowe, W. Andrews conductor, C. Russell, W. H. George, J. W. Elkins, H. E. Anson. And 504 in the same method. W. Rowe, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, H. C. Hayter, W. H. Loveland, G. Williams, W. H. George conductor, F. Hand. On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Crute, F. Smith, E. G. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, W. H. Loveland, C. Russell, J. W. Elkins conductor, W. S. Lampard. On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. H. Crute, F. Smith, L. S. Lampard, G. H. Noice, J. W. Elkins, E. G. Lampard, W. Andrews conductor, D. Froome.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, December 10th, at St. Wilfrid's church, 672 Stedman Triples. G. Wheeler, A. Kinsey, W. Burrows, W. West, S. Horsfall, J. Hughes, F. T. Spence conductor, W. Leigh.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. L. Trussell, J. Cottis, H. E. Parker conductor, C. Fenn, D'Oyley Simons, E. G. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn.



## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637.—The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, December 28th and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, December 19th, all at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Bushey and Oxhey, to-day, Saturday, December 16th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5.30.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool ranch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, to-day, Saturday, December 16th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, to-day, Saturday, December 16th. Tower open from 3 to 9. Tea at 5, at Sandifer's Restaurant, 63, West Street, 6d. each. Service at 6 o'clock.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

The Bedford and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlough, to-day, Saturday, December 16th. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

JOHN W. BARKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, to-day, Saturday, the 16th December. Tower opened at 5 p.m. Ringing to cease 7 p.m. The tower of St. Margaret's will be open till 9.30. Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

A. OSBORN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norwood (6 bells) station Southall, to-day, Saturday, December 16th. Bells available at 4 p.m.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting at Dunstable to-day, Saturday, December 16, 1905.

W. W. C. BAKER.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society, Est. 1824.—In accordance with Rule XVII. a special general meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th, at 9.45 p.m., in the Association's room, at the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., when it is hoped as many as can make it convenient will attend. The usual fortnightly practice will be held previous at St. Clement Danes, at 8 p.m.

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

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on December 26th (Boxing Day) at 4 o'clock. REV. CANNON L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business, will be

held at Bristol on Boxing Day, the 26th inst. Service at St. Nicholas Church, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Holt, at 12 o'clock, to be followed by a dinner and meeting at the Occidental Restaurant, High Street. Half-price will be allowed to members sending notice to the hon. sec. on or before the 20th inst. 12, 10, 8 and 6 bell towers open for ringing at intervals during the day. Further particulars if required can be obtained from

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

P.S.—The Bishop of Bristol has intimated his intention of being present at the dinner and meeting.

Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association.—It has been decided to form an Association for the Bristol Diocese under the above heading. Will ringers desirous of joining, please send their name and address to G. T. DALTRY, 23, King Square Avenue, Bristol.

## BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 18th, a few of the Bourne (Lincs.) ringers, with Mr. Lawrence, bellhanger for Messrs. Mears and Stambank, paid a visit to Market Deeping, and rang on the bells 720 changes of Single Court Bob Minor as follows;—G. H. Hollis, J. Lake, S. Black, —Lawrence, G. Wells, J. Osborne (conductor). Also several touches of Oxford Treble Bob standing as above. The above ringing was well struck and was much admired by the inhabitants who seldom have an opportunity of hearing ringing of such a high standard, Messrs Black and Wells belong to the local company.

The bells are a nice ring of six, tenor about 15 cwt., in splendid going order, a well appointed ringing chamber, and everything for the ringer's comfort; but, sad to relate, well struck change ringing here of late years is on the decline.

This is much to be regretted, and it is hoped that a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" in the belfry weekly, will be the rule rather than the exception, where the local men will find the achievements of ringers who have only six bells at their disposal recorded, and which are worthy of emulation.

"RINGING FOR GOFER".—"Ringing for Gofer" is a custom peculiar to the town of Newark. It has its origin in an adventure that befell a merchant named Gofer two centuries and more ago. Newark was then surrounded by woods, and making his way through the forest night came on. The wood was infested with thieves, and Gofer gave himself up for lost. Presently he heard the bells of Newark ringing for service, and guided by the sound, the merchant reached the town in safety. In gratitude for his deliverance, Gofer left a sum of money, the interest of which is applied to paying the bellringer for "ringing for Gofer," which is done for an hour each Sunday evening for a term of Sundays before Christmas.

\* \* \* Next week our number will contain illustrations of Lingfield Church, Sussex; and the company who rang the handbell peal of Stedmau Triples in which Miss Nichols (of Boston, U.S.A.) now Mrs. Shurtleff, rang the tenors. As that ubiquitous member of the exercise—Mr. James George, has just rung his 300th peal—the record of which will be found in its proper place—we shall give his profile once again together with some pointed allusions to his ringing career penned by one among his many admirers.

## Situations Wanted.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1905.

WE do not know whether the remarks made by some of the speakers at the College Youths' annual dinner, respecting the condition of several of the rings of bells of London City, will have any good result, but if not, it will be a great pity. The Archdeacon of London being present, and hearing what was said about the bells in question, creates an hope that he may make some representations to the various authorities towards effecting a change for the better. We quite agree with the belief that plenty of funds would be forthcoming for the purpose of bell-restoration if the true state of affairs could be put before City men. The Archdeacon is the right man for this purpose, and the work will come within his province.

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

EDWIN TURL .. .. Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRYOR .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. PRYOR .. .. 7.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	RICHARD BEVAN .. .. 8.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 4.	EDWARD CHAPMAN .. .. 9.
ERNEST BONFIELD .. .. 5.	HARRY ELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. GEORGE, and Conducted by MARK WOODCOCK.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, December 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.**

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ERNEST PYR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

IRAAC G. SHADK .. .. Treble.	*FRANK SMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 9.
MARK WOODCOCK* .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 10.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 5.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 11.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD* .. 6.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Cinques. This is E. Pye's 550th peal.

**Handbell Peal.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, December 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.**

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Caters.

**The Provinces.****HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 25, 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.**

CHARLES JONES .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK VILES .. .. 5.
ALBERT HILL .. .. 2.	JAMES R. NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JOHN MORRIS* .. .. 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 7.
HENRY WILKES .. .. 4.	JAMES PARROE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

\*First peal.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD***On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.**

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. 7.
RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 4.	JOHN EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

**WORCESTER.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***(THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD)**On Monday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.**

BENJAMIN S. HILL* .. Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. 5.
THOMAS LANE* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 6.
ALBERT HILL .. .. 3.	HENRY WILKES .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN HILL,* .. .. 4.	JAMES PARROE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

\*First peal.

**ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 25, 1905, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD .. .. 2.	ISAAC MYERS .. .. 6.
A. TAILYOUR .. .. 3.	JAS W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN... 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

**BRISTOL.****BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,***On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 2.	SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 7.
ALGERNON LEWTON .. .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 8.
HARRY PARSONS .. .. 4.	FREDERICK GOODING .. 9.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal by the newly-formed Association.

**CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***(WIRRAL BRANCH.)**On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.**

J. TOMLINSON .. .. Treble.	HENRY DEW .. .. 5.
JOHN SCONE .. .. 2.	*ERNEST SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	WILLIAM SCONE .. .. 7.
JAMES DILLON* .. .. 4.	*ERNEST CHANNELL .. .. Tenor.

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J. J. ARBON .. .. .Tenor.	

Conducted by J. J. ARBON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Brundle.

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On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD DEWEY .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. .6.
HENRY REEVES .. .. .2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. .7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. .3.	THOMAS SPARKS .. .. .8.
HENRY F. EWINS .. .. .4.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. .9.
ALBERT E. BARROWS .. .5.	HENRY A. HOAD .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.  
Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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J. C. TRUSS .. .. .Treble.	J. W. WILKINS .. .. .5.
R. BUCKLAND .. .. .2.	C. GREEN .. .. .6.
A. K. HOWARD .. .. .3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .7.
W. PHIPPS .. .. .4.	F. MALING .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 650th peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

STEPHEN FAITHFULL ..Treble	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. .5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. .2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. .6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. .3.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. .7.
WILLIAM A. CHATFIELD † .4.	GEORGE KEMBER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by S. PERKINS.

†First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5115 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES DEAN .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. .6.
JOHN WYATT* .. .. .2.	ARTHUR J. FLOWMAN .. .7.
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. .3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. .8.
HARRY LAST .. .. .4.	CHARLES GORDON .. .. .9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. .5.	JAMES RUMBLE .. .. .Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. LOMAX .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK W. FROUDE .. .5.
HORACE MOORE .. .. .2.	JAMES CHINERY .. .. .6.
MAURICE COBB .. .. .3.	ARTHUR HAMMOND .. .. .7.
ARTHUR E. MOORE .. .. .4.	ROBERT T. LONG .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by CHARLES H. LOMAX.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. .. .5.
JOHN HARDING .. .. .2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. .6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. .3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. .7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. .4.	JOHN H. CROPLEY .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

All the above are bachelors.

STURRY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.

HARRISON SMITH .. ..Treble.	*ERNEST SLINGSBY .. .. .4.
WALTER J. SOBRELL .. .2.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. .5.
JABEZ WALTER .. .. .3.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD OLDFIELD* ..Treble.	JAMES BAERATT .. .. .5.
ALFRED CROFT .. .. .2.	*EDWARD STUBBS .. .. .6.
FRANCIS SMITH .. .. .3.	JOSEPH GREGORY .. .. .7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .4.	AMOS TRIPPIER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

\*First peal.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

FRANK PAINE .. .. .Treble.	ALFRED E. GOWER .. .. .5.
RICHARD PAINE .. .. .2.	*JAMES SWINERD .. .. .6.
SIDNEY PAINE .. .. .3.	DANIEL PAINE .. .. .7.
EDW. S. RUCK .. .. .4.	GEORGE PAINE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by GEORGE PAINE.

\*First peal.

**SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.**—For these goods send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

**BURFORD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JOHN RICHARDS† .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BOND .. .. 5.
ERNEST ALDRIDGE .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 4.	GEORGE PARKER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal away from the tenor.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES R. TIBBLES .. .. 2.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. 7.
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. .. 4.	ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 5, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. MELBOURNE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	CHARLES MEE .. .. 6.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 3.	EDWARD E. DIAPER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ALLARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

**MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 5, 1905, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP, HULME,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 5.
WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5113 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM C. LAMPARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE WOODISS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 8.
CONOR O'BRIEN .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. .. 5.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

\*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet recording the first peal of Treble Bob Royal achieved in this county; and also the 300th peal by Mr. James George, of Rugby, who completed his 36th year of service with the London and North-Western Railway on the 7th inst. Further reference to this peal will appear next week.

**GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE MILES .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOWELL .. .. 4.
GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. .. 2.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. .. 5.
GEORGE LANCASTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEVARD.

First peal on the bells, which were rebung in a new iron frame and a treble added by Warner and Sons, and opened on June 8th, 1902. The ringers returned a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. J. Storr), for the use of the bells.

**TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

T. WRIGHT .. .. Treble.	J. LOVELL .. .. 5.
F. BOSWELL .. .. 2.	F. MYNARD .. .. 6.
W. ROBINSON .. .. 3.	S. SMITH .. .. 7.
REV. C. B. HULTON .. .. 4.	W. FREEMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal by the Rector on the bells.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED SMITH* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE* .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. .. 6.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE* .. .. 4.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by EGBERT BORRETT.

