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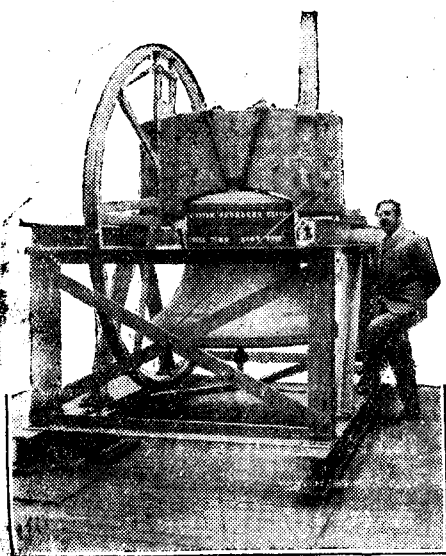
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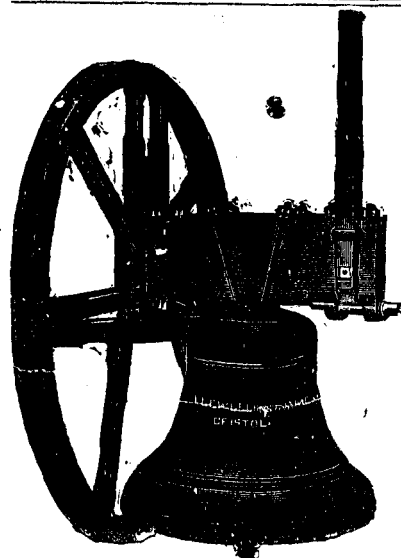
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"PRACTICAL POLITICS FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL."

Upon the above subject we have received the three following letters. It is thought Mr. Willson's trenchant remarks will bring other correspondents into the field, so these letters are given more prominence than usual.

Mr. Willson invites criticism of his proposal for a National Bellringers' Benevolent Fund, to be administered by the Central Council. May I offer one or two remarks upon his letter?

1. With the object and spirit of such a proposal many will sympathise. But anyone who has experience of friendly or benefit societies on a small scale, or for special classes of persons, knows that to devise a scheme which shall combine equal security for benefits to all its members with complete financial soundness, is no easy job, especially for amateurs in actuarial matters. Would "the amalgamated wisdom of a handful of dogmatic cranks" be equal to it?

2. Mr. Willson wishes the Central Council to undertake this work, but prefaces his request with a tirade against their utter incompetence, their "colossal impudence," and their "superlative conceit." He has a perfect right to his own opinion, and to express it as strongly as he pleases. But would it not be more politic, I say nothing about good taste—to approach the Council with at least the appearance of common civility?

3. It is not for me, as a member of the Central Council, to estimate its work for the interest of ringing and ringers. I would only suggest that it must deal with both the theoretical and the practical side of ringing; and that its scientific discussions cannot be so airily dismissed as the "theoretical fads" of "pedantic bores."

If Mr. Willson will submit his scheme to the Exercise without his preliminary invectives against the Council, it will no doubt receive courteous consideration. But he will not commend it by strong and abusive language.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Master of the Essex Association.*

A DEFENCE.

I don't want to appear egotistical, and I don't want to deprive others of the honour if it is properly theirs, but I suppose I am one of the unfortunates against whom Mr. Willson last week launched his thunders. Let me just repeat a few of the kind things he said.

"The pedantic bores who make the annual meetings of the C.C. a dumping-ground for their theoretical fads, and an exhaust-valve for their superfluous oratory."

"A handful of dogmatic cranks who . . . intoxicated with . . . their self-importance have the colossal impudence—only equalled by their superlative conceit—to dictate to the ringers of England what they shall or shall not ring."

"A group of lynx-eyed figure-merchants who intuitively discern in the publications of the Council an economic

means to an end, and having put their axes to the grindstone, look not back."

And so on. Now all this, no doubt, makes in Mr. Willson's eyes a very slashing bit of literary criticism; but to an outsider it would more likely appear to be not so much fine writing as an exhibition of rudeness and bad manners, for which there is no justification. The Editor says that Mr. Willson's observations are more incisive than polite. Well, you certainly can't call them polite, but I don't know that they are particularly incisive. Violence alone is apt to over-reach itself, and the very extravagance of this attack makes it rather ridiculous than not. You see there is no truth in it. In case readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have forgotten who constitute the Method Committee—this "set of cranks and faddists"—I give the names: Mr. John Carter, Mr. Arthur Craven, Mr. Henry Dains, the Rev. H. Law James, and myself—and really when I look at the names of my colleagues, I don't think the list would be improved even by adding that of Mr. William Willson.

As all the attacks on the Method Committee resolve themselves into a criticism of our opposition to Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, and as I have myself taken a lead in that opposition, I will briefly explain my position on the subject. Some few years ago ringers began to take a very active interest in method-building, and a large number of new methods were published, many of which served only to show how little men knew of the subject. The late Mr. Bulwer brought the matter up at the Norwich meeting, and the above Committee was appointed. We might have reported to the next meeting, dealing with the matter in a superficial way, and possibly our report would not have been so very far above the intelligence of Messrs. Willson and Co. We decided however to go to the root of the matter, and we found our task a bigger one than people supposed. So far from nauseating the public with the subject, all the work, or practically all the work was done by private correspondence. We agreed on our report and presented it to the Council. We hardly supposed that what has taken us years of hard work to learn, would be at once understood by everyone; but we scarcely anticipated that anyone would have the bad taste to speak of it as Mr. Willson has done, simply because he does not understand it. After all we were working at the request of the ringers of England, and for the ringers of England. I go further. I claim that the work we have done is good work; and that it will live long after Mr. Willson and his peevish vapouring are forgotten. Out of the Method Report came the question of Bob Triples and Grandsire Major. The Method Report condemns them. It did not go out of its way to do so. It lays down general rules which they do not comply with. But they are the only well-known Methods which are not legitimate, and consequently they form a kind of test case. With the sole object of giving opponents of the Method Report a chance of saying their say, I put down the resolution discouraging Bob Triples at the Canterbury meeting. I gave long notice of my intention, and I asked those who differed from me to say so. What was the

result? Not a single person came forward to say either was a legitimate method. Not a man could be found in the Council to divide the meeting against me on the main question. Why? Because facts are stubborn things. Because the Exercise does know that these methods are not legitimate, and consequently is abandoning them to merited oblivion. Outside the Council it has been the same. We have tried to give a true and unbiassed answer to the question the Exercise, through the Council, has asked us. We have given reasons for our conclusions, and our arguments have been met, not with arguments, but with abuse, and vulgar abuse at that.

Mr. Willson repeats the charge that we have taken upon ourselves to dictate to ringers as to what they shall ring and what they shall not ring. Again and again I have denied it. We have no power, we have no wish to dictate to ringers on anything. Our work is purely educational. We set before the Exercise what is a legitimate method and what is not; we advise them to ring the one and to drop the other; and we give that advice on the authority of the Central Council, which ringers have themselves elected. Whether they follow that advice or not is none of our concern. It seems that some people cannot understand a statement unless it is put in exceedingly plain language. The statement that I or the Method Committee seek, or have sought to dictate to ringers as to what they shall or shall not ring, is an offensive and malicious lie. Is that clear to everybody? Because if it is, let us hear no more of this charge.

In the third of the quotations that I gave above from Mr. Willson's article, he seems to repeat (if that extraordinarily muddled sentence means anything) the charge that was made in similarly involved fashion some time ago against me, of using the Central Council Bob Major collection to exploit my own peals. It is true that there are more of mine there than of anyone else, and the explanation is simple. I had been working at that collection for years, and consequently, I perhaps at one time knew as much about Bob Major composition as anyone, and certainly I had composed a greater variety of peals in the method than anyone else. But at any rate I tried, and I think I succeeded in being perfectly just and fair to every one. When it came to the final selection if it were a question of which of two equal peals, mine and another's, should be included, mine was left out. If mine was the best, mine was put in. I challenge anyone to produce a peal by any composer which was available for that collection, and which has been left out to make room for an inferior one of my own. When I look at the large number of really fine peals of mine that I passed over, I am like Lord Clive, and stand surprised at my own moderation.

The general charge that all this discussion about methods and such like, is a waste of time, and that the Council is neglecting more practical business, is a matter of opinion. Will Mr. Willson kindly say what has been pushed aside? His scheme for a National Fund is not new. Other men, as wise as he, have discussed it years ago, and decided that it is not workable. If Mr. Willson thinks it is, let him get some one to move a resolution for him at Westminster, and the cranks and faddists of the Council will give it all the attention it deserves. Don't let anyone think that the Council is averse to discussing practical questions. But unless some one brings them up, how can they be discussed?

Finally, let me remind my critics that any fool can find fault. Intelligent criticism I welcome and will meet, but all this talk about "fads" and "cranks" is simply vulgar

nonsense. Mr. Willson may be sincere in his wish to benefit ringers by his scheme, but he will hardly advance his cause by making it the occasion of a baseless and uncalled for attack on men who are at least his equals in intelligence and knowledge, who have the interest of ringing and ringers at heart, at least as much as he; and who, while he is talking about it have been working for it.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

"RINGERS' NATIONAL BENEVOLENT FUND."

Mr. W. Willson's proposal for a Ringers' National Benevolent Fund is one which might well be gone into and considered. To make such a scheme successful, the principles on which it should be worked should be, I consider, those on which the Conservative and Liberal Benefit Societies are carried on. I do not altogether see that the C.C. can be blamed for not starting such a scheme, neither were they elected for this purpose in the first instance, but the matter might be brought up at the next meeting, and if thought feasible, a competent committee appointed to enquire into the question. I think that any Benevolent Society such as Mr. Willson suggests should admit the Wives and families of ringers as well as actual ringers. That there should be no medical examination, thereby saving doctor's fees for such examination, and for members to join at once, as soon as the Society is started, no limit of age. An age limit might be fixed later on. There should be little or no advertising which the Clergy Mutual Insurance Society, one of the best and cheapest societies, makes a point of avoiding. The number of ringers in the country could easily be obtained.

G. H. PH.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 24th, seven members of the above Society, accompanied by Mr. Churchwarden E. A. Davies, their vice-president, and Mrs. Davies, paid another visit to Downham Market, Norfolk, this time with the determination of ringing the first peal of Stedman Triples upon the bells of Mrs. Davies's native parish church. Leaving London at 2.30 our destination was reached (without leaving one behind this journey) at 5.30. Tea at the Castle hotel, then to business. Our worthy conductor came down over-night, so he and Mr. A. J. Davies had spent the morning amongst the bells, greasing, screwing up, splicing ropes, etc. Attempt No. 1 had to be abandoned at the 24th course-end. Attempt No. 2 suffered a like fate at the 39th course, and we felt once more disappointed. Mr. Alf. Davies came to the rescue. "Look here, you fellows, there is no service to-morrow afternoon, I'll see the Vicar, perhaps you can have another try then." The rev. gentleman was duly interviewed: "Certainly by all means, and I hope they will succeed," was the answer.

Some one said on Sunday morning at breakfast, "Are we downhearted?" but the response was very faint. A run to Hilgay per Mr. Richard's motor car. A quarter peal of Stedman was lost a few changes from home through the treble rope breaking. Back to Downham through a blinding snowstorm, dinner, and the peal, duly recorded in the peal columns, was successfully accomplished.

Before leaving the church the band were congratulated very heartily by the churchwardens and other ladies and gentlemen, who had taken great interest in the ringing.

After tea, votes of thanks were unanimously accorded

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the Vicar, the Rev. Jervis Edwards, for his kindness in repeatedly allowing the use of the bells, to Mr. E. A. Davies for his kindness and generosity, and to his son Mr. A. J. Davies for his untiring efforts in promoting the comfort and welfare of all.

A tablet is to be erected in the tower recording the peal. Whitsuntide is coming, and Mr. Richards has a brand new motor—but that's another story.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A good meeting of the Central Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and was kept up till 5 o'clock, when about forty members attended service, at which the Vicar of Lindfield delivered a good address. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar in the reading room, about forty-six members from the following towers being present: Crawley, St. Nicholas and St. Peter's (Brighton), Lewes, Uckfield, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Horley, Burgess Hill, Bolney and Balcombe, together with the local ringers. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Vicar. The minutes being passed, the following new members were elected: Rev. A. D. Faulkner (Hon. Member); J. Lacy (Lindfield), and W. L. Hart (Burgess Hill), as ringing members. Mr. Sherlock then proposed that the five-bell tower of Burstow with thirteen members be affiliated to the Association, together with the Rev. C. J. Wallbrand as Hon. Member, which was seconded by Mr. Etheridge, and carried. Mr. Merrett then proposed, and Mr. K. Hart seconded, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at St. Peter's, Brighton, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Richman (Lewes), then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Lindfield (Rev. E. F. d'Avergne), for presiding and entertaining the ringers, which was seconded by Mr. Hounsell (Cuckfield), and carried. This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till about 9 o'clock.

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 BELLS, GLASGOW.

SIR—The plan we have adopted in Cheltenham, and which we find useful in deadening the noise of the bells is this: We made some perfectly flat shutters to fit over the belfry windows inside, and covered them with felt. These are fixed when wanted against the masonry inside the bell-chamber by means of wooden buttons. The bottom of the felt and wood shutters rests on a lath nailed just below the window openings, and the wood buttons fixed by a screw in each into wooden plugs let into the stonework, enable the shutters to be pressed tight up against the walls. We find this arrangement useful for deadening the clang of the bells, and our steeple having openings high up, the sound has a chance to pass out there high up where it is not annoying. Our plan does not of course stop the sound entirely, but greatly mitigates it, and stops the clang and reverberation which I fancy cause most of the trouble in many cases.

G. H. PHILLOTT.

P.S.—These shutters being removable, are only used on special occasions, and are made with thin wood and felt so as to be very light, and are each fixed up in one piece without hinges.

THE SOUNDS OF BELLS.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of the Hon. Alex. Erskine, I can say that at my father's church (Mountsorrel) the windows were successfully filled with three inches of oak boarding, consisting of two thicknesses placed with the grain crossing. I was told,

however, that if the tenor had been much heavier than its nine cwt., it would have been of little use. Also that a lining of felt, and a layer of felt in the middle would have greatly improved its sound deadening powers. I should not advise lead or metal unless it is desired to reflect the sound upwards. Such a material, however, might be covered with felt, or rough cast, or tiles. I should almost think the most effective material (for its thickness), would be an asbestos curtain. One remembers that the old way of filling towers was with thin blocks of stone. Perhaps our fathers were wise in so doing. They seem both more sightly and more useful than louvres. The latter by the way may be cut well away behind, if backed up with some black material (we used tarred bricks at St. Mark's, Leicester) without interfering with the architectural appearance.

With regard to Dr. Nicholls' interesting article, I may point out that the small bells here are well heard at Kingston (1½ miles away) even when suffering the torture of "clocking"; but the heavy ring at Kingston are never heard here, although they are always rung upset. They are on the top of a hill in a high tower while these are in a low tower in a slight hollow. It would be interesting to know what the result would have been, had the U.S.A. bells been scientifically tuned.

H. DRAKE.

Worth, Wareham.

THE AUDIBILITY OF BELL SOUNDS.

SIR,—Dr. Nichols' letter and that of Mr. R. A. Daniell have much interested me. The following may perhaps also be of interest. My old home in Herefordshire is distant rather more than nine miles from Hereford, and with several small hills between the two places. In the cathedral tower of Hereford are ten bells, tenor about 38 or 40 cwt. reputed weight. I have on more than one occasion distinctly heard these bells in the village in which I was brought up, notably so in March 1863, on the day when the present King was married. At the time at which I then heard the Cathedral bells most distinctly, I was at a point in the village which must be certainly quite ten, if not nearly eleven miles from the cathedral tower. I have heard the cathedral bells since at a distance of about nine or ten miles, but never so clearly as in March 1863.

G. H. PHILLOTT.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—The Rector and ringers of Swanage invite the ringers of the neighbourhood to their tower on Easter Monday. Tea will be given by the lady ringers (to all sending me their names before 12th), in the schoolroom at 4 p.m. Tower open at 2 p.m.

H. DRAKE, Assistant-Sec. East Dorset Branch.

Worth, Wareham.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—After Mr. Pulling's letter re Mr. Dains 5040 Bob Royal, I have to apologise to the band who rung same at St. Matthew's Walsall, on January 28th, 1905, conducted by myself. I also thought that composers name and Central Council's publication of same was sufficient guarantee as to the truth of the peal.

THOMAS J. ELTON.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Thomas J. Elton has removed to 475, Bloxwich Road, Bloxwich.

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On Friday, January 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and Conducted by EDMUND C. CHASTY.
Umpire—H. Fields.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

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

ALBERT H. WARD .. 1-2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. HART .. 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD

Rung without referees, unfortunately none being available.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, March 22, 1906, in One Hour and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. WYATT,

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

FREDERICK DERRICK .. 1-2.	THOMAS WYATT .. 3-4.
ERNEST KNIGHT .. 5-6.	

Conducted by ERNEST KNIGHT.

Umpire—L. Moore. First peal by all on handbells.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Tuesday, March 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. N. FLINTHAM, WELLGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE LEWIS .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7-8.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Albert Nash. †First peal in the method on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Lewis, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)**

On Friday, March 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

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

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

Umpires—H. Fields and T. Irons.

PEAL CORRECTION — The conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Gainsborough and published in our last issue, was J. W. Seamer.

Miscellaneous.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NEWPORT (Mon).—On December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Heywood, F. Charles, B. Millard, J. Bullen, A. Thomas, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, H. Corbin.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1280 changes, in 47 mins. G. Cottis, E. G. Fenn, D. Simons, J. Cottis, R. Fenn, A. C. Hardy, G. W. Faulkner, C. Fenn conductor. In the afternoon, on handbells, 1280 Bob Major. E. G. Fenn, R. Fenn, C. Fenn composer and conductor, G. W. Faulkner.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Double Bob. H. E. Watson, O. Box, A. E. Porter, R. Watson, H. Porter, jun., E. Barker.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On January 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. T. R. Flint, J. Bailey, S. Wesley, W. Bellamy, R. Gee, C. E. Motts, P. Price, S. W. Knibbs.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 24th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Wilson, E. V. Harvey, C. E. Reed, W. E. Judd, H. G. Beams, H. Greenhill, J. Beams conductor, F. Laver. After service, 504 in the same method. J. Beams conductor, E. Harvey, S. Wilson, H. Beams, W. Judd, H. Greenhill, C. Read, F. Laver. And 168 in the same method. H. Sycamore, J. Beams conductor, E. Harvey, C. Read, W. Judd, H. Greenhill, H. Beams, F. Laver.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. G. H. Riding, R. T. Holding, jun., J. Kettle, A. Crawley, R. Langford, G. Dentith, R. T. Holding, sen., conductor, W. T. Holding. On Sunday, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. T. Holding, jun., G. Harding, J. Kettle, A. Crawley, R. Langford, C. J. B. Cooke, R. T. Holding, sen. conductor, J. Dentith.

CHESTER.—On Sunday September 31st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Crook, F. Weston, F. Milton, T. E. Hughes, R. Sperring conductor, J. W. Davies, G. Gerrard, C. Davies.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—For Divine Service on a recent Sunday evening, 672 Stedman Triples. J. Hughes, J. Peters, A. Kenney, T. Burrows, S. Horsfall, Y. E. Ashcroft, F. T. Spence conductor, G. Wheeler. For Divine Service on December 25th, 840 Stedman Triples. G. Wheeler, J. Peters, A. Kinsey, T. Burrows, S. Horsfall, Y. Hughes, F. T. Spence conductor, Y. E. Ashcroft.

ASHTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, January 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. H. Bridle, C. H. Gordon, G. Yeo, C. E. D. Boufflower, Rev. H. Courtney, C. H. Horton conductor, W. Apperly, H. Ball. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late H. B. O'Donoghue, who was buried that afternoon at Ashton.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at Rupert Chambers, Quay Street, on handbells, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Burford, J. Thomas, J. Wilkins, J. Hinton, C. Horton, W. Apperly. And 960 in the same method by Messrs. Burford, Thomas, Wilkins, Horton and Apperly. Several touches of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, etc.

MANGOTSFIELD (Somerset).—On Saturday, March 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Andrew, R. Leaker, G. Vickery, F. Leaker conductor, C. H. Horton, G. Luton. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Jeffery, the band wishing him every happiness.

PUBLOW (Somerset).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Yeo, W. Apperly, G. Stokes, C. H. Horton, W. Cavell, J. Thomas conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service at St. Mary's, Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. M. Hoffmeister, H. Dains, R. Charge, C. Potheary conductor, H. Remane, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal, A. Riley. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. H. M. Hoffmeister, R. F. Deal, R. Charge, J. Barry, H. Remane, C. Potheary, W. Pickworth, A. Riley.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 26th, for morning service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. I. J. Attwater, J. Armstrong, H. E. Baalam, J. E. Miller, jun. H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, S. Wade conductor, F. G. Budd. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. G. Budd, E. G. Tomlinson, A. R. Glasscock, J. Armstrong, F. G. Tegg, N. F. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller conductor, M. Turner.

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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, April 19th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, April 24th, all at 8 p.m. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will take place at Eckington, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. Good attendance desired. Important business.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present, please send word to **WALTER HUGHES, Hon. Sec.**
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Saturday, April 7th, at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, S.E. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.
T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.
1, Budge Row, E.C.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Kidsgrave, to-day, Saturday, April 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7.30.
D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six bell contest will take place at Tong, on Saturday, April 14. Draw for ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt.
JAS. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The Easter Monday meeting will be transferred from Bolsover to Chesterfield, where a marble tablet recording four first Surprise peals rung by this Society will be unveiled at 4 p.m. by the Vicar of Chesterfield. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge of 6d. per head. All those intending to partake of same, please notify Mr. Arthur Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than Monday, April 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Social evening. Excursion fares 1s. 3d. by 2.15 p.m. Midland.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Beds. Association.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the above will be held in Bedford, on Easter Monday, April 16. Luncheon at St. Paul's Mission room, St. Loyes Street. Business meeting to follow luncheon. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that members outside the county who intend attending the luncheon, will please let me know not later than the first post on the 11th of April. St. Paul's 10 and St. Peter's 6 will be available during the day.
J. HILLS, Ass. Sec.
Sewage Pumping Works, Bedford.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmeon, on Easter Monday, April

16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting after at parish institute. Members requiring tea kindly inform me not later than April 10th.
J. W. WHITING, Dist. Sec.
Fareham.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 16th, at Huntingdon. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon will preside. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 1.30 followed by the business meeting. Members 1s, non-members 2s. Tickets can be obtained from the district secretaries, and must be paid for or returned to the district secretaries before April 7th. The use of the bells at Huntingdon, All Saints, Godmanchester, Hartford, and Houghton, has been kindly granted.
R. L. TWELLS, Gen. Sec.
Hinxtion, Saffron Walden.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at South Wingfield, on Easter Monday, April 16th, 1906. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.
T. ALLIBONE, Sec.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 16th. The towers of St. Paul's and St. Modwen's (8 bells) and St. Mark's, Winhill (6 bells) will be open from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea 1s. 2d. each at 4.15, followed by general meeting, all in St. Paul's institute. Members and friends who intend taking tea should notify Mr. L. Bullock, 91, Kimmerstich Street (not later than Tuesday, April 10th) as omission to do this causes considerable trouble and inconvenience.
W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Cotgrave, Notts.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 16. Service at the church of St. Helen at 1.15 p.m., address by the Rev. Canon Wilson. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter house at 2.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday April 11. Towers available for ringing: Cathedral (12), All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. Swithin's (6), St. John's (6). Bells (8) at Hallow, Worcester, will be available for peal on Easter Monday 8 a.m., start. Apply, W. Page, Harboro Cottage, Hallow.
J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.
Bransford, Worcester.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Easter Monday, April 16th. Ringers' service, Christ Church, 12.15 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. A. Allen, B.D. Luncheon at the Royal Restaurant, 1.30 p.m. Chairman, the Mayor of Eastbourne. Business meeting at 2.30. The Christ Church tower will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The towers of All Saints, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, will be opened after the meeting. Those who propose to attend this meeting are requested to let me know not later than Wednesday, April 11th.
A. B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
Holyrood, Howard Street, Eastbourne.

The Essex Association.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, on Easter Monday. A tea will be provided. Members who intend to be present at the tea kindly let me know by the 12th inst.
N. J. PITSTOW, Hon. Sec.

The North Wales Association. The annual meeting will be held in the Reading room at Rhuddlan, on Easter Monday, at 3 p.m., after which an address will be given to

ringers in the Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom to members who notify their intention of being present to the Rev. T. W. Vaughan, not later than Thursday 12th inst. Bells at Rhuddlan (6), Rhyl (8). Bodelwyddan (8) available during the day.

S. A. CULLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Otley, Suffolk, on Easter Monday, April 16th. By kind permission the bells at Otley, Henley, Helmingham, Framdsen, Ashbocking, Clopton, and Burgh will be open. Dinner at White Hart, at 1.30 p.m. Notice must be sent me by April 11th.
C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Putney on Easter Monday, when the bells at the Parish Church and also those at Fulham will be available by kind permission of the respective incumbents from about 3 o'clock. Particulars as to tea next week.
CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the usual towers will be open to the members. Meet at St. Peter's Church, 2 p.m. By kind permission of the Dean, members can inspect the Cathedral on Easter Monday free of charge. Tickets issued by the secretary on the day. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. Tea and business meeting in the Corn Exchange, 5.45. Tea, price 6d. to members.
G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

Erdington Parish Church Society.—The annual dinner of the above society takes place on Monday, April 23rd, at the Acorn hotel, Erdington, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, to be had not later than the 18th inst. from secretary.
J. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.
49, Sheffield Road, Erdington.

P.S.—Bells open from 5.30 to 6.30.
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the Parish Church, Tamworth, the bells will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, at which every member present will be expected to attend. A free tea will be provided by the churchwardens for all those sending in their names not later than the 23rd inst. to
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1906.

WE have published lately an article, and a letter, both animadverting on the manner in which the bells of Eccles parish church (Lancashire), have been recently dealt with by way of rehanging. We have, in addition to this letter and the article, received other communications on the matter, and these all go to show that a great mistake has been made in allowing persons who were not in the least cognisant of what Church Bell Hanging is, to attempt such work. It cannot be wondered at that any one who works in wood or iron, having been called in by responsible Church authorities to "repair" the bells, they should without hesitation undertake the work. Such persons take a cursory view of a ring of bells built into a frame, and they have no doubt whatever that they are able to do what is wanted, aye, and do it to the satisfaction of themselves and everyone else. The matter seems so easy and simple to their inexperienced minds. They know nothing whatever of the practical part of the business, and to them the requirements of the bells are a

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mystery. We cannot blame the ignorance of such people: but who ought to bear the responsibility of the deplorable failure which is sure to happen? Why those Church officials who setting aside every well-known authority on Church bells, decline to seek professional aid to advise them, which could easily have been obtained free of cost, and ignore the claims of practical hands to carry out the work scientifically.

The bells, we hear, are left in a most unsatisfactory condition. No one could expect anything else in the absence of a recognised Church bell-hanger. We do not hesitate to say that any one who goes outside the advertising columns of this paper for persons to do any work connected with Church bells does so at great peril to the bells and their fittings.

We advise our friends in Lancashire to watch the time of the Archdeacon's Visitation to Eccles parish church, and if in answer to his question the churchwardens make a return that the bells are in good order, to cause a public denial of the assertion to be made in plain language.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL,

May I remind all those whom it concerns that time is on the wing? At the moment of writing, out of some thirty-four or thirty-five expected affiliation fees only thirteen have been received. Neither have any nominations or notices of motion yet reached me. It is true that for these there is no immediate haste, but the affiliation fees became due on January 1st, and should all have been paid by now. I sincerely trust that they may all be sent as soon as is by any means possible.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*
Fytherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
April 13th, 1906.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

WILLIAM SHIMMANS Treble.	*HORATIO GUNNER 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES 3.	REGINALD EDWARDS 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS* .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 5.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 2.	ERNEST S. POLL 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE PAICE 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

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

Rung in honour of the Bishop of London consecrating the new church of St. John's, Edmonton, on the above date.

The Provinces.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HARRY LAST Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 5.
JAMES DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DR. CARPENTER.

See p. 79, Appendix 1895.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'S REVERSED.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	FRANK MILTON 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
JOHN W. DAVIES 4.	THOMAS ROWLAND Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal of Stedman by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER (CITY).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES H. HORTON .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	ALGERNON LUTON 6.
WALTER APPERLEY 3.	JOHN THOMAS 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	GEORGE JAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Reference elsewhere.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 21, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Bristol, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester.

ISAAC WHALLEY Treble.	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH .. 4.
WILLIAM RILEY* 2.	JOHN J. HAWORTH 5.
JAMES HOULDSWORTH .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SHARPLES.

*First peal, and was rung to celebrate his 16th birthday. He is supposed to be the youngest member of the above Association who has rung a Surprise peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	EDWARD EVANS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

1 the above are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, except the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

RICHARD PERKINS Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 5.
FRED PLANT 2.	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE .. 6.
ALFRED WHATMORE 3.	JOHN PIPER 7.
CHARLES E PERKINS .. 4.	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by JOHN PIPER.

Rung as a compliment to A. Whatmore on his 58th birthday. *First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Major by an entirely local band.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Three Hours Seven and a ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	*THOMAS RILEY 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 2.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 7.
GEORGE W. MOSS 4.	BANJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

*First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK BARKER .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY SIMMONS 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	ROBERT BRETT 7.
RICHARD MORGAN 4.	WILLIAM BOND Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
ARTHUR GOWER 2.	JOHN SINDEN 6.
WALTER ALCOCK 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
ERNEST GOWER 4.	*ALBERT RIDEOUT Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS,

*First peal.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	WM. H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
SAMUEL TAYLOR (R.N.) .. 3.	JAMES TULETT 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 4.	FREDK. A. HOLDEN (R.M.) Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN, STOCKPORT, AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	S. HILL 5.
F. HALL 2.	J. J. PEMBERTON 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
A. FIELDING 4.	J. HARROP Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	*BENJAMIN BASSETT 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. E. BULWER, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT H. EDWARDS* .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE 2.	*THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	*JOHN TURNER 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH* 4.	WALTER HUGHES Tenor.

Composed by J. MARTIN, and Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

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

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. D. LISTER* Treble.	*G. W. PARK 6.
J. G. HALL 2.	A. M. C. FIELD 7.
W. E. WALLAND† .. 3.	W. H. PORTER 8.
J. G. LUNGLEY* 4.	*A. MCFARLANE 9.
C. TODD* 5.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

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

This peal was arranged as a farewell peal for A. M. C. Field, who is leaving this district to take up his duties further north. Also as a birthday peal for J. G. Hall, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal on ten bells. †First peal on ten with a bob bell.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, March 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor about 12 cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER .. Treble.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. 5.
ERNEST G. FENN 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 3.	CALEB FENN 7.
ROWLAND FENN 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells; certainly the first peal of Stedman Triples on them.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. COULSON .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH 5.
THOMAS H. COLEBURN .. 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 3.	WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST 7.
HARRY WHITTLE 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age on the above date of John W. Taylor, B. Sc., eldest son of John W. Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, and grandson of John W. Taylor, of Shelthorpe House, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HOWELL GWYN Treble.	EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN .. 5.
WILLIAM H. RICE 2.	DAVID WILLIAMS 6.
CHARLES MORSE 3.	ARTHUR JAMES 7.
PHILIP KNEATH 4.	*WILLIAM BLACKMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. RICE.

*First peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	HENRY BROWNING 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	LEONARD W. COPSEY .. 6.
EDWARD HARRIS 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	*GEORGE GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Copsey. These ringers are all attached to the above church, and it is the first peal by an entirely local band.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE GARSTON PARISH CHURCH,

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

ROBERT KELLY Treble.	J. WILLIAM RRWLINSON .. 5.
ALBERT H. EDWARDS .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
JOHN ALLEN 3.	EDWARD HITCHMOUGH .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE 4.	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HUGHES.

Rung in honour of Mr. Gough's 85th birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 29, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	ALFRED J. CARTER 5.
THOMAS LOOSEMORE† .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Keeble, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD)

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F. sharp.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 2.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 6.
FREDERICK E. BURDEN .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON 7.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

Rung to commemorate the completion of 25 years service as sexton, by Mr. Hart, at the above church.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BRYAN, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE BLANCHARD .. 5.
WILLIAM BRUNSDON 2.	*PERCY F. WALKER .. 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	*JOHN W. STIRLAND .. 7.
ELIJAH WALKER* 4.	FRANCIS H. KAY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by W. BRUNSDON.

*First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, 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.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain, Canterbury, London Delight, Stebbing, St. Simon's and St. Dunstons. Tenor 7 cwt.

B. REDGWELL Treble.	E. RICHARDSON 3.
H. RICHARDSON 2.	H. REDGWELL 4.
A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. ..	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

LEWIS SILVER Treble.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER* .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN* .. 7.
JAMES TULBIT 4.	WILLIAM HARPER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LETTER FROM MR. DAINS.

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N.

April 2, 1906.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I was too ill with influenza or should have sent you the following peals on the plan with those published this week, but they, too, are now gone from me.

5376.

23456 I 4 6

34625 S S -
46325 - -
63425 - -
24365 - -
43526 S S -
35426 - -
54326 - -
42356 -

Five times repeated.

Add single at half peal-ends.

5376.

23456 I 4 6

34625 S S -
46325 - -
63425 - -
24365 - -
43625 S -
36425 - -
64325 - -
23465 - -
34526 S S -
45326 - -
53426 - -
24356 - -
43526 S -
35426 - -
54326 - -
42356 -

Twice repeated.

These two peals are models of regularity, and each contain the full extent on the plan.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. PETER'S, BRISTOL.—The peal of Stedman recorded in the usual place is the first peal in the method on these bells which have just been rehung with complete new fittings in the old wood frame, by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, bellhangers, of Bristol. The work has been carried out in a most efficient and workmanlike manner, and the go of the bells excellent. The bells, a peal by Rudhall, were reopened on Monday, March 19th, by the Archdeacon of Bristol, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies preaching the sermon. Messrs. Wilkins, Stowell, Gordon, Thomas, Apperley, Burford, Jayne, Boutflower, Horton, and Rev. Davies, rang the opening touches of Stedman Triples, and a well struck course of London Surprise Major.

Extract from a letter received by Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich, from a friend resident in Perth, Western Australia:—

"March 3rd, 1906. Your friend, Dean Latham arrived safely this week. Everyone connected with the Cathedral went to meet him, Bishop and all the clergy included. He seems to have a good record according to the paper, so he will just suit us. He appears to be just the sort of man required out here. Our Bishop, too, is a rattling good fellow.

"Dean Latham will not be able to have a ring on the Cathedral bells, which are reckoned to be a good peal. When the tower was added a few years ago, the foundations somehow went wrong, so they have got to wait another year or two before having a proper tune up."

The Very Rev. H. G. D. Latham, Dean of Perth, W.A. (referred to above) was formerly a Curate at St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, where he regularly acted as the ringer's chaplain, and learned to ring. Prior to his departure from England, he was presented by the Woolwich ringers with an illuminated address, most kindly executed for them by Fred. G. Skinner, Esq., the popular churchwarden of St. Nicholas, Deptford.

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Rotherham, per C. Glenn	0	8	0
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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting, held on 1st March, 1906

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 75,293, assuring the sum of £7,211,427, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £395,029.

The Premiums received during the year were £4,123,318, being an increase of £154,302 over the year 1904.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,812,618. The number of Deaths was 7,437, and 7,775 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 773,051.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,139,050 being an increase of £159,715.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,261,748. The number of Deaths was 238,220, and 3,344 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 123,586, the number in force being 1,102,267. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 24,608.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,065,268; their average duration is eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £59,464,376, being an increase of £4,104,871 over those of 1904.

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 £148 9s 11d.

Since the completion of the Valuation the Actuary has reported that in his opinion a general increase of *two-and-a-half per cent.* could, with safety, be granted under the principal Industrial Branch Tables if provision were made for an increase in the liability of £750,000. The Board have accordingly revised the Tables as from 1st March, 1906, and have made provision to meet the increased liability by the transfer during the current year of £750,000 from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at £1,000,000. The Shareholders will be glad to know that this revision affects nearly Thirteen Million Policies, and of this number over Ten Million Policies receive an immediate increase in the sum assured.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the
31st December, 1905.

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THOS C. DREW, *General Manager.*

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

HENRY HARBEN, *Chairman,*
W. J. LANCASTER, } *Directors.*
W. E. HORNE,

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1905, 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, 1905.