\*First peal in the method.

**MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

THOMAS PRICE .. .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHERS .. .. 5.
JAMES LITTLE* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MARTIN .. .. 6.
ARTHUR WALKER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
HERBERT COX* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

**HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A TRANSPOSITION OF FIVE-PART No. 30, C.C. COLLECTION.

HENRY WAITE .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HONOR .. .. 7.
JOHN J. PRATT .. .. 4.	JOHN PEDDLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

This composition was arranged with the 7th as the observation bell, and is, it is thought, now rung for the first time.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the members of the Winchester District of the above Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday last. By the kind permission of the Dean the Cathedral belfry was open from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. All the members present attended evensong at 4 p.m., stalls in the choir having been reserved for them, and a special anthem had been put down for that service by the Precentor and Dr. Prendergast, the one generally known as the "Bell Anthem," (Rejoice in the Lord "Purcell). At 5 p.m. an excellent tea was served by Messrs. Dumper, at their restaurant, at which the Rev. Canon Valpy presided, there being 41 ringing members present. After tea, Canon Valpy on behalf of himself and the Dean and the other members of the chapter, very heartily welcomed the members to Winchester, and said he was quite sure the church bell ringers of to-day fully realised, more per-

haps than had been the case in the past, their responsible position as church officials, and also expressed on behalf of the Dean and Chapter the gratification they felt at the cordial relations which existed between themselves and their Cathedral band of ringers. At the business meeting held immediately after the tea, minutes of meetings held during the year were signed, Mr. Wilfred Andrews was re-elected district representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. J. W. Elkins, hon. sec. for the district. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £2 15s. During the past year, two towers have been provided with instructors by the district committee. Four probationers were admitted to full membership, and the hon. sec. announced that Canon Braithwaite, Rev. A. C. Dicks (St. Maurice, Winchester), and the Rev. L. Smith (Alton), had recently become hon. members, and he hoped that now having the Curate of

St. Maurice (Rev. W. E. Colchester) as a ringing member, and the Rector as an hon. member, something would be done to improve the present unmusical ring of bells in that church, and increase it to at least a ring of six bells. It was unanimously decided to hold the annual meeting at Winchester again next year, on the second Saturday in November.

Thanks were accorded to the chairman, and hon. sec. and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and expression of regret at being unable to be present were received from the Very Rev. the Dean, Archdeacon Haigh, Canon Braithwaite, Rev. C. E. Mathews (Master of the Guild), and the Rev. F. T. Madge.

At the committee meeting held immediately after the general meeting, Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman, and it was decided to hold, subject to the approval of the central committee, three quarterly meetings during 1906, one at Eling, one at Hursley, and another at E. Titherley.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples and Bob Major were conducted by H. White (Basingstoke), J. G. Williams and W. H. George. One well struck touch of 320 Grandsire Caters in which Miss Alice White of Basingstoke took part, was conducted by W. C. Lampard.

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	£7	9	0

The above fund is now closed, the tablet, which reflects great credit upon the firm who have supplied it, has arrived, and will very shortly be handed over to the churchwardens for erection in the parish church belfry. The committee hope to publish a balance sheet at an early date.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—Would the correspondent who sent the report of the peal rung at Ilkeston, on November 16th last, kindly send us his address?—Would Mr. W. Pye and Mr. Sidney Wade kindly send their addresses to E. Lincoln, Earsham, Bungay, Suffolk.

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**Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, held on 2nd March, 1905.**

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,130, and 6,250 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 742,147.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,979,335, being an increase of £132,781.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 over those of 1903.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £138,280.

**General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1904.**

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,352,296	0	2
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	5,127,756	19	9
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	51,911,568	7	0	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..			
Claims fe	cie	admitted	..	147,936	16	5	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	4,556,180	8	6
							Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	12,956,382	10	3
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	3,784,323	16	4
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,487,982	7	1
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,393,050	5	2
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,408,311	15	7
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	165,742	7	5
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,789	2	6
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..			
							London bonds	..	..	..	267,930	15	7
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,142,054	9	2
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,149,790	8	1
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,052,757	17	5
							Loans on Company's Policies	..	..	..	1,881,959	1	6
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	308,901	7	10
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	403,073	18	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	456,268	15	3
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,155	17	0
							Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	221,237	1	8
				£55,359,505	3	5					£55,359,505	3	5

THOS C. DEWEY, *General Manager.*

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*  
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*  
HENRY HARBEN,  
THOMAS WHARRIE, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1904.

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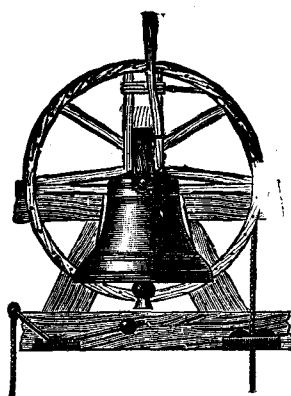
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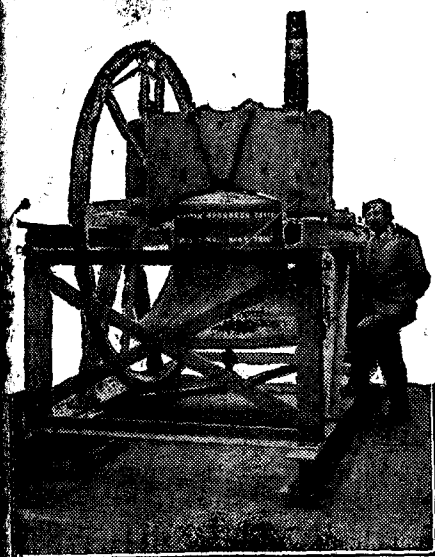
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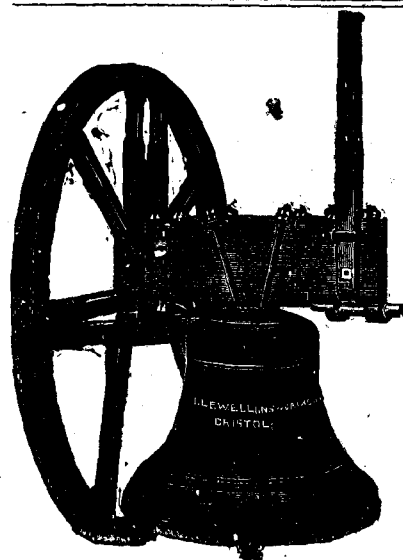
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## OUR CHURCH BELLS.

### THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

#### (FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

*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.*

No further information in regard to rings of bells can be received by the Committee.

#### SCHEDULE (continued).

KEA (Cornwall). All Hallows. Truro Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; all by Taylor, 1904. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. No mention of a practice night.

MATLOCK (Derbyshire). St. Giles. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells; all by Mears, 1904. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

SALMSBURY (Lancashire). St. Leonard the Less. Eight bells; all by Taylor. No date given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 2.30 to 3. Practice: Wednesday and Thursday alternately, 8. An intermediate floor is desirable on account of the noise in the ringing-chamber below.

#### END OF SCHEDULE.

The Committee appointed by the Central Council to collect information respecting rings of 8 and upwards, desire to thank the Secretaries of Societies and the many ringers who have given their valuable assistance. It is regrettable that in many cases no information has been forthcoming in answer to inquiry, and that, in others, the returns have been either carelessly or inaccurately made.

The Committee propose to publish in these columns, by permission of the Editor, an abstract giving the gist of the information afforded by the returns that have already appeared. This will be done in time to admit of a full discussion at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Council.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF RUSHTON, LANCASHIRE.

### DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AND CLOCK.

The ring of eight bells and clock which have recently been presently to the above church, was dedicated by the Right Rev. Samuel Thornton, D.D., Assistant-Bishop of the diocese of Manchester, on Saturday, December 9th, at 2.45 p.m. A short service was held in the church, and an address upon the history and uses of bells from time immemorial up to the present day, was delivered by the Bishop, who afterwards ascended to the belfry and offered special prayers, and duly dedicated both the bells

and clock. At the conclusion of the dedication service the bells were rung at intervals for two hours by a select company of ringers from neighbouring churches, under the leadership of Mr. R. Parkinson, of Church.

The opening touch was a 336 of Bob Major. Touches were again rung on Sunday for the three special services by the same company.

The bells have been supplied by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, London, E.C., the tenor being 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp. The framework is supported by four steel joists, and is of massive iron with English oak sole plates, with the necessary headstocks, gun metal pedestal bearings, turned gudgeons fitted in cast-iron shoes, oak wheels, stays, sliders, and all the necessary wrought-ironwork for the suspension of the same. The "go" and tone of the bells are a monument of splendid workmanship.

## THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR IRELAND A CHANGE-RINGER.

Official information has been promulgated to the effect that R. R. Cherry, Esq., K.C., of Dublin, has been appointed Attorney-General for Ireland.

The *Daily Chronicle* says:—

"The new Attorney-General for Ireland (Mr. Richard Robert Cherry), was born in 1859. He has had a distinguished academic and legal career. Admitted to the Irish Bar in 1881, he was called to the Inner Bar, and took silk in 1896. He is first scholar in International Law, Middle Temple, London, and at Dublin was Double Gold Medallist in Jurisprudence and Roman Law. Mr. Cherry has held many important civil and legal appointments. As a Liberal, he unsuccessfully contested at the General Election of 1900 the Kirkdale division of Liverpool. He is the author of important books on Irish Land Law."

What will interest our readers most with regard to the learned gentleman is that he is a clever and enthusiastic ringer, having rung several peals in the higher methods. We take the liberty of complimenting him on the appointment.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, a band intend to attempt a long peal of Minor at Little Munden, Herts., on Boxing-day. Other particulars reached us, but owing no doubt, to the voluminous correspondence with which it was necessary to deal with this week, we have unfortunately mislaid the written information. Our friends at Little Munden will no doubt exercise their forbearance this time.

A WITHDRAWAL.—Mr. F. Robinson, of Mirfield, writes: "Having read Mr. A. Knights' letter in your issue of December 9th, re the 5568 of Treble Bob Major published under my name on December 2nd, I withdraw all claim to that composition, as I have no desire to claim any peal that is not original."

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The handbell group (a photograph of which appears above), gained the distinction of ringing two handbell peals in different methods on the same day at the residence of Mr. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Fulham, S.W., on August 11th, 1892. The lady taking part in this notable performance was Miss Margaret N. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., now Mrs. Shurtleff. The first peal was Thurstans's four-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was followed after tea and an interval of about an hour by Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. After the completion of the second peal, Dr. Nichols, who had witnessed both peals, expressed a wish that no one would suggest the idea of attempting another peal that day. Mr. Joseph Barry, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, acted as umpire to both peals, but was unfortunately unable to be present when the photograph of the group was taken. The Society under which these peals were rung was the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The performers (the photos of whom may be read from left to right), were: George N. Price, 1-2; Herbert P. Harman, 3-4; Challis F. Winney, 5-6; Miss Margaret

H. Nichols, 7-8. Mr. C. F. Winney called the peal of Stedman Triples, and Mr. G. N. Price Holt's Original. Umpires—Mr. Joseph Barry and Mr. W. Moss.

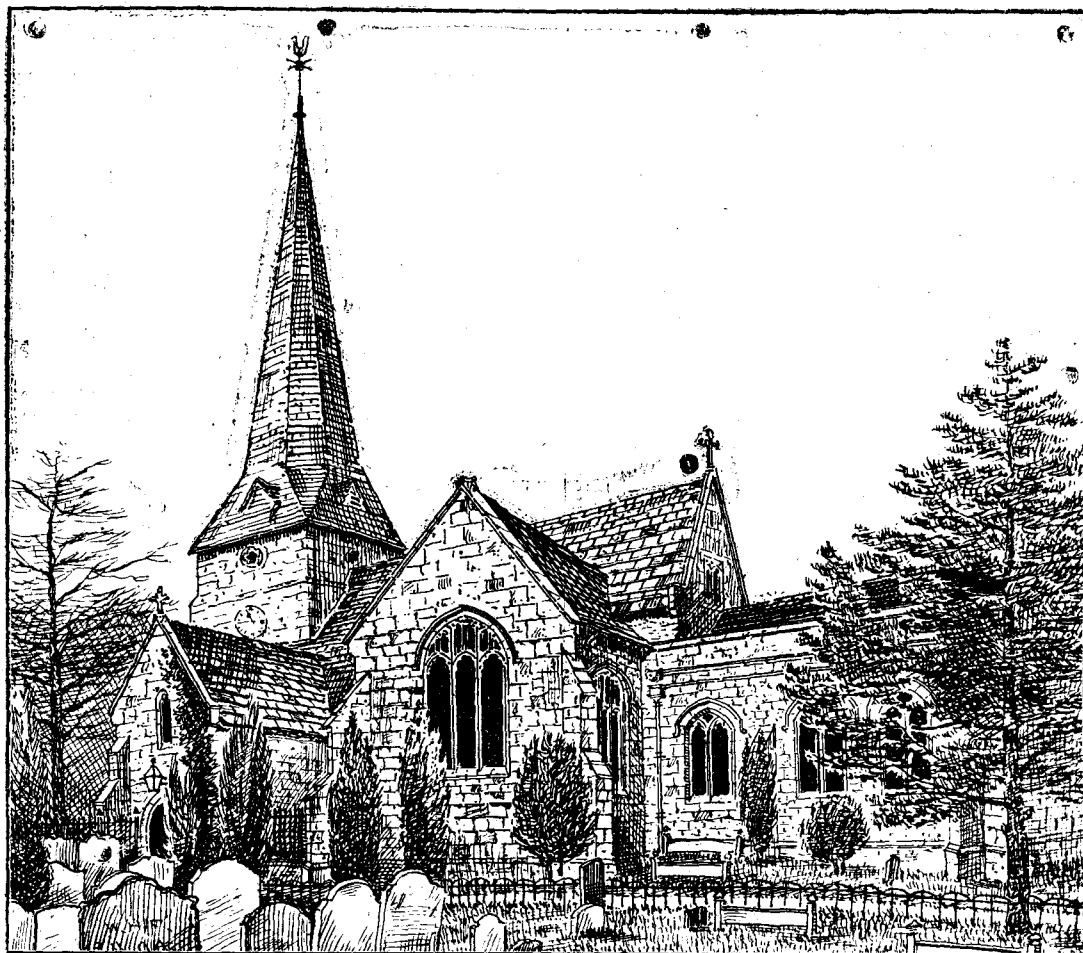
The witness to the peal was Dr. Arthur H. Nichols himself, who will be seen standing behind the ringers, accompanied by Mr. Thomas Taffender, of London.

#### DEDICATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH, LINDFIELD.

(See Illustration on next page.)

For many years the dedication of this church seems not to have been clearly known. At one time it was put down in the Chichester Diocesan Calendar as the church of St. Peter. In the parish it was generally called the church of St. John the Baptist. From information gleaned from the Sussex Archæological Society's works, and from extracts of wills of the Chaloner family, of Lindfield, it seems almost certain that the church was dedicated to "All Saints."

The idea of its being dedicated to St. John the Baptist



LINDFIELD CHURCH, SUSSEX.

probably arose from the fact that the north or south aisle, with its chancel, appears to have been dedicated to him, and hence the church came to be known by that name. The will of John Chaloner, of Lindfield, senr., 15th July, 1491, seems to prove conclusively that it is the church of All Saints; he desires to be "buried in the chancel of St. John the Baptist, in the church of All Saints, Lyndefeld."

The church in those days was certainly known as All Saints, with an aisle and chancel called St. John the Baptist, and we have no reason to believe that this has ever been altered. Failing better or more convincing proofs of any other dedication, the church will now and for the future be known as that of All Saints, Lindfield.

The Vicar of Lindfield, the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne, M.A., has just completed 20 years in the parish as its incumbent. He is an hon. member of the Sussex County Association, and with his churchwarden, H. M. Cumberland, Esq. gives every facility for ringing to visiting bands of ringers. The bells are a fine peal of 8, tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt. and go well, having recently undergone restoration by Messrs. Taylor.

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#### THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this guild was held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Tipton, Staffordshire. The bells were at the disposal of the members from 4 o'clock. A service was held in the church at 5 o'clock. Prayer was said by the Rev. Wedgwood, curate, and a very practical address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Devine. At the close of the service the Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the members to Tipton, and a kind invitation to tea in the schoolroom. Members from Dudley. Smethwick, West Bromwich, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, and the local band sat down to a bountiful tea provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

After tea a business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected. Propositions for peals to be attempted during the quarter were passed, and Dudley was selected as the place to hold the next meeting, which is the annual one. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and churchwardens for providing the tea, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables. Touches were rung on the tower bells of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major. After the meeting a move was made to the Court House Inn where the handbells were brought into use, and several courses were rung of Caters and Triples which brought a most successful meeting to a close.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held at Rotherham on Saturday, December 2nd. Through the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Goodall), this fine peal of ten (tenor 32 cwt.), was incessantly going from 4 to 8 p.m., except for twenty minutes during evensong. There was a large number of ringers present than in former years, amongst whom were noticed members from all the Sheffield towers, Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Norton, North Wingfield, Doncaster, Treeton, Wath, Walkley, and the local company. The ringing, which was in charge of the local representative, was well up to the usual standard, and among the things accomplished was the ringing of the first course of London Surprise on the bells. A committee meeting was held at the local headquarters, fifteen members attending. Several subjects bearing on the welfare of the society were brought forward, and ultimately left over for further consideration. The general meeting was held in the evening, upwards of fifty being present. Before the business commenced, a plentiful supply of sandwiches, kindly provided by the local company, were handed round the room, and needless to say, they were greatly appreciated. The President (Mr. Sam Thomas), informed the meeting that the committee were unanimous in supporting the resolution passed at the last meeting, respecting a large group photograph to be taken of the members of the society, and had fixed the next annual meeting at St. Marie's, Sheffield, as the most suitable time, and the Sheffield parish churchyard as the most suitable place for same to be done, and they hoped that all, or as many as possible, would make it convenient to attend on that particular date. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Thomas (president), C. Glenn, A. Nash, and S. F. Palmer (Hon. Secretary), were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Three new members were elected.

On a motion by the President, supported by the Vice-President (Mr. J. Dixon), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. W. Goodall for the use of the bells, and also the local company for their kindness in providing refreshments. Messrs. T. Lee and W. Coates responded, the latter stating it was a great pleasure for them to see so many present, and in wishing the Society every success, commented on the advanced state of the ringing generally that now existed, compared with former years. The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, with tunes and touches on the handbells, a very pleasant and successful meeting terminating at a late hour.

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## THE SUSSEX WEEK.

(Continued from page 484.)

SATURDAY, October 28th. We might sum up our performance on this day in composer's language—"one at home,"—a peal of Stedman Caters being arranged at St. Nicholas for 2.30 p.m. Our party spent the morning on the parade, visiting the "Seven Stars," and Messrs. Napper's Steam Mills, where Mr. Williams put in sixteen years' good work. We came up fresh for our attempt, the ropes and bells having been carefully attended to by steeplekeeper Palmer, and the bells going like tops made this peal an enjoyable finish to the week's ringing. In the evening a most important event had been arranged, viz., a presentation to Mr. G. Williams, and in pursuance of secretarial notice, many members of the Sussex County Association assembled at St. Peter's belfry soon after 7 p.m., a goodly number of towers in union being represented. After several touches by mixed bands had been rung, and a good course of Bristol Surprise by the local society, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. B. Bennett), in a few concise words, called upon the Master (Mr. F. Attree), to present to Mr. G. Williams from the members of the S.C.A. the silver tea-service which those present had just inspected. He had hoped to have held the event at the recent quarterly district meeting at Uckfield, but Mr. Williams had not then notified any one of his definite intention of leaving the county in time to organise it. The Master then stood by the table upon which the plate had been neatly set out, and with some feeling explained that his duties that evening were in no way easy, owing to the mixed feelings which must arise on such an occasion in the hearts of all those who had had personal acquaintance with the recipient. Continuing, Mr. Attree said: On behalf of the Association I much regret the loss of Mr. Williams's services to the Association as a ringer and conductor, and to Brighton in particular, as a member of this belfry, and Secretary of the Central Division. Mr. Williams has been with us for something like sixteen years, and one must regret the disappearance of a valued and respected member of our society. On the other hand it was a pleasure to him, as the Master, voicing the goodwill of all those friends and members who had kindly subscribed towards the presentation. It was a pleasure to attend in this belfry, and to ask Mr. and Mrs. Williams to accept the accompanying tea-service. He hoped Mr. and Mrs. Williams would long be spared to use together the several pieces of the set, as a happy reminder of their many years spent in Sussex. Mr. Williams in responding, apparently lost the coursing-order of affairs, not being accustomed to such events as the one in hand. He wished to thank most heartily on behalf of Mrs. Williams and himself, all those who had remembered him so kindly and so handsomely. He had always done his best, and would treasure the gift as a memento of his sixteen pleasant years' in Brighton as a member of the Sussex Association. The ceremony was then sealed by a course on the tower bells, eight towers being represented by the ringers taking part. Mr. Saker next proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Attree for making the presentation; and to Mr. Bennett for organising everything so successfully, to which those gentlemen suitably responded. The bells were then lowered in peal, and after Mr. Jay had drawn attention to a tablet recording Mr. Williams' first peal rung in Brighton (Stedman Triples, which he conducted), October 28th, 1889, just sixteen years ago. The company dispersed, afterwards assembling at the canteen. Here the Court Room of the local club was requisitioned, and a social evening quickly passed in chat and glass.

The following is the inscription which is placed on tea pot of the silver service present to our friend Mr. G. Williams:—"Presented to George Williams, by members of the Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers, October 28, 1905."

(To be concluded next week.)

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A record meeting for the Western Division was held at West Tarring, on Saturday, November 25th, the ringers present numbering 42. Ringing commenced at the appointed time, and courses of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, also touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. A capital tea was kindly provided by the Rector at the school at 5.30, the company present were: the Rector, the Rev. C. Lee, the Rev. G. R. Leefe, Vicar of Goring, also Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Leefe, Messrs. A. B. Bennett, hon. sec., F. B. Tompkins, treasurer, H. Evans and R. J. Dawe, divisional secretaries, and representatives from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, St. Peter's, and St. Nicolas, Goring, Heene, Steyning, Lymminster, and West Tarring. Tea over, the usual business followed. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Bennett proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at West Tarring. Mr. Tompkins proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for providing the tea, and granting the use of the bells. The rev. gentleman suitably replied, and said, it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the ringers to West Tarring, and he hoped they would soon pay him another visit.