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14th February, 1906.

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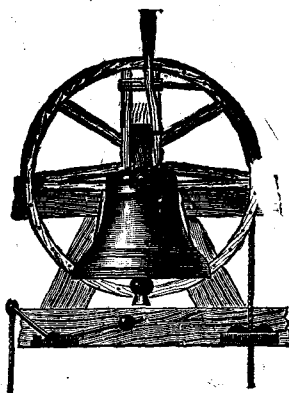
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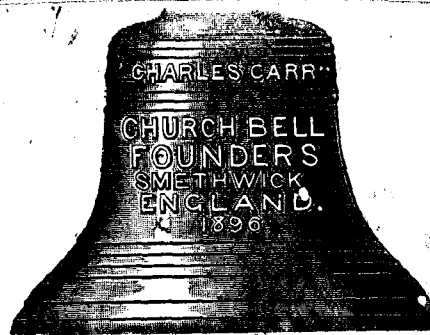
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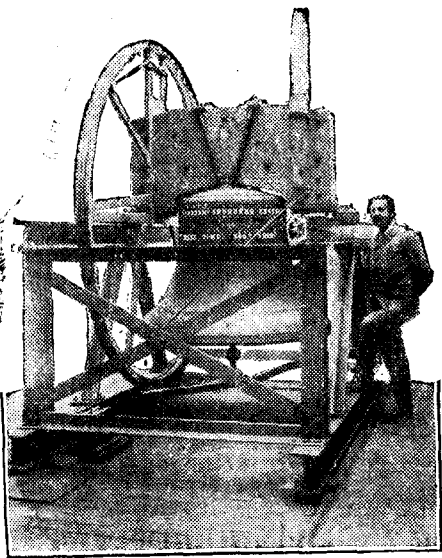
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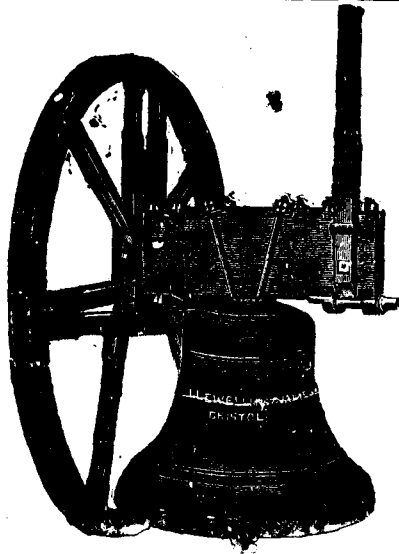
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"PRACTICAL POLITICS FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL."

MR. R. A. DANIELL.

I read Mr. Willson's contribution to your issue of the 1st ult. with a feeling of extreme astonishment that a composition so unreasonable and illogical should appear above the signature of a person of his ability. It is unreasonable because as Mr. Willson must know, in so many-sided a subject as change-ringing, pursued by so many people, it is inevitable that there must be divergences of view among individuals, as to what particular aspect of it is most attractive; and each man is entitled to hold his own opinion without being insulted for it.

The references in Mr. Willson's letter are illogical because they are irrelevant. The existence of Mr. Trollope's Committee is no bar to the consideration of a Benefit scheme, and I dare say a Committee will be appointed to consider it if the question is brought before the Central Council in the usual manner. But meanwhile where comes in the sense of twitting that body with not having done something which no one has hitherto asked it to do?

MR. J. JAGGAR.

What the botheration is up with Mr. Willson? what a pity we don't all go in for phosphorine and get some bigger brains. Did anybody ever read such a letter in their lives? and the least I think Mr. Willson should do is to apologise to the whole of our Council for such an undeserving attack. Well, I should like to tell him off, but I must wait until I see him.

[A communication from Mr. Willson arrived too late for this week's number. Two other writers have failed to sign their names: anonymous letters on this subject cannot be allowed.]

AN ANNIVERSARY.

Saturday, April 7th, being the anniversary of the birthday of the late Mr. John Meaton, of Gloucester, and in accordance with the bequest in his will, the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths, accompanied by the Master (Mr. J. Gillett), and the Treasurer (Mr. A. C. Tomes), journeyed to Mitcheldean, where they were met by Dr. Searanche, Messrs. W. H. Bennett, A. Chew, and E. Brain, and proceeding to the church, several touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Forward, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, after which the Youths and their friends adjourned to a sumptuous meat tea, provided by host Hatton, of The Greyhound hotel, in his best style, and presided over by the Treasurer. When full justice had been done to the good things provided, toasts to the memory of the donor, the Mitcheldean and Ruardean friends were proposed by the chairman; the Crypt Youths by Mr. A. Chew; and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and handbell ringing, the party arriving home by the 10 p.m. train, after a most enjoyable afternoon.

BRISTOL BELLS.

It used at one time to be said that there was more bell-metal in Bristol than any other place in the United Kingdom except London. And it was also stated that the Bristol bells were in a worse condition, generally, than those in many other places. The first statement may be regarded as correct; but there has been a change in the "go" and condition of many of the rings in Bristol. This ought to be so, as a skilled firm of founders and Church bell-hangers are on the spot, e.g. located in the heart of the ancient city. Messrs. Llewellyns and James are quite up-to-date in all bell matters, their assistants in the foundry are practical ringers of a high order, and they have every facility for carrying out large bell-contracts to any extent. Among their latest work is the rehanging of the bells of St. Peter's church in Bristol. We read that this work has been carried out in a most efficient and workmanlike manner, and the "go" of the bells is excellent. This is the ringers' testimony, and such testimony is the best. What a difference there would have been at Eccles if such a firm as Llewellyns and James had been employed to restore the bells. Church authorities should know that when practical bellfounders attempt the restoration of church bells, they go to work conscientiously, not for the one purpose of making the job pay, but to do the work completely and efficaciously, like this work at St. Peter's, Bristol.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, April 7th, at Llangibby, near Newport, Monmouth. Previous to the meeting a service was held in the church at 4.30, and an address given to the members by the Rector of the parish (Rev. H. Addams-Williams). After the service the meeting was held in the parish room. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, several new members were elected, and the place for the next Monmouthshire meeting discussed. It was eventually decided that it be held at Mathern, near Chepstow. Subscriptions were next taken, and at the close of the meeting the Rector kindly invited all present to the rectory where an excellent tea was awaiting them. After tea the bells were kept going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The bells of the neighbouring parish, Tredunnock, being available, a band was formed, and several 120s were rung. Thus concluded one of the best meetings the Association have had.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth, J. W. Rumney, J. Kentish, sen., J. T. Kentish, jun., R. Shepherd, A. Shepherd conductor, F. Cull.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I am pleased to have the opportunity of appearing before my brethren once again, after a lengthy interregnum. Some of you may ask—Why this long interval? Well you know, most of you are afflicted with a disease which has come to be called "peal-fever." There was a time in the affairs of men—where am I getting to? I mean there was a period when the ringing of a peal was considered something very much out of the common, a rarity, not met with every day, and the ringers of peals at that period were in consequence regarded as men who had done something worthy of admiration. Now it is different; peal-ringing has become a common-place affair, and I am afraid many of our young friends look upon a peal as their sole object in life. Therefore the publication of thirty or forty peals in a week sends my little contribution to the wall; and reading the peal-records, like the touches used to be, becomes monotonous. I am told this is the first week for months that the peal-records have assumed what I call respectable proportions, and thus I am able to come forward and have a word with my old and young friends once more.

I am the last person on earth to dictate to any man what he may do. But if the records are watched, the same names over and over again, and the same methods almost appear *ad nauseam*. Many of the ringers of this paper, I feel sure, are of the same opinion as myself on this subject. It is held that there is more enjoyment gained in scoring a peal when they are rung less frequent than at present. I have heard a statement to the effect that a certain society rang twelve peals in a year—one a month—which was at the time considered a record. Now some of our ardent spirits are not content unless they have a peal on every night in the week. I hold this continual peal-ringing takes away—what shall I say?—the glory, yes, the "glory" and credit, and the fame at one time attached to a peal. Then there is the question of opposition to so much ringing, which now and then breaks out, in threatenings and slaughter.

I dare say that what I have written will be received with some contempt by a few, but the words need not be withdrawn. The future looms with presage not in favor of bell-ringing, nor in fact favorable to the Church itself. If our young bloods would moderate their peal-ringing ardour, it would possibly obviate much of that grumbling and opposition which crops up from time to time.

A very remarkable, powerful, and unusual correspondence is now appearing. The conductor of the long peal at Wigston wants a benevolent fund for ringers, and he has opened his case for this with a thunder-clap. Half of his article could very well have been "dropped out," using the space to enter more fully into details of the scheme he wants to see established. I am a little surprised at him. We all know that he is, politically speaking, a Rad., a Rad. of the Rads. And he would be among the first to tell us that we shall soon have Old Age Pensions of something under twenty shillings per week; and that as all good and efficient change-ringers live to be old (ringing conduces to longevity), they will be in the very front when these pensions go round. Why then do we want a benevolent society! Benevolence indeed! Has W. W. forgot himself? Is he not a believer in that dogma which runs something like this; "Benevolence be blowed;

we don't want it; we'll have our rights as Britons; Britons never shall be slaves; down with this, that, and the other, and up goes the——." Then why, William, all this tirade about a relief association? You know we shall not want union houses directly; every man will locate himself under his own vine and fig-tree, relieving officers will be turned into Old Pension purveyors, and we can enjoy our toast in our ale, like the fighting-cocks used to do. If one of these purveyors would come round next Monday morning with my Old Age Pension, I would royally treat him to a splendid dish of turnip-tops, minus the generally-present grit which frequently clings to this succulent vegetable.

The cold weather it is to be hoped is leaving us. For some time we have had very pleasant days, but the mornings and evenings chilly, biting winds, reminding us of the locality of Mottram, in Cheshire, which the late John Thorpe used to say had

Nine months' winter, and
Three months' cold weather,
All the year round.

I hear the College Youths—of course I mean a section of them—intend attempting next Monday a peal of Treble Ten at Exeter Cathedral. Mr. H. R. Newton will be at the tenor, the rest of the band can only be conjectured. We wish them the best of luck. The Editor will be on the *qui vive* for a telegram from the Western city, if the peal is got.

Some months ago, or it may be weeks, there appeared a picture of an handbell group. Behind the group stood Dr. Nichols and another gentleman, the latter being unknown to the "B.N." staff. A visiting ringer came into the office, and he was appealed to to name the individual. "Why it's Old Taff," he answered. An explanation was sought. "Who's Old Taff!" This was the irreverent manner in which Mr. Thomas Taffender was spoken of. "Old Taff" indeed! The joke is that the photo did not represent "Old Taff" at all; nor young Taff (if there is one), nor any one of the name of "Taff." The gentleman who figured on the photo. is named "Moss," and that is all I need say about it.

We shall have some fine weather this Easter apparently. Our country friends who will hold meetings at various places will be greatly to the fore next Monday. Easter is the grand holiday for ringers. Good health to you, my friends, and may you enjoy the brief interval of relaxation, returning to your various occupations like giants refreshed.

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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, April 19th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, April 24th, all at 8 p.m. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec. 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six bell contest will take place at Tong, to-day, Saturday, April 14. Draw for ringing at 2.45 p.m. prompt. JAS. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The Easter Monday meeting will be transferred from Bolsover to Chesterfield, where a marble tablet recording four first Surprise peals rung by this Society will be unveiled at 4 p.m. by the Vicar of Chesterfield. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge of 6d. per head. All those intending to partake of same, please notify Mr. Arthur Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than Monday April 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Social evening. Excursion fares 1s. 3d. by 2.15 p.m. Midland. SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.

87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Beds. Association.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the above will be held in Bedford, on Easter Monday, April 16. Luncheon at St. Paul's Mission room, St. Loyes Street. Business meeting to follow luncheon. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock. St. Paul's 10 and St. Peter's 6 will be available during the day.

J. HILLS, Ass. Sec.

Sewage Pumping Works, Bedford.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westmeon, on Easter Monday, April 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting after at parish institute.

J. W. WHITING, Dist. Sec.

Fareham.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 16th, at Huntingdon. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon will preside. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 1.30 followed by the business meeting. Members 1s, non-members 2s. Tickets can be obtained from the district secretaries. The use of the bells at Huntingdon, All Saints, Godmanchester, Hartford, and Houghton, has been kindly granted.

R. L. TWELLS, Gen. Sec.

Hinxton, Saffron Walden.

East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at South Wingfield, on Easter Monday, April 16th, 1906. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 16th. The towers of St. Paul's and St. Modwen's (8 bells) and St. Mark's, Winhill (6 bells) will be open from 10 a.m. Committee meeting at 3.30. Tea 1s. 2d. each at 4.15, followed by general meeting, all in St. Paul's institute.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 16. Service at the church of St. Helen at 1.15 p.m., address by the Rev. Canon Wilson. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter house at 2.15 p.m. Towers available for ringing:—Cathedral (12), All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. Swithin's (6), St. John's (6). Bells (8) at Hallow, Worcester, will be available for peal on Easter Monday 8 a.m., start. Apply, W. Page, Harboro Cottage, Hallow. J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford, Worcester.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Easter Monday, April 16th. Ringers' service, Christ Church, 12.15 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. A. Allen, B.D. Luncheon at the Royal Restaurant, 1.30 p.m. Chairman, the Mayor of Eastbourne. Business meeting at 2.30. The Christ Church tower will be open for ringing at 10 a.m. The towers of All Saints, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, will be opened after the meeting.

A. B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

Holywood, Howard Street, Eastbourne.

The Essex Association.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, on Easter Monday. A tea will be provided.

N. J. PITSTOW, Hon. Sec.

The North Wales Association. The annual meeting will be held in the Reading room at Rhuddlan, on Easter Monday, at 3 p.m., after which an address will be given to ringers in the Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Bells at Rhuddlan (6), Rhyl (8), Bodelwyddan (8) available during the day.

S. A. CULLINGTON, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Otley, Suffolk, on Easter Monday, April 16th. By kind permission the bells at Otley, Henley, Helmingham, Framsdon, Ashbocking, Clopton, and Burgh will be open. Dinner at White Hart at 1.30 p.m.

C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Putney on Easter Monday, when the bells at the Parish Church and also those at Falham will be available by kind permission of the respective incumbents from about 3 o'clock.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the usual towers will be open to the members. Meet at St. Peter's Church, 2 p.m. By kind permission of the Dean, members can inspect the Cathedral on Easter Monday free of charge. Tickets issued by the secretary on the day. Service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. Tea and business meeting in the Corn Exchange, 5.45. Tea, price 6d. to members.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, April 21, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Deanery will be held at Glastonbury, on Saturday, April 21st. There will be a ringers service at 4. Tea at Barretts Bros., at 5d. each to members, with business meeting after. The

bells at both towers will be available after 1 o'clock. All members requiring tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, April 17th. F. G. COLES, Hon. Sec.

34, Blacklands.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells at liberty from 5 to 8. Meeting at 8.

G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

Erdington Parish Church Society.—The annual dinner of the above society takes place on Monday, April 23rd, at the Acorn hotel, Erdington, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, to be had not later than the 18th inst. from secretary.

J. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

49, Sheffield Road, Erdington.

P.S.—Bells open from 5.30 to 6.30.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the Parish Church, Tamworth, the bells will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, at which every member present will be expected to attend. A free tea will be provided, by the churchwardens for all those sending in their names not later than the 23rd inst. to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 28th, 1906, at their headquarters, St. Michael's Parish Church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. BOWER, Hon. Sec.

25, Chadwick Street, Cechbrook.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea and meeting at the Co-operative hall at 4.30. Tickets for tea 1s. 2d. each. Ringers' service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Preacher, the Ven Archdeacon Bond. Towers open for ringing Cathedral (8) from 7 to 9. St. Peter-at-Arches (8) from 3.30 to 4.30. St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) from 2.30 to 4. St. Botolph's (5) from 2 to 2.30 and from 7 to 9. Those who propose to attend are asked to notify Mr. Geo. Chester, Granville House, Carline Street, Lincoln, on or before Tuesday, the 24th inst.

REV. J. F. FLOWERS, Hon. Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—(Northern Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea at the Co-operative hall at 4.30 at 1s. 2d. each. Members producing receipts for subscriptions for 1906 free. The usual towers will be open for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Annual meeting in the ringers' chapel immediately after the service.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. Fussell has removed to South View, Datchet Road, Slough.

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The following circular has been issued:—

"Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, Bell Founders, who hung the Penzance bells in 1865, having reported on their present unsafe condition, the Mayor of Penzance, on a requisition of the Burgesses, called a public meeting to consider the matter. At the meeting a Committee was formed to collect money for the restoration of the bells and to carry out the work. The estimated cost of a complete restoration is about £400.

"At a meeting of the above Committee held on Tuesday, November 21st, it was resolved to make the restoration of the bells a Memorial to the late Mr. Nunn, whose loss is deplored by so large a number of friends not only in and around Penzance, but throughout the west of Cornwall. The Committee feel sure that many of these friends would like his memory to be perpetuated, and think that a complete restoration of the bells of the town which benefited so much by his musical ability and enthusiasm, at the church where for so many years he was organist, would be a lasting memorial of their friend and benefactor.

"The framework was weakened by injudicious cutting away to make room for a carillon now defunct, the bearings are worn, and the frame might be advantageously replaced by a less cumbrous one of iron and steel, constructed in accordance with modern improvements. The four upper bells are unsatisfactory in tone, and Messrs. Taylor recommend recasting them. The others will have to be taken away to be bored to receive the headstocks fitted to an iron and steel frame. If this work were carried out, the town would possess a fine peal of bells entirely up-to-date of which we might be justly proud. Our fellow-townsmen, Dr. Symons, has worked at campanology enthusiastically for many years, and has trained a band of efficient ringers. Bellringing is being scientifically studied in many parishes in the county, and there is a Guild of bellringers who hold annual festival in one or other of the Cornish bell-towers; at present our fine tower with its potentially fine peal is closed to them for alterations and repairs. The Committee hope that such a speedy and liberal response will be made to this appeal, that the tower and peal may be re-opened as soon as possible.

"Subscriptions may be paid to the 'Penzance Bells Restoration Fund' at Messrs. Barclay's Bank, Penzance; or to the Treasurer, Dr. Symons, Buriton House, Penzance.

"Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. H. BENNETTS, Mayor (Chairman).

C. F. ROGERS, Curate of St. Mary's (Vice-Chairman).

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JOHN SYMONS (Hon. Treasurer)."

Among the legacies of Mrs. E. M. Pardoe, of Cheltenham, was the income of £100, "to be distributed annually at Christmas as to the sum of £1 to the ringers for the time being of the parish church of Cirencester who should ring a peal of bells from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on May 29 in each year in commemoration of the happy restoration of the Monarchy to England." The validity of the gift was disputed on Thursday, April 6th, but Mr. Justice Kekewich held that the bequest was valid, as the thoughts awakened by the commemoration on a May morning necessarily denoted a feeling of gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts, and he recalled Shakespeare's lines on bell-ringing in "As You Like It."

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The two following paragraphs are from the *Loughborough Herald* of the 5th instant.

AN UNFORTUNATE CYCLING ACCIDENT.—Mr. Jack Taylor, son of Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, met with an alarming accident on Saturday on a motor bicycle. He went to Lutterworth on Friday, and started on the following morning to return home for the celebration of his twenty-first birthday at the foundry in the afternoon. When near Husbands Bosworth a dog ran across the road, and Mr. Taylor was heavily thrown. He was picked up unconscious, and was conveyed to a house close by. No bones were broken, but he sustained a bad cut over the eye, and was much bruised and shaken. He has since made good progress, and it was hoped that he could be moved in a few days.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATIONS.—On Saturday, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, the workmen and their wives were entertained by Mr. John W. Taylor to celebrate the coming of age on the previous Monday, of his eldest son, Mr. John W. Taylor, B.Sc., London, the grandson of Mr. John W. Taylor, of Shelthorpe House. Over 200 sat down to a substantial meat tea, served in excellent style in the covered yard, which had been gaily decorated with flags, etc. under the supervision of Mr. Street, while the tables and platform were tastefully arranged with flowers by the Misses Taylor and lady friends. After tea an enjoyable concert was given, arranged by Miss Josephine Taylor, and presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor. The programme included recitations by Mrs. Wilfred Moss, Miss Cooke and Miss Webster; duets by Miss Robinson, Mr. E. D. Taylor, and Miss Taylor; songs by Mr. Wilfred Moss, Mr. T. E. Dolby, Mr. H. H. Cayless, Mr. G. Edmunds, and several of the workmen; and gramophone selections by Mr. Dolby. During the evening Mr. E. D. Taylor proposed "The King" and "The Church," and Mr. Wilfred Moss submitted "Health and prosperity to the firm," which was responded to by Mr. E. D. Taylor. Owing to the unfortunate accident to Mr. Jack Taylor, the birthday gifts from the workmen were handed to his sister, Miss Josephine Taylor, by Mr. Samuel Wheatley, one of the employees, who briefly explained their sympathies and good wishes for his future welfare. The presents consisted of a dressing-case, suitably inscribed, from the men, and a set of gold cuff links and studs from their wives. A vote of thanks to Mr. John W. Taylor and the Misses Taylor for their cordial hospitality was proposed by Mr. Wheatley and enthusiastically accorded.

On the 24th ult. in the churchyard of Redmire, Yorkshire, were laid to rest the remains of the Rev. C. A. Pauli, B.A., who for forty-nine years had been Vicar of the parish. The little church was filled to overflowing with those amongst whom he had lived so long, and who had learnt to respect and love him as a straightforward and kind-hearted pastor. Only the day before his death the parishioners had presented him (through his son) with an illuminated address, a pair of silver candlesticks, and a purse of money, as tokens of their esteem, but it was ordained otherwise that he should see them. During the funeral a 720 of Bob Minor was rung at the neighbouring church of Middleham, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of esteem to the father of the captain of the band. The members taking part were—H. Collinson, W. Sykes, H. Parrish, G. Atkinson, C. Clarkson, and G. Handley.

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Variation (1) 5040.

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(Variation (2) 5040.

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* Call this course in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th parts with bobs at H and single at 11.

† Call this course in the 6th, 7th, and 8th parts with bobs at S L and single at 9.

Variation (3) 5040.

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Omit the singles at the end of the 4th and 8th parts.

Concerning the above peals, I only claim that they are variations of Thurstan's famous 4-part. By disposing of the extras and omits, and by the use of singles, I have put them into an interesting form. In peals (1) and (2) the 5-6-7 are fixed. In (1) these bells take part in the first four singles thus, 7-5-6, and in the last four parts thus, 5-7-6. From a musical point of view it would not be considered good to have these bells behind at the singles, for this reason—peals (2) and (3) are arranged so that this does not occur.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By G. T. DALTRY.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1906.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, March 10th, in ideal spring weather. Members were present from Bristol, Yate, Sodbury, Wotton-under-Edge. Service was held at 5.30, and an address given by the Vicar. After tea the Vicar took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were elected. Wotton-under-Edge was chosen as the next place of meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, etc. About twenty-four members attended.

RINGERS' DINNER.

A friendly dinner of the above branch was held at Mrs. Walker's (nee Shepherd), on Wednesday, March 14th. About twenty-five sat down, C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq. being in the chair. After the dinner "The health of The King" was drunk with the usual honours. The toast of

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"The Bishop and Clergy" was proposed in a few well-chosen words and replied to by the Rev. —. Poynton. Mr. W. Knight proposed "The Gloucester and Bristol Association," and Mr. C. Horton replied in the absence of the Rev. H. A. Cockey. "Kindred Societies" was proposed by Mr. C. H. Horton, and replied to by Mr. W. A. Cave. Songs were given by Messrs. Wilkins, Price, Abrahams, Cavell, Horton, Tomkins and Stowell, and handbell selections by Messrs. Burford, Horton, Hinton. Mr. H. Price acted as pianist. The health of Mrs. Walker was proposed by Mr. G. Stadon, and replied to by Mr. Walker. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the evening closing with the singing of Auld lang syne.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL,

May I remind all those whom it concerns that time is on the wing? At the moment of writing, out of some thirty-four or thirty-five expected affiliation fees only thirteen have been received. Neither have any nominations or notices of motion yet reached me. It is true that for these there is no immediate haste, but the affiliation fees became due on January 1st, and should all have been paid by now. I sincerely trust that they may all be sent as soon as is by any means possible.

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

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	HUBERT EDEN 7-8.
REUBEN CHARGE .. 9-10.	

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. T. King. Rung on the seventh anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich Major.

The Provinces.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056
CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY ..Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3.	EDWARD WHITEHEAD.. .. 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. ..Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.Treble.	THOMAS JOHNSON 5.
RICHARD LANGFORD 2.	GEORGE HARDING 6.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	JOSEPH KETTLE.. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS-HOLDING, SEN.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE FLOYD.. ..Treble.	JAMES FLOYD 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. 6.
BERNARD CLARKE* .. 3.	HARRY GOLDING 7.
WILLIAM FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS .. .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

* First peal with a bob bell.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LAWTON .. ..Treble.	HERBERT BARLOW 5.
JOSEPH OGDEN 2.	CHARLES E. PLATT 6.
JOHN BUTTERWORTH.. 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
JOSEPH WILD 4.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD.. ..Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BRIBWETON, and

Conducted by HERBERT BARLOW.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.

EDWARD CAUNCE .. ..Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON.. .. 4.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2.	*WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON†3.	WILLIAM WILCOX .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal in seven methods. †Elected a member previous to starting.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

On Friday, April 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK WILSON* (age 13)Treble.	JOHN YATES 5.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 2.	GEORGE WILSON 6.
WILLIAM TRIGG*.. .. 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
JAMES WILSON 4.	ALFRED HARRAD* .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of Mr. G. Wilson, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE HARDY .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM DREW.. .. 4.
GEORGE BERRY 2.	FENTON G. THOMPSON .. 5.
JOHN W. AVIS 3.	FRED W. WATLING .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by F. WATLING.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late parish warden, who was interred on Sunday,

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.—For these good send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, April 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, PITSMOOR,

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

JOHN HENRY BOWER Treble	*EDWIN F. RIPPON 5.
JOHN THORPE 2.	*JOHN WM. SMITHSON 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	FRANK WILLEY 7.
ALBERT GLEDSTONE 4.	GEORGE O. DIXON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ROBERT BRETT Treble.	ALBERT HUMPHREY 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
GEORGE H. KITE 4.	WILLIAM WEST Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

THOMAS HUXLEY Treble.	*JOHN W. DAVIES 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
GEORGE JONES 3.	HENRY W. WILDE 7.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Major.

PONTEFRAC'T, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

W. PEARSON Treble.	*B. WATKINSON 5.
A. WALKER 2.	*T. M. BARKER 6.
G. WILCOCK 3.	*J. FRYER 7.
J. A. PEASE 4.	F. HARGRAVES Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

*First peal in the method. This is F. Hargreaves' fiftieth peal.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HENRY J. STEFF Treble.	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOHN MCWILTON 3.	ROBERT WALLWORK 7.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 4.	JAMES HY. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.

*First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK KEELEY* Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	HENRY BORRETT 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT 3.	JAMES BETTS 7.
WALTER MOBBS 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent, and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN H. PAICE* Treble.	*ALFRED W. GROVES 4.
HARRY EVANS 2.	*GEORGE NORRIS 5.
HARRY MEETENS* 3.	*EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

*First peal of Minor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Division.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDEN, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

On Sunday, April 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	F. HALL 5.
J. J. PEMBERTON 2.	J. HARROP 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
R. WALKER 4.	C. MARSLAND Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. E. Thompson, late church warden.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Friday, April 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—W. C. Watson.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Wednesday, October 25th, for practice at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. A. Monkley, E. Shepherd conductor, C. Carter, W. Richardson, T. Mudge, F. Murphy, E. Sargent, J. Moss, A. W. Brighton, W. Acreman and S. Arscott.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, A. White, H. White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward conductor, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, C. Martin. Rung to welcome

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the Rev. Dr. Boustead, who commenced his duties as Vicar on that day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, November 8th, 720 Woodbine. T. Morris, J. Turner, R. H. Green conductor, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, J. Allen. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. Allen, T. Morris, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton conductor.

HUYTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, November 11th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Rimmer, G. R. Newton, W. Booth, W. Hargraves, W. Hughes conductor, E. Counce. 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Lovell, J. Aspinwall, W. Booth, W. Hargraves, G. R. Newton conductor, E. Counce. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Lovell, J. Aspinwall, G. R. Newton, W. Booth conductor, T. Hammond, jun., W. Hughes. First 720s on the bells since re-hanging.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, November 26th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Moscrop, T. Clark, W. Patton, A. Hunter, F. C. Naisbitt, W. H. Porter conductor, W. D. Lister, T. Scollick. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, F. C. Naisbitt, W. Patton, A. Hunter, T. Clark, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter conductor, J. W. Moscrop. Both the above touches were rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. F. W. Mortimer, Vicar of Darlington and rural dean, who died November 21st.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 25th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise came to grief after ringing 2240 changes. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, F. Roope, F. Borrett, F. Surridge, W. Roope, E. Borrett. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, J. Allen, C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 11th, at the parish church, 720 College Single. R. Bowen, jun., O. Box, H. E. Watson, A. E. Porter, E. Barker conductor, J. Porter.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 240 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. W. C. Taylor, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

BROWN EDGE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Dawson, A. Pointon, J. E. Wheeldon, J. H. Pointon, G. Redfern, J. Duggit conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. D. Carrier, H. E. Parker, G. W. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, D'Oyley Simons, A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, E. A. Davies.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Triples. A. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, G. Greenhill.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 23rd, 720 St. Dunstons Doubles. M. Richardson, A. R. Miles conductor, F. Eade, J. Bagley, T. Lade. E. G. Fenner, A. Groombridge. On December 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, F. Eade, W. G. Paine, J. Bagley, T. Lade conductor, E. G. Fenner. On December 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. T. Eade, W. Brown, W. G. Paine, F. Eade, T. Eade, A. R. Miles conductor. And another 720 in the same method. M. Brown, F. Eade, W. G. Paine, A. R. Miles, T. Eade conductor, E. G. Fenner.

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, November 11th, for practice, 360 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Plea-

sure, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent. J. Avery, G. Abery, T. Herridge, C. Giles, H. Tucker, C. Moulden.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, 720 Kent. J. Neal, J. Pettit, W. Meadows, F. Sturman, M. Norton, G. Lines conductor. On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Neal, J. Pettit, G. Lines, F. Sturman, M. Norton, W. Meadows conductor. On Sunday, October 29th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Neal, J. Pettit, M. Norton, F. Sturman, W. Meadows, G. Lines conductor. On Sunday, November 12th, for evening service, 720 Double Court. J. Saddington, J. Pettit, G. Lines, F. Sturman, M. Norton, W. Meadows conductor. On Sunday, November 19th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob. J. Neal, J. Pettit, W. Meadows, F. Sturman, M. Norton, G. Lines conductor. On Sunday, November 26th, 720 Kent. J. Neal, J. Pettit, M. Norton, F. Sturman, W. Meadows, G. Lines conductor.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. H. Howse, A. Gower, F. W. Harding, A. Miles, G. Penfold, E. Gower, J. Sharp conductor, C. Harfey.

FANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Saturday, November 4th, for combined practice, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent. J. Nicholls, J. Bower, J. Wedge, J. Alexander, J. Avery, C. Giles, H. Tucker.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, November 12th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Vyse, T. Loosemore, G. R. Pye, W. Watson, A. J. Carter, H. F. Dawkins conductor, H. W. Catterwell, A. Sorrell. On Sunday evening, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. G. R. Pye, A. J. Perkins, A. J. Carter, H. W. Catterwell, G. Roughton, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, E. Pye. Arranged and conducted by A. J. Perkins.

STOKE (near Coventry).—On Sunday, December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Johnson, R. Bosworth, A. Flowers, W. Maund, W. Beesley, J. Fennell, J. White conductor, T. Bloxham. On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Bloxham, R. Bosworth, A. Flowers, W. Maund, J. Fennell, W. Beesley, J. H. White conductor, W. Ferriss. After service 630 in the same method. E. Johnson, A. Flowers, W. Maund, R. Bosworth, J. Fennell, J. H. White conductor, W. Beesley, W. Ferriss. Two courses of Grandsire Major. T. Bloxham, E. Johnson, A. Flowers, W. Maund, J. Fennell, W. Beesley, R. Bosworth, J. H. White. On December 25th, 1302 Grandsire Triples. T. Bloxham, A. Flowers, J. Fennell, W. Beesley, W. Maund, J. H. White conductor, R. Bosworth, W. Gilbert.

SURFLEET (Lincolnshire).—On November 15th, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Smith, 1-2; R. Richardson, 3-4; Rev. H. Law James conductor, 5-6; R. H. Richardson, 7-8. And 168 Stedman Triples, as before.

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[The following letter arrived too late for last week.]

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—I am not displeased to see it shown that Mr. Pitstow was right in thinking that the number of singles could be reduced in a peal on the same plan as his. The invitation to other composers, coming from such an authority, ought to have convinced me that there was a mistake in my reasoning.

An analysis of the first peal published by Mr. Dench last week, will show the weak spot in my argument, and will also be of interest to young composers.

Each part of his peal is composed of a touch called as the following "A," and a block of 7 courses called as "B":—

A.		B.
23456	I 6	34625 I 6
34526	s -	46325 -
45326	-	6342 -
53426	-	24365 s s
32456	-	23465 s
Repeated.		64325 -
		43625 -

A single at 4 in the first course of "A," shunts to 34625 in "B," a bob at 4 after 43625 shunts back to "A" at the point where it was left, forming a touch of 15 courses. The connection between the three parts can be made in several ways. Mr. Dench adopts a bob at 1 after 43625.

My mistake was in concluding that the courses comprising "B," being an odd number, required at least 4 singles to join them, and two further singles to shunt from "A" and back again. I overlooked the fact that they need not be formed into a

round block, the spare course allowing portions to be wasted. Mr. Dench, by using 5 complete courses and portions only of other three with the 5th in sixths place, forms a block with three singles. This, beginning in-course and ending out-of-course, enables him to shunt from one sixth place bell to the other and back, by means of a single and a bob. The number of singles in each part is thus reduced by two.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Dench on the excellence of his productions, and to apologise to Mr. Pitstow for any annoyance I may have caused him.

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Policy-holders of five years standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 123,586, the number in force being 1,102,267. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 24,608.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,065,268; their average duration is eleven years.

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Since the completion of the Valuation the Actuary has reported that in his opinion a general increase of *two-and-a-half per cent.* could, with safety, be granted under the principal Industrial Branch Tables if provision were made for an increase in the liability of £750,000. The Board have accordingly revised the Tables as from 1st March, 1906, and have made provision to meet the increased liability by the transfer during the current year of £750,000 from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at £1,000,000. The Shareholders will be glad to know that this revision affects nearly Thirteen Million Policies, and of this number over Ten Million Policies receive an immediate increase in the sum assured.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1905.

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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, 1905, 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, 1905.

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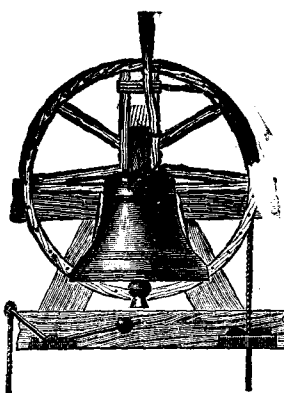
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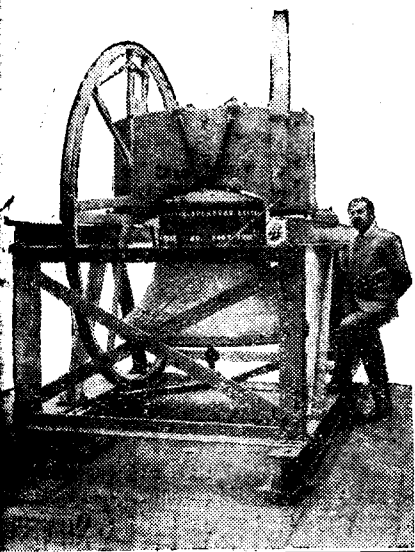
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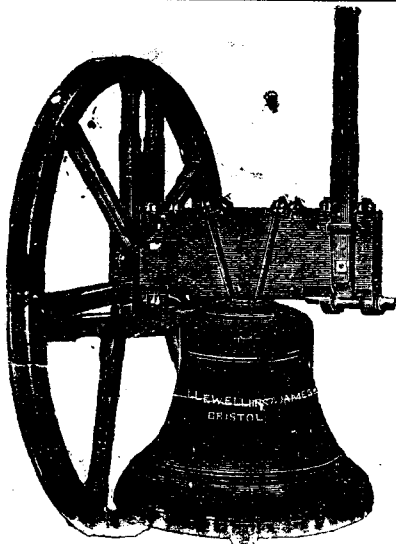
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, February 3rd, at its headquarters, St. Clement Danes, Strand. The bells were raised about 3.45 p.m., and were rung half-muffled in respect to the late King of Denmark. A large number of members attended, and amongst those who came from the country were Mr. F. S. Bayley (Portsea); W. Pole Routh (Reading); T. Lincoln (Writtle, Essex); W. H. Fussell (Slough), and others. Touches in different methods were rung up to the service, which was held in the church at 5.30. The Association form of service was used, the choir being in full attendance, and was further augmented by some of the members, including Mr. E. Lawford Dale, of Sion College. Mr. R. A. Daniell, B.A., read the lesson, but through the indisposition of the Hon. Chaplain and Rector (Rev. J. J. H. S. Pennington, M.A.), the curate (Rev. —. Street), welcomed the members, and gave an excellent address, which we shall publish next week.