The ringers' service was held at 7.30, and conducted by the Rector, after which a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar of Goring. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 9 o'clock, a social hour being afterwards spent in the private room of the George Inn.

The usual quarterly meeting of the central division took place at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and continued till 5, when a move was made to tea at which the master (Mr. Attree) presided, supported by the hon. sec. (Mr. A. B. Bennett) and the Rev. J. Puttick. There was also present the two old veterans Mr. J. Jay, sen., and Mr. E. Butler, and about 30 others. After tea the usual short meeting followed, the chair being taken by the master, the minutes of the last meeting being passed. The div. hon. sec. proposed that the Uckfield band of ringers be elected members which was seconded by Mr. A. B. Bennett, and carried unanimously. Mr. Pelling then proposed, and Mr. Turner seconded, that the next quarterly peal be one of Grandsire Triples, to be attempted at Uckfield, Mr. F. Bennett as conductor, the div. hon. sec. to arrange band, etc. Mr. A. B. Bennett then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Nicholas for granting the use of the bells, and also for paying part expenses of the tea, and also thanking Mr. Puttick for coming to the meeting. After this the whole of the members attended the 6 o'clock service at St. Nicholas, when the Rev. J. Puttick gave a very good address. The service over, ringing was continued till about 9 o'clock, touches being rang in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, and Treble Ten.

## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, December 28th  
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on December 26th (Boxing Day) at 4 o'clock. REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.  
J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business, will be held at Bristol on Boxing Day, the 26th inst. Service at St. Nicholas Church, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Holt, at 12 o'clock, to be followed by a dinner and meeting at the Occidental Restaurant, High Street. 12, 10, 8 and 6 bell towers open for ringing at intervals during the day. Further particulars if required can be obtained from  
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—The Bishop of Bristol has intimated his intention of being present at the dinner and meeting.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley, on Saturday, January 20th. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. For further particulars of the arrangements see Association Circular.  
J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association, (late the St. James's Society), Est. 1824.—Members are requested to note that the annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, February 3rd, 1906, further particulars of which will be announced later.  
T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

Wakefield Cathedral.—The Cathedral bells will be open for ringing touches on Boxing-day, December 26th, from 11 a.m., all visitors welcome. Meeting house, Ring o' Bells Inn.  
JOHN T. EASON, Sec.

Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association.—It has been decided to form an Association for the Bristol Diocese under the above heading. Will ringers desirous of joining, please send their name and address to G. T. DALTRY, 23, King Square Avenue, Bristol.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT WALWORTH.—Mr. F. G. Perrin's 200 peals.—Grandsire Triples, 26, Caters, 22, Major, 1, Plain Bob Major, 13, Royal, 4, Stedman Triples, 27, Caters, 45, Kent Treble Bob Major, 17, Royal, 26, Double Norwich Major, 18, London Surprise Major (Treble) 1.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

AGAIN we have approached the festal season of Christmas. A very good time too, especially for those who have the fortune to be able to enjoy it in the generous old-fashioned manner. The provision which is made for enjoyment at Christmas is not confined, fortunately, to the increase and special variety of what are termed creature comforts, for there are many social features in which the season of Christmas specially shines. The numerous family reunions which take place, if only for a few hours, is a very important feature of the Christmas festival; and when these and other features are conjoined with tributes to the great event the anniversary of which we celebrate, the happiness

of the festival is almost perfectly assured. To us it appears impossible that the Christmas family feast should pass over without any thought or reference to Him whose Nativity is celebrated on this day.

This Christmas we shall contribute, as usual, to the celebration of the day, but in a greater degree than ever. Why so? it may be asked. Because there are more church bell ringers than ever, and more church bells than at any time heretofore. We shall have more bells rung next Monday than at any previous Christmas, and consequently more ringers to ring them. And the work of ringing for the Christmas festival will be done more orderly, and more in consonance with the affirmed position of ringers as a very high grade of church officials. We shall maintain and strengthen this position as time goes on, until the practical and respected church bell ringer is held, among churchmen, to be in position second only to the Rector or Vicar in ecclesiastical polity. That such a period may come quickly is worth striving for. We conclude this brief comment by wishing all our brethren the full enjoyment of "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	HORATIO J. A. GUMMER, JUN. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
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Conducted by T. LANGDON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal by H. Gummer.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

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

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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Composed by JAMES PARKER, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODFORD,

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

Being 720 each of Lincoln, Ely, Coventry, Cambridge, Carlisle, York and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt.

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GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 2.	JOHN MOULE .. .. 5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector on attaining his 70th birthday, and the 30th anniversary of the living of Woodford. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at the rectory by the Rector and Miss Hughes.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 2.	*FREDERICK G. TRGG .. 6.
JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. 7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 4.	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\*First peal.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD,

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

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

F. SQUIRES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. 4.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 2.	†FRANK BRESSEY .. .. 5.
A. H. DOHERTY* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. First peal by the Association on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

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

On Thursday, December 14, 1905, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN* .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 6.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 3.	REGINALD EDWARDS .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS* .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method. This is F. G. Perrin's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

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

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

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

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EDWARD A. RIDGWAY .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE EDGER, JUN.* .. 4.	WILLIAM STONEHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal.

### The Provinces.

#### HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 30, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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

W. BRUCE .. .. Treble.	H. HAWES .. .. 4.
F. CRAPNELL .. .. 2.	W. KING .. .. 5.
G. ABLITT .. .. 3.	C. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. H. Nixon.



## HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

G. COPPER* .. .. .	Treble	H. HAWES .. .. .	4.
H. BURCH .. .. .	2.	F. CRAPNELL .. .. .	5.
W. KING .. .. .	3.	C. KING .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

\*First peal.

## RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS DUNN THOMPSON* Treble.	GEORGE T. GOODWIN .. 5.
JOHN SHARDLOW .. .. 2.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 6.
JOSEPH HALL* .. .. 3.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 4.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is produced by sixty bobs only.

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, one of Oxford Delight, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

H. HAWES .. .. .	Treble	G. ABLITT .. .. .	4.
F. CRAPNELL .. .. .	2.	J. LAST .. .. .	5.
W. KING .. .. .	3.	C. KING .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by J. LAST.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS WALLWORK .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	*WILLIAM CBASTREE .. 6.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. 3.	JAMES H. BANKS .. 7.
JAMES RICHARDS .. .. 4.	*ALGERNON NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

\*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having all ready for the peal.

## COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ROBERT FOULDS .. Treble.	WM. MALLINSON .. 5.
JOHN FOULDS .. .. 2.	W. H. HARRISON .. 6.
JOSEPH GOTH .. .. 3.	ABRAM LAW .. .. 7.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 4.	WM. HEATON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

## PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

WILLIAM H. PERRIN .. Treble.	GEORGE BARNES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. READ .. .. 6.
ARTHUR BUTLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. WILKINSON .. 7.
JAMES ARTHUR .. .. 4.	HENRY MELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. READ.

First peal by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDDRICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble	WILLIAM EASTER .. .. 5.
AUGUSTUS HARRIS* .. .. 2.	†ALFRED ROBSON .. .. 6.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED* .. 3.	*SIDNEY PEACOCK .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS* 4.	WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM MASON* .. Treble.	*FREDERICK BROADRIBB .. 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. 7.
JOHN BASS* .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 8.
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 4.	†ALFRED DAVIES .. .. 9.
HARRY PRICE .. .. 5.	*JOSEPH FAULKNER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

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

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty 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.

GEORGE DEBENHAM* .. Treble.	†ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON† 2.	*HENRY TURNER .. .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN† .. 3.	†JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD† .. 4.	†BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal in the method. †Members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. Arranged to oblige Messrs. G. D. Benham and H. Turner who are members of the St. James' company, Bury St. Edmunds, as is also the ringer of the tenor.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

BENJAMIN PAGE .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 2.	FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 7.
GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

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

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY ENTWISTLE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WALTON .. .. 5.
TOM REDMAN .. .. 2.	RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. 6.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 3.	ROBERT WM. HARGREAVES 7.
THOMAS HOWARTH* .. 4.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

Rung as composed by the conductor, but subsequently found to have been composed by the late W. Royle, of Manchester. \*First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ALBERT D. STONE* .. 2.	*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWES .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT* .. 4.	*KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. This composition is in two equal parts, and has the 6th at home at twelve course-ends.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSEPH ROBERTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. 2.	DANIEL JONES .. .. 6.
RICHARD DUNN .. .. 3.	†SAMUEL BAKER .. .. 7.
SAMUEL PEARCE† .. 4.	†BENJAMIN REEVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL BAKER.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Rev. A. J. R. Haworth being instituted as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Etingshall, Wolverhampton. He was formerly curate of this parish.

LEIGH, SURREY.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being fourteen 6-scores each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER .. Treble.	HENRY REEVES .. .. 4.
JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 2.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. 5.
GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 3.	HARRY W. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, PITSMOOR,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
JOHN THORPE .. .. 2.	*ALBERT NASH .. .. 6.
JAMES EVINSON .. .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH* 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. Tenor.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PRITCHARD .. Treble.	DAVID HORNE .. .. 4.
HENRY PRITCHARD .. 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY. ‡

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S No. 1. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY EVEREST .. Treble.	ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 5.
PERCY DENTON .. .. 2.	HENRY SEAL .. .. 6.
ALBERT LETTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 7.
ELGAR KING .. .. 4.	ERNEST EVEREST .. Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who is in his 53rd year. First peal as conductor. E. King was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the Rev. A. T. Beeston, it also being the rev. gentleman's 101st peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

ROBERT HUTTON .. Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING .. .. 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. 2.	ARTHUR SEAGER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR STURMAN .. 3.	GEORGE SMITH, JUN. ... Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT HUTTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Smith, sen.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BEEVER .. .. 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH .. 2.	JAMES JACQUES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 3.	DAN RENSHAW .. .. 7.
JAMES LEES .. .. 4.	TOM WELLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DAN RENSHAW.

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CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

WM. BOUGHTON, JUN.* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	FRANK BOUGHTON .. .. 6.
JOHN BARBER .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
MISS K. C. THATCHER† .. 4.	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal by the Association in which a lady has taken part.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

C. LILLEY .. .. Treble	J. GROVES .. .. 6.
G. PHILLOTT .. .. 2.	F. WADE .. .. 7.
A. HUMPHRIS .. .. 3.	W. DYER .. .. 8.
W. PATES .. .. 4.	T. PENDRY .. .. 9.
W. GREENLEAF .. .. 5.	J. BALLINGER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. GROVES.

Handbell Peals.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Friday, December 8, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

HORACE F. MOORE .. 1-2.	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. MOORE .. 3-4.	HARRY A. TURNER .. 7-8.
JAMES CHINERY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by H. A. TURNER.

Umpire—R. Moore, sen. First peal of Royal on handbells by all.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifteen 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—L. Watson.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. FAY, 158, SOUTH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5113 CHANGES.

CHARLES DICKENS .. 1-2.	FRANK FAY .. .. 5-6.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 3-4.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. 7-8.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by B. W. WITCHELL.

Referee—Mr. G. Parsons. First peal in the method in hand by J. George.

FREDERICK WHITE & SON,  
CHURCH BELL HANGERS, AND TUNERS,  
APPLETON, BERKS.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 19th, at the church of St. Thomas, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. Plain Bob, 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, A. Barnes, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 17th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. L. Garfath, jun., conductor, A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, W. H. Loman (longest touch with a bob bell), A. Baigent, H. L. Garfath' sen., E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber. Composed by W. J. Fisher.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, December 14th, at St. Edmund's church, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. †A. Deacon, F. Hopper, E. Haxley, W. Rogers, J. Mackay, F. Wilford, H. Lawrance, J. Metherell conductor. Composed by J. George. †Longest length. Longest length as conductor. Rung on the occasion of Mr. H. E. Randall being knighted.

Miscellaneous.

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

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 25th, at St. Peter's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 55 mins. A. N. Hardy, W. Weatherstone, W. G. Mathews, E. A. Ridgway, H. Gummer, T. Langdon conductor, F. G. Perrin, H. E. Gummer.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, December 10th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1248 Superlative Surprise. A. Smith, A. Roope, E. Borrett, J. Allen, C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett. On Tuesday, December 12th, for practice, 896 in the same method. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, J. Allen, C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett. On Wednesday, December 13th, 1260 Stedman Triples. J. Tann, C. Baker, R. Whiting, W. Duffield, C. Brice, R. Barnes, F. Borrett, C. Tann.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, December 18th, at the Cathedral, 500 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, F. Viles, A. Hill, W. Powell, T. Lane, J. Pardoe, G. Checketts conductor, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, G. W. Wayte.

GLOUCESTER.—On Saturday, December 9th, on handbells, a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Austin, T. Newman, J. E. Groves conductor, C. R. Lilley.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. †H. Wills, H. Blundell, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, J. Mackay, H. Smith, J. Metherell conductor, E. Haxley. Composed by James George. †First quarter-peal. Rung on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman's golden wedding which was on that day, Mr. Chapman having lately resigned the churchwardenship which he held for a number of years.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Major, W. Greenleaf, J. E. Groves, J. F. Ballinger, C. J. Tovey, C. R. Lilley, T. Pendry conductor, T. Compton. Taken from the *Clavis*.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, has been sent without any date.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at St. Helen's, Worcester, published in our last issue, should be Thursday, November 30th, not Monday 25th. It was B. Hill, jun. and T. Lane's first peal, and not B. S. Hill, sen.

## MR. JAMES GEORGE (of Rugby).

I have great pleasure in adding another tribute to one of our best known ringers—Mr. James George, of Rugby, who rang his 300th peal on Saturday, December 9th, 1905, at Winchester Cathedral. The event was duly celebrated by the unveiling of a peal tablet recording the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rung in the county of Hants. two years ago, in which he rang the tenor.

Mr. J. George entered the service of the London and North Western Railway Company in 1869, so that this peal celebrates the 36th anniversary of his service, which speaks for itself and his capabilities for work in another direction.

It will be seen that to procure such a record, it has been necessary to go far from home and meet with many competent ringers, and he has spared neither time or expense in so doing, as we find he has rung peals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. He has rung peals with no less than 730 different ringers, in whose estimation he stands high, both as a ringer and a gentleman; and the number of different churches in which these peals have been rung amounts to 161.

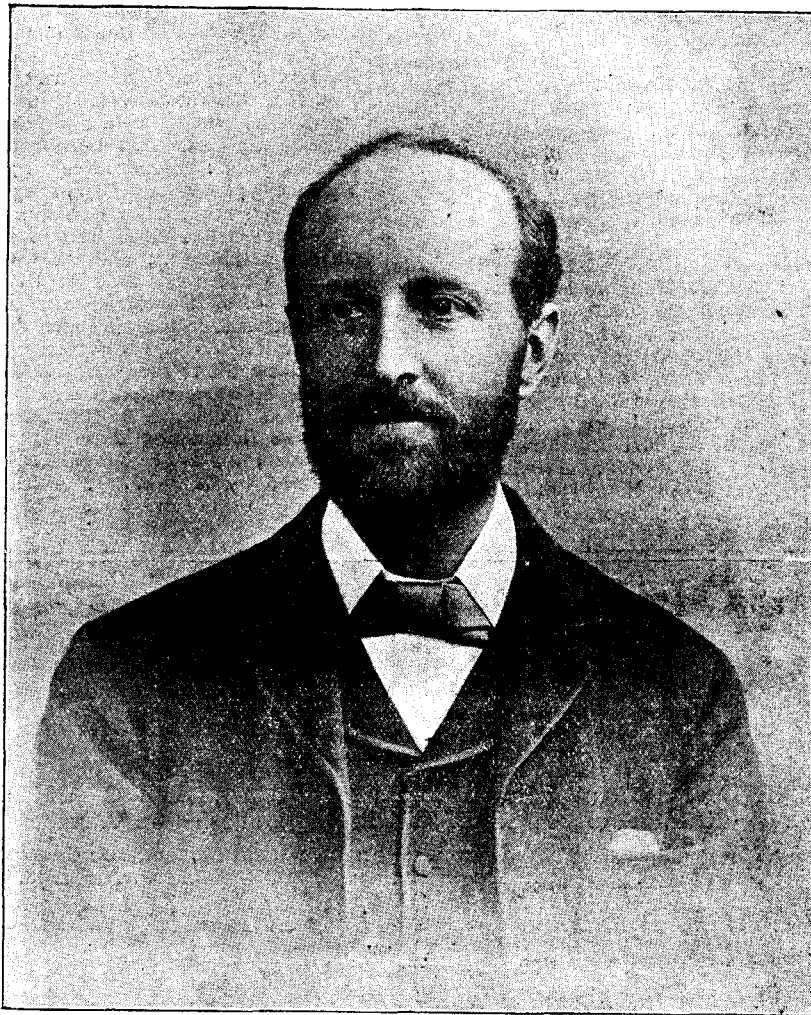
Mr. George was born at Pinner, in Middlesex, on November 27th, 1853, and although as a youngster he was to be found in the belfry at that place on every available opportunity (his father being leader of the ringers for many years), he did not take an active part in change ringing until Feb. 16, 1889, when he rang his first peal at St. George's Church, Camberwell. From that date he has made great strides in the comparatively short space of seventeen years, and it is hoped that the younger members of the Exercise will endeavour to follow in their old friend's career, for even in the midst of a very busy life Mr. George has thought only of his one hobby; and needless to say most of his spare time has been spent among his favourite bells.

He is a member of nearly every principal ringing Society and Association in existence, and was for nine years Master of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, which office he held with good results, from the time when the church possessed only five bells, up to and beyond the period when there was a ring of eight in a new tower.

This allusion to Rugby cannot be passed over without an expression of regret that some time ago he felt compelled to sever his connection with the local society, with whom he had worked so long in harmony. It is pleasing to add, however, that through the instrumentality of an eminent ringer in the Leicester district, a reconciliation may be brought about between Mr. George and the Rugbeians; and all will wish success to the well-timed efforts of the gentleman here alluded to.

Mr. George is not only a ringer well-known to the Exercise, but a composer, as will be seen by the number of his compositions that have from time to time appeared in "THE BELL NEWS."

I should like to add that his longest peal was 8009



changes in 5 hours and 11 minutes, and that his 200th peal was conducted by him at his native place on the occasion of the golden wedding of his parents.

The following is a list of the peals rung by Mr. George: Grandsire Triples, 52, conducted 14; Caters 25, Cinques 5, Major 2, Royal 1. Stedman Triples 51, Caters 43, Cinques 12. Union Triples 1. Darlaston Bob Triples 2. Bob Triples 1. Bob Minor 1. Bob Major 23, conducted 1. Bob Royal 6. Treble Bob Major (Oxford) 1, do. (Kent) 29, do. Royal Kent 17, do. Maximus Kent 3. Canterbury Pleasure Major 1. Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13. Superlative Surprise 7. New Cambridge Surprise Major 1. London Surprise Major 1. Forward Royal 1. Forward Maximus 1. Total 300. P.

## 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 EXTENT OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I beg to offer my apologies to Mr. Lindoff for claiming that to which he has the right. My "BELL NEWS" only dates back to the middle of 1898, and to this fact and the incompleteness of my peal collection, I must attribute the blame.

My thanks are due to Mr. Trollope for his letter, and the suggestion contained therein, of which I will take advantage when time permits,

JOS. W. PARKER.

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, November 11th. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members at 3 p.m., but only a few put in an appearance till 4 p.m. when soon after this the belfry was crowded, and various methods and touches were then rung till 6 p.m. An adjournment was then made to the parish hall for tea, to which 82 sat down after grace had been said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Hough. Immediately after tea followed the business meeting, at the commencement of which the Vicar (who was in the chair) rose and extended the members a hearty welcome to Lewisham, and hoped this was the first of many occasions he would meet them there. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read and signed. The Rev. W. W. Hough and the Rev. John Cox Leeke, M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Woolwich, were

proposed honorary members of the Association. Woolwich was selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting on January 20, 1906. The district secretary then read his annual report, in which he stated that since the last annual district meeting, 42 peals had been rung in the district, viz.: Superlative 1; Double Norwich 5; Stedman Triples 13; Grand-sire Triples 11; Treble Bob Major 7; Bob Major 3; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Minor (seven methods) 1; also that successful meetings had been held at Beckenham, St. Nicholas, Deptford, and Crayford. The district secretary and the district representative on the Central Committee were re-elected to their offices. Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for his kindness in meeting them for presiding, also for the use of the bells. This was seconded by Mr. W. J. Aldridge, and carried with acclamation. The Vicar, in

response thanked them, and assured them it had been a very great pleasure to him to be with them. The members again returned to the tower, and ringing in various methods was kept up briskly till 9 p.m.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Pentrich, on Saturday, December 9th, 1905. Members being present from Blackwell, Crib, Clay Cross, Horsley, Selston, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Pentrich, Ripley, South Normanton, Shirland, North and South Wingfield. The Vicar, Rev. W. J. Ledward provided a splendid tea to which 63 sat down. After tea the Vicar warmly welcomed the Association to Pentrich, and gave a very interesting account of the two ancient bells hanging in Pentrich tower, viz., the 2nd and 3rd, which have done duty for seven centuries; both bells are named—one "Jesus" and the other "Mary." The meeting was then held, and a very hearty vote of thanks given to the Vicar for the tea, room, and use of bells. Messrs. B. Fletcher and F. Marshall were appointed auditors for the year ending Easter, 1906. Six new ringing members were elected thereby adding another tower to the Association, viz. Selston. A collection amongst the members for the bell restoration fund at Pentrich, realised 9s., which was gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar and local ringers. The bells were kept merrily going the whole afternoon and evening, many having to wait their turn to get a pull. The weather was all that could be desired, and a most enjoyable day was spent by all who attended the meeting.