At the conclusion of the service, which had been well attended, there was a short interval, of which members made their own arrangements for tea. The business meeting and election of officers then took place in the parish room, Clare Market, near by the church, the use of which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by the Hon. Chaplain. The business meeting commenced at 7 o'clock. The Master (Mr. G. R. Fardon) occupied the chair, being supported by nearly all the officers and committee, and a good number of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the election and ratification of several members having taken place, the Hon. Secretary then read his annual report as follows:—

That during the past year periodical meetings for united-practice and social intercourse had been held at St. Mary, Battersea, S.W., on Saturday, May 20th. The tower was open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., when some thirty members attended from fifteen different parishes. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, etc. were rung. A social was afterwards held at The Raven inn, Battersea Square.

Another was held on Saturday, September 9th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, N.W. Mr. Mark Woodcock (Trustee), and Mr. Richard Bevan (N.W. representative committee), obtained the permission, and made the necessary arrangements. The tower was open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and was well attended, even considering the inclement weather that prevailed. A social was afterwards held at The White Horse, Pont Street.

Another meeting was held on Saturday, December 9th, at All Saints, Poplar, E. The Rector (Rev. J. Mossley), kindly gave his permission, and personally welcomed the members. A very good practice was obtained.

Twenty-seven new members had been elected during the year, which was a slight decrease on the two previous years, but it was not expected that that number of new

members could be maintained, though we were instructing ringers all over the county.

Fifteen peals had been rung, but we must note that in this year we had had only ten months as the Association working year now ended on December 31st, but in this number of peals seventy-two members had taken part, a list of which was read, and the number of peals accredited to each member. They had been rung in seven different methods, and conducted by eight different conductors, Mr. J. E. Davis calling six. Several were worthy of note; the peal at Hammersmith on September 28th, by nearly all a local band in which several scored their first peal; the "Thomas's" peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City; and the first peal by this Association of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. H. R. Newton, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in November.

We held our third annual concert on Saturday, October 14th, in the St. George's Hall, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, City. In the afternoon, previous to the concert, six peals were arranged, but five were lost, nearly all the band each ringing over 2 hrs. We had changed the place of the concert each year for want of more space, some 500 people attending the last one, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. It had been the means of bringing a large number of members and friends together for a most enjoyable evening. The artists were nearly all of high-class standard, the change-ringing being of the best, course of Stedman Cinques and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and the tune-playing on handbells by different companies being applauded. The Secretary said he would have liked to have seen some of his northern friends down on the programme for some of this, but they regretted the distance was too far to come from Yorkshire. Financially, it had proved a slight source of revenue to the funds, but this was not the idea from which it originated, but was promoted from the social point of view.

We very much regret that we have lost by death Mr. H. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington, who was accidentally killed on May 5th, and left a widow and eight children. A subscription list was opened, and a sum of £13 6s. 6d. was subscribed. A sum of not less than £1 was forwarded to Mrs. Stubbs each week from May 19th, until the entire sum was exhausted.

The auditor (Mr. J. Pryor), then presented the balance-sheet for 1905, which showed a balance in hand of £8 1s. 3d., which was a decrease. The balance-sheet was given in full detail of the items of expenditure and sources of income. Mr. Pryor explained the decrease, that after the last annual meeting they had revised rule xvii., so that all expenditure incurred in the year should be included in the balance-sheet for that year, so that they now really got two years' working expenditure on the balance-sheet, as they had always been a year in arrears.

On the motion of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Mr. R. Bevan, the balance-sheet was accepted. The fifteen peals rung during the past year were submitted. It was proposed by Mr. A. Jacob, and seconded by Mr. A. N.

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Hardy, that they be entered in the grand peal-book; and it was further proposed that Mr. W. H. Fussell undertake the work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. G. R. Fardon retired from the chair, but was again nominated and duly elected. Mr. Thomas H. Taffender was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Challis F. Winney was re-elected Hon. Treasurer. From the office of Junior Steward Mr. William J. Troughton was promoted to that of Senior Steward; for the office of Junior Steward a heated election took place. Mr. Frank A. Smith (Kennington), and Mr. Charles J. North (Clapham), were nominated. These gentlemen retired from the room whilst the election took place, each of the proposers speaking for their man. On a vote being taken they each received the same number of votes. The Master decided to draw by lots; a hat was quickly forthcoming, and the Master duly declared Mr. Frank A. Smith duly elected. Messrs. Daniell and Woodcock were re-elected Trustees, and the following eight gentlemen as a representative committee: Messrs. Bevan (N.W.); Carew-Cox (W.); A. R. Jacob (N.); T. Langdon (S.E.); A. R. Peck (E.); F. G. Perrin (S.E.); J. Pryor (S.W.); and A. A. Scambler (E.) It was proposed and carried that two members represent the Association on the Central Council as heretofore; and Messrs. Fardon and Winney were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for the work of the past year; also to the authorities of St. Clement Danes, and the organist and choir for their reception that day.

Mr. Taffender, replying on behalf of the officers, thanked them, and said it was Mr. Daniell who took such a great interest in the Association, to whom the thanks for the arrangements of that day were due. This concluded the business meeting which had occupied 2 hrs. 20 mins.

The members then adjourned to the meeting-house, it being too late for more ringing, thus bringing to a close another successful annual meeting.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Once again has Worcester, which has the proud distinction of being called the Faithful City, *civitas in bello et in pace fidelis*, been roused from its usual quiet by the annual meeting of the above Association held there on Easter Monday. Although it is a city of no great size, still, for all that, it can boast of a goodly number of bells, there being twelve at the Cathedral in regular use, and also three half-tone bells to make two rings of eight, beside the clock bell weighing 90 cwt. Beside these, which were only available from 5.0 to 6.30, there is a very fine ring of ten at All Saints, although sadly in need of repair, eight at St. Helen's in good going order, and three rings of six.

The bells at St. Helen's were first to be raised, and were in great demand all day. It was at this church, which, by the by, is the Mother Church of the Diocese, that the service was held, and as on a similar occasion two years ago the address was delivered by the late Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange, so this year did the members have the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by his successor, the Rev. Canon Wilson, an address which will not quickly be forgotten by those who had the pleasure to hear it.

After the service the members proceeded to the chapter house of the Cathedral, which was kindly lent by the Dean and Chapter; and much regret being felt at the

absence of the Dean, who, for several years having taken the chair at the annual meeting, was, owing to the illness of his son, unable to be present, nevertheless a very able chairman was found in the Rev. Canon Wilson. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been confirmed, and Pershore chosen for the next meeting, it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal either at St. Helen's, Worcester, or Hallow, Mr. Albert Hill being appointed conductor. Several new members being elected, Messrs. T. J. Salter and John Smith were appointed to represent the Association on the Central Council. Some alterations to the rules having been gone into, the whole of the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Canon Barnard and Mr. Samuel Spittle as vice-presidents. The business concluded with the passing, unanimously, of the following resolution: "In view of the recent attack on the Central Council, it is resolved that this Association express its entire confidence in that Council."

A vote of thanks having been passed to all those who, by their help and kindness, had made the meeting such a success, an adjournment was made to The Angel, and a goodly Angel it proved to be, for a most substantial tea had been provided there for the members by the generosity of Mr. W. H. Johnson, to which full justice was done.

More ringing, and then to the railway station, brought to an end a day that seemed to have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone; for, for others beside ringers, Worcester, with its noble Cathedral and its delightful river, can, in weather as was experienced that day, be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Eastbourne, when eighty members attended, chiefly from the Eastern and Central divisions. The tower of Christ Church was opened for ringing at 10 a.m. The special service was held at that church, the Rev. A. A. Allen preaching the sermon. After the service the members took luncheon at The Royal restaurant. The Mayor of Eastbourne (Councillor S. N. Fox) presided, Archdeacon Sutton, the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree, Rev. F. E. Doubleday (Hellingly), Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, A. B. Bennett, G. Watson, and R. J. Dawe were also present. The Master proposed the toast of "Church and King." The Rev. A. A. Allen responded, and the Mayor referred to the meeting as being the first annual one held in Eastbourne, and also the fact that the Association came of age this year. He spoke of the different kinds of bells, and complimented the Association on its work, and hoped it would soon hold another meeting there.

The Archdeacon of Lewes proposed the re-election of the Master, Mr. Attree, who had been Hon. Secretary, and also the founder of the Association. This was carried with acclamation. The other officers were then re-elected, Messrs. Baker and Fuller being appointed as Auditors.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. The balance had increased from £23 17s. to £27 13s. Repairs have been executed in several belfries. Soon it will be difficult to find bells in bad condition in Sussex. Sixty-two peals had been rung, rather less than last year, but as the master said, it was not always the Association which rang the most peals which did the most good.

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A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. G. Baker, who has hitherto prepared the analysis of the peals rung by the Association, and it was decided that a presentation be made to him out of the funds of the Association.

The alteration of Rule VIII. was proposed by Mr. F. Bennett: "That the fee to an instructor appointed by the Association shall be 30s. for a course of twelve lessons, which will be paid by the Association. The local band paying travelling expenses."

The next annual meeting will be held at Horsham on the first Saturday in May. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the Master for presiding, the members visited the towers of All Saints, St. Saviour's, and St. Mary's.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, November 8th, 720 Woodbine. T. Morris, J. Turner, R. H. Green conductor, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, J. Allen. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. Allen, T. Morris, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton conductor.

THE LOUGHTON BELLS.

I hear on good authority that the constant excuse of sickness to prevent the ringers using the bells is creating an impression in and around London, that Loughton is becoming a very unhealthy place of residence. It is to be regretted if prejudice or vacuity of soul prompts anyone to feign illness, and thus deprive the ringers of their innocent yet skilful pleasures. The church is conspicuously removed from the town's industrial centre, so that no interruption of business can possibly be maintained. If the general complaint of sickness be real, the following soliloquy of the bells themselves may be suggestive:—

Those Loughton bells, those Loughton bells
Are holding a council among themselves
Why sickness brings such silent spells—
So many people ill.

If Sunday morn be wet or fine,
We always start soon after nine.
For on that day you may opine
There's nobody ill.

Sometimes on wedding days we ring,
And to the bride sweet charms do bring
For pleasure then is on the wing—
There's nobody ill.

We celebrate the King's birthday,
Which drives the measles far away,
While patriotic voices say
There's nobody ill.

But should the ringers want a peal,
Wherein their art they might reveal,
The answer comes to their appeal:
There's somebody ill.

Or should they ask a practice night,
To emulate their hearts delight,
Fate sternly says in measured spite,
There's somebody ill.

The sequel then to us seems clear,
If on a Tuesday night you hear
The bells harmonics on your ear,
You're sure the doctor wont appear—
There's nobody ill.

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MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

I have to acknowledge the three letters on the above from the Rev. T. L. Papillou, J. A. Trollope, and G. H. Phillott. The Master of the Essex Association stigmatises what I have written as abusive language. I regret that the rev. gentleman takes that view. I suppose there is a time to be stern, as well as a time to be suave? To consider criticism as opposed to flattery to be abusive is a travesty upon English. The difference between courteous and abusive argument, it seems to me, depends (1) whether you are in favour of the argument, and (2) on the social status of the questioner. Any one who follows parliamentary speeches must notice what is a sharp rejoinder, a well-merited rebuke, or a fighting speech on the part of a minister, is always construed into a "scurrilous attack" if uttered by one of the opposition or a backbencher. I made no attack upon any individual. Moreover the rev. gentleman has evidently forgotten that "the" Council is dead. It is a new Council that now awaits election. It is in the position of a Government that has dissolved, and any elector has the inalienable right to criticise the late Council as he thinks fit, and no one from the President downwards has any authority to call the critic to order. The Council does not exist. The Rev. T. L. Papillon's inference in par. 2, that my remarks applied to the whole of the Council, and therefore I ought not to appeal to them is erroneous. I am expecting nothing from the old, but am looking to the new. The rev. gentleman is obviously under a misapprehension in regard to the scheme. There is a vast difference between an insurance society in the orthodox sense, and a Benevolent Fund. To say it would be no easy job, especially for amateur actuaries, may be true, but it would not be a very hard one. There are numbers of us who have passed through all the chairs of our respective friendly societies, and if the Rev. T. L. Papillon will pardon the remark, such men know quite as much about these things from personal experience as any professional actuary, whose certificate is only given as a public guarantee. A Benevolent Fund is administered on the principle of "every man according to his needs." I thank the rev. gentleman for his criticism; I asked for it and am getting it. The more of it the better, but I am afraid the estimable Vicar of Writtle does not follow the speeches of the House of Commons verbatim, or his censure upon me would not have been so severe. Still I almost regret one sentence, viz.: The handful of dogmatic cranks. Perhaps I ought not to have written that.

Room for J. Armiger Trollope! This unauthorised champion of the late Council, in his customary redundant manner "rushes in where, etc." He too affects the discourteous game, and presumes to lecture me upon my style of manners, writing and everything else. I am not aware that I ever mentioned J. A. Trollope's name, and certainly never knew until now that any one had found fault with his (?) book, but if he wants battle, why I am delighted to oblige him. In the first place perhaps J. A. T. will tell me where I can find some of his writings outside of the ringing press, in order that I may improve my style. My remarks seem to have hurt, or as Cousin Jonathan has it:—"hit him where he lived." His attempt to shield himself behind such men as J. Carter, H. Dains, or A. Craven, whom he designates his colleagues, is a weak subterfuge to borrow light from these luminaries. Does he imagine that the ringing world looks forward in the throes of expectation to his periodical obfuscatory enigmas of the plain hunt! and the mysteries of Bob Major? Rip Van Trollope can go to sleep again for another 100 years, and the Exercise won't mourn his loss. With a loud shout that "the cap don't fit me," he proceeds at once to fit it on himself. He says "any fool can find fault." Exactly so, that is why he rushes in. This is the gentleman who wishes me to mend my manners:—"The statement that I or the Committee sought to dictate what they shall or shall not ring is an offensive and malicious lie. Is that clear?" (Now in all my writing—whatever they are—I have never descended to this style.) I say emphatically it is not a lie but the truth. Without any further parley let us to the PROOF. The resolution moved at Canterbury by J. Armiger Trollope was—not that Grandsire Major or Bob Triples be discontinued—but that peals rung be not booked. The resolution was not accepted, and quite right too;

but what authority has Armiger Trollope, that he should infringe upon individual liberty by asking Associations to boycott true peals rung by their members? If this is not dictation—and dogmatic dictation—tell me what is?

No one knows more about Grandsire Major than John Carter. The late Jasper Snowdon rang Bob Triples. Henry Johnson rang Grandsire Major and Royal (and also Stedman Major and Royal, Treble Bob Caters). The President of the Council has himself given money prizes for Grandsire Major in hand to my own knowledge, and I don't think any "smaller fry" need worry, whether the greater recant or not. One word regarding the Bob Major collection. Does Mr. Trollope understand what it means to subordinate public use to private gain? What subsidy has he paid to the funds of the Council for the privilege of packing the book full of his own peals? The cost of publication would not have been the same had he only allotted to himself the same space he gave to others. If he wished the Exercise to obtain his figures, he might have brouget out a book at his own cost. No other collector would have had the astounding audacity to cram sixty to seventy peals of his own into a volume he was appointed to edit (?) and then to have the unblushing effrontery to say: "When I look at the really fine peals of my own that I left out, I stand surprised at my moderation!"

The Trollopian assertion that his work will be remembered "after William Willson and his vapourings are forgotten" is undoubtedly true. Although the impudence of this juvenile Hector has long been mistaken for wisdom, his "work" will remain—a monument of colossal assurance.

I am glad that Mr. G. H. Phillott has given evidence of interest in this matter of a Benevolent Fund. It might be possible in course of time to acquire a portion of a convalescent home, but this is a matter for after consideration. My position at present is this: Should I be elected on Easter Monday at the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Burton-on-Trent, I intend to give notice of motion for a committee of enquiry of ways and means. It would be within the province of that Committee to

- (1) Obtain by census the number of organised ringers.
- (2) To submit the question to each Association.
- (3) To frame a scheme and report to the next meeting.

While I have my own scheme I have no desire to push it forward. It is the principle I contend for at this juncture. Because it has been rejected almost without discussion by "wiser men than Willson" in the past is no reason why it should not be brought up again. Possibly the wiser men have grown wiser still by this time, and with the advent of new men with new ideas—which I think all will agree is a desirable thing—a move can be made. Of one thing I am certain. A scheme is practicable. If I am not elected I hope the agitation will still go on, and any assistance I can give to anyone who takes my place will be cheerfully given.

MR. J. R. PRITCHARD.

I am afraid Mr. Willson opened his campaign (if I may call it such) with too much booming of guns and a sad waste of powder. To the average ringer, it is true, the proceedings of the Central Council are somewhat incomprehensible, and that apparently too much time has been spent on mere technicalities, but all the same, the discussions have done much good by bringing out decided improvements in our ringing generally, and also talent that would otherwise have been hidden, and last but not least, the ungrudging labour of many of the exponents of our Art in improving its qualities all round, as well as binding our many county and other associations more closely together, and giving each other an insight into their various systems of working.

Now as to the Benevolent scheme. That such a thing is much needed has been shewn by the appeals that have from time to time appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," and which have been very generously responded to; but Sir, I agree with Mr. Willson that we should put ourselves on such a footing that similar appeals in the future would become unnecessary. Many ringers I admit are happily above the necessity of such a fund, finding provision for themselves through their various Trade Societies, Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, and such like, and of course do not wish to add to their burden of weekly or monthly subscriptions.

But I submit Sir there are many who do not belong to any such Societies, and who when employment or health fails, or when death steps into their homes, are sadly put about, and to whom a little help would be a boon. It is these who appeal to us; and the means whereby help could be given when necessary, involves some thinking out of a scheme to the attainment of that end.

I submit if each member of our various Associations were to subscribe say one penny per month, or one shilling per year, the whole to be pooled into one National Ringers' Benevolent Fund, there would soon be funds enough to go on with, and thus the large and strong Associations would help the smaller and weaker ones.

As to Management I have no doubt the C.C. would only be too glad to select from their number a Committee (no more than one to belong to the same Association), to whom the appeals could be made through the Secretary or Committee of the Association to whom the appellants belonged; and again means be devised whereby the appeals could be met at once without waiting for the annual meeting of the C.C., but the Committee's action to be ratified at their next general meeting.

I am afraid it is rather late for anything practicable to be done at the next meeting, but still it ought I think be opened up, and the matter could then in the ensuing year be discussed by the various Associations in a thorough manner, and their representatives would at the next meeting be able to compare notes, and a scheme be formed on a sound and solid basis. Let us hope the meeting of 1907 will have accomplished this task.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

P.S.—One Association I know of (the Liverpool Diocesan Guild), has such a fund. Perhaps their Secretary would throw some light on this subject as to working, etc.

MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

While deprecating the tone of Mr. Willson's letter and his forcible-feeble remarks anent the Central Council, I have been much interested in the correspondence as to a Benevolent Fund for ringers. It will be within the recollection of some of your readers that I brought forward some such proposition a few years ago, when it was opposed by Sir A. P. Heywood on the ground that it was outside the proper work of the Central Council. While unable to accept this view and fully recognising the great utility and importance of such a fund if it could be established upon a workable basis, further reflection has convinced me that it would be quite impossible to carry out any such scheme in practice. The difficulty of collecting the subscriptions from a large number of persons thinly scattered all over the kingdom would, I think, be found insuperable. The matter, however, is well worth further discussion.

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Friday, March 16th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Union Triples. T. Huxley, R. Sperring, H. W. Wilde conductor, J. V. Wright, F. Milton, J. Morgan, E. Rowlands, G. Jones. This quarter-peal, which was composed by H. W. Wilde, is the first in the method by all the band, also the first on the bells, and is believed to be the first of Union Triples ever rung in the county.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, April 24th, at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, April 21, 1906. Bells ready at 10 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above Deanery will be held at Glastonbury, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. There will be a ringers' service at 10. Tea at Barretts Bros., at 5.5d. each to members, with business meeting after. The bells at both towers will be available after 1 o'clock.
F. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*
34, Blacklands.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Leigh, to-day, Saturday, April 21st. Bells at liberty from 5 to 8. Meeting at 8.
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Erdington Parish Church Society.—The annual dinner of the above society takes place on Monday, April 23rd, at the Acorn hotel, Erdington, at 6.30 p.m.

J. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*
49, Sheffield Road, Erdington.
P.S.—Bells open from 5.30 to 6.30.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at the Parish Church, Tamworth, the bells will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, at which every member present will be expected to attend. A free tea will be provided by the churchwardens for all those sending in their names not later than the 23rd inst. to
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 28th, 1906, at their headquarters, St. Michael's Parish Church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.
CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
25, Chadwick Street, Coochbrook.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea and meeting at the Co-operative hall at 4.30. Tickets for tea 1s. 2d. each. Ringers' service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Preacher, the Ven Archdeacon Bond. Towers open for ringing Cathedral (8) from 7 to 9. St. Peter-at-Arches (8) from 3.30 to 4.30. St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) from 2.30 to 4. St. Botolph's (5) from 2 to 2.30 and from 7 to 9. Those who propose to attend are asked to notify Mr. Geo. Chester, Granville House, Carline Street, Lincoln, on or before Tuesday, the 24th inst.
REV. J. F. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—(Northern Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea at the Co-operative hall at 4.30 at 1s. 2d. each. Members producing receipts for subscriptions

for 1906 free. The usual towers will be open for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Annual meeting in the ringers' chapel immediately after the service.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea in the church room at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, 26th.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
6, Alexandra Terrace, Chislehurst.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at Burley. Bells available for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms, at 7.30 p.m.

FRED. K. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Elsworth Place, Armley, Leeds.

The North Notts Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting at West Retford school, 3 p.m. Service in West Retford church, 4 p.m. Tea at Newcastle Arms, 5 p.m. Members of kindred associations will be made welcome. Three towers open for ringing.

B. DABLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held on the new bells at Rishton, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.
THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch, will be held at Frome, on Saturday, April 28th. Tea 5 p.m. at The Union Jack. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*
The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch, Rusholme, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells at 4.30. Meeting at 7. The Rector has promised to preside. Those intending being present kindly send their names to Mr. W. E. Ryder, 23, Langley Road, Fallowfield, before April 25th.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Preston, on Saturday, May 5. The bells of the parish (8), St. Mark's (6), and Penwortham (6) will be at liberty from 2.30. Meeting in the National School, Avenham Lane, at 5.30. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a large photograph to be taken of the members in the parish churchyard at 5 p.m. All members please attend if possible. General meeting 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 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 KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHWOLD.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, of Babbington House, at the conclusion of the peal. All are members of the Leiston Society. This is the conductors 50th Association peal, and it was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John M. Button, for many years the highly respected master of the Leiston company.

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LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 25th, at All Hallows Church, Tottenham, a 7-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Ellis, H. Barnett, jun., T. C. Grove, W. Gibson, W. Dickinson, J. A. Dart, H. A. Barnett (conductor), A. G. Christmas.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1906.

A SHORT time ago reference was made to the kind of treatment the bells of the parish church of Eccles, Lancashire, had undergone under the hands of people whose knowledge of church bell hanging was not equal to the work. Comments by well-known ringers appeared in our pages, and we also thought fit to remark upon it at such time. We have not, however, yet heard that any steps have been taken to rectify matters in connection with these bells. Surely those concerned, especially the writers who in this paper pointed out their present condition, have taken care to make representations to the church authorities, that something considerable remains to be done in the matter. We placed ourselves in communication with the respectable and large firm of Manchester ironmongers who were called in to do what was done, but they referred us to the churchwardens, adding the very telling remark: "We understand our business." That addition was perfectly gratuitous, because no one has any doubt whatever that the firm in question fully understand the business of furnishing ironmongers and its adjuncts. There is no blame whatever attached to them. They were

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called upon to carry out the job, and their employe did it to the best of his experience, which was nil, so far as church bell hanging was concerned. What is required is that some influence may be brought to bear upon the church authorities—and not only these, but the Churchmen—of Eccles, to induce them to call in a skilled bell-hanger to report upon the condition of the bells. And then have them restored by competent hands.

CHETWYND CHURCH, SALOP.

A large tower clock has just been erected in the above church by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. It is constructed to show the time on two faces, and chime the Cambridge quarter chimes. There is a brass memorial tablet fixed on the works with the following inscription: "To the honour and glory of God and in loving remembrance of John Charles Burton Borough, this clock was given by his two sons Thomas George and Charles Gawen. Easter Day, 1906."

In addition to erecting the clock Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also rehung the ring of bells in the tower with all new fittings, and strengthened the frame, and the ringers rang a peal on Easter Sunday, when the "go" of the bells was pronounced excellent.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

A company will meet at Mottram on Saturday, April 28th, and attempt to ring Mr. Sottanstell's 12,000 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation. Start at two o'clock.

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Conducted by G. W. STEEL.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES WHITING Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
CHARLES SAMSON 2.	CHARLES BAILEY 6.
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*Reference to this peal elsewhere.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt in C sharp.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	HORACE F. MOORE 6.
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Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

All the above are members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. *First peal in the method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

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

RICHARD NICHOLS Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 5.
MAURICE SMITH 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
WILLIAM STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID WHITING.. .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	GEORGE ARCHER.. .. 6.
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Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

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Composed and Conducted by FRED COATES.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	CHARLES MEREFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. E. GOODENOUGH.

G. Williams was elected a member previous to starting.

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On Sunday, April 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

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JOHN HALL 4.	THOS. STIMPSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

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CHARLIE RAWLINGS .. Treble.	HARRY BROWNJOHN* .. 4.
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Conducted by ERNEST ANDREW.

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On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

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Tenor 19 cwt.

ANDREW TULLY Treble.	THOMAS TEASDALE 6.
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Composed and Conducted by T. TEASDALE.

* First peal on ten bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
HERBERT PYE 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
SAMUEL BIRD 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
THOMAS CRANFIELD .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Oxford by 2, 3, 4, 5.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble.	WILLIAM TOWNSHEND .. 5.
WILLIAM DYER 2.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 6.
GEORGE PEARCE 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
FREDERICK MUSTY 4.	REUBEN HEMMING Tenor.

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

Handbell Peals.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2.	† HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6.
THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. 3-4.	* THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 7-8.

Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

This is T. Hammond sen.'s 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Treble Bob, rung at Mottram, has been sent without the date.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Monday, March 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Bob Minor, being two 720s, 360 and 106, each called differently, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Jamieson, J. Denton, C. Burrage, C. Brighton, G. Orford conductor, A. Crowe.

ALMONDBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 11, for evening service, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Robertson, F. Blakeborough, C. Cryer, A. Garner, J. Jenkinson conductor, W. Womersley, J. W. Nutton, J. Littlewood.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 28th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Smith, F. Macey, S. S. Marshall, R. W. Belsey, J. W. Champion, C. Belsey conductor.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Treble Bob Minor, being 240 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. W. C. Lawrence, F. T. Dawson, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. On Sunday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dean, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. C. Taylor, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, H. Baker, W. Baker, C. Tribe, J. Mankelow, A. Snelling, G. Neve conductor, H. Baker. 504 in the same method. C. Tribe conductor, H. Baker, W. Baker, G. Cramp, J. Mankelow, G. Johnson, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. 336 in the same method, F. Milstead, H. Baker, jun., W. Baker, A. Hinds, C. Tribe, H. Baker, sen., G. Neve conductor, S. Hook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND.—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. W. Muse, A. O. Barber, C. F. W. Skelton, J. Bishop, jun., J. Edgegoose, W. Barker conductor. On Friday, March 16th, a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob. On Monday, March 19th, 1008 Bob Major. A. O. Barber, W. Muse, J. Bishop, sen., C. W. F. Skelton, H. Bishop, J. Bishop, jun., T. Richardson, W. Barker conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, being the first 720 on the bells since the tenor was rehung. B. F. Tubb, F. Jones, W. Eldred, F. Pratt, C. H. Martin, C. Crampton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, March 11th, at All Saints church, several courses of Bob Major and 336 in the same method. S. Jones, R. Heywood, J. Bullen, J. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, C. Bowen, J. W. Jones conductor. First touch in the method by all except the conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON (South Wales).—On Sunday morning January 14th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Watkins, W. Evans, S. Brooks, A. Bevan, G. Hardwick, W. Short conductor, W. Hargest, D. Price. For evening service another quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins. G. Giblin, W. Short, G. Hardwick, F. Stedman, A. Bevan, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, D. Price. On Wednesday, January 18th, on handbells, several short touches of Stedman Triples, all conducted by W. Short.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, March 19th, for practice, 1568 Superlative Surprise. R. Potter, W. Howell, A. Shufflebotham, E. P. Buckingham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Haley's peal. G. Gray, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. And 504 in the same method. G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Gold to Mr. Sydney Gold, of Cookham, Berks.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Wade first quarter-peal away from the tenor, H. Head, W. Newman, H. F. Cooper conductor, H. R. Dawson, A. Head, H. Richell, W. Rice.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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SINGLETON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. R. Porter, C. Porter, J. Ronson, H. Walton, A. Southworth, T. Charnley.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, January 21st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. B. Buswell, L. White, G. Tansey, W. Sharp, F. Cotton, G. Thompson, W. Humphreys, W. L. Woodward.

LONDON.—On Monday, January 15th, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Flouter, G. Gains, W. Weatherstone conductor, H. Bottrill, W. Hewitt, R. F. Deal, H. May, A. Riley. On Saturday, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor. H. May, R. G. Rice, J. Barry, R. F. Deal, W. Weatherstone conductor, C. Potheary.

LUTON (Beds).—On Thursday, February 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., 6th and tenor covering. J. W. Barker, J. Davies, F. Hunt, C. Wing, J. Rookwood, W. Bygrave, A. King conductor, H. Shaw. On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. B. Gutteridge, B. Wilson, J. Davies, C. Wing, F. Hunt, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor, H. Shaw.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Chapman, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, W. Chapman, A. J. Andrews, W. White, R. Chapman.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 25th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise came to grief after ringing 2240 changes. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, F. Roope, F. Borrett, F. Surridge, W. Roope, E. Borrett. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise. A. Smith, A. Roope, C. Baker, J. Allen, C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor, in 50 mins. A. Smith, F. Macey, S. Marshall, R. W. Belsey, J. W. Champion, C. Belsey conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44½ mins. S. Marshall, H. E. Simpson, H. J. Tidy, T. W. Jarrett, E. J. Bottle, W. J. Walker, W. Golding conductor, H. J. Brooks.

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RINGING IN THE ISLE OF
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On Easter Monday, at the invitation of the Rector of Swanage, a meeting of ringers from the neighbourhood was held in St. Mary's schoolroom. About forty ringers were present from Wareham, Lytchett Minster, Swanage, Worth Matravers, Bournemouth, Fern Down, Christ Church, Burton, Okeford-Fitzpaine, Sherborne and Guildford. Apologies, owing to the inconvenient day, were received from the members at West Lulworth, Kingston and Corfe Castle. Tea was generously provided by the lady ringers who are now practising at Swanage, and was served at 4 p.m. Afterwards the Rev. H. Farley, Vicar of Lytchett Minster, was elected chairman, and the formation of a local Association was discussed. It was mentioned that all the neighbouring incumbents now take an active interest in the ringing

in their towers, and in change-ringing. It was thought that it would be best not to form an independent Association for the Isle of Purbeck, but to hold informal meetings of local members, and all other ringers, under the auspices of the Diocesan Guild. The Swanage ringers were asked to formulate a scheme, and to bring it up for discussion at the annual meeting of the East Dorset Branch on April 28th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for providing the tea was proposed by Mr. Martin Stewart, of Fern Down, and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, of Worth. The latter reminded ringers that they were only the deputies of the incumbent, who was the sole ringer who was canonically responsible for sounding the bells. He also pointed out how suitable such a gentle and regularly rhythmic exercise it was for ladies, whose health and carriage could not fail to benefit through practice in the Art. It may be

mentioned that in some neighbouring towers girls are beginning to ring at the age of 12 with excellent results.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung earlier in the day by a band from Bournemouth and Swanage, and practice touches on tower and handbells filled up the time till the last boat sailed at 7 p.m.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
SOUTHWARK.

On Wednesday evening, April 11th, eight ringers of the above church rang the bells half-muffled for the memorial service in the church for the late Miss Buss for many years a member of the above church, and who for many years one of the Guardians. The deceased was much respected by all who knew her. After service the usual whole pull and stand was rung by T. H. Taffender, W. H. Taffender, G. F. Woodage, H. May, jun., H. Gunner, jun., G. F. Woodage, T. G. Walden, A. T. Gardner.

Obituary.

TOM MARS.

On Tuesday, April 10th, the above-named ringer passed away at 20, Howard Street, Wakefield. Although not taking to his bed above three days previous to his death, he had been in failing health for some time. The funeral took place at the cemetery, several ringers being present. Muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the Cathedral bells from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. The wreaths included one from ringers and friends, and one from his brother-workmen at the colliery. Up to the last few years deceased was a member of the Cathedral company. His peal record is five peals of Grandsire Triples including one on handbells, and two of Grandsire Caters; total—7. All were Yorkshire Association peals. Deceased who was ever ready with his wit and humour, always made himself a favourite in any company. J. W. M.

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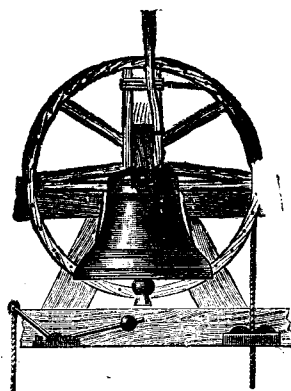
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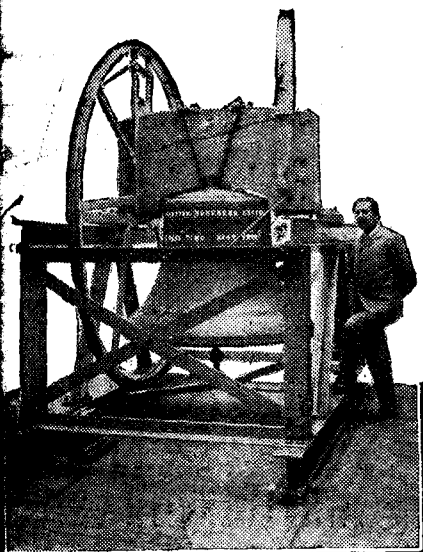
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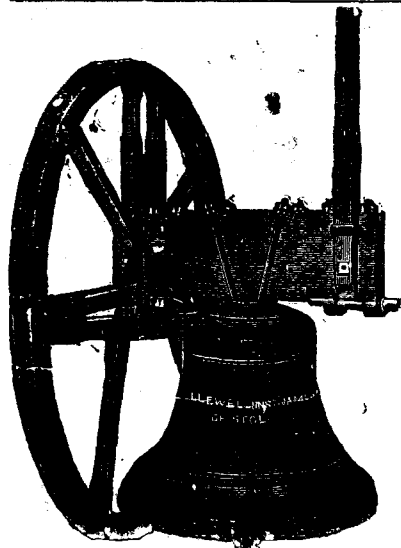
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BARFORD ST. MARTIN, WILTS.