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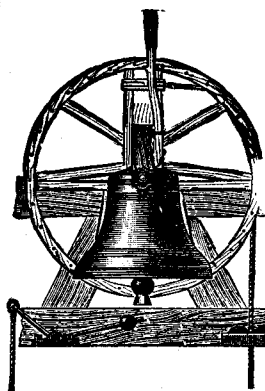
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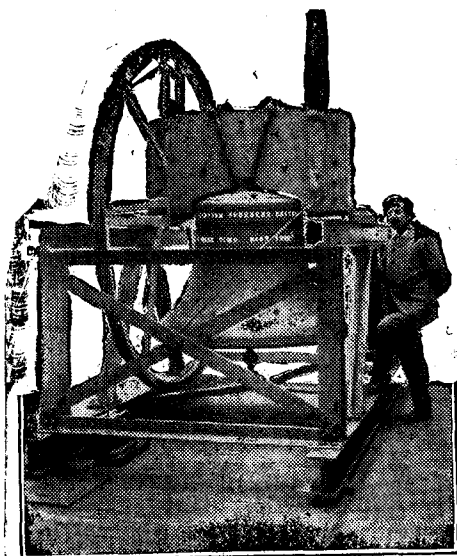
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## CHARLES LAMB ON THE OLD AND NEW YEAR

By R. A. DANIELL.

"Of all sounds of all Bells (bells, the music highest bordering on heaven), most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the Old Year. I never heard it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images which have been diffused over the past twelve-month—all I have done or suffered, performed or neglected in that regretted time. I begin to know its worth, as when a person dies."

Such are the words of Charles Lamb, the most delightful of English Essayists, and at this season of the year a few words about so interesting a character may not be out of place.

He was born in the Temple in the year 1775, and was educated at the Bluecoat School, after quitting which he became a clerk in the India House, which for many years supplied his professional pursuits; literature being his recreation.

He had a sister, Mary, ten years older than himself, to whom he was tenderly attached. They had their literary tastes in common, and besides this she had been his constant companion from his childhood. He arrived home one day to find that in a fit of madness she had killed their mother with a carving-knife, and she had to be relegated to a lunatic asylum, where she soon recovered her reason. But after such a terrible outbreak as this, the question arose what should be done with her? Lamb, however, could not bear the idea of her being kept among strangers, and decided to have her to live with him; and of this decision it has been said, "The courage and devotion of this young man can scarcely be equalled in the records of human life. He had but a hundred a year to keep her on, and meet the frequent expenses of her relapses into insanity, yet he never grudged her the devotion of his life. A dream of love had already visited his fancy, but he set it aside from that time for ever." The mutual devotion of brother and sister terminated only with the death of Lamb in 1833, and they both lie in the same grave in Edmonton churchyard.

The Essay from which I have taken the above extract goes on to consider the various ways in which the parting of the old and new year affects people of different ages and dispositions, through which I need not follow. I will only set out the concluding portion.

"Another cup of wine, and while that turncoat bell, that just now mournfully chanted the obsequies of 1820 departed, with changed notes lustily rings in successor, let us attune to its peal to the song made on a like occasion by hearty, cheerful Mr. Cotton:—

### THE NEW YEAR.

"Hark the cock crows, and yon bright star  
Tells us the day himself's not far;  
And see where breaking from the night,  
He gilds the Western Hills with light,

With him old Janus doth appear  
Peeping into the future year  
With such a look as seems to say,  
The prospect is not good that way.  
Thus do we rise ill sights to see,  
And gainst ourselves to prophesy;  
When the prophetic fear of things  
A more tormenting mischief brings.  
More full of soul-tormenting gall,  
Than direst mischiefs can befall.  
But stay! but stay! methinks my sight,  
Better informed by clearer light,  
Discerns sereneness in that brow,  
That all contracted seemed but now.  
His reversed face may show distaste  
And frown upon the ills are past;  
But that which this way looks is clear,  
And smiles upon the New-born Year.  
He looks too from a place so high,  
The year lies open to his eye;  
And all the moments open are  
To the exact discoverer.  
Yet more and more he smiles upon  
The happy revolution.  
Who should we then suspect or fear  
The influences of a year?  
So smiles upon us the first morn,  
And speaks us good so soon as born  
Plague on't! the last was ill enough,  
This cannot make but better proof;  
Or, at the worst, as we brushed through  
The last, why so we may, this too;  
And then the next in reason should  
Be superexcellently good:  
For the worst ills (we daily see)  
Have no more perpetuity  
Than the best fortunes that do fall;  
Which also bring us wherewithal  
Longer their being to support  
Than those do of the other sort  
And who has one good year in three,  
And yet repines at destiny,  
Appears ungrateful in the case,  
And merits not the good he has.  
Then let us welcome the New Guest  
With lusty brimmers of the best:  
Mirth always should good fortune meet,  
And render e'en Disaster sweet:  
And though the Princes turn her back,  
Let us but line ourselves with sack,  
We better shall by far hold out  
Till the next Year she face about."

How say you, reader—do not these verses smack of the rough magnanimity of the Old English vein? Do they not fortify like a cordial, enlarging the heart, and productive of sweet blood, and generous spirits in the concoction? Where be those puling fears of death just now expressed or affected? Passed like a cloud—absorbed in the purging sun-light of clear poetry—clean washed away by a

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And now another cup of the generous! and a Merry New Year, and many of them, to you all, my Masters."

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the South-Western Division of this Association was held at West Ham on Saturday, December 2nd, over forty members and friends attending representing Barking, Hornchurch, Leytonstone, Little Heath, Loughton, Romford, Southgate, Wanstead, West Ham, Walthamstow, Woodford, etc. At 5.30 the company sat down to a substantial meat tea in the Church Institute. The Vicar (Rev. Canon Pelly), took the chair, supported by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar of Barking), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Secretary of the Association), Mr. S. Hayes (District Master), Mr. G. A. Black (District Secretary), and Messrs. Doran and Keeble. At the business meeting which followed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the retiring Master and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. Hornchurch was selected as the place of the next meeting, and one non-resident member, and two ringing members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells was proposed by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, and seconded by Mr. Black, and carried unanimously.

Canon Pelly, in the course of a very able reply, welcomed the Association to West Ham, and stated how pleased he was to place the bells at the disposal of the members. He was especially glad that the Association had come to West Ham now, because the bells had just been rehung, and it gave the visitors an opportunity of testing the work that had been done. He was especially glad to hear from all sides that the work was appreciated. He wished to remind his hearers that they, as ringers, performed a two-fold duty. They called the people to church, and people liked to hear the bells ringing when they came to church. In addition to this they carried a message to those who from sickness or other cause was prevented from attending the services, and he finished by urging all when ringing to do it heartily as unto the Lord.

During the day some excellent ringing was done, the methods rung including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Superlative Surprise; Messrs. Doran, Perkins, G. R. Pye, Keeble and G. Faulkner acting as conductors.

The tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, was open during the evening Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, and a 720 of Oxford, conducted by S. Hayes, being rung. At 9 o'clock an adjournment was made to an adjacent hostelry, and a new peal of handbells, the property of Mr. W. Doran, was formally opened. The bells are a fine peal by Messrs. Shaw, of Bradford, and the tone was greatly admired by all. They were kept employed in Grandsire Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Perkins, Torble, Kirton and Newman, and an excellent meeting and enjoyable evening closed by the singing of Auld lang syne.

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#### "GRANDSIRE."

Our readers will see by our advertisement columns that an enlarged edition of "Grandsire" has just been issued. It lies before us, and it is quite evident that it is capable of instructing both young and old. We of course remember that it was originally from the pen of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon, and in its elementary portion we know it to be thoroughly practical and well suited for the beginner. But the new issue excels itself in the thoroughness of its scientific treatment of the method, so much so that no one making any pretence to well-grounded knowledge can afford to be without it, as in this respect the first edition is left far behind. Indeed the first diagram by Mr. W. H. Thompson on which is traced Holt's Ten-Part, Shipway's Five-Part, and a host of other interesting peals, is in itself a revelation, and more particularly a revelation in simplicity, now that this mode of dipping below the surface is put before the Exercise.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The winter quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. Branch of the above Guild was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 2nd, when quite a respectable number of the branch members were present. Owing to the late running of the local trains, the bulk of members did not turn up before 3 o'clock. The service, which was a choral one, was distinctly appropriate to the occasion, and the sermon preached by the Vicar of Newport Pagnell, was of a very helpful and sympathetic nature, and was duly appreciated. After the service the committee was at once called, and as no business of import was brought forward the little business that had to be done was soon got through.

The next meeting will be at Stoney Stratford, the first Saturday in March, 1906.

#### THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

The Annual Report of the Middlesex County Association has just been issued. It contains some very interesting particulars about the above bells, and it is thought that a re-publication in this paper would be interesting to readers just now. Here it is:—

#### THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.

It has been suggested that we should this year take the Bells of All Saints' Church, Fulham, for our annual notice, and it is a choice which, we feel sure, cannot fail to commend itself to a wider circle of friends than those immediately comprised in the membership of our Association.

The church, pleasantly situated by the side of the river Thames, in close proximity to the palace of our patron, the Lord Bishop of London, is now, as it always has been, one of the favourite resorts of ringers. The hearty welcome which was accorded to the Association by the Bishop of London, and by the local society of ringers, at our annual meeting in 1903, is still fresh in the memory of most of us.

The 10 bells in the tower are inscribed as follows:—

- Treble. Recast by A. B. Rudhall 1759. Diameter 28½ in.  
 2. The Gift of the Vestry by Subscription, 1727. Diameter, 28 in.  
 3. Ex Dono Gvlielmi Skelton Gen, 1729, Diam. 30 in.  
 4. Ex Dono Gvlielmi Skelton Gen, 1729, " 30 "  
 5. Peace and Good Neighbourhood, A (bell) R, 1729. Diameter, 33 in.  
 6. A.B. Rudhall of Gloucester cast vs All, 1729, Diam. 34½ inches.  
 7. Prosperity to the Chvrch of England, 1729, Diam. 37½ inches.  
 8. Prosperity to this Parish, 1729. Diameter, 39 in.  
 9. Francis Convers, Chvrchwarden, 1729. Diameter 43 inches.  
 Tenor. I to the Chvrch the Living Call, And to the Grave I Svmmon All, 1729. Diameter, 48½ inches.

The weight of the Tenor is about 20 cwt.

The tower was erected about the year 1440, but the first mention we have of the bells is in the Inventory of Church Property, taken in 1549, in the reign of King Edward VI., where we find enumerated:—

V greate belles and a lyttell bell in the steeple and iij handebelles.

The handbells are not mentioned in the inventory of church property of 1553, which simply records that there were:—

In Steple, v greate belles and a saunce bell, which means probably that the handbells, formerly used in the service of the Mass, were no longer required.

In 1650 some of the bells were rehung; the following entry appearing in the churchwarden's accounts:—

Paid Robert Turner, Bellhanger, ffor taking downe and new hanging fflower of the bells (the brasses, googions and baldricks being decaied and worn out) and for new casting the said brasses, googions and adding to them five pounds more of mettall and for new head baldricks and poolls and other work appearing by Bill ... £4 12 0

Apparently the bells did not escape damage at hands of Cromwell's soldiers, for we find this entry in 1650—

To him (i.e. Turner) for taking down and new hanging the second bell overthrowne by the soldiers and for locks and nayles... 0 6 8

1651. To a bellfounder for his paines and advice about a broken bell ... 0 1 0

In 1652 the bells were recast and increased to 6 by Bryan Eldridge of Chertsey.