The old peal of five bells (by Cockey 1732-1747), have just been rehung in a new cast-iron frame on oak foundation by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford. The old treble, which was cracked, has been recast, and a new treble added to make a peal of six, by Mears and Stainbank. The bells were re-opened on Saturday, April 21st, when a short service was held, at which an address was given by the Rev. J. H. Audland, Vicar of Dinton. Afterwards 720 Bob Minor and many 6-scores of Doubles were rung by a party of ringers from Salisbury under the leadership of Mr. W. W. Gifford. The "go" of the bells is excellent, and leaves nothing to be desired. It may be added that the bells which before were seriously out of tune, have also been tuned. The tenor is note F about 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting was held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 16th, over 100 members present. The bells of St. Paul's, St. Modwen's, and St. Mark's, Winhill, were available from 10 a.m., and were kept going with touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob until 4.15 p.m., when the company adjourned to tea in St. Paul's Institute. After tea a general meeting was held, the President (Sir Arthur Heywood) in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The election of four delegates to the Central Council took place. Six candidates were nominated, and the voting resulted as follows: Sir Arthur Heywood, 85; John W. Taylor, jun., 78; Joseph Griffin, 70; William E. White, 56; Harry Argyle, 18; William Willson, sen., 15. In his presidential address Sir Arthur Heywood congratulated the members on the year's record, and complimented them on their very successful performances, but he would like them to be more persistent in their attempts for peals in the higher methods. Sir Arthur said the Committee had been discussing the advisability of dividing the Derby district into two, on account of its large area and numbers, and the Hon. Secretary was empowered to write to the principal bands of ringers in the district asking them to send representatives to attend the next Committee Meeting to consider the question.

The balance-sheet, shewing a sum in hand of nearly £41, was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Hickman. Twenty-eight new ringing members were unanimously admitted.

Mr. John W. Taylor proposed, and Mr. W. Wakley seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells; and also to the Vicar of St. Paul's for the use of the Institute for the tea and meeting. The Revs. J. J. G. Stockley and H. B. Freeman suitably replied.

Sir Arthur Heywood was elected President; Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., Vice-president; Mr. W. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. W. E. White, Hon. Secretary. Matlock, Loughborough and South Wigston were

chosen for the next three quarterly meetings, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. J. P. Hales, and seconded by Mr. John Jaggar, concluded the meeting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday at the parish church of East Tytherley, 1168 Bob Major in 45 mins. H. C. Hayter, J. Harris, W. Rowe, jun., E. Paskins, J. Elcombe, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker, G. Williams conductor. The band then adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent spread had been provided by Mr. Bourdillon, a very enjoyable day being brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman. Seven of the band returned on bicycles to their various destinations, the remainder on shanks to Dunbridge station.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21st, the combined practice was held at Sonning, Berks. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and the bells were kept going till 8.15 to the tunes of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. This proved a very instructive and successful practice to all those attending, especially the local ringers, who are very keen now on ringing Stedman, their striking in this method being very praiseworthy, considering the short period they have been attempting the same. They certainly do credit to their instructor Mr. A. E. Reeves. The names of members who took part in the ringing were: W. P. Routh, Esq., Messrs. Hern, Tucker, Reeves, Cox, Swain, Giles, Moulden, the Misses Chillingworth (2), Abery, Mitchison, Newell, Glanville, Runham, Dowsett, Chapman, Hands, Russell (2), Wadhams, Brown, Hammans, Wright, Savage, Pike, Reeves and Franklin. Any member who was present whose name does not appear, I hope he will excuse me, as so many were there, it is rather difficult to think of them all. The next combined practice will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on May 9th, when it is hoped it will be as great a success as this one.

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REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

DEFINITIONS.

ADJACENT PLACES.—Thirds place is adjacent to 2nd, 4th is adjacent to 3rd etc. That is each of these places follows immediately after its predecessor.

e.g. 123456
213465

CROSS SECTION.—A Cross Section is the passing of the treble in Treble Bob Methods from one dodging position to the next.

123456
213465
124356
214365
Cross Section
241635
426153
421635
246153
Cross Section
264513

GRANDSIRE BOB PLACE.—The extreme internal working bell place, next to the hunt or hunts, when all the working bells are together, is called the Grandsire Bob Place. It is made across the parting of the leads, and joins two leads together without belonging to either.

1243 12345 3421 45321
1234 21354 4321 54312

N.B.—This Report has nothing to do with Bobs or Singles, but deals exclusively with Plain Leads.

N.B.—The arrangement of the Triple changes in Major, etc., is dealt with in the Appendix to the Report on Methods page 25 in Rules on Methods 1891-1903, and is therefore not dealt with in this Report.

REPORT.

Reference to the Report on Legitimate Methods will shew that all Methods are founded upon Principles, that a Principle is a round block in which all the bells do the same work, that a Principle may be used as a Method if it be true, and that Methods may be formed from Principles by retaining one or more bells as Hunts, and replacing the rest by Working Bells. These Working Bells all do the same work in the Course, while the Hunts repeat their work in the Course as many times as there are Working Bells, dividing the Course into the same number of Plain Leads.

Thus in any system of Classification we have first of all two main classes.

I.—PRINCIPLES used as Methods.

II.—METHODS founded upon Principles.

Let us examine the Principles first.

They divide into three classes, the first of these is *Original* having no internal places; the second, which has *Adjacent* places made together, e.g. 3rd and 4th in *Forward*, *Imperial*; the third which has *internal* places, but they are never *Adjacent* places made together, *Court*, e.g. *Stedman* and *Duffield*.

I.—PLAIN HUNT PRINCIPLE. *Original*.

II.—IMPERIAL PRINCIPLES e.g. *Forward*.

III.—COURT PRINCIPLES, e.g. *Stedman*, *Duffield*.

METHODS founded upon Principles.

These divide themselves naturally into classes according to the Principles upon which they are founded.

I.—PLAIN METHODS. Founded on the Plain Hunt Principle; in which the Hunt or Hunts work a plain hunting course.

II.—TREBLE BOB METHODS. Founded upon the Treble Bob Hunt Principle; in which the Hunt dodges in every dodging position up and down.

III.—ALLIANCE METHODS. In which the path of the Hunt is any symmetrical combination of I. and II.

Others have been published, and are referred to in the Appendix.

I.—PLAIN METHODS. These divide first or all into two Variations, as every Method having one Hunt can be varied by adding another Hunt and arranging the places according to the following rules.

Rule a. Any place made in the Method with one hunt

ABOVE the Hunt must remain at the same distance from the BACK when the second Hunt is added.

Rule b. Any place made in the Method with one Hunt BELOW the Hunt must remain at the same distance from the FRONT when the second Hunt is added.

EXAMPLES:

Bob Minimus.	Grandsire Doubles.
1243 | a	12345 | a
1234 |	21354 |
Double Bob Minimus.	Double Grandsire Doubles
1243 | a	12345 | a
1234 |	21354 |
2143 |	23145 |
2413 |	32415 |
4231 | b	34251 |
2431 |	43521 | b
	34512 |
	43152 |

- a. Thirds place from the back above the Hunt or Hunts.
b. Thirds place from the lead below the Hunt or Hunts.

Reverse College Single Minor.	Reverse College Single Triples (called Darlaston Bob.)
432156	3514276
341265 | a	3152467 | a
314256 |	1325476 |
132465 | a	1234567 | a
123456 |	2143576 |
214365 | a	2415367 | a
241356 |	4251376 |
423165	4523167

- a. Thirds place from behind above the Hunt or Hunts.

Double Norwich Major.	Double Norwich Caters
12345678	123456789
21436587 | a	214365879 |
24135678 |	241638597 | a
c | 42316587 | b	426135879 |
24361578 |	462318597 | b
42635187 | d	c | 643281579 |
24365817 |	463825197 |
42638571	d | 648352917 |
	463859271 |
	648395721 |

- a. 5th place from behind above the Hunt or Hunts.
b. 3rd " " " " " "
c. 3rd " " " " " "
d. 5th " " " " " "

Numerous other examples might be given, and from them it can easily be seen that those two rules apply universally, and therefore the difference between one and two hunts is not a new method but only a variation. Thus Bob and Grandsire are two variations of the same method. Reverse College Single Minor (commonly called College Single), and Darlaston Bob Triples are two variations of the same methods. Double Norwich Major and Double Norwich Caters are two variations of the same method. Hence we divide Plain Methods into two variations.

I.—Plain Methods.

A.—Plain Bob Variations.

B.—Grandsire Variations.

Now we classify those Methods by their places, and since the places of any Method in variation A bears a simple relationship to the places in the same Method in variation B, we can classify variation A, and then the Method in variation B will belong to the same class. These Methods all divide into three Classes; Bob, Imperial, and Court.

I.—BOB METHODS. In these Methods the Grandsire Bob Place is always made across the parting of the leads.

a. In single methods above the hunt or hunts.

b. In the methods below the hunt or hunts.

c. In double methods above and below the hunt or hunts.

e.g. Plain Bob and its fellow Grandsire, Double Oxford.

IMPERIAL METHODS. In these Methods Adjacent places are always made together, with or without the Grandsire Bob Place, e.g. Canterbury Pleasure Minor,

We see or other of Cross 9 important for the true is also in Let us Grandsire the Hunt of the does those plac the section from 3-4 ii any of the

123456
214365
241635
426153
462513
642531
465231
645213
654123
561432
516342
153624
135264

III. COURT METHODS. These never have the Grandsire Bob Place, or Adjacent places made together.

e.g. Court Bob Minor, Reverse and Double, College Single Minor and Reverse, Court Bob Triples, Reverse and Double, Norwich Court, Single, Reverse and Double, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

Now it is obvious that when we come to the next Group—Treble Bob Methods, that they will also fit into this classification, and every Treble Bob Method must be Bob Imperial or Court; *e.g.* Superlative is a Bob Method; Oxford, Kent, and Imperial Bob are Imperial Methods; Drew's Court Surprise Royal is a Court Method; but it is also obvious that this by no means covers all the ground, and we find that the old writers divided these methods into Treble Bob and Surprise, and the old idea seems to have been that a Treble Bob Method was a very simple one, while a Surprise Method was very intricate, and yet these old writers seem to have realised that there were other methods which they called Delights, Exercises, Merchants' Returns, or whatever name suited their fancy, but they never laid down any rule for classifying them; this then is the problem which we have to face.

We start then with the classes Treble Bob and Surprise, and all that we know about them is that the first is very simple, and the second very intricate; what do we mean by simplicity or intricacy in a Method.

The classification adopted in the Glossary sought for this simplicity or intricacy in the path of a working bell through the Plain Course, but it is perfectly obvious to any one who tries to build a method that this is only a secondary quality, we get our plain lead by arranging our places, and the path of a working bell is the result of this. Hence we seek for the simplicity or intricacy of the Method in the arrangement of the places in the plain lead, and not in the path of one bell.

Let us then take some typical examples of Treble Bob Methods, mark their internal places, and see what we can find out about their real nature.

Take half a lead of Kent Treble Bob, and mark all its places.

123456
213475
124356
214365
Cross Section
241635
426153
421653
246153
Cross Section
264513
625431
624513
265431

We see that all its places are made when the Treble is in one or other of the dodging positions, 1-2, 3-4, or 5-6; and never at a Cross Section between those dodging positions, and it is important for us to remember that these places are necessary for the truth of the Method, because the Treble Bob Principle is false in itself.

Let us now look at Cambridge Surprise. Here we find the Grandsire Bob Place 2nd over the Hunt in front and 5th under the Hunt behind; also places when the treble is dodging in each of the dodging positions on 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6; but in addition to those places fourth's place is also made when the treble crosses the section from 1-2 into 3-4, and thirds place when she crosses from 3-4 into 5-6. Now these places are quite different from any of the others, and it is evident that in Treble Bob Minor

Methods we have three classes those in which a place is made at both Cross Sections in the half lead; those in which a place is made at only one Cross Section; and those in which a place is never made at any Cross Section.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

a | 124365
123456
214365 | b
124635
216453
c | Cross Section.
261435
624153
621435
264153
c | Cross Section.
624513
265431 | b
256413
524631 | a
256431

- Grandsire Bob Place.
- Treble Bob Place.
- Cross Place.

It only remains to extend this to 8, 10 and 12 bells, and we have a complete classification for Treble Bob methods.

I. SURPRISE METHODS.—In these a place is made at every Cross Section on 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells.

e.g. Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

2. DELIGHT METHODS.—In these a place is made at every Cross Section except one, on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

e.g. Coventry (called Surprise) Minor.

3. EXERCISE METHODS.—In these a place is made at every Cross Section except two, on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

4. PASALLATRIA METHODS.—In these a place is made at every Cross Section except three on 10 and 12 bells.

5. PASALLATESSARA METHODS.—In these a Place is made at every Cross Section except four on 12 bells only.

III. ALLIANCE METHODS.

These can be classified either like Plain Methods or Treble Bob Methods.

CLASSIFICATION.

A. PRINCIPLES used as Methods.

- Plain Hunt Principle. No internal Places.

ORIGINAL.

- Imperial Principles. Adjacent Places made together *e.g.* Forward.

- Court Principles. No Adjacent places made together. *e.g.* Stedman, Duffield.

B. METHODS founded on Principles.

- Plain Methods (Variations | A. Plain Bob.)
| B. Grandsire.

- Bob Methods.

- Imperial Methods.

- Court Methods.

B III. Treble Bob Methods.

- 1, 2, 3 as above in B I, and

- Surprise Methods. 6, 8, 10, 12 bells.

- Delight Methods. 6, 8, 10, 12 bells.

- Exercise Methods. 8, 10, 12 bells.

- Pasallatria Methods. 10, 12 bells.

- Pasallatessara Methods. On 12 bells only.

ALLIANCE METHODS.

- III. Always the same as B I, and sometimes as B II.

APPENDIX.

Other Methods have been produced founded upon different Principles, *e.g.*, the treble to ring a double dodging hunt, or an alliance of a double dodging hunt and a single dodging hunt, or an alliance of a double dodging hunt and a plain hunt, or an alliance of all three. These can all be classified like Treble Bob or Alliance.

Again, Forward Principle or Duffield Principle can have methods founded upon them by making 2nds or 7ths or both when the treble leads or lies her whole pull. Forward Bob Major, Duffield Bob Major, Single, Reverse, and Double etc., etc,

S E R M O N

By the Rev. the Curate of St. Clement Danes, delivered to the members of the London County Association (late St. James's Society.)

I have taken as my text Exodus xxviii. 34—"A golden bell." When I heard yesterday, my brethren, that I was expected to address the members of your Association, the question immediately came into my mind as to what would be the best subject to speak upon, and I think you will agree with me that it would be a difficulty, especially to one whose years are not so very many, as mine. As you know, the Rector of this parish, your chaplain, is not able to be here to-day, much to his regret; and so the question came into my mind "What shall I speak about?" And the answer came, "This is not a body of strangers; I am going to speak to a body of fellow-workers"; and so to-night if you will bear with me for just one or two moments, I am going to speak to you as fellow-workers with myself, as one of the clergy of the Church to which we belong. Now it would be useless for me to attempt to tell you anything about the history of bells or bell-ringing. I must confess that I am myself rather ignorant on the subject, and I dare say were I to speak to you upon it, there are many of you who could teach me something about it. But I think a few general remarks as to bells will not be out of place. The date of the casting of the first bell is I think, very doubtful, but they are certainly things of very great antiquity. We cannot tell whether they were used before the times when we have the first notice of them in the Bible. The Jews used them in their service from the earliest times. In this verse, from which I have taken my text, these golden bells were to be embroidered upon the garments of the High Priest. The prophet Zechariah says they were in constant use. Among other nations besides the Jews we find early notice of bells. We find records of bells engraved in Babylonian and Assyrian times. The church used them very early in her history. She used them both in her services and in calling to service, and it was because of them that she built very beautiful houses for their reception. Even in our own country, to speak nothing of such places as Venice, we have instances of some very beautiful edifices built simply and solely for their use. I am thinking particularly of the campanile of Chichester Cathedral, which is not connected with the Cathedral, but which was built for the accommodation of the bells. Not only was a bell to be embroidered on the vestments of the High Priest, but the post of bell-ringer was a very high one in the church. They had then seven orders of clergy, not three as nowadays, but seven, and that of doorkeeper was one of these. He was counted as a clergyman, and it is very probable that among his duties that of ringing the bells was included. Now just look at the use of bells on the continent. We find them used even more than we do here. I do not think change-ringing is found so much there, nor is it carried to such a state of perfection, but they are rung chiefly through mechanical contrivances. The town of Antwerp has a beautiful belfry, and in this belfry there is a peal of forty bells, and these bells are rung every day at intervals of seven-and-a-half minutes. They vary very much in size, ranging from a very small one which is only just over two-and-a-half inches across the mouth, to the very largest which weighs 8 tons. This is named "Great Charles," and bears the date 1507. Its casting was considered such an event in the history, not of Antwerp only, but of Belgium, that the Emperor attended the ceremony of its consecration, and consequently his name was given to it. These beautiful chimes are heard twice every quarter of an hour, and it seems no sooner have they ceased than it is time for them to start again. Anyone who has heard the effect of these bells as they chime through the night cannot fail to be struck with their wonderful beauty. And these bells are all worked by a carillon as we have in our steeple here, and with which of course you are all familiar. The bells of their churches were rung much more frequently than ours. As you know the Angelus is rung every three hours, at 12, 3, and 6, and this we hear from some of our Roman Catholic churches in England now. Besides this the bell is rung at the consecration in the Roman Catholic service, and in our own church we have our Sanctus Bell, which which was the original Consecration Bell used in pre-Reformation times. Away from Europe we find a few poor substitutes.

A good many of you no doubt have seen a Burmese gong. It is made of wood, and is used by the natives with the same idea as a bell is used here. I know a clergyman who was working for many years in Central Africa, who had no ordinary metal bell, but on a post outside he had one of these wooden gongs, which were all the natives used to call to church. And one more instance we find in Mohammedan countries, instead of ringing a bell, the priest goes out on the top of the steeple and calls to the people to pray. I am afraid if we tried to do this in England we should it a great strain on our throats, especially in the amount of traffic passing down the Strand. You will be wondering if this is all I have to speak about, and if I have no message. I say yes, I have a message, and I base it entirely on the use of bells. Something particular was said about these bells that were to be embroidered on the garments of the High Priest. They were all to have inscriptions on, and it was to be "Holiness to the Lord." Zechariah laid it down as a law that even on the bells of the horses bridles should be the same message. There is something in this to learn a lesson from. We have to learn that we must serve God. You are serving God by ringing for service; I serve God in the particular way in which the clergy do, but we must remember that great rule of "Holiness to the Lord." Many churches have a custom of saying a short prayer before ringing. It reminds a person that the work of ringing them is part of our duty to God. Remember that we ought to live as holy to Him. There is an old saying which only too often has a great deal of truth in it, that "the nearer the Church, the farther from God." I hope it is not true with any of us. We hear it quoted with a certain amount of application in a good many churches, but we must see that although we are near, in fact, in the church, we are not farther from God. Then let us think of the uses to which bells are put; our bells have been muffled to-day for the late King of Denmark, whose loss we mourn as father to our beloved Queen. We must remember that some day those bells must peal for our funerals. I do not know, but perhaps one of the members has passed over on to the other side since last you met here, and before you meet again perhaps we ourselves may have passed on; but this ought not for a moment to put gloom into your hearts; our time is but short in this world, and we must remember them in our service of bell-ringing for one who has gone before, that someone will have to do it for us some day. And so we say that the work of bell-ringing should be done for and to God. Don't let any unseemly behaviour occur in the belfry. Don't have any improper talk or joking. We should understand that we come there to render a certain service to God, as his servants, exactly the same as the clergyman. We must remember that "Holiness to the Lord" must be our motto. One last message and I have done. If we left this church directly after our service, and in our walking down the Strand we saw a man standing in the doorway of a shop and calling out "Do come inside, we are going to give away a good supper, and we are going to make a present to everyone who comes in," and then directly he had got that place full of people, directly he had filled every available seat, if we saw him put on his hat and walk briskly away, should not we think it strange. I do not speak here personally, because I have not seen it, but we sometimes see people come down from the steeple and put on their hats and walk away. I know that the work of bell-ringing is extremely hard and exhausting, but after we have called others to church, should we not at any rate try to set them an example. I know you have done your work as part of God's service, but surely sometimes we may go a little further and go in with the others and partake of that repast. So to repeat. Our motto should be—"Holiness to the Lord." Our bell should be inscribed with, and also our heart, and we should not only call people to church but we should set them a better example by going into church and lifting up our mouths in his praise, as well as ringing the bells to his honour, and we shall most certainly fit ourselves for that far greater service in the world to come; serving Him throughout eternity, not ringing bells perhaps, but serving Him in some far better way to which may God in His infinite mercy bring us all.

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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, May 3rd, 17th, and 31st. St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, May 8th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 28th, at the Parish Church, Tamworth. The bells will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. There will be a short service in the church at 5 o'clock, at which every member present will be expected to attend.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Ashton-under-Lyne Society will hold their annual meeting to-day, Saturday, April 28th, 1906, at their headquarters, St. Michael's Parish Church. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

CHAS. BOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Chadwick Street, Cockbrook.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Tea and meeting at the Co-operative hall at 4.30. Tickets for tea 1s. 2d. each. Ringers' service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Preacher, the Ven Archdeacon Bond. Towers open for ringing Cathedral (8) from 7 to 9. St. Peter-at-Arches (8) from 3.30 to 4.30. St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) from 2.30 to 4. St. Botolph's (5) from 2 to 2.30 and from 7 to 9.

REV. J. F. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—(Northern Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Tea at the Co-operative hall at 4.30 at 1s. 2d. each. Members producing receipts for subscriptions for 1906 free. The usual towers will be open for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 6.30. Annual meeting in the ringers' chapel immediately after the service.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Studman," Ropery Road, Guinsborough.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea in the church room at 6 p.m.

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

6, Alexandra Terrace, Chislehurst.

The North Notts Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Meeting at West Retford school, 3 p.m. Service in West Retford church, 4 p.m. Tea at Newcastle Arms, 5 p.m. Members of kindred associations will be made welcome. Three towers open for ringing.

B. DABLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch, will be held at Frome, to-day, Saturday, April 28th. Tea 5 p.m. at The Union Jack. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at Wareham, to-day, April 28. The towers of St. James, Poole and Corfe Castle will be available. Ringing from 2. Committee 4. Service 4.30. Tea followed by general meeting 5.

C. A. PHILLIPS, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Preston, on Saturday, May 5. The bells of the parish (8), St. Mark's (6), and Penwortham (6) will be at liberty from 2.30. Meeting in the National School, Avenham Lane, at 5.30. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS,)
J. H. BANKS,) *Hon. Secs.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a large photograph to be taken of the members in the parish churchyard at 5 p.m. All members please attend if possible. General meeting 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Longton, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Unveiling peal board 5.15 p.m. Tea 3d. each at 6 p.m. Short service at 7.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. W. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton, not later than Thursday, May 3rd.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devises Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trowbridge, Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Estcourt Crescent, Devises.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 5th, 1906. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30 prompt.

ZEB. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, May 7th, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting will be held at Mersham, on Wednesday, May 9. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. This being a trial mid-week meeting, it is hoped members will make it convenient to attend.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

101, High Street, Hythe, Kent.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley, on Saturday, May 12th, 1906. The belfry will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head, at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

3, Culow Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham, on Saturday, May 12. The tower of Faversham church will be open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Recreation tavern. Business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members present. Subscriptions should be paid at once.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 6.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 4.30 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 KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—All communications respecting this division should be addressed to 15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes, and P.O.O. made payable (Southover) post office.

ROBERT J. DAWZ, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

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JOHN HOLMAN 2.	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 3.	JOHN FLINT 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	JAMES RICHMOND 9.
JAMES W. HINTON 5.	HENRY HOWELL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND-YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	JONAS S. AMBLER 5.
EDWARD KERSHAW* 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	*FRED. WHITELEY 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY 4.	FRED. SALMONDS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by FRED. SALMONDS.

*First peal on these bells by the above Association. *First peal on eight bells.

WALPOLE, LINCOLNSHIRE

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. G. CROSS Treble.	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 2.	GEORGE LADD 5.
HARRY HILL* 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WILLIAM SMITH.

*First peal. First peal ever rung in Marshland, and was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. J. Farr, the band wishing him the usual compliment.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CLEALS ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED GREENFIELD .. Treble.	GEORGE H. LEE 5.
LEONARD STILWELL 2.	CHARLES BLACKMAN 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 3.	JAMES H. BLAKE 7.
WILLIAM TICEHURST .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

George Holfield was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. LEAVEY Treble.	J. WARD 5.
E. HAM 2.	A. BURGESS 6.
MISS A. WHITE 3.	H. WHITE 7.
F. HANSFORD 4.	J. BALLARD Tenor.

Conducted by J. WARD.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

T. PEARSON Treble.	G. SINGLETON 3.
H. SINGLETON 2.	JAS. DALTON 4.
W. JACKSON Tenor.	

Conducted by H. SINGLETON.

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

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
GEORGE IRVINE 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
EDWIN MENDAY 3.	HENRY SMITH 7.
ERNEST MENDAY 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First Surprise peal on the bells. The Caversham ringers thank the Vicar and his ringers for their kindness in granting the use of the tower on this occasion, and will be pleased to place the Caversham tower at their disposal at any time.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

GARRIE MILES Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 7.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 8.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	GEORGE CONDICK 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 10.
THOMAS BALDWIN 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 11.
JESSE GILLET 6.	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor.

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

First peal of Stedman Cinques by all except E. E. Davis.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

C. RAE† Treble.	†W. NEAL 5.
W. PILLAR† 2.	†S. J. WRIGHT 6.
O. ARKLESS† 3.	†R. M. POUNDER 7.
T. METCALFE* 4.	†H. HANSON Tenor.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

*First peal in the method on the bells and rung by the local band. Also as a birthday compliment to the second ringer, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. †First peal as conductor. †First peal in any method. †First peal of Grandsire. Also rung at the first attempt.

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

On Wednesday, April 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

G. M. MORTON Treble.	*CHARLES H. CUESTER 5.
GEORGE FLINTHAM 2.	FRED PYLE 6.
SIDNEY W. TINDALL 3.	GEORGE CHESTER 7.
TOM PYLE 4.	JOHN W. WATSON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE CHESTER.

*First peal in the method.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, College Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	CHARLES TAYLOR 4.
JOHN ARKHURST* 2.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5.
ARTHUR W. TULLETT 3.	FREDERICK TULLETT Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK TULLETT,

* 100th peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY PORCH Treble.	ALGERNON LEWTON 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2.	HARRY PARSONS 7.
CHARLES GORDON 3.	WILLIAM CAVE 8.
JOHN DAVIS† 4.	HERBERT CAVELL 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	WALTER APPERLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

†First peal in the method.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty one Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE OAKES* Treble.	WALTER COATES 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER* 2.	JOHN THORPE 7.
FRED. COATES 3.	*ALBERT NASH 8.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH* 4.	WILLIAM WARBURTON 9.
ALBERT C. FEARLEY* 5.	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR,
5040 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt.
Being seven different 720s.

WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH* Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.
R. HUGH RICHARDSON† 2.	ARTHUR J. FARR 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 3.	GEORGE LADD Tenor.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half muffled as token of respect to the late Mrs. Everard, of Leamington, who was buried at Wyke ham chapel on that date. She was a great benefactor to Surfleet having given 1050 towards the restoration of the parish church.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.

* On Friday, April 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	JOSEPH OGDEN 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 2.	FRED. H. BUCKLEY 6.
JAMES LEES 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
SAMUEL H. BUTTERWORTH 4.	ALBERT CLEGG Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by G. H. BEEVER.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

J. Wagborn was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting

AN ASSOCIATION and Sixteen Minutes. CHANGES.

Lewton .. 6.
Rsons .. 7.
ave .. 8.
Cavell .. 9.
Pferley .. Tenor.
by Henry Porch.

RE ASSOCIATION (ETY.) Thirty one Minutes. CHANGES.

TES .. 6.
E .. 7.
H .. 8.
BURTON .. 9.
ENN .. Tenor.
by Clement Glenn

E. UILD.

Fifteen Minutes,
CE,
OB MINOR,
2 cwt.

ARDSON .. 4.
ER .. 5.
.. Tenor.
bells half muffled as a
was buried at Wyke,
not having given 1050.

Forty Minutes,
ANGES.

.. 5.
LEY .. 6.
.. 7.
.. Tenor.

CHANGES.

N, SEN. .. 5.
.. 6.
.. 7.
.. Tenor.
EPH POTTER.
previous to starting

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN 4.	THOMAS R. SMITHSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

The above peals were arranged for Mr. J. Waghorn who was on a visit to Manchester. Further reference elsewhere.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
CHARLES LEMAN 2.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Rung in honour of Rector's (Canon F. H. Hitchens') birthday.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS HEDGES Treble.	WALTER SEAR 5.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN* .. 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
HARRY HOPKINS* 3.	FRED SEAR 7.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. W. Bennett, for 45 years Rector of Blethley, who was interred on the 18th inst. The band also wish to thank Richard Selby Lowndes, Esq., for kindly entertaining the ringers after the peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Monday, March 12th, at All Saints church, on the silent apparatus, 350 Grandsire Triples. P. Dowden, M. Squibb, F. Jolliffe, E. Simmonds, J. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, O. Coombes conductor, W. Attrill.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—Recently, at St. Nicholas' church, 1008 Bob Major. C. Bloy, J. Herrod, H. Secker, M. Jarvis, B. Whiteside, J. Wells, J. G. Miles, F. Adcock conductor. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Bloy, J. Herrod, F. Adcock, B. Whiteside, M. Jarvis, J. G. Miles conductor. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. G. Miles conductor, 1-2; J. Herrod, 3-4; B. Whiteside, 5-6. 672 Bob Major. J. G. Miles conductor, 1-2; J. Herrod, 3-4; B. Whiteside, 5-6; F. Adcock, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 30 mins. T. Latham, J. Austin, J. Bramington, J. Matthews, A. Allman, J. Bradshaw conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On January 14th, 720 Double Court. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On January 16th, 720 Violet. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On January 22nd, 720 College Single. H. G. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On January 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On February 11th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. G. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, R. King conductor. On February 20th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Griffin, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor, R. King. On February 21st, 720 College Single. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson conductor. On March 4th, 720 New London. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On March 7th, 720 Woodbine. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. Also 720 Double Oxford, standing as above, R. King conductor.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on the occasion of the wedding of the steeplekeeper (Mr. G. Walters), a touch each of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, with E. Davis conductor. After the wedding and for Divine Service four courses of Stedman Caters. A. N. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, H. Gummer, T. H. Taffender conductor, T. Langdon, W. G. Matthews, W. Shimmans, J. E. Davis, W. Berry, A. B. Peck.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. S. Jones, R. Heywood, J. Bullen, J. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, C. Bowen, J. W. Jones conductor. First touch in the method by all except the conductor.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, March 31st, 1440 Forward Royal. A. Knights, B. A. Knights, W. Lambert, C. Glenn, G. W. Moss, G. Hollis, D. Brearley, W. Biggin, J. Flint, S. Thomas conductor. On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. N. Dickins, G. Hollis conductor, H. Kirk, W. J. Thyng, D. Farthing, S. Price, B. A. Knights, A. Knights, W. Collins, G. Mee. First quarter-peal in any method by N. Dickins.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1302 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, F. S. Sturt, W. Pelling, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, J. F. Steadman.

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"PRACTICAL POLITICS," ETC.

REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

Mr. Willson is right. I had forgotten that the Council of which he has such a poor opinion is no more. But as I am already a member of the new one, may I say that I hope that he is also by this time a member, for if the Council is to deal with the question which he has raised, we shall want the help of one who knows all about it and foresees no difficulties. Mr. Willson thinks "abusive language" too strong a term for his first letter; and I am willing to believe that he did not mean to be abusive, but only—shall we say?—mildly critical. But I must still submit that, if you want any man or body of men to take up a scheme which you have at heart, it is (to say the least) not good policy to begin by telling them what fools they are.

MR. R. A. DANIELL.

What is Mr. Willson's statement, in his last communication, reminding Mr. Papillon that the Council is dead, but the shiftiest evasion—the half truth which is no better than falsehood? For Mr. Willson knows that the Council is not an inanimate abstraction, but is composed of individuals, and to those individuals, if his words mean anything, he has referred in insulting terms. Moreover he must know that a large proportion—probably a majority—of the last Council is practically sure to be re-elected to serve on the coming one. It is useless for him to take refuge in casuistry of this sort. His letter was unmistakably rude to individuals.

He is afraid the estimable Vicar of Writtle does not follow the speeches of the House of Commons verbatim, or his censure upon him (Mr. Willson) would not have been so severe! Why, sir? Parliamentary eloquence consists of varying degrees, from statesmanlike, courteous, but searching criticism, to mere vulgar rant; and those of us who do not accept the doctrine that abuse is argument, are no more likely to be impressed with Mr. Willson's style, because precedents may be found for it in the proceedings of the national talking shop.

MR. J. A. FROLLOPE.

I quite expected that Mr. Willson would have something to say about "if the cap fits wear it." That is the usual characteristic of attacks of this kind. A man and his work is held up to derision, and he may not reply because his name is not actually mentioned. Mr. Willson referred pointedly to the work of the Method Committee, of which I am a member, to two resolutions I moved at the Council meeting, to a correspondence I took part in lately in "THE BELL NEWS," to an article I wrote in the same paper, and to the Council peal collection for which I was collector; and then he says I have "rushed in" to take these charges on myself. Certainly if they were not intended for me, Mr. Willson owes a very full apology to some one else, for untrue as they are applied to me they are simply silly applied to another. But Mr. Willson now leaves no doubt that it was myself that he had in mind when he wrote. He repeats the charges against me by name, and in a more offensive manner if possible. I have emphatically denied that I have any wish to dictate to ringers on anything, and when a man makes a personal statement of that kind, it is usual to take his word for it, just as it is usual when speaking of a living man to put a handle to his name. But Mr. Willson is far above these mere conventions of polite society. He says I have dictated and he will prove it. This is his proof. He says: "The resolution moved at Canterbury by J. Armiger Trollope was—*not* (my italics) that Grandsire Major or Bob Triples be discontinued, but that peals rung BE NOT BOOKED." (The double underlining is his). He goes on "The resolution was not accepted and quite right too. . . If 'this is not dictation—and dogmatic dictation—tell me what is?' " The facts are these. The resolution as I moved it ran as follows: "That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised, and that the various Associations be advised not to book peals in the same." I write from memory, but I am sure I am quoting it verbally correctly. When I moved it, before anyone else had spoken, before even it had been seconded, I stated that so anxious was I to avoid the very appearance of interfering with

the Association, that although the resolution only *advised* them if anyone moved that the latter part be omitted, I should vote for the amendment. This was done. The President then suggested a verbal alteration to bring the wording more into line with other resolutions on similar subjects, and said that the revised wording would fully express the meaning of the mover. The resolution then read, "That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major not being legitimate methods are to be discouraged." This was accepted by myself and my seconder, and carried without opposition. I ask the Exercise to compare the facts with Mr. Willson's parody of them, and to see on what rotten foundations he has reared his charges. But suppose I had persisted in my original resolution and pressed it to a division, what right has Mr. Willson to call it "dictation?" I have been a member of the Council for the last ten years, Mr. Willson has not yet succeeded in inducing his Association to give him their confidence. I have as much right to bring the question even of booking peals to the Councils notice as he has to bring up the question of a benevolent fund. The Council may or may not pass my resolution, but I claim my right to hold and express my opinions at Council meetings without being insulted for them.

I hardly know what to say in reply to Mr. Willson's attack on my peal collection. He seems to have great satisfaction in the thought that what he said may have hurt me. It does hurt me, and hurt me very much, that I should have to defend myself in "THE BELL NEWS," against charges of common, mean, dishonesty, of "subordinating public use to private gain," of using public money for my own private advantage. They that like to believe such things of me may do so. My reputation, at least, for such things is safe in the hands of my friends and the Exercise. Mr. Willson ignored my challenge to produce a peal that had been left out to make room for an inferior one of my own. I challenge him or anyone else to point out a peal of mine in the collection that is not fairly worthy of its place.

I must apologise for taking up so much space on a personal matter. This is the last time I shall answer anything Mr. Willson may bring against me: but when you consider that he knows nothing at all about me, that I have never been in opposition to him over any one question, that I have not even expressed an opinion on his scheme, what manner of man must he be to go entirely out of his way to make the false and spiteful charges he has done, and all the while professing to be working for the brotherhood of ringers, of whom I am, at least, one.

MR. C. D. POTTER.