From the accounts we gather that Mr. T. Crooke, the Churchwarden, entered by authority of the vestry into a bond with Eldridge "in ye sum of £120 for the payment of the Contract amount of £60," it being customary then, as now, to make bonds for double the amount involved. Of this £60, Crooke is said to have paid off £40, and his successor, John Sherecroft, £20. Eldridge, however, so the story goes, failed to return the bond to the Churchwardens, and soon afterwards sued Crooke for the amount. Crooke lost the day and had judgment passed against him for £127 1s., and was himself taken in execution. The money was then paid by the Vestry, a special rate being levied. The story is certainly an amazing one, and before pronouncing an opinion on it, we should like to know more about the nature of the evidence which caused judgment to be given against the Churchwarden.

In 1729 the bells were recast and made into 8 by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, all of which still remain. Tradition has it that these bells, which were conveyed from Gloucester by water, were temporarily lost by the barge sinking off Fulham. They were, however, soon recovered none the worse for their immersion.

It is a great tribute to the excellence of the work of the Rudhall family that so many of their Bells are found in the Metropolis, when they had for their contemporaries such founders as Richard Phelps, Thos. Lester, Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel, and Samuel Knight at Stepney.

In 1746 Two Bells, which tradition says, were intended for Mortlake Church, were given by Theodore Eccleston of that parish, to Fulham, but were found on trial to require recasting. This was done by Robert Catlin, the successor of Knight, at Stepney.

In 1760, the two treble Bells were exchanged for two others from the Gloucester foundry, which, no doubt, if it could only be traced, have a history of their own. All we know from the inscription on the Treble is, that it had been recast by Abraham Rudhall in 1759.

The following entry refers to the exchange:—

1761. Paid Mrs. Rudhall for exchange of 2 bells as per Bill. £12 12s. 9d.

Many items of especial interest to ringers appear in the Churchwardens' Accounts, a few of which are appended:—

1587.	Paid for the Queen's Majesties being at Putney for vyttles for the ringers ...	0 2 8
1588.	To the ringers at the Queen's return from Barnelms ...	0 0 6
1592.	When the Queen went from Chelsea ...	0 1 2
1597.	When the Queen went to Lord Burleigh's House at Wimbledon ...	0 1 2
1602.	28th July. At the remove of the Queen from Greenwich to Chiswick ...	0 1 0
1623.	Payed the ringers upon the King's route through to Hampton Court ...	0 1 6
1636.	To the King's Footman for not ringing. (This would seem to have been a fine for failing to ring when the King passed by) ...	0 10 0
1637.	Paid for ringing ye 5th November and for ye King's birth and two other daies ...	£1 6 2
1638.	Paid for ringing at the King's passing by and other times appointed ...	£1 8 6
1639.	Paid for ringing five daies for the King's coming by ...	0 15 0
1640.	Paid for ringing Powder Treason daie, the King's Birthdaie and for his retourne fro. Scotland ...	0 18 0
1642.	Paid for ringing Coronation daie. Not to be allowed for tyme to come ...	0 9 0
1643.	Paid for ringing the King's Birthdaie the 19th of November 1643 ...	0 5 0

At a Vestry, held 6th May, 1672, it was decided to limit bell-ringing expenses as under:—

"For ringing on Gunpowder Treason, tenn shillings and no more, and for the King's Coronation tenn shillings and on the King's Birthday the like sum of tenn shillings, and not to exceed more in the pteculers aforesaid:" but the following entries shew that in course of time the above limitation was allowed to be exceeded:

1713.	Paid to the ringers when Peace was proclaimed ...	0 5 0
1715.	Paid for ringing the Restoration of King Charles the Second ...	0 10 0
1715.	Paid for ringing for the King's Accession to the Throne ...	0 10 0
1715.	Paid for ringing his entry into London ...	0 10 0
1715.	Paid for ringing Queen Anne's Birthday ...	0 10 0
1716.	Paid the Ringers for ringing the Prince and Princess through the town ...	0 5 0
1723.	Paid to the Widow Smith one day's ringing (9 May) ...	0 10 0

On the 5 March 1730—1, the Vestry once more limited the special occasions on which ringers were to be paid:—



"That for the future the Churchwardens for the time being do pay to the ringers for ringing on the several days following, and no other, the sum of ten shillings each day and not more, viz.:—On Christmas day, Easter day, the King's Birthday, the Queen's Birthday, the Prince of Wales' Birthday, the King's Accession to the Throne, the King's Coronation, the Restauration and the Gun Powder Plott."

On occasions however, of public rejoicing, the ringers rarely failed to set the Bells going, for we find:—

1759.	29 November.	Gave the ringers for ringing on the news of taking Quebec	...	0	10	0
1800.	Paid the ringers on account of Nelson's Victory	...	£1	1	0	
1801.	Paid for ringing for the joyful news of the return of Peace	...	£2	2	0	
1813.	Gave the ringers on Bounaparte's defeat at Moscow	...	£1	11	6	
1817.	Paid the Ringers for a leg of mutton for ringing when the Queen breakfasted at the Bishops'. (2 Aug.)	...	0	9	0	
1820.	Paid Hudnott for ringing when the Queen arrived at Brandenburgh House	...	£1	11	0	

With such a grand ring of Bells placed in a tower so beautifully situated, it is not surprising that many historic peals have been accomplished upon them, hence the adornment of the belfry with many peal boards, of which the following are perhaps among the most interesting:—

This Tablet is the Gift of John Powell Powell, Esq. Park House, Fulham, to Record an extraordinary performance by the Young Men of St. James's Auxiliary Society—who on Whit-Monday 15th May, 1837, rang in this Steple a true and complete Peal of 12096 Changes of Grandsire Catons in 7 Hours and 50 Minutes, being the greatest number of Changes ever performed by 10 men only, the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest Judges of the Art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions. The Performers were:—

T. Tolladay.	...	Treble	Charles Randell.	...	6th.
James Rogers.	...	2nd.	George Clayton.	...	7th.
John Fairbairn.	...	3rd.	Richard Turner.	...	8th.
Joseph Harrison.	...	4th.	John Bradley.	...	9th.
George Stockham	...	5th.	Robert Burbess.	...	Tenor

The Peal was Composed by T. Brooke and Conducted by T. Tolladay.

The Rev. R. G. Baker, Vicar—Wm. Matyear and Wm. Flicker Churchwardens.

January the XXVI., 1735—The Society of Fulham Youths Rang in this Steple a Compleat Peal of Ten Thousand and Eighty Bob Major in Six Hours and Forty Minutes.

Thomas Warland.	Treble.	Henry Dennis.	Fifth.
Edward Hudnott.	Second.	Wm. Hudnott.	Sixth.
John Farlar.	...	Henry Holland.	Seventh.
Miles Dent.	...	Samuel Walton.	Tenor.
Wm. Souch—Churchwarden.			

The Society of College Youths did ring in this Steple on Monday March the 29th 1762 a complete Peal of 10098 Grandsire Catons in 6 Hours and 53 minutes. The performers were:—

William Underwood.	Treble.	John Buckingham.	6th.
William Scott.	...	Edward Thomas.	7th.
Richard Moore.	...	John Clarke.	...
Wins: Richardson.	...	Robert James.	...
Chris. Wells.	...	Samuel Mugeridge.	...

Mr. Jno. Souch—Churchwarden.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This Society did ring on the 6th October 1776 a compleat Peal of 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Ten In in 3 Hours 45 minutes, with the 6th at home twelve times wrong and twelve right.

Wins: Richardson.	Treble.	James Darquitt.	...	6th.
Charles Purser.	...	William Lyford.	...	7th.
William Hall.	...	Robert Bly....	...	8th.
Ed. Sylvester.	...	Jos. Monk.	...	9th.
John Povey.	...	Jos. Holdsworth	...	Tenor

The Peal was composed and call'd by Mr. Purser.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday March 23, 1783, this Society did ring in this Steeple 5220 Old Double Catons in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes, being the first Peal ever rung in that Method.

Ed. Hudnott.	...	Treble.	Ed: Simmon.	...	6th.
Jas. Worster.	...	2nd.	Geo. Plowman	...	7th.
Wm. Lyford.	...	3rd.	Wm. Paris.	...	8th.
H. Johnson.	...	4th.	Wm. Faulkner.	...	9th.
Wm. Hallett.	...	5th.	Jas. Lyford	...	Tenor.

Called by Edw. Simmons.

## ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.

On Saturday December 8, 1883, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Estd. 1637, rang a true and complete Peal of Stedman Catons, consisting of 11111 Changes and was performed in a masterly style in 7 Hours and 12 Minutes.

James Pettitt.	...	Treble.	Edwin Gibbs...	...	6th.
Francis E. Dawe.	...	2nd.	William Greenleaf	...	7th.
George Mash.	...	3rd.	Edwin Horrex.	...	8th.
John W. Rowbottom.	...	4th.	John M. Hayes.	...	9th.
Challis F. Winney...	...	5th.	Walter Prime.	...	Tenor.

Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson Senior (of Birmingham), and Conducted by Mr. James Pettitt.  
The above is the greatest number of Changes ever completed in this Method.

Rev. F. H. Fisher—Vicar.

The ringing for the services of All Saints' Church is arranged by members of the Fulham Society, who, at their annual general meeting, formally delegate the duty to certain of their body elected for the purpose. The belfry is under the able superintendence of Mr. J. W. Driver, who has probably turned out more capable ringers in his time than any other man in the county. As a consequence, these beautiful bells are always heard to the best advantage. The belfry is one of the best arranged, as it is certainly one of the most commodious. Everything is in admirable order: the adornment including a splendid array of handbells, and a library of campanalogical works. The most recent acquisition is a fine portrait of the present Bishop of London (Dr. Winnington-Ingram), presented by his lordship in commemoration of a personal visit to the belfry.

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## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at the Cathedral, a half peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 47 mins. J. Hatchwell, J. W. Davies, F. Milton, T. Bethell, T. E. Hughes, A. White J. Moulton conductor, T. Rowlands.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA. — On Wednesday, December 6th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. J. Watson, J. Appleton, S. Smith, T. Barber, J. H. Blakiston, E. Milburn. This is the first 720 on the back six by a local band.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PETERBOROUGH. — On Saturday, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, G. Jutson, J. H. Rodeu, F. Cooke, G. Wells, R. Brightman conductor. This is Master George Jutson's first 720 on tower bells, he being only 12 years of age.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, November 21, for Divine Service, 1120 Double Norwich. H. Ince, G. Ward, A. H. Ward, C. Hart, C. Draper, S. Maskery, E. Willie, J. Pagett.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 5th, at the parish church, for a confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Moody, J. Carter, A. Walker conductor, W. Pearson, T. Holden, J. Jackson, T. Barker, J. Fryer. On Sunday evening December 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Spurr, J. Carter, C. Watts, A. Walker, W. Pearson, J. Jackson, F. Moody conductor, T. Holder.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 10, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Midgelow, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick. Longest touch of Triples by 1, 2 and 4. In the afternoon 360 Bob Minor on handbells. A. Hall, F. W. Stokes conductor, F. Cryer.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 10th, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. S. Wade, J. Attwater, W. Pickworth, J. Miller, Norman Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, G. Bester.