The controversy over Mr. W. Willsons suggested Benevolent Fund, seems to have caused extremes to meet. On the one hand we have one who in his eagerness to bring forward a self-help movement uses language more forcible than polite against the Central Council—on the other we have certain members of said Council taking exception to such language.

We in this country cut off from the mainland of Europe, are undoubtedly narrow in our views, and although our charitable and benevolent institutions are many and varied, these are often the outcome of a national calamity. It is seldom that we realise the worth of a subject until death takes place, and loss is felt. In our every-day life it requires too great a display of banner band and collection box to gain a ready response from the British public (ringers excepted), in truth as a people, we are classed as slow to move but quick to act.

Mr. Willson has evidently realized that the ringers' house of lords as represented by the Council, are not enthusiastic over a benevolent fund, hence his unguarded statements. But ringers of riper years know too well the sad side of the Exercise when a good man and true has had to seek the shelter of the poor house. Personally I hope Mr. Willson may be given the opportunity to espouse his cause on the Council, and there by the justness and necessities of his case, coupled with his own good conduct and example, he will gain many adherents.

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On Thursday, April 12th, a very nice ring of six was opened by the Rev. Z. P. Williamson, Vicar of Margam, assisted by the Rector (Rev. T. Holmes Morgan). The Bridgend ringers rang a few touches on the bells, which are in splendid ringing order. The four old bells have been recast by the well-known firm of Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and larger ones added. We shall probably refer to this again next week.

BELL SOUNDS.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook writes as fol-

lows from Arklow, Ireland, on this subject:

"I was very interested to read the letters of different readers of your valuable paper regarding bell sounds. The bells here are tuned by Canon Simpson's method, and are often heard as much as nine miles away. I am inclined to believe that bells with properly tuned harmonics would be heard much farther than bells where the harmonics are neglected, as the hum-notes are heard farther than the actual keynote. People who live three or four miles from Arklow say that the humming of the bells are very fine.

"I remember once standing on a bridge in the city of Oxford on a very quiet night, and was able to take down the course-ends of Stedman Caters

which was being rung at Appleton, at least five miles away. * Mr. Hounsflow often tells me the tale of how he was once ringing at Appleton for Christmas Eve, and just after finishing the peal he went out into the churchyard, and there distinctly heard the front six bells at Magdalen College, Oxford, finishing the fall. These are perhaps the most beautiful small bells in England, and about seven miles from Appleton."

ECCLES BELLS.

"The bells at Eccles parish church figure prominently in this week's 'BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD.' The peal has recently been rehung, but the result does not appear to have pleased everybody, and particularly campanological experts. The last monthly meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association of Bellringers was held at Eccles, and it is recorded that the members, who had gone there, anxious to test the work done, 'came to the conclusion that they (the bells) were in a worse condition than before they were touched.' A contributor who signs himself 'Impressioinst' deals rather severely in the satirical vein with the rehanging bells. If these experts are to be believed, Eccles, campanologically speaking, is in parlous state."—*Manchester Courier*, April 7th, 1906.

NOTE TO PEAL.

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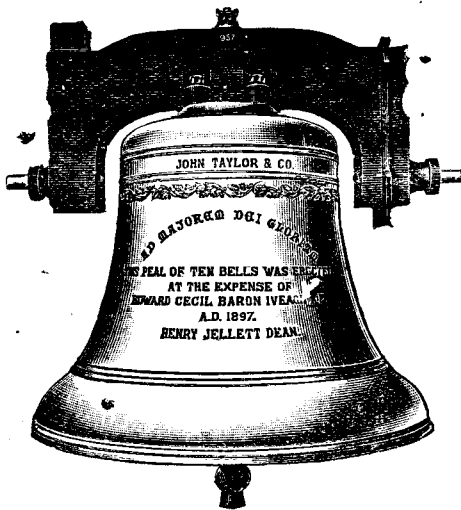
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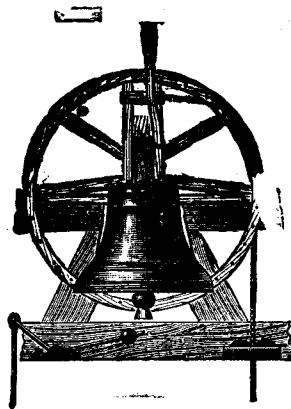
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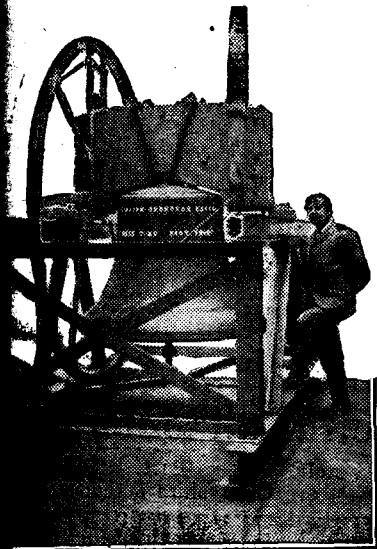
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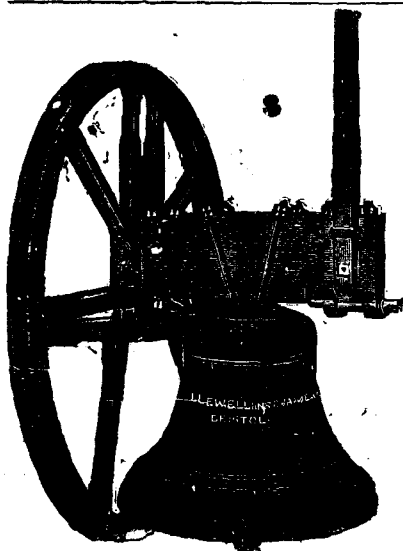
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DEDICATION AT NEWTON NOTTAGE CHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

In last week's number a brief notice was given of the dedication of a ring of six bells at the above-named place, a work which has been very successfully carried out by Llewellyns and James, Bellfounders, of Bristol. The church, a sketch of which is given below, possesses many curious and historical features. Mr. G. E. Halliday, F.R.I.B.A., has sent to the Press a very interesting account of the edifice, in which he says:—

"Picturesquely situated on the outskirts of the undulating golden green sandhills which line the seashore from the Ogmore River to Portcawl stands the old-world church of St. John the Baptist at Newton Nottage. It is a somewhat small building, with a large and wide sunny

fired from the summit of many an old church tower is an ascertained fact. But there are a very few examples which conclusively prove that some parish churches, at any rate, were fortified. At Newton we find one of these rare examples.

"Newton tower stands 54-ft. high, with walls 4-ft. thick. It was divided into ground floor, first, second, and third floors, the last floor being surmounted by a flat embattled roof. The corbels which once supported these floors or compartments still remain to tell their story. The three upper rooms were each lighted by three narrow slit windows, very much splayed on the inside. The absence of the usual belfry windows is at once noticeable. These compartments were probably reached by ladders, which could be drawn up in case of necessity. The spiral stone



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST NEWTON NOTTAGE

south porch, which seems to invite the passer-by to enter. The great western tower, too, now mellowed by age, has a sturdy, yet kindlier, look about it to-day than when, some seven hundred summers ago, the men of Newton sought its protection for their wives and children if a band of marauding pirates were sighted from its battlements. For the good people of Newton then looked upon their church not only as a place of worship, but as their fortress—a very present help in trouble.

"In the year 1250 or thereabouts the church did not look quite the same as it does to day. There are indications from which it can fairly be conjectured that the nave and chancel, then probably flat-roofed, were surrounded by a parapet or battlement, as was also the tower, for the gables which crown the tower at present, the western door porch, and most of the windows, are products of more peaceful times.

"It is generally supposed that our old parish churches were places of refuge, and that a warning beacon was

staircase to the first floor is of later date. From the third floor—the room just below the roof—a door 6-ft. 3 in. in height opens directly over the nave roof. This doorway was until quite recently in part built up, and was thought to be a window opening. Should an unwary person by any chance now step forward from this old doorway he would be precipitated on to the roof below, but in the old days this would not have happened, for it will be seen that a range of great stone corbels stand out some 2-ft. from the wall face. These corbels once supported a wooden platform, which was protected on three sides, and in all probability covered by a wooden roof or screen. A somewhat similar modern instance may be seen projecting from the wall of Cardiff Castle, overlooking Castle Street, which gives a fair idea of the outer defence of Newton tower. The advantage of this outer defence is at once apparent. Archers stationed here, themselves protected, could cover the entire body of the church, and thus be of the greatest assistance to its defenders, and could, in fact,

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"Newton Church, amongst its other lessons, teaches us that Welshmen in the olden days defended their Church, very probably in word, but certainly in deed, which fact may very well be remembered by Churchmen of the present day."

Maundy Thursday was the day on which it was intended to dedicate the bells. There were many who admired the work done in the tower by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and the general symmetry of the bells' appearance as they lay in the churchyard, and afterwards as they hung together in the new frame, gave rise to numerous flattering eulogies on the thorough manner in which English Bellfounders carry out bell-work entrusted to them; and the purity of tone of the bells.

A very large congregation assembled on the occasion. In recent years one bell only has been in use in this ancient edifice, the other three having been rendered useless through fractures, in fact, it is calculated that these bells were damaged no less than 200 years ago. A meeting of the parishioners was held last autumn, at which it was decided to have the old bells recast, and to purchase two new ones. The contract was given to the above-named Bristol firm, who undertook to carry out the work for £287 10s., towards which sum £200 was guaranteed by Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Charles Morris, Miss Knight and Miss Chambers. The oldest bells are dated 1622, and the other two 1689. On the two former are inscriptions in Latin, the following being translations: "Sing unto the Lord a new song; R.L. 1622;" and, "I put my trust in God, R. Lougher, 1622." The inscriptions on the later bells are in English: "All praise be given to God. Glory. R.L., W.W., 1689." "Let my sound move thee to God; R. L., W.W., 1689." The old inscriptions have been reproduced, and on all six bells are inscribed the names of the Rector (Rev. T. Holmes Morgan), the churchwardens (Messrs. Thomas Wilson and W. D. Lodge), and the bellfounders (Llewellyns and James, Bristol), together with the date of casting.

Evensong was taken by the Rector, and the dedication service by the Rural Dean (Rev. Z. P. Williamson), who also preached a suitable sermon.

The following is a summary of the work carried out by Llewellyns and James: Three cracked bells, viz., 1, 2, and 4, recast; Third bell recast, so as to ensure uniformity of design; Two new trebles weighing $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 4 cwt. respectively, added. All bells provided with complete new mountings of latest design; New red deal floor fixed under the bells; New cast-iron frame provided and fixed on new rolled steel joists.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Inaugurated in 1899, the above Association has done much to encourage the art of bell-ringing in North Yorkshire. To this end meetings are held three or four times a year in different towns within the district, when members meet, compare notes, discuss matters campanological, encourage the local band of ringers, visit the towers and test the peals in the vicinity, indulge in a substantial dinner or tea, followed by a short meeting, and generally manage to spend a very enjoyable day. To these meetings members come in fairly large numbers from the different towns, and a meeting was arranged to take place at Bedale, for the second time in the history of the Association.

The weather being gloriously fine, members turned up in goodly numbers the towns of Darlington, Stockton, Wath, Sharow, Middleham, Richmond, East Witton, Northallerton, and York, each sending its quota. Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President, to whom the Association owes much for the enthusiastic way in which he has always discharged the duties of his office, was present with a kind and cheery word for all; the Rev. R. Hodgson (Secretary), was also kept busy, seeing that everything was going on properly, and that all were taking their due part in the day's proceedings. Everyone was glad to meet once more the former much respected Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, Howden. His removal to the Howden district some time ago caused his resignation of the secretaryship, but he still retains his love for ringing, and renews old friendship whenever possible. Others present included most of the leading ringers in the North Yorkshire district.

Most of those present travelled by the 10.50 train from Northallerton, Bedale being reached shortly after 11. The church was at once visited, and soon the bells were set going, being raised in peal. This was taken part in by a veteran ringer in the person of Mr. J. Baines, of Sharow, who is over eighty years of age, and who raised the 2nd in a masterly style. Tall, white-haired, Mr. Baines carries his years well, and is good example of the health-giving qualities of the art of bell-ringing. The bells were kept going by the different bands with touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, etc., until shortly after one o'clock, when all made their way to The Royal Oak hotel, to partake of dinner. This is a feature of ringers' gatherings which the members thoroughly appreciate, and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association are in no way behind other ringers in doing full justice to the good things provided. After dinner a short meeting was held, Mr. G. J. Clarkson taking the chair. Only two toasts were proposed, those of "The King," and "The Archbishops, Bishops, and Clergy."

In proposing "The Clergy," Mr. Clarkson spoke of the delight which ringers felt in the fact that more of the clergy were now taking a practical interest in bells and ringing. He regretted the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Bedale, and thanked him heartily in the name of the Association for placing the belfry at their disposal that day. He also welcomed amongst them once more the Rev. W. P. Wright, the former secretary, who they were all glad to see looking so well, and still keeping up his interest in ringing.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, who was most cordially received, replied, replied to the toast, and thanked the company for their kind reception. He said, seeing the good number of members present, and the way in which

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all were enjoying themselves, it augured well for the future success of the Association under—as he humorously put it—the new management.

Various new members were proposed and accepted; it was also announced that the annual meeting would take place at Northallerton on Whit-Monday. The meeting then broke up, and the weather being gloriously fine, advantage was taken to view the district. The bells were kept going until the evening, and when members departed for home, it was unanimously decided that the Easter meeting at Bedale had been a great success, including Burneston, where a party of ringers from Middleham, Darlington, Wath and Richmond, rang 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Otley, Suffolk, on Easter Monday, and proved the most enjoyable and successful quarterly meeting held for many years. By kind permission of the authorities the bells of the parish church, and also those of Helmingham, Framsdon, Henley, Ashbocking, Burgh and Clopton, were at the disposal of the visitors during the day. Although Otley is six miles from the railway, no less than eighty-one members and friends were present at the dinner which was admirably served in a marquee. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Suffolk, a Vice-president of the Association, presided, and was supported by Canon Melville Pigott (St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich), Revs. J. H. Pilkington (Framlingham), H. W. C. Geldart (Otley), M. B. Cowell (Ashbocking), E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash), S. Hooke (Clopton), and A. Maude (Burgh); Dr. G. F. W. Meadows and Miss Constance Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cockburn, Mrs. Geldart, Mr. T. W. Evans (Otley), and Mr. C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and representatives from Eye, Debenham, Thornham, Creetingham, Framsdon, Earl Soham, Pettistree, Sproughton, Worlingworth, etc.

At the conclusion of dinner the toast of "The King" was loyally honoured, and that of the "Bishop and Clergy," proposed by Dr. Meadows, who thanked all the respective authorities for the use of the bells, was humorously acknowledged by the Revs. M. B. Cowell and S. Hooke. Canon Pigott in a very forcible speech proposed "Success to the Association," dwelling upon the usefulness of such organisations, and the high ideal which should always be before the members. Canon Pigott in coupling with the toast the name of the District Secretary (Miss Constance Meadows), eulogised the energy Miss Meadows had displayed in carrying through all the arrangements for the meeting. It was at her strong recommendation to headquarters that Otley had been chosen as the place of meeting, and the result amply justified the decision of the officials to hold it there. It was fitting too that the Association should pay a visit to the district, and thereby indirectly do honour to Dr. Meadows, of Otley, for it was he, in company with the late Rev. G. H. Harris, Captain Moore, and Mr. Jasper Snowden, who were responsible for the founding of the Association in the year 1877.

Miss Meadows, who had a most enthusiastic reception upon rising to respond, cordially thanked Canon Pigott for the generous way he had spoken of her efforts to make the meeting a success. The splendid attendance amply repaid any trouble it had been to her, and she hoped the

Association would not forget that district in arranging future meetings.

Mr. Cockburn proposed "The Ladies," for whom the Rev. J. H. Pilkington humorously replied, declaring that a dangerous precedent had been set by the inclusion of ladies at their gatherings.

The Secretary proposed for election twenty-three new members, and remarked how gratifying it was to all concerned to find the Association occupying the premier place for both quantity and total point value of peals rung during 1905, amongst the ringing organisations in the country.

The remaining toast, that of "The Chairman," was proposed by the Rev. H. W. Geldart, and acknowledged by the Archdeacon, who had earlier in the proceedings greatly interested those present with a short dissertation on bells.

The meeting then terminated, and vehicles of all sorts were again requisitioned to take members to the various towers. The glorious weather and the hearty welcome extended to everyone by the local company will be long remembered by those fortunate ones who were present.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at South Wingfield on Easter Monday, April 16th, members being present from Ashover, Blackwell, Crick, Clay Cross, Horsley, Pentrich, Pleasley, Selston, Shirland, Swanwick, Tibshelf, North and South Wingfield, and South Normanton. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. The balance sheet showing a balance of £12 12s. 11½d. in hand, which was considered satisfactory. F. N. Aiken, Esq. was voted to the chair. The following officers were elected for ensuing year. President, F. N. Aiken, Esq., of Clay Cross. Treasurer, J. Smith, Esq., of Clay Cross. Secretary, Mr. T. Allibone, North Wingfield. North Wingfield and Pleasley were both proposed for the annual meeting in 1907. On being put to the vote, North Wingfield received 27 and Pleasley 19 votes, North Wingfield was therefore chosen for next annual. One honorary and ten ringing members were elected. A special meeting to be held at Crich during summer. Quarterly meetings were arranged: the June meeting at Pleasley, September at Ripley, and December at Selston.

A good congregation attended service at 4.30 p.m., and eighty sat down to tea. The thanks of the Association are due to the Rev. F. W. Christian for use of bells and room for meeting. Also to Rev. J. B. Nodder for preaching at the service in church.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Wareham on Saturday, April 28th, when the towers of St. James, Poole, and of Corfe Castle were open for ringing by the kind permission and welcome of the respective Rectors. The following parishes were represented: Blandford, Lytchett Minster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Swanage (including a ladies' company), Wareham and West Lulworth. The bells were raised about 3.30, and were kept going with touches of Grand-sire till the service at 4.30. This was taken by the Rev. W. Newman (representing the Rector, who was unfortunately unable to be present), the lesson being read by the Rev. H. Farley, and a straight and stirring address on the Collect for the week was given by the Rev. J. C.

Mansel-Pleydell. Mr. Ward officiated at the organ, introducing members to some of its beauties during a short wait before the service began. A touch or two was tried after the service, and then all repaired to the Church Room, where an ample tea was provided by Mr. Bennett. At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mr. Martin Stewart (ex-Secretary), the Revs. J. Mansel-Pleydell and H. Farley both having had to hurry home. Letters regretting absence had been sent by the Rectors of Kingston, Swanage, W. Stickland, and by Mr. Grist. After the passing of the minutes of the last meeting, the report and balance-sheet for the past year were read and passed. The chief features of the report were a congratulation to the Bournemouth company on their first local peal of Stedman on February 6th; the rapid progress of the ladies' company at Swanage, started three months ago under the instruction of the Rev. H. Drake; and lastly, an appreciation of his work for the Branch since its start, and great regret at his departure.

On the proposal of Mr. Osman (Wimborne), a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Drake was passed, and on that of Mr. G. Dance (Lytchett), a portion of the year's balance allotted to forming a nucleus for a testimonial.

The following officers were then elected: Chairman—Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell; Secretary—Rev. C. A. Phillips. In proposing the re-election of the chairman, Mr. Martin Stewart spoke of his ever-ready help and guidance in the midst of a very busy life. The last item of a somewhat lengthy meeting was the election of an unusual number of new members; this comprised the following ladies: Misses Gilbert Hodges, de la Motte, and Read, the whole Swanage company, captain, Mr. W. Bastable; (change-ringing has been going on at Swanage for the last eighteen years, and their renewed support will be invaluable to the Guild); Mr. E. Rose (Blandford), Messrs. W. Giles, H. Will, W. Will (Lytchett).

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of church and bells; to the Rev. W. Newman and Mr. Wood for their assistance in the service; to the Rev. J. C. Mansel-Pleydell for his address; and to Mr. Coldrey for his energetic help in preparations for the day.

"PRACTICAL POLITICS," ETC.

REV. H. DRAKE.

It seems as though we are more inclined to discuss Mr. Willson's language than his subject. I should like to disassociate myself as far as possible from such a way of expressing myself, but we know there are some Radicals who cannot help blowing off steam, in the way of strong language, more by way of advertisement than by way of meaning anything by it. And as Mr. Willson has said that he only intended his censure to apply to some non-existent entity, perhaps enough has been said on that point, and we may discuss his propositions on their merits.

While I do not agree any more than you, sir, with what Mr. Willson has said about the scientific work of the Council, I have made no secret of the fact that I hold with him about the necessity of the Council undertaking other matters as well.

Even where it cannot undertake any matter, the discussion of it may do great good. Thus I advocated the decentralisation of most of our overgrown Associations at the York meeting; and though, at the time, it was thrown out, as being not a matter for the Council to decide, the discussion of the matter has caused the reorganisation I then advised to be brought about in most (if not all) the cases I referred to.

If such an excellent scheme as this benevolent fund is to be carried out, it will involve further reorganisation, in order to avoid overlapping; this would be no difficult matter, and seems to many the very thing that we send our representatives to discuss. A ringers' year book to contain the names and times

of practice of all ringers, would be another and allied subject that we might well carry through.

With Mr. Papillon I hope that Mr. Willson will be elected to the Council. It is a pity that he resides in the centre of an Association so ably represented as the M.C.A., for one would have been sorry for any of their able representatives to be superseded; but perhaps some other Association which is not so fully provided with members who can attend the Council meetings regularly, will be able to find (or make) a vacancy that he can fill, and so carry forward his scheme for the good of our brothers in time of difficulty.

MR. E. A. RIDGWAY.

In a letter that appeared in a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS" under the above heading, Mr. Willson suggested a movement advocating principles intended to better the condition of the ringing community at large; but, owing to the abrupt manner in which the matter was brought forward, the correspondence that has ensued therefrom has wandered somewhat from the point. It is not my intention to enter into, or criticise anything that has already been said or done, except the main point at issue (i.e.) a ringers' Sick and Distress Fund; and therefore in my humble way, I appeal to those who are in a position to bring the matter forward, to lay aside any feeling of animosity and enter heartily into the scheme, to either prove its value or worthlessness. Personally, I feel confident the scheme is workable, as we have some splendid illustrations, and brilliant examples shown us by the employees in factories and workshops, who club and work together to help a sick or needy member in distress, this they readily accomplish by the payment of a few coppers per week, which in many instances not only goes to make a weekly allowance, but also an annual subscription to the local hospital, so that they are thereby entitled to send one of their members for skilled treatment when occasions arise, or those demanding serious operations which could not be performed in their own homes.

There are no doubt many members of the Exercise whose occupation and local surroundings does not bring them in touch with the lower element from which the greatest supply of ringers is drawn from, who, living in an age of high pressure, high rates, etc., and only a limited wage, have to devise some means by which they have a small income in times of adversity. When these points are fully illustrated to those who are uninitiated, I feel confident they will not only sympathise with such a movement, but lend their valuable assistance to make it a success.

When one reflects back at the enthusiasm shewn by such men as those who comprise the C.C., Mr. Drake, Mr. Willson, Mr. Daniell and a many others, it makes you feel it only requires a very small amount of energy to set the ball a rolling, and give these men a chance to organise an institution which will not only benefit ringers generally, but build up an everlasting tribute to their memory; for after all who cares a rap for a ringer outside the ringing world? Then, again, such men as these are the elite of the ringing society, and to them we must look forward to to devise a means by which each member is enabled to help himself.

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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, May 17th and 31st, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, May 5th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting.—This meeting will be held at Preston, to-day Saturday, May 5. The bells of the parish (8), St. Mark's (6), and Penwortham (6) will be at liberty from 2.30. Meeting in the National School, Avenham Lane, at 5.30. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Secs.
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The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sheffield, to-day Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a large photograph to be taken of the members in the parish churchyard at 5 p.m. All members please attend if possible. General meeting 7.30 p.m.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Unveiling peal board 5.15 p.m. Tea 3d. each at 6 p.m. Short service at 7.30 p.m.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devises Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trowbridge, to-day, Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m.

E. H. ARNOLD, Hon. Sec.

2, Estcourt Crescent, Devises.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, May 7th, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting will be held at Mersham, on Wednesday, May 9. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. This being a trial mid-week meeting, it is hoped members will make it convenient to attend.

A. R. MANNING, Hon. Dist. Sec.
101, High Street, Hythe, Kent.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley, on Saturday, May 12th, 1906. The belfry will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head, at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, Dist. Sec.
3, Culow Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham, on Saturday, May 12. The tower of Faversham church will be open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Recreation Tavern. Business meeting afterwards. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, May 9th. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to

members present. Subscriptions should be paid at once. G. DENNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.
61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea kindly provided in parish room at 6 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.

Hillingdon

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 12. Bells ready at 5.

W. HUGHES, Hon. Sec.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock, meeting house, The Albion Inn.

WALTER IDLE, Hon. Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 6.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 4.30 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 KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Bayswater.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, May 19th. Local hon. sec., Mr. E. R. Armitage, Dean Cottage, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield. For further details see Association circular.

JOHN W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The London County Association.—(late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8.30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at the Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1906

In the account on another page of the dedication of a new ring of six bells which has been erected by LLEWELLINS and JAMES at a village named Newton Nottage, in the county of Glamorgan, we read the words written by a distinguished architect thus: "Newton Church, amongst its other lessons, teaches us that Welshmen in the olden days defended their Church, very probably in word, but certainly in deed, which fact may very well be remembered by Churchmen of the present day." The writer here points a good moral. He watches closely the signs of the times, and sees danger to the Church of the principality. If ever there was a time favorable to an onslaught on the Church, the present seems to be that time. The writer of the foregoing sentence would impress upon his countrymen the necessity of taking measures for practical defence when the Church should come to be assailed. He may be of opinion that if disestablishment and disendowment should eventually come, it is imperative that Churchmen should be up and doing; that they may make the attack as light and unreal as possible. Disestablishment and disendowment by themselves could be

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borne with, and in a short time rendered harmless, but there may be other dangers to follow, unless Churchmen present a strong and united front to the spoiler. The possession of our Churches must be kept sacred to their present uses, and no sect whatever allowed admission thereunto for the performance of any Service. The buildings so long hallowed by the use of our incomparable liturgy must remain as they now are.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

On reference to the notice of the forthcoming meeting published in "THE BELL NEWS" at the beginning of the year, it will be seen that all nominations, notices of motion and other matters for the list of the Agenda, should reach me by Saturday next, May 5th, at the latest. At the present moment nothing of any description whatever has arrived. Delay in these matters causes the gravest possible inconvenience. Not only does it give me a totally unnecessary rush of work at what is in any case a very busy time for a clergyman, but it leaves positively too little time for arranging matters with the printer, etc. And if this is the case with regard to matters of printing, much more is delay in paying affiliation fees, and forwarding names and addresses of representatives, the cause of worry and scuffle in making out the list of the new Council, and that not to myself only, but to the banker as well when the pass book has to be balanced.

At this instant there are no fewer than twelve Associations that have forwarded neither their affiliation fees nor the names and addresses of their representatives. They are—Bedfordshire, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Chester, Herts., Leeds and District, Liverpool, Central Northants., Salisbury, Stafford Archdeaconry, Winchester, Ireland, and North Wales. Till all these come, the list of the Council and the accounts are at an absolute standstill.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, May 2nd, 1906.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD LUCAS .. .. .	.. Treble.	SAMUEL J. BIRD	5.
HENRY PARKER*	2.	SAMUEL HAYES	6.
FRANK C. NEWMAN	3.	THOMAS FAULKNER	7.
YORK GREEN	4.	HENRY TORBLE	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY TORBLE.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor; it also being the birthday of Mr. C. Flynn, of Bow Road, the members wishing them many happy returns.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR.* .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS	6.
MARK WOODCOCK	ARTHUR J. NEALE	7.
FREDEBICK G. PERRIN	WILLIAM HARTSHORNE	8.
HOBATIO GUMMER	ALFRED B. PECK	9.
WILLIAM WBATHERSTONE	ARTHUR N. HARDY	Tenor.

Composed by J. BRADLEY and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .	.. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	6.
BERTRAM PREWETT	2.	JOHN W. KELLEY	7.
JOHN J. LAMB	3.	WILLIAM PYE	8.
GEORGE R. PYE	4.	ERNEST PYE	9.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE	Tenor.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is J. Lamb's 150th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

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

On Monday, April 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY, S.W.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	EDWARD CASSELL	5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	JOHN T. KENTISH	6.
GEORGE EDSEY JUNR.*	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE	GEORGE W. COOMBS	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD	5.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	7.
GEORGE A. SMITH	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This composition is rung for the first time, and has twelve courses in the Queen's position.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK JUN. Treble.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5.
ARTHUR SHEPHERD	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	6.
GEORGE A. SMITH	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD	RALPH PRESTAGE	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs.

JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. .	.. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5.
HENRY DAINS	2.	JOSIAH HARRIS	6.
HERBERT C. HAYTER	3.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER	7.
FREDK. PASKINS	4.	FRANK HAND	Treble.

Conducted by JAMES ELCOMBE.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT FOULDS† Treble.	*HARRY FOULDS 5.
ALFRED BROOKS* 2.	JOHN FOULDS 6.
EDWARD B. MALLINSON* .. 3.	A. LAMB 7.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 4.	WM. MALLINSON Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

†First peal in the method. *First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING Treble.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 5.
EDGAR BAILEY 2.	CHARLES SAMSON 6.
SIDNEY ERNEST BAILEY .. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung on the 18th anniversary of the 10,304 of Bob Major.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MANNING .. Treble.	HERBERT T. GOODMAN .. 4.
JOHN HIGGINS 2.	WILLIAM J. GOODMAN .. 5.
CHARLES W. SMITH 3.	*ALBERT HANCOCK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. GOODMAN,

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. First peal on six bells by all the band.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM MASON Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS 2.	GEORGE PIGOTT 6.
GEORGE HUGHES† 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble.	JOHN W. SMITHSON 5.
FRANK WILLEY 2.	JAMES EVINSON 6.
WILLIAM G. ROSE* 3.	THOMAS CHOWN 7.
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE .. 4.	GAD BUTCHER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK WILLEY.

*First peal.

TROWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. Treble.	HENRY FLETCHER 4.
EDWARD GOBEY† 2.	*FREDERICK TANSLEY .. 5.
JOSEPH HALL 3.	HENRY GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the conductor's 50th peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. E. J. Nicolls to the living of St. Helen.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

REES JAMES Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
J. THOMAS† 2.	J. W. EDGINGTON 6.
R. J. EVANS 3.	J. COX 7.
R. EVANS 4.	J. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

†Of Bristol. First peal on the bells by local men.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED TOPPING Treble.	RICHARD NEWTON 5.
ROBERT DAVIES 2.	WILLIAM BRAMMER 6.
JOHN FARNHEAD 3.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. SHUKER* .. 4.	*J. HECKINGBOTHAM Tenor.

Conducted by W. BRAMMER.

Rung as a farewell to H. Worthington, who sailed for Chili, South America, on April 8th. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob. *First peal in the method. J. Heckingbotham was elected a member previous to starting.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by WM. H. JUDD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

GEORGE BARKER Treble.	GEORGE A. BLACK 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	*GEORGE CARTER 6.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 3.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 7.
GEORGE RADLEY* 4.	GEORGE DENT Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

Rung in honour of St George's Day. *First peal in the method.

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The following Peals were rung during a short tour in Kent by members of the Kent County Association:—

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Saturday, April 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MORGE R. PYE Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ISAAC G. SHADE 8.
WILLIAM PYE 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 9.
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 4.	ERNEST PYE 10.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	JOHN R. SHARMAN 11.
JAMES GEORGE 6	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

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

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Sunday, April 15 1906, in Three Hours and Seventy-two Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
MORGE R. PYE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 8.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The ringers desire to thank Major Powell Cotton for the use of his tower and bells also for the refreshments which were waiting at the conclusion of this peal, and Mr. G. Willshire for his kind attention.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Monday, April 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

MORGE R. PYE Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 9.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.
After this peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, a very pleasant and enjoyable evening being spent.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 5.
MORGE R. PYE 2.	PHILIP H. PEIRCE 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOSEPH G. GRENETED .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

CHATHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
JOSEPH G. GRENETED .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
MORGE R. PYE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Lucas, P. Worsfold, T. Streeter, E. Worsfold, G. W. Trewen, R. Crowhurst.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDALE (Yorks).—On Easter Monday, 576 Kent Treble Bob. J. G. Hall, W. Thorp, J. Clarkson, J. Waller, A. W. Barrett, W. Newton, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor. Another 576 in the same method. W. Pick, C. Howroyd, J. W. Newton, E. Burnett, F. Tingle, J. Metcalfe, Rev. W. P. Wright, T. Metcalfe conductor. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. J. Clarkson, J. G. Hall, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, T. Metcalfe, G. W. Parke, T. Stephenson conductor, A. W. Barrett.

BURNESTON (Yorks).—On Easter Monday, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Peacock, W. Sykes, H. Parrish, G. W. Park, R. Burrows, H. Pauli. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Burrows, G. Handley, J. Metcalfe, G. W. Park, G. Park, H. Lones.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Friday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor. A. S. Mitchell, T. Smith, N. Tomlinson conductor, W. E. N. Ash, D. Yorke, T. Squires.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, March 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Bates, A. A. Godfrey, E. Collins, W. E. Butler, A. C. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, J. Phillips, A. Butler.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 11th, at the parish church, six 120s of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Dennis, F. Brown conductor, F. Terry, W. Ticehurst, J. H. Blake, G. Marshall. Also two 120s. W. Grondsell, W. Ticehurst, G. Brown. The above was rung for Divine Service, also on the anniversary wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennis, who with Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferry, of Beckenham, Kent, was paying a short visit to Bosham.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins. W. Miller, N. Short, G. E. Traviss, W. Pallister, T. P. Hocknell, C. H. Bird, G. Rudd, G. Vamplew. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

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CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 6th, at Holy Trinity Watermoor, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bird, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, A. C. Harmer, J. J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, M. F. B. Hayward, H. C. Mounter. On Tuesday, February 13th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bond, F. J. Lewis conductor, H. Lewis, H. C. Mounter, J. J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, M. F. B. Hayward, S. Hayward. On Sunday, February 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Cook, F. J. Lewis, H. Lewis, A. C. Harmer, J. J. Jeffries conductor, S. Moore, M. F. B. Hayward, F. Lewis. On Tuesday, February 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. W. Bond, H. C. Bond, A. C. Harmer, F. J. Lewis conductor, J. J. Jeffries, C. E. Bartlett, M. F. B. Hayward, H. Lewis.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESFORD (Cams).—On Saturday, March 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, T. R. Dennis, A. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, J. Webb. And a touch of Oxford Bob and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with F. Crick and F. Matthews.

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The proceedings opened with appropriate prayers, and the Ven. Archdeacon in inviting Mrs. Hill to perform the ceremony of unveiling, spoke in eulogistic terms of the love Mr. Masters always had

for the ringers of St. Mary's, of his services to the church generally, and particularly of his devoted and untiring efforts for the successful restoration of the tower and bells in 1894.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. G. Hill, the esteemed custodian of the bells and belfry, to whose efforts the memorial owes its appearance.

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NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at West Retford, on Saturday, April 28th, by kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Gray, who was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness. The Rev. E. Taylor presided at the meeting and conducted the

service in his absence. First came the business meeting in West Retford school, at 3 p.m., when most of the office bearers of the previous year were re-elected "en bloc." The secretary thought that owing to the infirmities of increasing years a younger man had better take his place, but the brethren thought otherwise, and as he was just about to preach to them on the text "Let us not be weary in well doing," he felt that he could not well refuse to accept the office for another year. Mr. S. Baguley was elected to represent West Retford on the Committee in place of Mr. A. Street, retired. The report was of an ordinary character, the most satisfactory feature being the financial statement which showed a balance of £7 to the good in spite of some extraordinary expenses. It would have been rather larger had all the towers and honorary members paid up their subscriptions, several being in arrear. The hon. sec. appealed to members in accents that might have charmed a deaf adder to be more prompt in payment of subscriptions. Unfortunately the most backward payers were not present to be charmed, but his appeal is embodied in the report and so may happily touch them. East Retford tower held pride of place in the report of performances, having rung five full peals and six quarter-peals of Grandsire and Stedman on 8 and 10 bells. Eight new performing members were added to the roll, more than compensating for the small leakage of the past year. Divine service in West Retford Church followed the meeting, the organist and choir kindly coming to lead a bright and appropriate choral service. After service came an excellent tea at Messrs. Howard's well-known rooms, and members then divided into companies for ringing at East Retford (10), West Retford (6), and Ordsall (6), half a dozen good touches being completed in different methods, beside the attempts that failed, and so a rather small but very pleasant annual gathering was successfully brought round. That's all!

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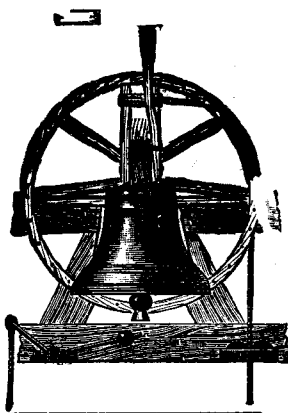
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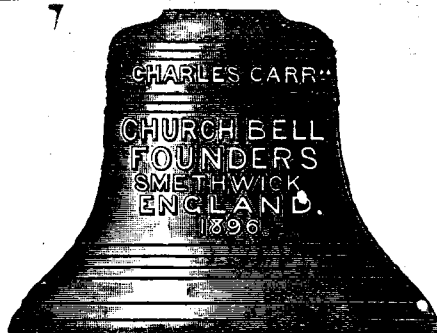
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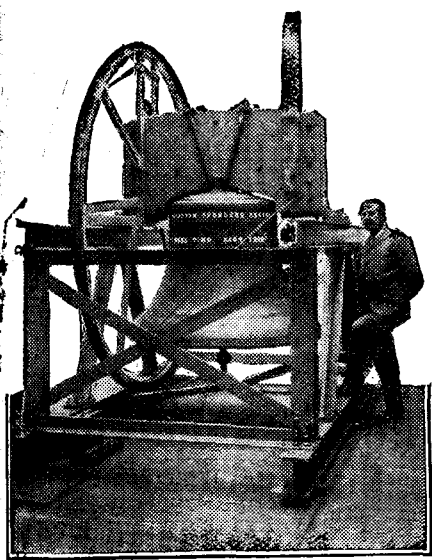
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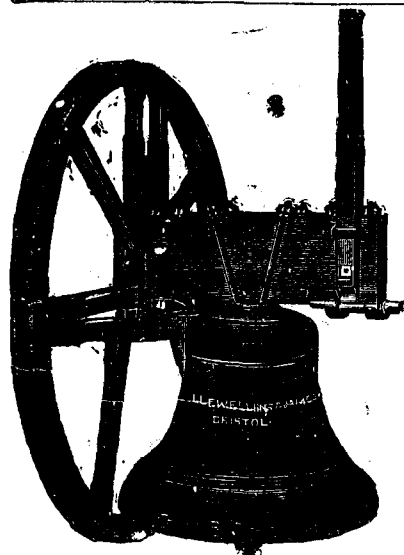
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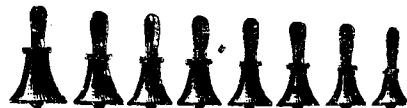
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the above Association was held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, April 28th, and was attended by nearly forty ringers from Barking (Essex), Leatherhead, Bromley, Beckenham, Chislehurst, Chelsfield, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Eynsford, Eltham, Sidcup, Woolwich and Deptford (St. John and St. Nicholas). Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and various methods were attempted. Few however were successfully brought round, and "Surprise," which visitors have been accustomed to expect *par excellence* at Greenwich, was "off," probably owing to the absence of some members of the local company to whom "pleasure peals" elsewhere are apparently of greater import than the devotion of a few hours in welcoming and assisting weaker brother-strings from a distance, who eagerly look forward to a trial touch upon ten bells when that number is available.

The whole company were entertained in the Church Room to an excellent meat tea, generously provided by the Vicar (Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, M.A.), Mrs. Bardsley, and Miss Christabel Airy. The usual meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, and Mr. T. Groombridge, the District Secretary, supporting him. Preliminaries disposed of, the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome to the members, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to entertain so large and important a body of Churchworkers. He pleaded guilty to frequent absence from his own belfry, having many irons in the fire, but he recognised and appreciated the important services rendered by his ringers and others in that district.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton (St. Nicholas, Deptford), stated that it had been fully intended to place the bells of that church at the disposal of members that day, as a relief tower, should Greenwich (as was the case) be overcrowded. Unfortunately a battle was being fought for the office of people's warden, and it was undesirable that any bell-ringing should be permitted while the poll was in progress.

This statement was evidently a disappointment to many, but was received very kindly, members recognising the difficulty of the situation.

No fewer than twenty-four new members were elected, including the bands of Farningham and Foot's Cray. The former place was chosen in preference to Dartford for the next meeting on Saturday, July 21st.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed the following resolution, viz.: "The members of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, desire to offer the Rector of Woolwich (Canon C. E. Escreet, M.A.), their sincere congratulations upon his appointment to the Archdeaconry of Lewisham, and trust he may long be given health and strength to fulfil the duties of that important position." In doing so, he said that Canon Escreet had endeared himself to every ringer who had the honour to know him. He had long been a good friend to the Association as a member of the Central Committee, and whenever it was their privilege to hold a meeting at Woolwich, no welcome could be heartier than that extended by the esteemed

Rector, who was deservedly loved by his local company. Amid the many congratulations Mr. Escreet would doubtless receive, he (Mr. Thornton) felt confident none would be valued more than those of the ringers of that district.

The motion was seconded by Mr. William J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), supported by the Vicar of Greenwich, and carried with acclamation.

A very hearty vote of thanks was also unanimously accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Bardsley, and Miss Airy for their generous hospitality. The Vicar and Miss Airy suitably responded, the lady being the recipient of quite an ovation upon rising to acknowledge the compliment.

Ringling was resumed shortly afterwards and (to the dismay of the tradespeople in the vicinity) continued with vigour until 9 p.m. in accordance with the Vicar's gentle hint of "Don't finish too soon." The usual indignant protests in the local press at this outrage may therefore be expected.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 28th, at the parish church, Tamworth. A goodly muster of members began to arrive, and the bells were raised at three o'clock, the following towers being represented: West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Handsworth, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, Nuneaton and Tipton. The ringing-master (Mr. J. E. Groves), arranged the ringing, and some touches in the Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major methods were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Courtney Clarke) gave a very helpful address, which was much appreciated by the members present. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, when minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. All other being disposed of, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on June 23rd. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where a very substantial tea was found to be in readiness. Grace being said by the Vicar of Tamworth, ample justice was done to the good things provided.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes (Wednesbury), and seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, to the Vicar and churchwardens of Tamworth for the use of the bells, the address in church, and for their generous liberality in providing the members with such a capital free tea.

The Vicar in responding said how greatly he welcomed the members to Tamworth, and as the time came round for the Society to pay them another visit, they would be only too pleased to see them again.

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SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, April 23rd, at a meeting held in the Abbey belfry, Mr. Fred Cryer and Mr. Arthur Hall were presented by their brother-ringers with a small recognition of their past services as secretary and captain of the Selby band. Mr. J. Connell (churchwarden) presided, and with a few introductory remarks alluded to the good work done in the belfry, and in the cause of change-ringing by Mr. Cryer and Mr. Hall. The Rev. B. M. Rowlands (curate) then presented Mr. Cryer with a handsome silver-mounted umbrella, together with a gold scarf pin; Mr. Hall being also presented with a ringers' silk handkerchief with name woven in. Both recipients in feeling terms thanked the company for their kindness, acknowledging the small services they had been able to render in the interests of the belfry. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Connell for kindly presiding, and the Rev. B. M. Rowlands for making the presentation.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at West Meon on Easter Monday, April 16th, when members attended from Farnham, Wickham, Petersfield, Portsea, Swanmore, Privett and West Meon. The Rector kindly consented to take the chair, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to West Meon, and said anything he could do for the welfare and interest of ringing he would be most happy to do.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The Rector of West Meon and Mr. J. Mallard (Shedfield), were proposed honorary members; two performing members and six probationers were also proposed. Twenty-eight sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. G. Gedge at the Institute. It was proposed to attempt a quarterly peal at Petersfield on June 23rd. The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Whiting for the arrangements in having a meeting in his district. The same was supported by Mr. H. Sutton, who said it was the means of opening up a part of the district again, and no doubt would do a lot of good.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells during the afternoon.

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."

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

SIR,—Referring to pp. 38 and 39 in your issue of the 28th ult., I cannot help saying that I do not agree in classing even-bell methods with odd-bell ones, as set forth in this report, although Mr. Trollope illustrated it in his own way a few weeks ago, and in so doing in my opinion left out the main points. Although a fellow member of the committee with Mr. Trollope, I wish to explain my views on the subject.

1. All methods which have a guiding bell or bells are methods of the same principle—"guided methods."
2. All methods without a guiding bell are methods of another principle—"non-guided methods."

Bearing in mind these two principles the following systems for the various methods at once become apparent.

Systems of methods:

1. Methods with one plain guiding bell and a working tenor are methods of one system. Such are Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, etc., and these are variations of one another.
2. Methods with two plain guiding bells and a covering tenor (for without a tenor a peal is not now allowed) are

methods of another system such as Grandsire, Darlaston Bob, etc., and these also are variations of one another.

3. Methods which have a dodging guiding bell are of another system; such are Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, which are variations of one another.

4. Methods which have a working bell (that is not dodging alone) are of another system.

Non-guided systems of methods:

These which contain blocks of 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, etc. changes are all different systems. Thus Forward with four changes to a block cannot be a variation of Duffield with six changes to a block, nor can Stedman with twelve changes be a variation of Shipway's with sixteen changes.

So much being granted it follows that Double Norwich Major and Plain Bob Major are variations of one another, while Double Norwich Caters are variations of Grandsire Caters, and by the same reasoning Double Norwich Major and Double Norwich Caters are two distinct methods.

I could readily illustrate this by figures did I not feel that the valuable space could be used to greater advantage. While writing on this subject may I say that my attention has been called to the method of Forward Triples, given on page 85 of The Glossary as my method, and which I am told is the same as Court Bob given in Shipway's work. By reference to your columns of October 3rd, 1895, it will be found that I gave it as "Court Bob," the same as it appeared in Shipway, and why the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer re-christened it Forward I could never understand, but should like to.

JOHN CARTER.

THE STEDMAN PEAL AT DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

SIR,—I have been reading the footnote to the above peal and believe it to be without doubt the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung there, but not the first peal, as the Norwich Scholars from St. Peter Mancroft rang the first peal at Downham Market—5040 Bob Major—soon after the opening of the new bells in 1771; and again, a few years after, they visited Downham again and rang a peal of 5040 Court Bob. A few years later the Downham and Stow company rang 5040 Bob Major, and later the ringers of Downham Market rang a peal of 6160 Bob Major. This proves that the Stedman Triples is not the first peal rung at Downham Market.

SAM SLATER.

AN OLD GOWER BELL.

In these days of rapid road travelling (writes Mr. G. E. Halliday, F.R.I.B.A., to the "Mail") few may have noticed the little wayside church of Nicholaston, on the high road from Swansea to Rhossilly, situate about half a mile east of Penrice Castle gates. It is well worth stopping for a few minutes at the little church, if even for the sake of the bell, which hangs within a few yards of the road, and may be seen without the trouble of finding the verger or getting the church key.

The old bell rings as sweetly to day as when it was cast in Holland by Arent van Won in the days of Henry VIII. It has a particular interest, being the only Dutch church bell in Gower, and probably in South Wales.

It is inscribed as follows: "Ic been chegoten int jaer on Heeren 1518." Translated: "I am cast in the year of our Lord 1518."

On either side are cast two hexagonal seals, each about 3-in. by 2½ in. across. That on the eastern side represents the Virgin Mary, crowned, holding the infant Saviour in her arms, standing on the crescent moon. Above the Virgin's head is a small, open-mouthed face, from which descend fine, radiating lines. This is probably intended to represent the breathing of the Holy Spirit. On the right side of the seal is the Crucifixion, with a skull below. The western seal represents the infant Saviour holding a Latin cross, hanging from which is a circle.

Dr. Coenen, a well-known antiquary, says that this bell was cast by a member of the celebrated family of bellfounders named Van Won, and he attributes it to Arent Van Won, who cast an almost identical bell for Steins, in Friesland, dated 1517.

The old bell was quarter tuned in 1894, when it was furnished with a new clapper, which was sadly needed.

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In Memoriam.

WILLIAM WAKLEY.

On April 24th William Wakley passed to his rest at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. Behind him is left a gap, not only in his family circle, but also in the tower of Burton-on-Trent, and indeed over a still wider area, which cannot be filled. His interests were many and wide, as were his friends. A Devonian by birth, for he was born at Gittisham on February 12th, 1853, he migrated in the year 1874, being then twenty-one years of age, to Burton, where he spent the rest of his life. In August 1877 he married Miss Louisa Harriet Maer, of Sidmouth, and leaves besides his wife, two sons and five daughters. In 1878 he became a sidesman of St. Paul's, the new church built by the late Mr. Bass; and from 1882 to 1884 he was Vicar's warden. The Rev. J. H. Fish, at that time incumbent of the church, was an ardent promoter of change-ringing, and Mr. Wakley energetically co-operated with him in bringing the St. Paul's Society of change-ringers to a pitch of excellence that has nowhere been surpassed. From the year 1874 till the time of his death, he occupied the position of leader and principal conductor to the St. Paul's ringers.

In the rise and progress of this company he took always the deepest interest, ably supported by men whose names have become household words in the ringing world, notably by his brothers Arthur and Harry, and especially by his intimate friend, for ten years the Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Joseph Griffin, who frequently relieved his leader in the duties of conductor. Of the gradual rise of the St. Paul's society to the very summit of the Art of ringing, it is unnecessary here to speak. The example set before the Exercise at a time when advanced methods were little rung has probably been a conducing cause of no little effect in the now widespread practice of the highest branches of the science of campanology.

In the year 1882 Mr. Fish bestirred himself, in conjunction with his own ringers and others in Derby, to found the Midland Counties Association, which embraced, roughly, the districts around Burton, Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester, but which has since been by degrees considerably extended.

Mr. Wakley became Hon. Treasurer of the Association in 1883, and continued, from that date, to hold this office to the end of his life.

In the year 1891 the Central Council of Ringers was formed, and with this body Mr. Wakley was from its inception connected, first as an hon. member, and later as a delegate. As a speaker at meetings he never obtruded himself, but when he had any point to make, or was asked to take part in the proceedings, he invariably spoke with effect, wasting no words but addressing his audience in clear and unhesitating language. Of the same nature was his manner in everything in which he took part. Always kind and cheery, helpful and considerate, he had great rapidity of judgment which was seldom at fault, which never wavered, and which, when occasion required, was unstakably expressed. Only those who had the privilege of working with him know the fund of experience and reliability that lay beneath his calm and dignified ways. It is noteworthy that his first peal was also the first on the then new bells of St. Paul's, one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by himself, on April 18th, 1876.

But it was not only as a campanologist that Mr. Wakley made his mark. In 1868, when only fifteen years of age, he led the Volunteers at Buckerly, Devon, and was transferred to "A" company, 2nd North Staffordshire Regiment, and made Sergeant in 1878, and Colour-Sergeant in 1899. On several occasions he represented his company at Bisley, and in 1894 won the Battalion, Company, and Morris Tube prizes. At Bisley, in his county, and at Burton, he also won various other shooting prizes. It should be mentioned, to his small credit, that, since their institution, he never missed a church parade or a camp.

The value to the force may best be summed up in the local order issued on Saturday, April 28th: "The battalion learn with great regret of the death of the late Colour-Sergeant Wakley. He had served in the Volunteer Force for twenty-eight years; thirty-two years with this battalion, and

twenty-seven years as Sergeant and Colour-Sergeant. He was always distinguished by untiring zeal and devotion to the service. We have lost a good comrade and a loyal friend."

On Easter Monday there took place at Burton the annual gathering of the Midland Counties Association. Mr. Wakley was present, as usual indefatigable both in the business proceedings and in promoting the comfort and pleasure of those present. Again he was re-elected Hon. Treasurer of the Association, with hearty thanks for his past long services. Of those who had not recently seen him there were some who noticed with surprise how worn and tired he looked, but that he was seriously ill was not, at all events, generally known. Yet on the following Tuesday week he passed to his rest in the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, whither he had been removed in view of a serious internal operation, which was considered necessary, but which could not be hurried, and indeed was never performed. Startling was the shock to his friends when the news came that the fine strong man had suddenly passed away in the prime of life. Beyond his home circle no suspicion was entertained that his altered appearance betokened more than a temporary ailment, and deep was the sympathy and sincere the sorrow that were evoked by his hardly credited demise.

On April 28th, William Wakley was laid in the Burton Cemetery. On the previous evening the coffin had been placed in the church he served so well, and loving watchers guarded the body throughout the night. The special service, the muffled bells, the floral tributes, the gathered Volunteers and Yeomanry, the full military honours at the grave, all given with devoted regard, brought home to the throng of on-lookers that one had gone from them who was esteemed by his fellows as an able, earnest, reliable, and God-fearing man. H.

The two following peals have been rung as tributes of respect to the late Mr. W. Wakley:—

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, May 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES SMITH Treble	LEONARD BULLOCK 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	EDMUND WILLIS 6.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND Treble	*HORACE F. STREET 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES* 2.	JOHN NEAL 8.
ALBERT WALKER 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 9.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11.
WILLIAM SHORT 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

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*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This peal is now rung for the first time and has the 6th thirty-seven courses, behind the 8th, nineteen times in the reverse titmums position and eighteen times in the handstroke home position, with all the 5678s in these orders.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT Treble.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM GORDON, SENR. .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WILLIAM WILDE* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER C. HUNT 4.	*ALBERT HOUGH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method. A tribute of respect for the memory of the wife of Mr. Churchwarden Hall.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY Treble	WILLIAM FOX 5.
JAMES L. ROBINSON 2.	*THOMAS ASHTON 6.
ALFRED BARNES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRED. HOLT 4.	*WILLIAM MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method.

MACCESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND MACCLESFIELD BRANCHES.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK STONELEY* Treble.	*WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 5.
WILFRID MATTHEWS* .. 2.	*JOSEPH NORBURY 6.
WILLIAM FOX 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	*THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ALFRED BARNES Treble.	JOHN W. BAILEY 5.
WILFRID J. MOSS 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
HARRY CHAPMAN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, for Confirmation Service, 720 and two 360s of Bob Minor. H. Deaves, G. Biggs, E. Smith, F. Smith, S. Featherstone, C. Greun. On the previous evening, 720 Oxford by the same band.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, April 1st, at the church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. F. Weston, J. W. Davies, J. Crook, R. Oliver, C. Davies, T. E. Hughes, R. Sperring, F. Milton.

DENTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service at St. Anne's church, 720 Woodbine. F. Chadwick, A. Marshall, J. Pollitt, E. Sidebottom, J. Heckingbottom conductor, W. Wright. For evening service 720 Woodbine. F. Chadwick, A. Marshall, J. Heckingbottom conductor, E. Sidebottom, H. Ellis, W. Wright. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On February 7th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. Wilberforce Bryant, of Stoke Park, whose funeral took place that day at Stoke Poges. H. Skuse, J. J. Parker conductor, H. Batten, F. Reid, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, C. Clarke, J. Bovington. On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 108, and in the evening 980, conducted by C. Clarke. On May 1st, a quarter-peal in the same method, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Charles Finsmore, an old ringer of Abbots Langley, and a choirman for many years at Farnham Royal, and who was buried at Farnham that day.

GREAT GADDESSEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, April 17th, at the parish church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. M. Rance, Rev. A. Clark, J. Barry, C. Potheary, Rev. A. T. Hollis. On Wednesday, at the vicarage, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. A. T. Hollis, C. Potheary, J. Barry, Rev. A. T. Hollis.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 10th, at the parish church, 1344 Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. C. Otway, G. Marriner, A. H. Winch, J. Wyatt, H. Corbett, J. White, F. Richardson, A. Dean conductor. On Sunday, February 25th, for Divine Service, 1529 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins. H. Marks, W. Messam, G. Marriner, W. E. Otway, H. Wood, E. Hull, W. R. Crockford, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor, E. Ventham. The above touch of Caters consists of 85 leads, and was specially composed by W. Marks, the local captain, and was rung in honour of the 85th anniversary of Joseph Lisney, who for many years has been a valued and esteemed member of the local band. His brother-ringers all wished him health and happiness through his remaining years.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On April 19th, for practice, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. H. Collins, J. J. Parker, G. Williams, G. H. Guttridge, T. W. Gosling, R. Flaxman conductor, J. Guttridge, W. Ralph. E. Harwood and W. Willing rang in the second quarter-peal. On April 26th, two more quarter-peals with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Harmer, who had been a choirman for thirty-three years at Old Windsor, and who was buried that day. F. G. Guttridge, J. Hoare, E. Harwood, T. W. Gosling, J. J. Parker, G. H. Guttridge, J. Guttridge, W. Willing.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Kidd, A. Holden conductor, G. Chantler, J. Kidd, J. Tulett, E. Rayne, W. Baker, J. Rayner.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On February 17th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Reid, W. Wilder, H. Batten, J. J. Parker, E. Field, R. Flaxman conductor, C. Clarke, J. Bovington.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Minor rung at Great Wymondley, Herts., has been sent without any time being mentioned.

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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, May 17th and 31st, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley, to-day, Saturday, May 12th, 1906. The belfry will be open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head, at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dist. Sec.*

3, Culow Villas, Winchester.

The Kent County Association. — Canterbury District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Faversham, to-day, Saturday, May 12. The tower of Faversham church will be open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Recreation Tavern. Business meeting afterwards. Half railway fares not exceeding 2s. each, will be paid to members present. Subscriptions should be paid at once.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

61, Blenheim Road, Deal.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild — South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea kindly provided in parish room at 6 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

J. J. PEATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, May 12. Bells ready at 5. W. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. — The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock, meeting house, The Albion Inn.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. — A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 6.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 4.30 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 KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Yorkshire Association. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, May 19th, Local hon. sec., Mr. E. R. Armitage, Dean Cottage, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield. For further details see Association circular.

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

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, on May 19. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 19th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, May 19th, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association. — A meeting will be held at Luton on May 19th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, *Local Sec.*

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells will be available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on Monday, May 21st, 1906. Service in the Cathedral, 12.30. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Dinner, 1.30 in the church house; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing: — St. Thomas (8), to change ringers only. St. Edmund's (8). St. Martin's (8). Fisherton (6). Wilton (6).

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. — The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of some importance to transact, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The London County Association. — (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824). — A meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8.30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

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

1, Budge Row, E.C.

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, on Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Please advise Mr. Frank Hayes, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, who will attend not later than May 19th certain.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Clave on Saturday, May 26th, 1906. All intending to be present, please send in their names to me not later than the 19th.

S. SLATER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

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

Newton Longville, Bletchley.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be

held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Further particulars in future advertisements.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-sun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Further particulars later. For dinner tickets, apply to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1906.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above society was held at Chesterfield on Easter Monday, and was well attended by a large gathering of ringers and friends from the surrounding district. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and touches in the various methods were duly brought round. Apart from the ordinary routine, the special item of interest was the unveiling of a marble tablet recording four first Surprise peals rung by the society, which ceremony was performed at 4 p.m. by the Rev. E. F. Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield. The company also included Mrs. and Miss Crosse, Messrs. S. E. Short and R. T. Dewe (churchwardens), and about fifty ringers. The proceedings opened with a prayer by the Vicar, after which Mr. Sam Thomas (President of the Society), explained the object of their visit, and outlined the history of the society, commenting on the steady advancement that had been made in the Art of change-ringing, resulting in the recording of peals rung in the higher methods, which performances were considered worthy of the erection of a marble tablet. In concluding, Mr. Thomas said he should have great pleasure in asking the Rev. E. F. Crosse to unveil the tablet. Before doing so, the Vicar

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gave a short address, expressing his pleasure in welcoming the society to Chesterfield, and said that although not a ringer, he was always greatly interested in bells and bell-ringing; also it gave him great pleasure in attending to unveil the new tablet, and with the words "Something attempted, something done," he drew the curtain on one side, exposing the tablet to view. The work entailed in the making and erection of same had been entrusted to Mr. David Brearley, and great credit is due to him for the excellent manner in which he has performed the same. The peals recorded are one each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Peterborough, and London Surprise, all of which have been rung on the Chesterfield bells. After all had expressed satisfaction, the Rev. A. T. Beeston moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their attendance and kind contributions, which was ably seconded by Mr. D. Brearley.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their interest and attendance was proposed by Mr. S. Thomas, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Before the visitors descended the tower, three courses of Forward Royal were rung by special desire. An adjournment was then made to the Everest cafe, where a substantial tea had been most kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided, whilst "Jasper" (Chesterfield's mascot, who can do anything but ring), was in close attendance upon all. During conversation at the table, the Vicar asked for an opinion respecting the condition and tone of the Chesterfield bells, which at once brought forth that the "go" of the bells was everything that could be desired, but the tone was far from perfect, and the best thing that could be done was to have them taken down, recast and tuned in the modern style. A suggestion was also made that seeing there was not a peal of twelve bells in Derbyshire, it would be far better still if two additional bells could be added at the same time. After enquiring the approximate cost, the Vicar promised the matter should have due consideration; therefore hopes are now running high that a new peal of twelve will be established at Chesterfield at a not very remote date.

When full justice had been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea and presiding at the table was moved by Mr. S. Thomas and seconded by Mr. T. Tyas. A further adjournment was then made to the tower, and touches in the various methods were indulged in until 7.30 p.m. A social evening followed at The Swan hotel, songs, recitations, touches and tunes on the handbells being given by the various well-known "Star artistes," things being kept merry until train time arrived, which terminated a red-letter day for Chesterfield.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

A company will meet at Mottram on Whit-Monday, and attempt to ring Mr. E. Timbrell's 16,800 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral will no longer allow an attempt at a peal of Royal, involving the ringing of the tenor bell by one person, to be made on the Cathedral bells.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

BENJAMIN GUTTERIDGE .. Treble.	FREDERICK BONNER 5.
CHARLES R. WING 2.	ALFRED KINO 6.
CHARLES MATTHEWS 3.	JAMES A. ROOKWOOD 7.
BERT WILSON 4.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells also by the band.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK LEAGER Treble.	GEORGE SNELLING 4.
BASIL J. MANSEY 2.	FREDERICK MANSEY 5.
JOHN SNELLING 3.	ARTHUR LEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MANSEY.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER WOOLLEY Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 5.
JOHN BEECH* 2.	REV. E. V. COX 6.
C. CAREW COX 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
BENJAMIN SNOW† 4.	PETER PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Mr. Carew Cox was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK MARTIN Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 5.
ALBERT MILLER 2.	REV. E. V. COX 6.
C. CAREW COX 3.	ERNEST SHERRATT* 7.
JOHN MORLEY* 4.	CHARLES MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

*First peal with a bob bell.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HENRY BEAL* Treble.	FRANK A. SLINGSBY* 4.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2.	JAMES MANN* 5.
GEORGE C. WATERS* 3.	CHARLES TURNER† Tenor.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Double Court, College Single, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE SMITH Treble.	GEORGE AITKENS 4.
PERCY GARWOOD 2.	THEODORE E. SLATER .. 5.
BERTIE MAXIM 3.	ALBERT Y. CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT Y. CLARKE.

The ringer of the 4th bell is the eldest son of the Rector of this parish, the Rev. George Aitkens, M.A., and this is his first 5000. Mr. Aitkens rang his first 720 of Bob Minor on the Stanstead Church bells on March 9, 1905, a little more than 13 months ago. This was conducted by his old friend S. Slater.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL STEVENS Treble.	GEORGE HARDSTAFF 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SENR. .. 2.	HERBERT ALLSOPP 6.
WILLIAM GOSLING, JUNR. .. 3.	FRANK MAY 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	CHARLES CARR Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GOSLING, JUNR.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE H. KITE Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
ISAAC EMERY 3.	GEORGE DURLING* 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	GEORGE HEAD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

WALTER HITCHMAN* .. Treble.	†VINCENT R. HITCHMAN .. 5.
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 2.	*WILLIAM HUTTON 6.
HENRY COBB 3.	EDWARD BANNISTER 7.
RICHARD G. RICE* 4.	FELIX DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD BANNISTER.

First peal as conductor. *First peal. †First peal in the method.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN TAYLOR* Treble.	HERBERT E. HOLDER 5.
CHARLES GOODENOUGH 2.	CHARLES DENSLEY 6.
WILLIAM PRESCOTT 3.	CHARLES W. BELL 7.
THOMAS F. KING 4.	JAMES FUSSELL Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

*First peal of Triples. Reference to this peal to be found elsewhere.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt

WILLIAM PELLING* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
ALBERT D. STONE* 3.	*EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER* .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the Oxford variation; also on the bells, and as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Pelling, the band offering the usual compliments.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

GEORGE CONDICK Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
JESSE GILLET 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER .. 7.
THOMAS BALDWIN 4.	THOMAS J. WHITING .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. E. LOCK* Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
A. B. BOSLEY 2.	*R. G. RICE 6.
JOHN BROWN 3.	REV. E. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLFIELD 4.	*W. H. HOLFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK J. STAINES .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
GEORGE W. FOSTER 2.	JOHN TASSELL 6.
RICHARD S. STAINES 3.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	JOHN EXCELL Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD S. STAINES.

Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal, it being his first peal, and is believed to be the youngest ringer in the above Association who has scored a peal, he being only fourteen years of age.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS* .. Treble.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS† 2.	*CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 6.
ALFRED WOODROW 3.	*JOHN EMERY 7.
GEORGE EDSEER, JUNR .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

*First peal of Major. †First of Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Major by the local band.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES M. BRAY Treble.	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS .. 5.
WILLIAM J. CROFT 2.	ARTHUR H. BRAY 6.
JOHN J. CAWDELL 3.	JOHN F. FOSTER 7.
CHARLES CASTLE 4.	*EDWARD G. BYGRAVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN F. CAWDELL.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Being seven 720s, each called differently, with 6-8 covering.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER* Treble.	RICHARD LYDDIATT 5.
GEORGE LARGE 2.	*ERNEST WEBB 6.
CHARLES J. GILLET 3.	WALTER LARGE 7.
ALBERT WHITE 4.	*FREDERICK A. CASE .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal. H. A. Case and E. Webb were elected members before starting for peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY PEACOCK* Treble.	WILLIAM EASTER 5.
SAMUEL TAYLOR*(R.N.) .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
SIDNEY FIGGESS† 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
WILLIAM BATE† 4.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAIGH,

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. PRICE Treble.	W. ADAMS 5.
H. JOHNSON 2.	W. PRIEST 6.
O. PEARSON 3.	G. H. B. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
J. P. MASON 4.	*W. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by W. GREEN.

*First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Major by all. First peal of Grandsire Major on these bells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble.	WILLIAM EARL 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	CHARLES E. HART 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7.
FREDERICK HOLLINGWORTH .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble.	GEORGE JONES 5.
JOHN MEALOR* 2.	HENRY W. WILDE 6.
JOHN W. DAVIES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
WILLIAM BRISCOE* 4.	*JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

*First peal in the Method. This is H. W. Wilde's 50th peal, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Six Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 12,000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5.
FRANK HALL 2.	JOHN HARROP 6.
JOE GODDARD 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
SAM STOTT 4.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE MARRINER* .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
HARRY F. LAST 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE F. HEAD.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. F. Williams who is leaving the district. *First peal of Treble Bob Major.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble.	HENRY REEVES 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD 2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 6.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
ALBERT E. BARROWS 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

CHARLES BOWER* Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH 5.
BENJAMIN THORPE 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN 6.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	*WILLIAM BOOTH 7.
BENJAMIN GILL 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung on the front eight. *First peal in the method.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Frome and Midsomer Norton branch of the above Association, held its annual meeting at Frome, on Saturday, April 28th. There was a good attendance, the following towers being represented:—Frome, Midsomer Norton, Buckland, Dinham, Leigh-on-Mendip. The bells of St. John's church were available all the day, and members began to arrive in the town as early as 2 p.m. Some ringing was done before tea, after which interesting function a capital business meeting, under the able and genial chairmanship of the Rev. W. Randolph, Vicar of Frome, was held. An innovation, which was manifestly appreciated by the members present, was a brief report on the year's work read by the secretary. Business was followed at 6 p.m. by a very impressive service in St. John's church, when the Vicar officiated.

The rest of the evening was spent in the tower, and a few touches in Triples (Grandsire) were brought round, though there was some little difficulty in getting really efficient bands together, owing to the fact that several of the ringers belonged to six bell towers.

It was a great pleasure to all to give a hearty hand-shake and welcome to Mr. Cole (London), a Clevedon man, and an old member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. At the business meeting the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip) was elected chairman of the branch, vice the Rev. W. A. Dwight (Buckland Dinham), resigned, to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his kind services as Chairman of the branch for the last three years. That the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the meeting goes without saying.

ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

On Easter Monday, the Attleborough company of bell-ringers had their outing, taking a trip round to different churches, the band meeting at 8.45 being R. Etteridge, captain, T. Sapey, J. Lawrence, W. Wiseman, S. Daniels, J. Daniels, W. Daniels. Our first place being Barnham Broom, where we were welcomed by the Rev. J. E. P. Bartlett. Here we found a nice peal of five where we got two 360 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by T. Sapey. After that we drove on to Honingham where we found a nice peal of six, all in readiness for us. Here we got 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in twenty-eight minutes, conducted by T. Sapey, then a few more changes of Plain Bob. After that we went on to Mattishall to the Eight Ringers' inn, where host J. Batson had provided a good lunch. After a course or two of salt beef we went to the tower where there was a splendid peal of six, here we got a 720 changes of Plain Bob in twenty-six minutes, conducted by J. Lawrence, in good striking order, then a few more changes. After that we went on to Garvestone, where the Rev. Alpe had provided tea for us. After partaking of his hospitality, we made for the church, with the Rector and two of his local ringers, being Mr. H. and Mr. S. Kiddle, who are new beginners, but we piloted them through their first 360 changes of Plain Bob, conducted by G. Sapey. After that six of their own band rang 360 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by T. Sapey. Then to finish with four of their own band rang a course of Bob Major. T. Sapey, 1-2; R. Etteridge, 3-4; S. Daniels, 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. Then we drove on to Hingham where we had a few changes of Bob Major with the Hingham ringers, and as it was getting late, we made for home, arriving about 10.15, having all enjoyed ourselves.

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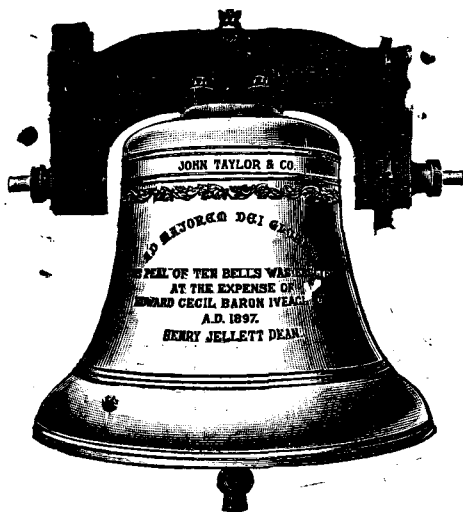
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The Premiums received during the year were £4,123,318, being an increase of £154,302 over the year 1904.

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The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 773,051. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £6,139,050 being an increase of £150,715.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,261,748. The number of Deaths was 238,220, and 3,344 Endowment Assurances matured.

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The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,065,268; their average duration is eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £59,464,376, being an increase of £4,104,871 over those of 1904.

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 £148,041.

Since the completion of the Valuation the Actuary has reported that in his opinion a general increase of *two-and-a-half per cent.* could, with safety, be granted under the principal Industrial Branch Tables if provision were made for an increase in the liability of £750,000. The Board have accordingly revised the Tables as from 1st March, 1906 and have made provision to meet the increased liability by the transfer during the current year of £750,000 from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at £1,000,000. The Shareholders will be glad to know that this revision affects nearly Thirteen Million Policies, and of this number over Ten Million Policies receive an immediate increase in the sum assured.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches on the 31st December, 1905.