MALDON (Essex).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Finch, W. Brinkley, A. Mansfield, T. Giggie, H. Mansfield, A. Giggie conductor.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday evening, December 11th, at the parish church of St Andrew, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. A. L. L. Coleman conductor, R. Watson, H. O. White, J. Coales, F. Sears, J. C. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, C. W. Wheeler.

LYMINGTON (Hants).—On the occasion of the death of the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire was rung by the following members of the St. Thomas's society. W. Wild, C. Hughes, G. Arnold, H. K. Clark, E. C. Elliott, H. F. Elliott, S. Clarke, A. Ayles.

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## Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637.—The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Newchurch, on Saturday, January 6th, 1906. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. It is expected that as many members as can make it convenient will be present at the meeting, as it is intended to form a social in connection with the branch.

Z. LORD, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 6th, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6th, 1906, at Bramley. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Cardigan Arms, at 7.30 p.m.

FREDK. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, on Monday, January 8th, at 9.45 p.m. after the usual fortnightly practice at St. Martins.

T. CARD, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Dereham, on Thursday, January 11th. By kind permission, the ring of eight in the campanile of the parish church will be open. Dinner at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Notice must be sent by January 8th. C. E. BORRETT, Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and eight bell, will be held at All Souls, Halifax, on Saturday, January 13th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.

J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley, on Saturday, January 20th. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. For further particulars of the arrangements see Association Circular.

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

The London County Association, (late the St. James's Society), Est. 1824.—Members are requested to note that the annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, February 3rd, 1906, further particulars of which will be announced later.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

Bristol Diocesan Ringers' Association.—It has been decided to form an Association for the Bristol Diocese under the above heading. Will ringers desirous of joining, please send their name and address to G. T. DALTRY, 23, King Square Avenue, Bristol.

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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1905.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR!" to all our readers and other brethren of the craft. The custom of giving expression to such a wish holds its own still, and will continue to do so. Year by year we find the art of change-ringing is progressing; at the present time information arrives that new bands are being formed of young men who are devoted to study, and who are burning with great desire to excel. Many instances of this have been pointed out to us during the current week. Our young friends, ambitious for ringing fame, it is hoped will commence the New Year by being determined to strain every effort to succeed; by

unflinching perseverance they are bound to do so, and we cannot at the commencement of a new year wish them anything better than happiness in the work of ringing which they are about entering upon. A Happy New Year! a happy year from the beginning to the end. This our friends will doubtless have if they pursue the art in a Christian spirit, bearing and forbearing, always.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES.. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS.. .. 9.
REGINALD EDWARDS.. .. 5.	THOMAS J. JAKEMAN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY G. MILES, and Conducted by WM. SHIMMANS.

\*First peal as conductor.

### The Provinces.

#### CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED). Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES DAVIES .. .. Treble.	*T. E. HUGHES .. .. 5.
J. W. DAVIES .. .. 2.	JAMES MOULTON .. .. 6.
J. HATCHWELL .. .. 3.	A. WHITE .. .. 7.
JAMES V. WRIGHT .. .. 4.	T. ROWLANDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal.

#### ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WM. ALLSOP .. .. Treble.	GEO. PIPES.. .. 5.
JNO. HALL .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HALL .. .. 6.
CHARLES CARR* .. .. 3.	FRED WATKINSON .. .. 7.
WM. G. CHRISTIAN .. .. 4.	†THOS. STEIMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. WATKINSON.

\*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

#### GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720s each called differently.

GEORGE ORFORD .. .. Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 4.
JOHN GODFREY .. .. 2.	*JOHN BALLS.. .. 5.
EDWIN TODD .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR CROWE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to T. R. Fleming, formerly tower-master, and an old member of the above Association. \*First peal.

#### STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY* .. .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. BEMBOSE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN FLINT.. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

#### HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, 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.

REV. H. G. BIRD .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 2.	JOSEPH J. PRATT .. .. 6.
HENRY WAITE .. .. 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

#### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY WITHERS .. .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT.. .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 2.	*REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

\*First peal in the method. This is the above Association's quarterly peal.

#### TUNSTALL, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANS GATE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 2.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 6.
WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 3.	WALTER C. HUNT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. SHUKER .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Treble.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6.
SAMUEL MASKERY* .. .. 3.	*EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 12, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WM. J. THYNG .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

DARLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY DERBYSHIRE* .. Treble.	†J. W. DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.
HUGH GREGORY† .. .. 2.	JOHN SIDDALL .. .. 6.
HENRY GREGORY* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 7.
F. TRAVIS* .. .. 4.	*A. W. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells by a local band.

ANDOVER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1905, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED BARBER .. .. Treble.	OSCAR SMART .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	HENRY SMART .. .. 6.
WILFRD ANDREWS .. .. 3.	ROBERT C. MAYO .. .. 7.
EDWIN MILLS .. .. 4.	WALTER BUTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 5.
JOHN HENRY BOWEN* .. 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 6.
WALTER COATES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON,

\*First peal Stedman Triples.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 14, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 8 cwt.

ADAM MARSLAND* .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.
HENRY KIRK† .. .. 2.	ERNEST BAILY .. .. 5.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 3.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOLT.

\*First peal. †First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of S. C. Symonds, Esq., of Stockport, to Miss Gladys L. Slater, of Disley.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 29 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. 4.	*C. H. CHAMBERLAIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

WILLIAM SPICE .. .. Treble	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN* .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY .. .. 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

\*First peal in seven methods.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 15, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR BAILEY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	RICHARD HIMS .. .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 7.
REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal.

RIPON, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES BAXTER† .. Treble.	*ERNEST BURNETT .. .. 6.
WALTER PICK .. .. 2.	A. W. BARRETT .. .. 7.
FRED TINGLE* .. .. 3.	*FRED SHEPHERD .. .. 8.
A. M. C. FIELD .. .. 4.	WM. NEWTON .. .. 9.
GEO. LONGSHAW* .. .. 5.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by JAS. BAXTER.

Rung in honour of the freedom of the city being conferred upon the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and the Dean's birthday. \*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. †First of Royal as conductor.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A TRANSPOSITION OF FIVE-PART No. 30. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 2.	EDGAR HANCOX .. .. 6.
HAROLD T. BATTEN .. .. 3.	GEORGE BASDEN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	HENRY BARNEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT,

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART No. 2. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. HAYES .. .. 5.
MARCELLUS DIGBY* .. .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK J. RING* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM S. LANE* .. .. 4.	ALFRED THOMPSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

ALFRED J. WALLATER† .. Treble.	JAMES TYLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 6.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 4.	†FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hallsworth, sen. and W. Fisher, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD HICKS .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE WHITING .. .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM† .. 2.	†WILLIAM LAST .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BALLS† .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

FREDERICK CRAWFORD* .. Treble.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 5.
JOHN MASON .. .. 2.	OLIVER JAMES .. .. 6.
JABEZ EADES .. .. 3.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 7.
THOMAS ALBUTT .. .. 4.	*HENRY MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MASON.

## MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL STEVENS* .. .. Treble.	HERBERT ALLSOPP .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. 2.	ALFRED MUNKS .. .. 6.
CHARLES CABR .. .. 3.	FRANK MAY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	WILLIAM GOSLING, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WM. GOSLING, SEN.

\*First peal.

## SIMPSON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-score. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROFF* .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOPKINS .. .. 3.
JOHN HIGGINS* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. GOODMAN .. 4.
HARRY SEAR .. .. 3.	HARRY SEAR .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\*First peal.

## WICKHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 16, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

HENRY J. MERRETT* .. Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SINGLETON* .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER .. .. 3.	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. CHAPPELL.

\*First peal.

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## THE SUSSEX WEEK.

(Continued from page 484.)

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None can strike so true as you;  
Life's a stager, please remember,  
What man has done, that man can do.

GRANDSIRE.

SUNDAY, November 29th.—In the morning we attended St. Peter's Church, while the afternoon was devoted to seeing off the various members of our team. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Gifford for Southampton, having to effect a difficult exchange of personal property while the train was well in motion.

Arrangements were completed in the evening by which the "aftermath" of our party agreed to meet at St. Peter's the following evening for London Surprise, as two of the hands were extending their holidays a day or two. This peal, our No. 18 was most successful, and upon compar-

ing notes afterwards, it was found that this band (eight men) had scored a total of well over 2,000 peals amongst them, one man, Mr. E. C. Merrett, having emerged from his shell after a good many years peal retirement.

With our Editor's leave, there are just one or two words more I would like to add in connection with this tour of 1905. Mr. Whitbread, of St Alban's was recalled by wire on Saturday upon urgent business, but we were reinforced by Mr. McDonald, of Oxhey, who, with the Watford Football team received a licking at the hands of Sussex. During the whole of the first eight days we were blessed with the best of health and bracing weather, as much as 14 degrees of frost being registered one night, while the days were bright and sunny. Nothing occurred to mar the peaceful happiness of the whole party, and one must render through these columns, our thanks to the several Vicars and their

subordinate officers, for the free and ready assistance accorded us in every parish visited,  
W. H. F.

## AFTER NOTES,

The story of the Very Rev. the Dean of Battle's visit to his belfry was omitted in our issue of November 25th, owing to pressure of other matter.

With reference to the peal of "London" at St. Peter's (30.10.05) we are pleased to give the totals of the several members of the band. We wonder if its a record? By organisation, however, a much larger total no doubt will shortly be announced—it would only require the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. W. Pye's, Mr. M. A. Wood, and Mr. George Williams, and one or two others to make a 5000 together in a peal of 5040 changes:—S. S. Fuller, 152, G. N. Price, 299, R. J. Dawe, 236, W. H. Fusseli, 240, F. Bennett, 428, E. C. Merrett, 150, G. A. King, 276, K. Hart, 365. Grand total 2,146.

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## THE EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

Nev. 18.—By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Triples on the Minor eight at the Cathedral, but which after ringing just 2,600 changes, a shift course occurred, and stand was called. The band was as follows:—A. Monkley, 2, F. Davey (conductor) 3, W. Richardson 4, A. W. Searle, 5, E. Sargent, 6, H. Burch, 7, J. Moss, tenor J. Richards. This is the longest touch rung on this peal.

Nov. 25.—The honorary secretary of the Devonshire Guild met the members of the above club at Honiton Clyst, and in a very appropriate speech unveiled a peal board recording the first peal the club had rung on the bells, at the same time asking the Vicar's the Rev. A. Hockley acceptance of the same, which together with his churchwarden Mr. Ritter, they kindly promised to do. After several touches, an adjournment was made to the vicarage where tea was kindly provided, and which was truly acceptable as the day was a typical November one.

Dec. 10.—A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung previous to divine service at the church of St. David's in 45 minutes, as follows:—Treble, C. Ronthey (first quarter peal), 2, C. Carter, 3, A. W. Searle, 4, F. Davey, 5, E. Sargent, 6, J. Mors, 7, W. Richardson, Tenor, J. Richards. The composition being from Clavis, and conducted by W. Richardson.

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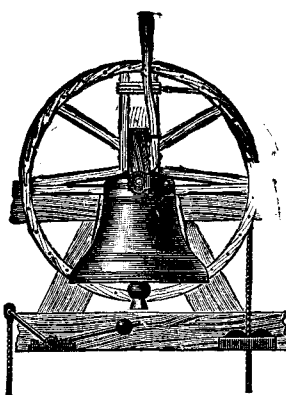
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