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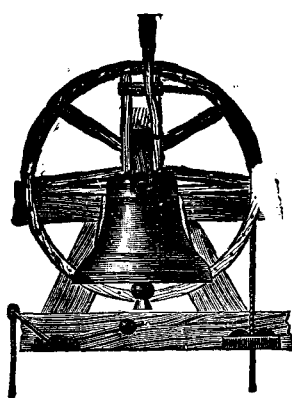
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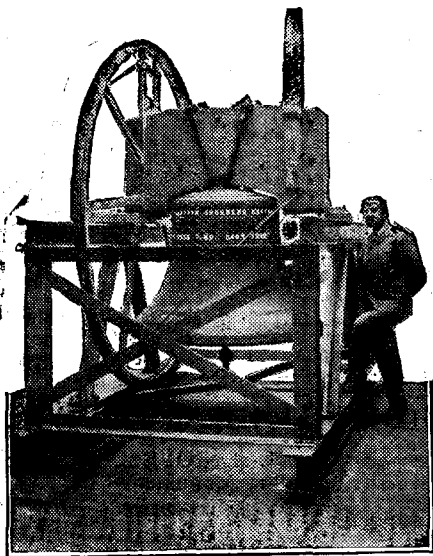
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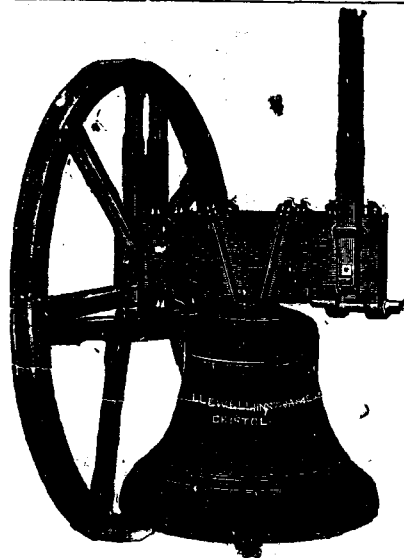
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Spring Meeting of the Newbury Branch of the above Guild was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 28th. The church is beautifully situated among trees on a model site overlooking the Kennet valley. There was a good attendance of ringers from Newbury, Compton, Bucklebury, Thatcham and Midgham Towers. The ringers met between three and four o'clock, and at four o'clock a service was held to dedicate a new tenor bell, which has been presented by Mrs. Clarke, sen., in memory of her late granddaughter Violet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Midgham House. The Rural Dean (the Rev. — Howard), of Bright Waltham, conducted the service. Before reading the special prayers the rev. gentleman addressed a few appropriate words to the ringers. He laid stress on the splendid work of the Guild in raising the tone of ringers generally, and of the progress made in the science of change-ringing. The organist (Mr. Mathews), and the choir were present, and special psalms and hymns 242 and 223 A & M were sung. The ringers joined heartily in the singing, and made the service bright and cheerful.

After the service all adjourned to the schoolroom, where Mr. G. Warner had an excellent tea waiting. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a short business meeting was held, pipes meanwhile being lighted. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bucklebury on June 21st. The best thanks of the ringers were given to the lay vicar (A. F. Clarke, Esq.), for the use of the bells and the schoolroom; to the Rural Dean and the choir for their services; and to Messrs. Mathews and Millson for the necessary arrangements made. Business being settled, the tower was again visited, and the bells rang out merry touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. Randall. E. Witts (conductor), F. Denness, W. Mathews, T. Quinton, A. Bird.

The work of casting and hanging the new tenor was put into the hands of Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and well they repaid the confidence placed in them. It was thought that the new bell must be placed above the others, but by a good deal of scheming Messrs. Bowell were able to hang it on a level with them.

The peal at Midgham is one of the lightest in the country, and it was not any easy task to make a good splice. However Messrs. Bowell cast a very mellow sounding bell in B flat, weighing 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs., and all the ringers were delighted with the "go," and with the way it spliced on to the other five. The first 720 on the bells was rung on the evening Messrs. Bowell completed the work. Friends from Thatcham took part. The method was Oxford Treble Bob, and the ringers were F. Denness, E. Witts (conductor), W. Mathews, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell, A. W. Bird. The striking was excellent. Letters expressing regret were received from the Rev. C. Hope Gill (Bucklebury), Messrs. Geater and Brooks (Newbury), Smith (Aldermaston), and the veteran ringer, Joseph Hatto, of Beenham.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Paul's Mission Room on Easter Monday. The business was pleasantly preceded by a capital luncheon. Mr. E. Ransom occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. A. Rust (Hon. Secretary), Mr. I. Hills (Assistant-Secretary), the Rev. C. B. Hulton, Mr. Herbert (Woburn), and others. In opening the meeting the chairman said he hoped the Association would continue to prosper and grow. The example set by change-ringing was a good one.

The accounts, which were adopted, showed a balance in hand of £21 1s. 9d., as against £23 19s. 3d. in 1905. The Secretary next read the Committee's report, which was as follows: The Committee, in presenting their twenty-fourth annual report, are pleased to state that the work of the Association has been going on steadily. The three quarterly meetings held during the year were all very well attended. The first was held in June at Barton-le-Cley, where three new bells have been recently hung. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Spokes) most kindly provided tea for the members present. The autumn meeting at Dunstable was a very enjoyable one, and the members were heartily welcomed by their old friend the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who also was kind enough to provide an excellent tea. The third quarterly meeting was held at Turvey at the present year. A goodly number assembled, and had the pleasure of meeting the new Rector, the Rev. C. B. Hulton, who took part in the ringing. The Committee are pleased to hear that the re-hanging of the peal of eight at Toddington is nearly complete, and that the bells will be opened on the Wednesday in Easter week. The peal at Stevington has been rehung and overhauled. It is expected that the peal at Clapham is shortly to receive attention, and that two bells are to be added to the peal at Biddenham. A small reduction in the balance in hand is due to the fact that rather a large sum has been paid in fares for members attending the meetings. The following peals have been rung by the Association during the year: Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Stedman Triples 1; Doubles 3.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker moved the adoption of the report, and said the fact that the balance had slightly diminished was a proof of the energy and well-being of the Association, because it showed that a large number of members had attended the quarterly meetings.

Mr. Barker seconded, and hoped a few more peals would be rung during the ensuing year. The report was adopted.

The election of officers was next proceeded with. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said they generally began with the officials, but he thought they should begin with the top of the list on that occasion. Their patron had always been the late Bishop of the diocese, and they knew that they had just lost their late patron. They had a new Bishop, who, he believed, had not been approached in the matter,

and he proposed that he be written to, and asked to become a Patron of the Association.

The Rev. C. B. Hulton seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The following were re-elected: Treasurer—Mr. Thomas Bull; Secretaries—Rev. A. Rust and Mr. I. Hills; Hon. Auditor—Mr. G. C. Walker. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was appointed a representative on the Central Council, and the Committee were re-elected with the exception of Messrs. Robinson and Clarke, the latter having left the town. Two new members were elected to fill the vacancies, these being Mr. C. Mortimer (Bromham), and Mr. Gale (Bedford).

Mr. Hills said at a meeting held at Turvey in January, it was suggested that as Mr. Clarke had been obliged to leave the town, there should be some recognition of the good work he had done for the Association, and a resolution was passed to the effect that a testimonial be presented to him. An appeal for funds met with generous support, and the result was that not only would he be presented with an address, but he would also receive a peal of handbells, and a subscribers' purse, containing the balance subscribed.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was chosen to make the presentation, and in doing so he gave a very able address. He felt very much honoured, he said, at being asked to act as the mouthpiece of the members, for had they not with them the father, or perhaps he might say, the grandfather of change-ringing in Bedfordshire, in the shape of Mr. Herbert, of Woburn. Mr. Herbert was the pioneer of change-ringing in the county, and had lived to see it firmly established. He also saw present Mr. Hills, who, he believed, was really responsible for the inauguration of the Association. He was of opinion that the first proposal for the establishment of an Association emanated from Mr. Hills, of St. Paul's belfry fame, in conjunction with Mr. T. G. Elger. But the Association would never have attained its position but for the work of Mr. Clarke. Whatever distinction the Association had gained, the very greatest credit was due to Mr. Clarke for the ability he had shown, and which he had placed at the disposal of the Association when conducting so many peals. There were other branches of his work; his constant endeavours to spread the art of change-ringing over a large area. He remembered how frequently Mr. Clarke had responded to invitations to teach the art, and a good many of those present had been taught by him. He impressed upon them the very great debt which the Association owed Mr. Clarke, both in his performance in the tower, and in his endeavours to spread the object for which they were associated, and it was with the greatest regret that he learnt that Mr. Clarke was leaving the county. He was glad, however, to hear him say that he was not without hopes of being able to get back to Bedford some time. In the meantime they wished him every success in his work, and hoped he would still find time to do some ringing in Derbyshire. He then handed the address and purse to Mr. Clarke, who, in returning thanks, said they had taken him quite by surprise. He had been a worker for the Association, not a talker.

It was further stated that members of neighbouring Associations had also subscribed to the presentation. A short touch was then rung on the new bells, which, as is also the framed address, are very handsome.

The meeting decided that the first quarterly (July) meeting be held at Thurleigh; the Michaelmas meeting

at Toddington; and that usually held at the beginning of January at Leighton Buzzard.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings. According to custom, the members attended Divine Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. B. Hulton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Ashted on Saturday, May 12th, representatives from the towers of Leatherhead, Dorking, Capel and Ashted being present. A few touches were rung in the afternoon, and at 5.30 a service was held in the church. In most practical address, the Rector (Rev. F. G. Lucas), pointed out that concentration of mind and unselfishness, two qualities necessary for a good ringer, were necessary in all departments of life, and he reminded the members that the art of change-ringing was not to be an end in itself, but in every sense Church work.

At the meeting following tea, nine ringers from Ashted were unanimously elected to the Guild. It was decided that the next meeting should be held if possible at Capel and Ockley on the third Saturday in August. It was resolved that a district peal should be attempted every quarter, Mr. Wyatt (Ashted), undertaking to raise a band to ring at Dorking. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks, and after a couple of performances on the handbells a move was made to the belfry, where several touches in various methods were rung. Thus ended a profitable and very enjoyable day.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral will no longer allow an attempt at a peal of Royal, involving the ringing of the tenor bell by one person, to be made on the Cathedral bells.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPION SHORTHAND WRITER.

The winner of the International Championship Gold Medal for highest speed and accuracy in shorthand, writing open to writers of all systems, which has just taken place at Baltimore, U.S.A., is Mr. Sidney H. Godfrey, of Chiswick, London, and formerly of St. Mary, Devon. Mr. Godfrey succeeded in winning after a keen struggle with the leading American high speed writers, all of whom wrote a different system to Mr. Godfrey, who used "Pitman's." Mr. Godfrey is a member of the College Youths and has rang in many peals of the Society. He was at one time a member of the Kensington Society, and is a life member of the Devonshire Guild. He is credited with the ability to write shorthand at the rate of 250 words per minute continuously for an hour. The Americans were absolutely outclassed by his wonderful performance.

A VISIT TO GREAT BURSTEAD, ESSEX.

By G. F. MARGETSON.

Perchance, dear reader, thou hast never yet visited the above village, anciently called "Great Burghsted," but now commonly pronounced "Great Busted," which formerly belonged to the Abbot and monks of Stratford Abbey. In Edward the Confessor's time it was owned by a Saxon thane—one named Ingar—who was dispossessed of it by William the Conqueror. It was granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Rich, 1551, and sold in 1600 to Sir John Petre, ancestor of the present owner, Lord Petre. One Thomas Cory, dying 1656, a monument was erected by "his most sad deere wif Judith."

As a change-ringer and antiquarian no place has given me more lively and sad interest. Its greatness now consists in its simplicity, obscurity, and antiquity—an ideal old world English

village, whose characteristics gives inspiration to the poet, and reflection to the pensive mind. The church tops one of the most beautiful prospects imaginable. The graveyard, "where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap" above the ashes of lives long since forgotten; the tottering tombstones "with uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture decked;" the weeping willows and the cypresses shading the old disused bridle-path, where the magic touch of Hymen led many a happy pair; the deserted vicarage, linked with many a history of love and home, where the sun's rays still illumines its silent chambers, and the faithful flowering climbers embrace the arms of death—all capitulating to the invidious conquest of Nature and of Time.

From a crumbling massive tower springs a conspicuous spire, which had often attracted my attention from afar. And so it happened upon one of those lovely Sunday afternoons in early summer, three years ago, feeling the vernal thrill, I started from home determined upon making a closer inspection of Great Burstead. Of course my chief interest was centred upon the tower and bells. The birds never sang more joyously their carols to the god of day, whose benign rays, kissing the bosoms of the flowers that bedecked my path, and moved by gentle zephyrs, seemed to nod me a friendly recognition as I passed them by.

"Yet ah!" I said, "that spring should vanish with the rose, And yonths' sweet-scented manuscript should close."

The quiet of this sleepy village was only relieved by the usual knot of country lads loitering near the church, who dressed in their best of corduroys, were evidently criticising me as I approached them. At the same time I heard the jingling of keys, and was soon in the presence of the principal ecclesiastic of the place, a farm labourer, who with much dignity seemed to discharge the various offices of clerk, sexton, steeplekeeper, and minor churchwarden, and to whom I soon made myself known.

I noticed a suppressed smile settling upon his face as I informed him I was a Cumberland Youth, no doubt owing to his conviction that I must be a very old "youth," for when a man has completed fifty or more revolutions round the sun, the truth of vanished youth is apparent. He let me know the village had no residential parson, the church and people were poor, and the lord of the manor pocketed most of the tithes. The hand of the archæologist, I saw, had been at work within the interior of the building.

I was then conducted to the tower and bells, followed of course, by a small procession of the corduroys. It would occupy too much of the editor's space and the reader's time were I to tell you all I saw in that musty turret, and perhaps would not redound to the credit of anyone worshipping at this venerable shrine. But I must speak of the bells. The treble, I was informed, had been cracked for many years, and the remaining four only used for chiming. Nothing was known of any band of ringers, or change-ringing, but a story which had been handed down many generations, still lived, how on one awful night a tempest of unusual severity had passed over the village, shifting the spire from the perpendicular, and the bells, taking advantage of the noise of the storm, rang out a peal of themselves unassisted by any human aid.

Anxious to raise the tenor, the steeplekeeper and boys instinctively sought safety by watching me from beneath the arches of the belfry window and staircase as I proceeded to do so. I had just got her frame high when the old rope snapped in two, causing the immediate exodus of everyone but myself from the belfry, and leaving me to finish the chiming for service.

Leaving the church, my way home lay beside daisy-dappled meadows, murmuring brooks, and through the woods, where banks of bluebell and wild blossom made a fitting couch for Venus, and bespangled each fairy glen. Feeling a sense of weariness following my exertions to rise the old bell, I sat down to indulge in reveries which the remembrances of Old Burstead naturally inspired. The silence of the woods was most profound, and the whispers of the gods seemed quite audible, soothing one into the most perfect tranquility.

I was just soliloquising over the story of the old bells ringing at midnight, wondering if any mysterious power had moved their tongues to speak, when I felt the touch, as it were, of the magic and drowsy wand of Somnus, and in an instant I was transported to the scene of that terrible night of the storm, amidst which I heard the following:—

DIALOGUE OF THE FIVE BELLS.

Treble.—Awake, oh sisters, awake! How can'st thou sleep when thunders shake the earth, and the crumbling walls of the chamber tremble at the rage of the storm without? Behold thy terror of the inhabitants of this village. The crack of doom must surely be at hand!

Second.—Misere domine! Oh, hear how the wild torrents lash this quivering tower, as if in mockery and punishment for its vain and lofty eminence. The eternity of our silence seems now broken by a gap of time. Verily the whole creation groans and travails.

Third.—Horror sits upon the night, for that wise bird, the owl, has been perching upon the pinnacle of my stay since sundown. Didst thou not hear that dreadful thud in the spire above as of falling masonry? We shall all be hurled to earth, I fear, and lose our identity in the melting-pot.

Fourth.—A consummation devoutly to be wished. Are not the dead in the graveyard below happier than the living? Consider the placid enjoyment of the cattle which graze in yonder pastures, regardless of Fate. Allay thy fears, my sisters, and preserve thy courage, for the circle of nature is not to be broken by disturbance or change. As to thine individuality, of what concern is that to her? Are not the elements of thy body indestructible? Why fear the melting furnace from which thou came? This tempest perturbs me no more than the decay of my bearings by age or neglect. Fate cannot remove us from the universe.

Second.—Some murky friend hovers in the midnight air. Now I perceive the danger and folly of being exalted. The majestic and towering pine trees must bear the force of the storm, while the humble oak, taking deep root below, shelters itself from wind and flood. When we fall, we fall like Lucifer.

Tenor.—The safety of my individuality alone concerns me, for what is the universe if I am not? Give me the eternity of silence to annihilation. To be silent is to be non-existent. I prefer activity and sound, the very manifestations of life itself. Even the thunderclaps give me increased vitality.

Fourth.—Silence is an attribute of the Divine Will. By remaining silent we may hear the follies of others and conceal our own. It is also the tree which bears the fruit of peace. See how the lurid lightning flash illumines the distant landscape. So philosophy enlightens the darkness of the understanding.

Tenor.—Philosophical rubbish! If Time had stayed his hand, silence might hold the golden balance, but he presses heavily upon those who are idle, as we are in this neglected steeple. Our dilapidation and silence may be agreeable to the night-birds of this tower, but not to me. Give me a swing and a bang to know and feel I exist.

Fourth.—The tempest now abates, and the village returns to rest, and above yonder hill the fair gleams of Luna shines forth upon a sobbing world, smiling its tears away.

Tenor.—The moon may well smile as Democritus did, at the world's tears and fears. My fair sisters, let us take hope that in the near future an Association of change-ringers may arise in Essex who will look to our condition, have us restored, and even our family augmented in this spacious chamber. Ages ago our five voices rang out "We praise thee O God" to the grandeur of the lord of the manor and his people. Men may come and go, but we emblems of immortality still remain hal- lowing the past, and blending the living with the dead. But hark! The clock gives warning of my duty to strike the mid- night hour. Sisters, good night.

The striking of the clock appeared so vivid as to startle me to my feet. The shades of evening were succeeding to departing day, and I knew that I must have been dreaming.

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AN APPRECIATION.

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me.
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that—the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

So sang Tennyson, but nevertheless there is a sadness too deep for language, for William Wakley has "crossed the bar," and the Exercise is all the poorer. Words fail to express the full meaning of this announcement. When the news came that he had been suddenly struck down in his prime, it was as though a mighty oak, the monarch of the woods, had been blasted by a storm. As we stood in St. Paul's among the vast congregation and watched the coffin borne along, we could not realise the loss, although few men could look on the scene unmoved. When wrapped in the Union Jack and carried along to the plaintive strains of Chopin's funeral march with muffled drums, it did not seem real, but it was a glorious end. A military funeral will at any time draw a crowd, but this was no ordinary event. William Wakley was no ordinary man. He was as great locally in his profession of arms as he was a ringer. When the firing party had accorded to their dead comrade the last honours due to a soldier, we looked down into the grave. It was then I believe that every ringer felt that indefinable affinity, that notwithstanding our differences in life makes us in the presence of death all one kin.

Like a panorama there passes before us the scenes in the years we had known with him. Again we are ringing with him in peal or touch. Again we hear his staccato husky voice, and see the merry twinkle in his eyes as he recounts some interesting anecdote. Again we stand in the belfry under the tablet which recalls his first peal, exactly thirty years ago. Then the eye traverses those that record the great performances that made the Burton band, with William Wakley at its head, famous throughout the ringing isle. Here are glories that cannot be taken away. Previous to the Burton peals Surprise ringing was in its infancy. Superlative peals could be counted on the fingers of one hand. From 1883 onward, if any ringer desired anything possible to ring, he could get it only at Burton, and this was mainly due to its intrepid conductor. Now he is gone, but William Wakley has indeed left footprints on the sands of time. He has lived the strenuous life in the cause of ringing, and his works will follow him. No man can do immediate justice to the memory of a dead friend. The time is too near. In the days and years that are to come, when silently the shades of evening gather round the lonely door, when silently they bring before us the faces we shall see no more; it is then we shall realise how the Exercise has lost one of its brightest ornaments. And not ornament only, for he was a man of great ability, so great that the Association that is proud to own him may never see his like again. His history is told not in words but in deeds. He stood for all that is manly, all that is true, and the M.C.A. has lost a faithful servant such as may not easily be replaced. For all time on the pages of ringing history the name of William Wakley will stand pre-eminent, and the ringing-world or such part of it as acknowledges a good man's ability will honour his memory. To the widow and family all ringers who knew him will extend their sympathy and compassion in this hour of trial. He fought the good fight, and it must be said of him as of Brutus:—

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So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
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Miscellaneous.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 48 mins. J. W. Driver, F. G. Symonds, W. T. Elson, E. V. Harvey, W. J. Troughton, L. Attwater, Arthur Jones, Alf. Jones, J. W. Kelley conductor, B. Harvey. Composed by C. Charge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the church of St. Nicholas, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Loader, T. W. Radford, J. J. Jones, S. Radford, C. Hazelden, G. W. Challice conductor, J. Hunt, S. G. Steer. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss Mary Rushton, who lost her life by drowning caused by the sinking of the steamer "Courier" in the vicinity of the Channel Islands on April 30th. Her presence will be greatly missed in this parish, where her benevolence was thoughtfully bestowed on all deserving cases.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, E. E. Napper, R. G. Rice, J. Butler, M. E. Caudwell, A. R. Bosley conductor, E. Bannister, G. Warwick. On Easter Monday, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, E. E. Napper, M. E. Caudwell, J. Butler, E. Bannister conductor. Rung owing to meeting short for a peal, and is the first by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Easter Monday, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, M. E. Caudwell, E. Bannister conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells for about six years. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Hitchman conductor, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister, M. E. Caudwell, V. R. Hitchman, H. Clack.

BRISTOL.—On February 26th, at St. Nicholas' church, 519 Stedman Caters. F. G. May conductor, G. Phillips, A. Burn, H. Parsons, A. Stowell, C. Downing, J. Richmond, H. C. Mounter, H. Howell, W. Bevan. And 1080 Bob Royal. W. Bevan, F. G. May conductor, A. Burn, S. Phillips, H. Parsons, C. Downing, A. Stowell, H. C. Mounter, J. Richmond, H. Howell.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. J. Troth, R. Hall, J. Key, J. W. Parish, J. Jaggar, J. Screen, J. Hare, J. Ford.

FOOTS CRAY (Kent).—On February 13th, 480 Bob Doubles. S. Hardy, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, E. W. Evitt, W. J. Brown conductor.

PENARTH.—On Sunday evening, February 18th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. J. Johnson, W. Ross, D. Thomas, F. Bartlett, Sergt. Major Dawe, J. Clutterbuck conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 49 mins. R. Maynard, jun., F. C. Maynard, F. J. Rumens, W. B. Manning, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, sen., H. F. Hull, R. G. Rice, F. E. G. French, R. K. Knight. Composed by C. Charge and conducted by R. Maynard, jun.

WEST HENDRED (Berks).—On Saturday, April 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. C. Mulford, F. W. Waldron, R. G. Rice, W. Grace, W. F. Gregory conductor, W. Boshier.

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, May 31st, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. — A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 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 KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Yorkshire Association. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Local hon. sec., Mr. E. R. Armitage, Dean Cottage, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield. For further details see Association circular.

JOHN W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Bedfordshire Association. — A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, *Local Sec.*

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis, to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Bells will be available at 4. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmslow Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on Monday, May 21st, 1906. Service in the Cathedral, 12.30. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Dinner, 1.30 in the church house; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing: — St. Thomas (8), to change ringers only. St. Edmund's (8). St. Martin's (8). Fisherton (6) Wilton (6).

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. — The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of some importance to transact, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend.

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

The London County Association. — (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824). — A meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8.30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Budge Row, E.C.

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, on Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Clave, on Saturday, May 26th, 1906.

S. SLATER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye, on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Thursday, May 24th.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 26th, 1906. Bells (8) available for ringing. Business meeting will be held at The Oak hotel at 7.30 p.m.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association. — Western Division. — The next quarterly meetings of the above will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, at the school-room. 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All members intending to be present, please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, May 24th.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild — Yorktown District. — Next meeting at Horsell, Woking, Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Institute at 6 for those who inform me by 23rd inst.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*
Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Archdeaconry of Salop. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, on Saturday, May 26th, 1906. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*
Newton Longville, Bletchley.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Further particulars in future advertisements.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Further particulars later. For dinner tickets, apply to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association. — Southwold District. — A meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Bells available from 1 o'clock until 5.30. All cordially welcome.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Wrentham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The Whit-Monday meeting

will be held at Bishop Auckland. The eight bells of the parish church (St. Andrew's) Bishop Auckland, and the eight bells in St. John's, Shildon, will be at the disposal of members Committee meeting at St. Andrews Church Choir Vestry at twelve noon. Dinner at Mr. Sharp's, Newgate End Cafe at 1 o'clock, 1s. 6d members, 2s. 6d non-members. Those intending to be present please notify by Tuesday, May 29th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

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ALBERT E. REEVES, *Assist. Sec.*
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637). — Owing to a special service being held, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22nd. Next meetings for practice will be — St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Thursday, May 24th, 7.30 to 8, and 8.30 to 9.30 (service between), and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, Thursday, May 31st, at 8 p.m.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1906.

WE are reluctantly compelled to hold over a few peal reports until next week, but our friends may rest assured that they will appear in due course, and in order of date. A long communication from Mr. Willson on "Practical Politics," etc., will also appear in our next; it is hoped this will be the last on the question. We again ask our correspondents to be as brief as possible in their reports, etc. It should be remembered that the shorter the communication, the better chance it has of an early appearance.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

Just over the four miles from Exeter, and situated in a lovely spot, and at the present time of year looking its best, is the above village with its fine bold buttressed perpendicular tower of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, standing out as a prominent landmark for miles around, within whose walls for upwards of 130 years, hung a fine peal of 6 bells cast by Bilbie, tenor 20 cwt. But as a diamond jubilee memorial to our late Queen, two new trebles were added in 1897, making a fine octave on which the members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. W. Searle, rang the first

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peal of Grandsire Triples on March 25th, 1905, in 3 hour and 18 minutes. A performance so creditably done was thought worthy of a board to record the achievement, and on Saturday last, May 12th, the Rev. G. F. Molineux, the hon. sec. of the Devonshire Guild, came over from Harford to unveil the peal board and to ask the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Whitaker) acceptance of the same on behalf of the members of the club, which duty he performed in a very able manner, stimulating, it is hoped, the Vicar's interest in the art, which he a few years ago had begun. But alas, like too many others had let fall again. At the conclusion of the unveiling ceremony a $\frac{1}{2}$ -peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members: Rev. G. F. Molineux, Frank Davey, Thomas Laver, Arthur W. Searle, Edmund Sargent, James Moss, Harry Burch (conductor), John Richards.

Tea being kindly provided by the Vicar was the next course which turned up, which was very acceptable, when a second presentation was made by the Rev. G. F. Molineux, this time of a very handsome silver mounted walking stick to the hon. sec. of the Club, Mr. F. Davey, as a token of his valuable services during the time the Club has been in existence. The present, which came as a complete surprise to the recipient, was acknowledged by him. After Mr. H. B. Kindersley had passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. P. Whitaker, and a stroll taken around his fine garden, tracks were made for home.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM WARD Treble.	*ERNEST S. POLL 5.
JAMES SAXBY* 2.	*THOMAS CARD 6.
GEORGE RADLEY* 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	*GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARRER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the new church of St. Stephen's, Bush Hill Park, Edmonton, by Lady Wolverton.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CORNELIUS CHARGE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method away from the treble. First Surprise peal on the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON,

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

ALBERT A. HUGHES* .. Treble.	ARTHUR COLES 5.
THOMAS PAGE 2.	ALBERT COLES 6.
CHARLES POTHECARY 3.	HENRY C. ALFORD 7.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal. The conductor has called this composition from each even pair of handbells, likewise from every bell in the tower, and has taken part in it non-conducted both on tower and handbells. He has also rung each even pair of handbells with other persons calling. He first called it on March 21st, 1884, on handbells; Umpire—John Cox.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble.	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 6.
HORATIO GUMMER, JUN.* .. 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Bob Minor, and three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED SEAGER Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 4.
BASIL MANSEY 2.	FREDERICK MANSEY 5.
JOHN SNELLING 3.	ARTHUR SEAGER Tenor.

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

The ringer of the treble is 14 years of age, and the ringers of the 5th and tenor are 18 years of age.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH)

On Friday, April 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD NICHOLS .. Treble.	HARRY SEAR 4.
GEORGE COX 2.	ARTHUR E. POWELL .. 5.
THOMAS HENRY 3.	*JAMES DICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late H. Tattersal, Esq.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM E. BASON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WISKENS 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	GEORGE ARCHER 6.
ARTHUR W. LEADER 3.	WILLIAM IRELAND 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

*First peal of Major as conductor.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

JULIUS SNOW Treble.	J. R. HAYMAN 5.
HARRY BURCH 2.	FRANK J. DAVEY 6.
WILLIAM MCGRIDGE 3.	ADOLPHUS SNOW 7.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BURCH.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Snow and Searle, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS† ..Treble.	†FREDERICK BROADBIBB .. 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. 7.
JOHN BASS 3.	†ROBERT MATTHEWS.. .. 8.
HARRY WHATMORE .. 4.	†JOSEPH FAULKNER .. 9.
HARRY PRICE 5.	*WALTER BRETHERTON ..Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS .. ..Treble.	THOS. BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	*JOHN RICHARDS.. .. 6.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board commemorating the first peal of Stedman Triples by an entirely local band (Nov. 1904), and also rung in honour of the marriage of the ringer of the second bell on Easter Eve, 1906.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

DAVID FARTHING .. ..Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS.. .. 5.
HARRY KIRK 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 6.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL .. 3.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. 7.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ..Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. ..Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
HENRY NORMAN 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	SAMUEL P. MERSON 7.
WILLIAM ANDREWS 4.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ..Treble.	GEORGE PARSONS 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN NEAL 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Violet, Woodbine,
Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by M. G. BENNETT.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5115 CHANGES.

EDGAR BENNETT .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
CHARLES DEAN 2.	WILLIAM GROVES 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT* .. 3.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 8.
HARRY LAST 4.	ALFRED CLAYTON 9.
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST.. 5.	CHARLES W. GORDON ..Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

SOLOMON MOULE .. ..Treble.	JAMES RENNETT 4.
JOHN H. MALLOWS 2.	WILLIAM E. BASON 5.
WALTER BLOOMFIELD .. 3.	*FREDERICK DRIVER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

*First peal.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. SORRELL ..Treble.	THOMAS LINDOLN 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
HENRY F. COOPER* 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

OWEN W. LAYNG .. ..Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
ROBERT W. HYNTER 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
THOMAS ROBINSON 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	HARRY ROBERTS .. ..Tenor.

Composed by WM. ESTCOURT and Conducted by HARRY ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all, except the ringers of the 7th and tenor.

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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

RICHARD HOATHER Treble.	RICHARD STREDWICK 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
HERBERT RANN 3.	GEORGE A. KING 8.
ALFRED J. TURNER 4.	KEITH HART 9.
ALBERT D. STONE 5.	FREDERICK STEEL Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD FIELDING* Treble.	HARRY BUCKLEY 5.
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2.	† WILLIAM KERSHAW 6.
CHARLES DEARDEN* 3.	JOSEPH GREENWOOD 7.
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 4.	GEORGE STAFF Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

*First peal. †First peal as a member of the Association. Further reference elsewhere.

DRIGHLINGTON YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 5.
ARTHUR STOKOE 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
GEORGE BARBACLOUGH 4.	JOHN MCKELL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure,
New London. Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES ROSE Treble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	THOMAS DAVY 5.
ALPHABUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, York, and Cambridge Surprise, Morning
Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK WARNER* .. Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First peal.

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HODDESDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

EDWARD KING† Treble.	† WILLIAM IRONS 5.
HENRY G. ROWE 2.	WILLIAM CAVILL 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	CHARLES MATTHEWS .. 7.
JESSE PUPLETT 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-
UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

CHARLES BOWER* Treble.	BENJAMIN THORPE 7.
JAMES BOOTH 2.	GEORGE LONGDEN 8.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
BENJAMIN GILL 4.	ALBERT ADAMS 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	*RICHARD NEWTON 11.
WALTER JAKEMAN 6.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal in the method on twelve bells.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent, three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of
Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SOLOMON MOULE Treble.	FRANK CULLUM 4.
PERCY LAFLIN* 2.	HENRY MOORE 5.
JOHN H. MALLOWS 3.	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

*First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal on the
bells since 1845. Messrs. Bowell and Sons, of Ipswich, have lately rehung the peal
and the "go" of the bells was pronounced excellent.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT Treble.	THOMAS SELF 5.
DANIEL SNELLING 2.	THOMAS SHRUBB 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 3.	WILLIAM GEARING 7.
ALFRED BROWN 4.	PERCY COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Gearing, his brother ringers wishing him
many happy returns.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	JAMES BETTS 6.
WALTER BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
WALTER MOBBS 4.	GEORGE SYMONDS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Obituary.

HENRY LEWIS GARFATH.

Ringers in the south-west corner of Surrey have lost a genial friend by the death of Mr. H. L. Garfath, senr., of Farnham, who passed away honoured and respected at the age of fifty-one years. The Exercise had claimed him as a member for over twenty-one years, but longer still than that was his record as a volunteer. He joined the local volunteer corps in 1872, and not long before his death he retired with the rank of colour-sergeant. He was an enthusiast in ringing, although he only scored twenty-four peals. But in his early days, a peal was a good deal more to be thought of than at the present time, for ringing in that part of Surrey was then taken up much less keenly. Mr. Garfath's first peal was rung on October 6th, 1888, and on January 19th, 1901, he first con-

ducted a peal. He served for some years upon the Central Council of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and his death is deeply lamented by his colleagues. He succumbed on March 17th, to an attack of apoplexy, which seized him while attending a meeting in the belfry.

The interment took place on Wednesday, March 21st, with all the impressive ceremony attendant upon a volunteer funeral. The service, the first part of which took place at the parish church, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. L. O'Rourke), and seldom before has such a vast crowd gathered round the grave of a Farnham townsman, as assembled in the cemetery to attend the last sad rites at the interment of Colour-Sergeant Garfath. Prior to the Volunteers giving the customary three volleys over the grave, the ringers paid their last tribute of respect by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on

handbells, by J. Hunt, J. J. Jones, C. Willshire, and A. H. Sulling, of Guildford. Wreaths were sent by the combined societies of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas, Guildford, and by the Farnham band.

As a mark of respect to the deceased, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's One-Part) was attempted at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on the preceding evening, but was unfortunately lost through a muffle becoming loose. The ringers were H. Hutton, F. Blondell, G. Cballice, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Hunt, A. H. Pulling (conductor), C. Willshire, T. Maynard.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Garfath's grandfather was a churchwarden and a ringer at Farnham church nearly a century ago. J. Garfath took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Farnham, on July 3rd, 1815, in commemoration of the victory of Waterloo, and on July 5th, 1816, he also rang in a peal of Grandsire, both on the treble. The latter peal, curiously enough, was the last one rung at Farnham by a local band, until that which the late Mr. Garfath conducted in January, 1891.

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And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

RESULT OF POLL FOR PEOPLE'S WARDEN.

Mr. F. G. Skinner	...	366
Mr. H. W. Bellingham	...	144

Majority for Mr. Skinner ... 222

The successful candidate (who is re-elected) is a ringer, and was elected a member of the Kent County Association last year, shortly after the re-opening of the tower of St. Nicholas, for the restoration of which he was instrumental in raising £1,300.

SKETTY (GLAM.)—On Monday, April 30, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Gwyn, W. Blackmore, R. Morse, W. H. Rice conductor, E. Chamberlain, A. James, C. Morse, H. Williams.

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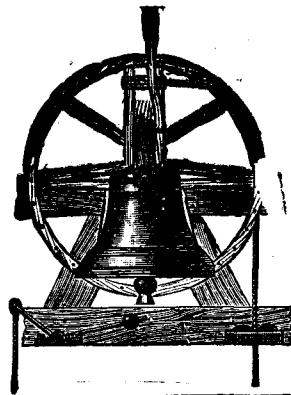
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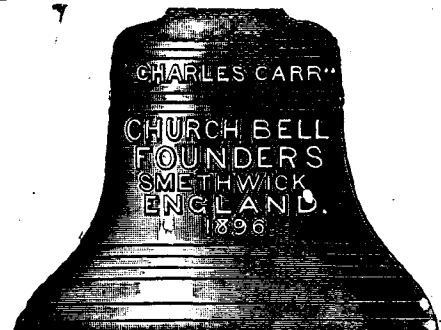
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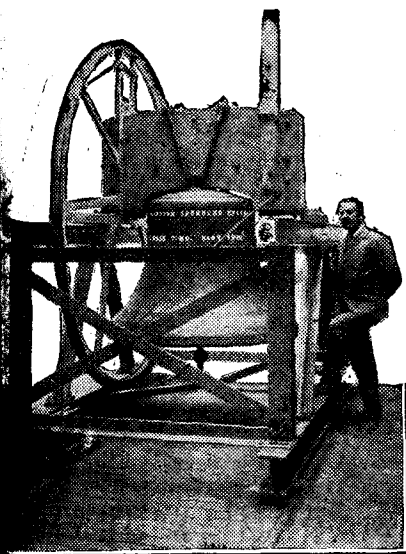
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual gathering at St. Albans on Easter Monday, the delightful weather being conducive to a large attendance. In the afternoon a service was held in the Abbey, at which the Bishop preached a suitable sermon.

A tea followed in the Corn Exchange. Over seventy sat down, after which the annual business meeting was held. The Bishop presided, and those supporting him included the Dean of St. Albans (Rev. Dr. Lawrence), Mr. H. J. Toulmin, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Eden (hon. secretary West Herts. Division), Mr. W. Lawrence (hon. secretary Eastern Division), and Mr. D. Ellingham (hon. secretary Northern Division), and a numerous gathering of representatives from all parts of the county. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Canon Wigram (the President of the Association), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), who was prevented from being present by his father's illness, and who has since passed away.

Mr. Debenham read the secretary's annual report. It stated that the Association was founded at St. Albans on October 29th, 1884, at a meeting held at the rectory, and the first report issued returned the number of bands as seven, with a total membership of 92 ringing members and two honorary members. Four bands still retained their membership, and two others had representatives, the missing one being Bennington, once the premier society of the county. Of the original members 21 still remained. At the present time they had thirty towers attached, four having joined during the year just ended. Their roll of ringing members stood at 262, with 19 honorary members. This brief comparison showed, he thought, genuine progress, due to the persistency and enthusiasm of the members themselves in affording instruction to young companies, and to the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the incumbents of the various churches of the county in granting permission for peal-ringing. The list of peals was somewhat less this year than last, 27 having been rung on tower bells and four on handbells, against 45 on tower and six on handbells, but there was satisfaction in knowing that the standard had not suffered. A healthy sign of life was the increase of conductors, 16 for 31 peals being a worthy record. The peals consisted of 1 Cambridge, 5 Superlative, 1 Double Norwich, 1 Bob Major, 1 London, 8 Stedman Triples, 5 Grandsire Triples, 3 in various methods on six bells, and 4 peals of Stedman on handbells. The Royston band deserve to be congratulated in having rung their first peal. The Little Munden band had accomplished a remarkable performance in ringing a peal in fourteen different methods, the first of its kind ever recorded in the county. Their Oxhey friends were again to the front in handbell ringing, having rung three peals of Stedman Triples and one of Stedman Caters. During the year they had lost two members by death—Mr. W. Allen, of Hitchin, and the Rev. W. D. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Great Gaddesden. Abbot's Langley and Watford had joined the Association, and Apsley and King's Langley had also become connected with them. Con-

cluding the report, the Hon. Secretary recorded the great indebtedness to the clergy of the county in granting the use of their bells for quarterly meetings, peal ringing, and in other ways helping forward the prosperity of the Association, and also to the valued support extended to them by their honorary members, some of whom had assisted them for many years.

The Dean, in moving the adoption of the report, said on the whole it revealed a flourishing state of affairs. They hoped, however, a better report would be forthcoming from the county town next year.

Mr. H. J. Toulmin seconded, congratulating those present on the excellent meeting.

The confirmation of the election of Messrs. Irons, Twist, King, Black, Beams and Fish was confirmed. The following were elected members: Messrs. Wallace, Siggers, Oliver, Wild, Wallace, Miller, Patmore, Endersby and the Rev. A. J. Langdon (Great Munden band); R. F. Deal and G. F. Parrott (London); T. Mead (Aldenham); H. Cutler (Apsley End); B. Bowskill, F. Griffin, H. G. Wilkerson (Royston); T. A. Blow, F. G. Blow, S. J. Allen, J. Francis, A. Godman, J. F. Currant, C. H. Walklate, W. Malyan, T. Seymour (St. Albans); J. Merrick (Bedfont); and the Rev. W. D. W. Dudley an hon. member.

Proceeding to the appointment of officers, Mr. Debenham moved the re-election of Canon Wigram as President, which was carried. Other officers elected were: Hon. Secretary—Mr. G. W. Cartmel; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. E. P. Debenham; Hon. Auditor—Mr. Prewett; District Secretaries—Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern); and Mr. H. Eden (Western). Mr. Ellingham found himself unable to act for the northern district again, and the appointment of his successor was left to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand on the year's working of £2 10s., and a reserve fund of £11 16s., were adopted.

Before taking his departure the Bishop addressed the ringers for a few minutes. He wished to say how glad he was to meet them in that social way, as well as to have had the privilege and pleasure of speaking to them in the Cathedral. Last year he was not able to be present, but this year he had postponed a short holiday he was afraid he very much needed, in order to be present. He wished to say how deep was the interest he took in the Ringers' Association. Although he was not a ringer himself, he had some experience of bells. When he was at St. Mary's, Portsea, a peal of six bells was changed into eight. The spread of organisation among bellringers had been a good thing for both the ringers and the parishes; it had brought many men within the Church, and the ringers had taken their proper place among church-workers. The whole practice of bell-ringing had now changed. It had become a science used in the honouring of God, and the result had been to raise the whole status of ringers. It had been a means of making them realise responsibility for their own lives, more than the actual service they took part in. He was very keenly interested in the formation of a Lay Workers' Association in that diocese, which had for its

object the gathering together of all kinds of church-workers, in various parishes, recognised as real workers for the diocese at large. It was his desire that ringers should be included among those workers. He rejoiced heartily in the prosperity and the continued progress of their society in the county of Herts. He had heard of one or two places which were hardly so forward as they like, but they hoped there would be an awakening in those districts. Speaking generally the report was an extremely favourable one. He hoped there would be still more fingers banded together in that Association, which helped its members to realise the existence of a real brotherhood.

Before leaving, a vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop on the motion of Mr. Toulmin. "I am very much obliged to you, and I shall not inflict upon you a second speech," remarked his Lordship, amid laughter, in replying.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean for placing the Abbey bells at the disposal of the ringers; the officials of St. Michael's and St. Peter's being similarly thanked. A vote of thanks was also passed to the officers for their services during the year.

A pleasing surprise was in store for Mr. H. Eden, who has for some years entered the peals rung by the Association in the peal-book. The members had subscribed for a handsome marble clock, which, in their name, Mr. E. P. Debenham presented. Mr. E. P. Debenham, in making the presentation, said since Mr. Eden had undertaken the work he had not missed entering up any peal. The work was extremely arduous, but like a true Englishman he had put his shoulder to the wheel, and he never allowed anything to interfere with his entering of the peals. In the name of the County Association he had the greatest pleasure in asking Mr. Eden to accept the clock as a mark of their esteem, and an expression of their thanks.

Mr. Eden briefly expressed his thanks, and stated he had been taken completely by surprise. If they would not be too hard on him, and not ring too many peals, he might manage to be up-to-date by next Easter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Crewe branch was held at Lawton, on Saturday, May 12, ringers being present from Crewe, Barthomley, Alsager, Fenton, Burslem, Norton, Tunstall, Woistanton, Kids Grove, and Lawton. Several touches were rung in the afternoon including Grandsire, Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. Under the management of Miss Rigby, a splendid tea was provided, when about seventy dismissed their appetites including the wardens, and all church officials and their wives. After tea the Rector was pleased to see such a large number of ringers and gave them a hearty welcome to Lawton. He also pointed out the great improvement in belfries and ringing during the last forty years in Lawton, and he was glad to tell them he had a very interesting ceremony to perform by the unveiling of a peal tablet which has been erected in the tower recording the first peal of Minor on the old 6 bells, and also the first peal of Grandsire Triples both rung by Lawton ringers. The Rector gave the local band great credit for their success. R. F. Holding then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Miss Rigby for the good tea which she provided, and to the ladies who assisted. R. Langford seconded in his usual style, pointing out that the Lawton meeting was always a very interesting meeting. In the

evening a short dedication service was held, and before the last hymn the Rector proceeded to the tower accompanied by the wardens, Miss Rigby, and as many as the tower would hold.

As the Rector moved the veil a beautiful tablet of white marble was seen, it being the work of Mr. W. Ford, of Kids Grove, who has the praise of all who saw it. With a few interesting remarks by the Rector, followed by an hymn, a very enjoyable meeting was ended.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

A special meeting was held in St. John's belfry on Monday night, April 30th, when the bells were rung muffled as a tribute to the memory of William Wakley, Hon. Treasurer to the Association. At 9 o'clock the business meeting was held, Mr. J. Buttery in the chair. The chairman with much feeling moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Treasurer. This was seconded by Mr. C. Bolton and carried in silence. Messrs. J. Morris and W. Willson, sen., who attended the funeral with a floral wreath as a tribute from Leicester, gave an account of the interment, and Mr. Willson moved "That this branch recommend to the General Committee that a memorial tablet be placed in St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, by this Association, in recognition of the faithful services rendered by its late Hon. Treasurer, Mr. William Wakley."

In moving the resolution Mr. Willson said he thought all members would welcome an opportunity of shewing their gratitude in this manner, for it was men like William Wakley who made history in ringing, and had earned for this Association the prestige it possessed.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. G. Cleal, and carried unanimously.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Hursley on Saturday, May 12th. Members attended from Winchester, Romsey, Twyford, North Stoneham, Upham and Southampton; also Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke. During the afternoon and evening touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Tea was provided at The King's Head at 5 o'clock, the Vicar of Hursley (Rev. J. G. Young), presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by the curate, the Rev. —. Inchbald. The hon. sec. read a communication from the General Secretary concerning the sum to be allowed as travelling expenses to members attending the annual meeting, the Central Committee having decided at a recent meeting, that the sum should not exceed 2s. 6d. per member. He also announced that at a meeting of the Central Committee held at Guildford, it had been decided that according to the rules, any business there may be to do at the quarterly meetings of the district (except the annual meeting), should be done by the district committee, so that other members should have as much time as possible for improvement in ringing. At a previous meeting of the district committee, fourteen new members were admitted as probationers of the Sherfield English band, and an instructor (Mr. Fowler of Romsey) appointed to instruct them. It is hoped two more towers in the district, one having a ring of 6 bells (Owslebury) and another with a ring of 5 bells (Sparsholt)

will soon become affiliated to the Guild. The Chairman (who has just completed his fortieth year as Vicar of Hursley), in response to a vote of thanks proposed to him by Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Winchester), said, although not a ringer himself, and he did not think he was likely now to become one, yet he had always felt a great interest in ringers and their work, and would always be glad to do all in his power to help them. Evensong was attended by most of the members at 6 o'clock, after which the bells were kept going till between 8 and 9 o'clock. A very instructive and enjoyable time having been spent.

BOVINGER CHURCH, ESSEX.

A large clock has just been erected in this church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and generally made to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe.

LONG PEAL NOTICE.

The Moorside (near Oldham) branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will attempt on Whit-Friday to ring at Mottram a peal of 16,800 changes Kent Treble Bob.

Date Touches.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening for Divine Service, May 14th, a date touch of Minor 1906 changes, consisting of 466 of Plain Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 70 mins. Tenor 93 cwt. A. Peacock, Henry Parrish, W. Sykes, T. Sarginson, Chris. Clarkson, Geo. Handley conductor. First date touch by the ringer of 5th, and second date touch by the band during May.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, for practice, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, E. E. Napper, R. G. Rice, J. Butler, M. E. Cauldwell, A. R. Bosley conductor, E. Bannister, G. Warwick.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TUR BROOK (Liverpool).—On Saturday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. W. Booth, A. Lovell, J. Aspinwall, W. Hargreaves, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Counce conductor, C. Stewart.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Routley, E. Cox, J. Dunn, J. Harris, G. H. Pruen, F. Iley, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Worgan. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edgar Wells, who was married that day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. M. Turner, F. W. Bond, C. Eden, F. Protherough, C. Bartlett, C. Bond conductor, T. Gardener, H. Clutterbuck.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the church of St. Michael, Garston, on Monday, December 18th, on the back six, 720 Stedman Minor. J. Turner, T. Hammond, jun., G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, W. Davies, E. H. Lewis conductor. Supposed to be the first in the method in the county. On Monday, February 12th, 720 Double

Bob. R. H. Green, E. Counce, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, W. Davies, E. H. Lewis conductor. First in the diocese. And 360 Stedman Doubles. E. H. Lewis, E. Counce, R. H. Green, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Davies. At the church of St. Mary, Grassendale, on September 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Superlative Surprise. On October 18th, 720 Merchants' Return. On November 8th, 720 Woodbine and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On November 15th, 720 Grandsire. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Violet. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Kent. On January 17th, 720 College Single. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 London Surprise. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Wells Surprise, being the first in the diocese. The following took part in the ringing—J. Allen, W. Booth, R. H. Green, E. H. Lewis, T. J. Morris, G. R. Newton, J. Turner.

CARDIFF.—On February 25th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, W. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, A. Rowley, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Thursday, March 1st, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. Ross, W. T. Robson, D. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain. And 518 in the same method. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Biss conductor, W. T. Robson, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. T. Pye, R. W. Hannard, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, W. J. Schofield, W. Burch, A. Burch. In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing upwards of 2880 changes. H. T. Pye, E. W. Hannard, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. Other touches of Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung during the day.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. C. Cottrell, W. H. Godden, T. Russam, C. Dickens, J. Sanders, W. J. Meers, M. Murphy, J. Preston.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, March 18th, at St. Paul's church, 220 Grandsire Triples. G. Horwood, C. C. Cox, W. Cole, E. Castle, J. Mackerell, J. H. Preston, conductor F. Chiverton, G. Combs, J. W. Preston.

DAILY SEA TRIPS FROM LONDON.

With the approach of summer, the thoughts of thousands of Londoners turn to merry Margate and Ramsgate and to the invigorating steamboat trips from London to those places, and if only the business people of the Metropolis knew what a marvellous pick-me-up a sea trip to Margate and back is—then, instead of there being about ten passenger steamers in the business, there would be three times the number, or the accommodation would be short for the big demand that would result. The New Palace Steamers "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-noor," sister ships, each 300 feet long, and built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, builders of the Canard steamers "Campania" and "Lucania," will, as in former years, commence their regular sailings on Saturday, 2nd June, to Southend, Margate and Ramsgate. The steamers have been thoroughly overhauled and redecored, and are now clearer and better found than ever before, and the only important alteration in the service from last year is that, on week days, the "Royal Sovereign" will leave Old Swan Pier at 9 a.m. instead of 9.20 a.m. as last season, this being arranged so that passengers shall be enabled to arrive back at London Bridge about 8 p.m. The catering is done by the Company on the same liberal scale as in previous years, contracts having been made with the best firms in Leadenhall Market, and everything of first quality will be supplied.

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"PRACTICAL POLITICS," ETC.

WILLIAM WILLSON REPLIES TO SOME OF HIS CRITICS.

The enemy cometh on so fast that I must ask for space in which to combat them before they compass me round about with side-issues. First, why does the Rev. T. L. Papillon infer that I have called the Council fools? He says "it is bad policy." I concur with him. It is as unwise as expecting to convert a Jew by telling him you are "casting your pearls before swine," or the atheist or agnostic, including such men as Darwin, Huxley, and Herbert Spencer by reminding them that they are fools who reject our view of the Deity. No one could say "Thou fool" to the author of "the descent of man," and the "origin of species," but the Vicar of Writtle knows where to find it in Scripture, and while it is not for me—a layman—to enter into any controversy appertaining to matters theological, it is to say the least strange that he repudiates biblical plain speaking. I understand the rev. gentleman's satire, but does he honestly think that one who has passed through the two great Friendly Societies, and sat for years upon an Executive of a Trade Union, in all of which the principles I advocate obtain, still knows nothing of the question? The writer of this epistle has the egotism to think he knows what he is talking about. I have never yet called the Council fools. It is the Rev. T. L. Papillon's own interpretation, and an erroneous one at that. Good English being offensive, I had better try Latin. DE GUSTIBUS NON EST DISPUTANDUM.

Mr. John S. Pritchett is a gentleman of great legal standing. To him my letters appear "forcible feeble." I well remember the instance when he mentioned the matter of a Benevolent Fund, and I had great hopes that he would champion this cause. He produced no scheme in support, and after a few words between "the magistrate" in the chair and the lawyer, the latter threw up his brief. He now says "further reflection has convinced me that it would be quite impossible * * * The matter is however well worth further discussion." This antithetical argument is beyond my comprehension. Only "theoretical faddists" could solve what is "quite impossible"! ONUS PROBANDI. Some years ago I rang with a certain gentleman in a peal of Grandsire Major. With the Tipton Slasher—Mr. Rock Small—on the tenor, and Mr. John Carter conducting, an excellent peal was the result, for Grandsire Major, properly composed, contains music, notwithstanding its detractors. Well, years after that I met the same person again, this time in London Surprise, and he was keenly anxious to accomplish it. Now, London is only rung because of its intricacy. It violates the Canons of Major ringing. Odd bells down before the even while the tenors run apart like lost dogs in a crowd, and as for music—well, anyone who can detect music in London must be possessed of muscles in the ears or noises in the head. I reminded the aforesaid of the Grandsire Major peal, when he exclaimed "Ah! that is the one peal I regret ever having rung." On turning to my note book I find the gentleman was Mr. J. S. Pritchett. I think I said "Theoretical fads." Does anyone cry "Shame"?

I am now in a quandary, not knowing how to address Mr. Armiger Trollope. Although I read in Law Terms that Armiger means Esquire or a gentleman who bears arms, Mr. J. A. T. abjures it in favour of the prefix "Mr." This is unique. It is original—the most original thing I have seen as yet emanating from him. Most great men and men of letters, among which of course I include the subject of this paragraph; are known by their names. Humboldt, Cæsar, Antony, Buonaparte would look queer with "Mr." tacked on as a front name. So would Dante, Shakespeare or Milton, but nothing so plebeian will do for Mr. J. A. Trollope. (After the dust up the other week wherein he exorcised me with bell, book and candle, I am afraid to even call him "friend" Trollope, yet I would fain do so, as I bear him not the slightest ill-will.) This opens up the possibilities of huge jokes. I suggest that Mr. J. A. T. tries it on, say—the librarian at Battersea asking for the poems of "Mr." Burns. I am under the impression he would either be told to stand aside and not block up the gangway, or referred to the President of the Local Government Board. His illustrious namesake was content to be known as Anthony Trollope, and I ought to know,

for did he not write a book entitled "Puddinghead Wilson," which is more than flesh and blood can stand. There comes Mr. Armiger, bounding into the arena like an indiarubber ball, and calling upon me to look out and stand from under, instead of which, lo, in the twinkling of an eye he is hors de combat. The merry esquire who bears arms is down, and in high dudgeon because I have pierced his armour, and vows never to fight me any more. Well, I should like him to come back again, for what I have said—I have said—and I cannot nor would not unsay it, but I don't want him or any other to think I have any personal feeling towards those who argue against me. I prefer any man's friendship to his enmity, although I am not prepared to purchase the former at the cost of the freedom of speech. If Mr. Armiger Trollope has the slightest doubt about it, I am willing, nay, anxious to drink his health as often as he thinks fit to "set 'em on the counter," and can any man say fairer than that? I think I have now dealt with most of my critics. If they don't consider themselves paid in full, will they kindly accept this on account. May I jog their memories that the scheme is the thing we want to discuss. The man who can find a weak place in it—not to mention the supposed impossibility—has not yet put in an appearance. Also will "Plain Speaker" and the Rev. H. Drake please note that in matters that are worth conserving I am a Conservative. In all others I am what I am, but the "Rad" fits the monogram of Mr. Daniell. I mention it not as a guarantee of good faith, but for publication. I am no iconoclast, so please don't do it again. As I am rejected by the Association with which I have been in the past identified, I am out of the running, and some one else must bring it forward on the Council. Should any of my opponents feel glad at my defeat, I would remind them that the M.C.A. is true to the motto of Semper Idem, no man having yet ever wrested a seat from the official ring. It matters not to me who does the work, providing the work is done, but these who are opposed to me ought to see I have given the C.C. the biggest fillip it ever had. It bids fair to die of inanition. Ringers generally took no interest and some members took even less. The attendances have dropped until last year out of 100 members no less than sixty-one were absent. To quote the official figures: five Associations only were fully represented; sixteen only partially; and fifteen not represented at all. Does any sane man think this is a healthy state of things? The C.C. ought to be the hub upon which the Exercise turns. It is for the ringers to say whether it shall become this, or remain what it is—a tame debating society.

MUFFLED PEAL TO A WELL-KNOWN VETERAN.

On Tuesday, May 15th, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a muffled peal as a last token of respect to the late John Bonney, of Bethnal Green. The ringers were M. A. Wood, J. Comb, A. Hughes, jun., A. Hughes, W. T. Cockerill, G. Hills, D. Gibbons, G. Dorrington, jun. Mr. Bonney had been for many years a ringer at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. He was one of the few remaining representatives of what was once a flourishing industry in that neighbourhood—silk weaving, and he carried on that calling almost to the time of his death. Lately his health had been failing, and his last attempt to take his accustomed place in the belfry was on Easter Sunday last. After a short illness he died on Tuesday, May 8th, at the age of eighty. It is, we believe, more than 30 years since he left his native county of Suffolk to take up his abode in London, and he has rung many peals with that veteran Mr. Matthew A. Wood. The news of Mr. Bonney's death will be received with deep regret by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him at Bethnal Green, which was once the popular rendezvous for ringers visiting the metropolis.

Next week a further reference will be made to an episode in the life of John Bonney.

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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, May 31st.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The London County Association. — (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824). — A meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8.30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Budge Row, E.C.

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Clave to-day, Saturday, May 26th, 1906.

S. SLATER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.

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

The Sussex County Association. — Western Division. — The next quarterly meetings of the above will be held at West Grinstead, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, at the school-room, 5.30. Business meeting to follow.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — Yorktown District. — Next meeting at Horsell, Woking, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Institute at 6 for those who inform me by 23rd inst.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*
Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Archdeaconry of Salop. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, 1906. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*
Newton Longville, Bletchley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting will be held at Brownedge, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5.30. Short service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present, please give notice to Mr. G. Redfern, Brownedge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, May 31st.

D. FRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Service at 12, with an address by Rev. C. Williams. Cold luncheon followed by a business meeting at the Falcon hotel at 12.45, 2s. each. Half price to members sending notice on or before the 31st May, to

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-sun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Committee meeting at 11 in the parish church room. Service at noon. Address by the Ven the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Offertory for belfry repairing fund. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Public Hall. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8) and Marden (6). Members are requested to apply for tickets before May 31st.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association. — Southwold District. — A meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Bells available from 1 o'clock until 5.30. All cordially welcome.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Wrentham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland. The eight bells of the parish church (St. Andrew's) Bishop Auckland, and the eight bells in St. John's, Shildon, will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting at St. Andrews Church Choir Vestry at twelve noon. Dinner at Mr. Sharp's, Newgate End Cafe at 1 o'clock, 1s. 6d members 2s. 6d non-members. Those intending to be present please notify by Tuesday, May 29th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — The eighth annual meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Whit-Monday the ring available being that of the parish church, ring of 8, tenor 17 cwt. A special service will be held by kind permission of the Rev. S. M. Thompson, M.A., Vicar, at 12 noon, which members are earnestly requested to attend. Preacher, the Rev. T. Collins, of St. Martin's, Leeds. Dinner will be provided, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, at the Rose and Crown at 1.30 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than the 28th inst. to the secretary, the Rev. R. Hodgson, Skelton-in-Cleveland, S.O. including the names of friends who are not members. The Committee will meet at the hotel at the conclusion of the service.

The Irish Association. — The annual meeting will be held in Bray on Whit-Monday, 8 bells. Lunch in Novara Hall, Novara Road, at 3 p.m.

G. LINDOFF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Lunch at Peacock hotel, 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements. Service at All Saints Church at 12 noon.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Midland Road, Wellingboro.

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m. service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. A. W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, hon.

Canon of Southwark Cathedral. 1.30 p.m. Dinner 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. sec. not later than May 31st.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Glamorganshire, on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — The Spring meeting will be held at Pangbourne, on Saturday, June 9. The bells at Pangbourne and Whitechurch will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, road, each, at 5.15. Members and friends intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, June 5.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Assist. Sec.*
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. — The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

T. R. JACKSON, P.G.
34, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.

AN INVITATION.

A friendly meeting for ringing will be held at Farnham Royal, on Saturday, June 2nd, when the Rector and ringers will be pleased to welcome any visitors. Tea will be provided. Will intending visitors please send a line.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1906.

BELOW will be found the business paper which the members of the Central Council will have before them for consideration on the 5th proximo. There is nothing very startling in this agenda. No one appears to have the temerity to bring up the subject of the proposed Benevolent Fund. This may be owing to the manner in which it was introduced. We think had WILLIAM WILLSON been more temperate in his remarks the subject would have "caught on," and some one have been found to introduce it at the Council's meeting. There are those who thought our friend's first adumbration was merely an attack on the Council, and these resented it accordingly. Plain speaking is all very well, but it is bad policy indeed to let it become offensive. The result is that whatever its worth the question is shelved for a time; and our knowledge of ringers in general forces us to believe that an attempt on the lines indicated would prove a failure.

In our next number will appear, from the pen of the Rev. H. Drake, a short article, with tabular classification,

upon "Methods," having reference to the paper, of the Rev. H. Law James. Members of the C.C. should take care to peruse this, as it may be brought up at the meeting:

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Council will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit if necessary till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—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.

- 6.—To discuss the following proposed alterations in the Rules of the Council, viz.:—

- (a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
- (b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
- (c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

- 7.—To call attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903, and to move a resolution.

- 8.—To discuss the possibility of establishing a Labour Bureau for the benefit of Members of the Exercise.

- 9.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.

- 10.—Other business, if any.

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

A social gathering will be held in the evening at the Westminster Palace Hotel, commencing at 9.30 p.m., at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

There being a widespread desire to specially recognise the wonderful achievement of the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in his attainment of a thousand peals, completed since the last meeting of the Council, Sir Arthur Heywood has asked the Rev. F. E. Robinson to attend a congratulatory dinner at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 7 p.m. on Whitsun Tuesday, to which the members of the Council are invited. Every member who desires to be present is requested to make application by letter to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Dnffield, Derby, not later than Tuesday, May 29th.

The application must contain, clearly written, the name of member and that of the Society which he represents—or that he is an Honorary Member—also the address to which the ticket should be sent.

It is requested that only those will apply who are certain of being present. The ticket, which is not transferable, must be presented on demand at the Hotel. No application received after Wednesday, May 30th, can be entertained.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS, TOTTENHAM.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	HENRY W. KIRTON 6.
JOHN A. DART 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. 4.	HERBERT F. HULL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
JOHN T. KENTISH 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	ALFRED B. PECK 9.
HENRY G. MILES 5.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

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

ALFRED G. BENNINGTON* Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
BERT MILLER† 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
JOSEPH LAW 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
ALBERT J. RAMSEY 4.	THOMAS JAKEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

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

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. TEGG .. Treble.	HARRY E. BALAM 5.
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON† .. 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
JOHN E. MILLER 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	*ALFRED G. CRANE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. This is H. Sears's 50th peal; reference elsewhere.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

HARRY MANCE Treble.	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DEAN 2.	THOMAS J. LANGDON .. 7.
WILLIAM HOLLIER 3.	EDWARD CASSELL 8.
HERBERT TURNER 4.	WILLIAM J. BARBER 9.
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On Thursday, May 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALBERT CLEGG Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 2.	FRED H. BUCKLEY 6.
JAMES LEES 3.	EDWIN B. SHAW 7.
SAMUEL H. BUTTERWORTH 4.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed by J. BAKER, and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEEVER.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK RING, JUN.* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HARPER 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.† .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
FREDERICK RING, SEN. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
GEORGE HAYES 4.	JOHN AVIS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rang to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WM. H. BARBER Treble.	GEORGE W. DIX 5.
JOHN FOREMAN 2.	*OSWALD SIMM 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3.	†WILLIAM STORY 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY 4.	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

*First in the method with a bob bell. †First in the method as conductor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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ASHER LOMAS* Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.
HENRY KIRK 2.	FRED HOLT 5.
EGBERT STAMPER 3.	ERNEST BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOLT.

*First peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
JAMES SAXBY 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT 5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH 2.	JAMES JACQUES 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM 3.	*JAMES HY. BASTOW 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 4.	TOM WELLES Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by J. H. BASTOW.

*First peal as conductor. Longest peal by the local band.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two 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.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	*WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM 6.
ERNEST G. FENN* 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY Treble.	HENRY PHILLIPS 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON 2.	HARRY THOMPSON 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	WILLIAM L. DREW 7.
JOHN W. AVIS 4.	FRED W. WATLING Tenor.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	I. SCHOFIELD 5.
F. HALL 2.	J. HARROP 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
S. STOTT 4.	C. MARSLAND Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
JOHN AKHURST 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2.	WILLIAM GRIMES 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM S. JUDD* Treble.	GEORGE E. WILSON 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
FRANK PEIRCE† 3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	*HAROLD KEBBY Tenor.

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MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANSGATE,

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

WALTER BROWN Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	PETER BRICKELL 6.
WILFRED J. MOSS 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
WILLIAM COOPER 4.	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dean Maclure.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY MILES Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYNS .. 5.
FRANK WEBB 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY JUDGE 4.	F. W. WOODWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells, recently augmented to eight.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	OLIVER BROCK 7.
WILLIAM BASON 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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JOSEPH MADDOCK .. Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

THOMAS STIMPSON .. Treble.	HERBERT DAY 5
JOSHUA MILLNER 2.	FRANCIS KAY 6
WILLIAM HOPKINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM BUTLER 7.
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Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

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CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 5.
EDWARD HERN* 3.	*OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal on the bells. *First peal of Minor.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

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HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN RICHARDS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	TOM BULL 6.
ALBERT BROOKS 3.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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After lunch a move was made across the

road to Putney Parish Church, and here Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. What might be called by some the serious part being over, most of the party made their way to Earl's Court Exhibition all arranging to meet again at Victoria Station at 7. A comfortable and pleasant run home which was reached soon after nine brought a much enjoyed day's outing to an end. The party was accompanied by the Rev. C. Furnival.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—MR. J. RICES 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 10 conducted 1; Court Bob 1; Bob 1; Bob Major 2; Stedman Triples 12; Caters 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 15 conducted 1; Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6; Alliance 1; Superlative Surprise Major including the record peal of 9312

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24653	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

5040.

23456	I	4	6
34256	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

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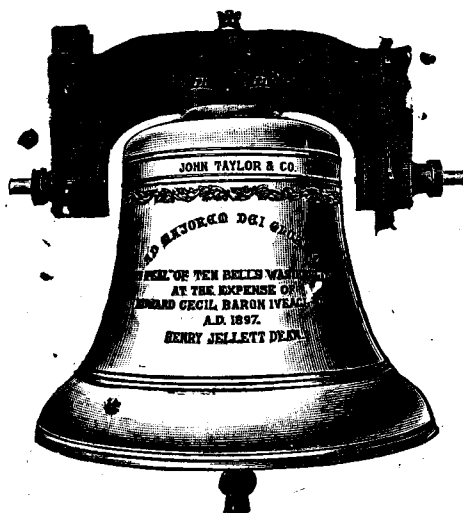
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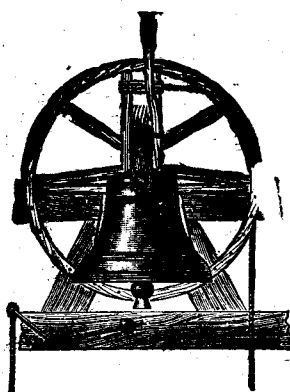
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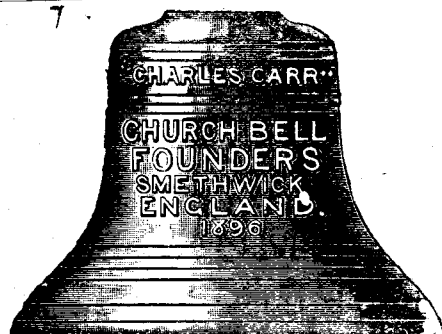
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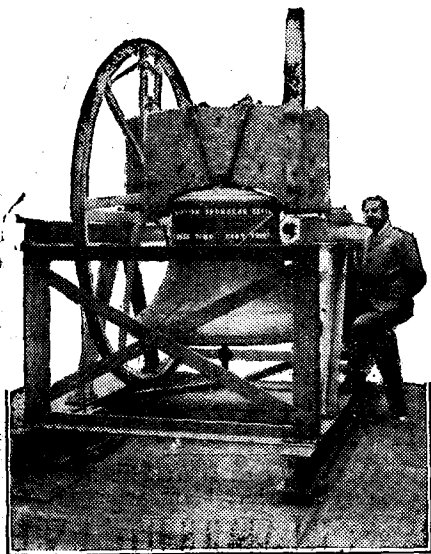
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cobham in a recent Saturday, when the beautiful weather helped to attract an attendance of between fifty and sixty from the following places: Bramley, West Clandon, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Farnham, Guildford, Hersham, Merrow and Shalford. The Vicar (Rev. Canon Leighton Grane), very kindly placed the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. a short service was held, the Rev. K. E. Cartwright officiating in the absence of the Vicar. The organist and choir were in attendance, and the form of service was that sanctioned by the Bishop for the use of the Guild. It included the hymns, "Ring forth, holy bells," "We meet before Thy Throne," and that written for the Guild, "The sacred bells of England, how gloriously they ring."

Subsequently the visitors partook of high tea admirably served by the host of The Running Mare. The Rev. K. E. Cartwright presided, and afterwards in the name of the Vicar, welcomed the ringers to Cobham. He expressed the Vicar's regret that a previous engagement prevented him from being present, and hoped the visit would not be the last the Guild would make to Cobham. He added that he thought he ought to pay a tribute to their late Vicar (Mr. Stillman), and his work in connection with the bells. One of the first things he took in hand when he came to Cobham was the restoration of the five bells. He enlisted the sympathies of the people, and soon got enough money to have the bells rehung and a new one, dedicated to the King, added. Since that time, largely owing to Mr. Stillman's encouragement, the ringing capacities of the Cobham band had gone ahead very much, and he would like, in that connection, to pay a tribute of thanks to Mr. Hunt for the instruction he had given them. In conclusion, the chairman said that, although change-ringing was in itself a most interesting science, yet nothing was entirely justifiable in itself unless it were a means to an end, and he hoped all would recognise that the science of change-ringing should be the means of drawing the people to church and emphasising the position of the church in the parish; that the tone of the bells should simply be an expression of the true ring in their hearts, and that the harmony and music in the bells should be an expression of the general good feeling among the ringers and all other church-workers in the place.

Mr. Pulling (peal secretary), reported that during the quarter three peals had been rung in the district; Bob Minor at Cobham; Superlative Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford; and Bob Royal at Holy Trinity, Guildford. The ringers who accomplished the first two deserved hearty congratulation.

A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. H. L. Garfath, of Farnham, was proposed by Mr. C. Willshire, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, and supported by Mr. J. J. Jones (Hon. Secretary), each of whom spoke

of the loss which the district had sustained by the death of Mr. Garfath. The motion was carried, the members rising in their places.

Two new members were elected. Mr. J. Hunt (St. Nicolas, Guildford), was appointed to succeed Mr. Garfath as a member of the Central Committee of the Guild. West Clandon was fixed as the place for the next quarterly peal, Mr. Trewin being elected to conduct a peal of Bob Minor. Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. K. E. Cartwright for the service and presiding at the meeting, and to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service.

During the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the tower bells, as well as Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable.

ZEAL MONACHORUM, DEVON.

The above village was *en fete* on a recent Tuesday on the occasion of the re-opening of the church tower and bells. The latter have been silent for two or three years, owing to the dangerous state of the tower. The Rector (Rev. E. T. Allen), noticing this state of affairs, made up his mind to try and bring about an improvement. Quietly working round, he succeeded in forming a small committee, consisting of himself and Mr. R. Davey, of Burstone, late surgeon of the Westminster Hospital, who kindly undertook to get the work done. To facilitate this, Mr. Davey very generously subscribed the handsome sum of £200, and Mr. John Cole also gave £5. Subscription books were taken by the Rector, who succeeded in securing £35; Mr. W. H. Fry, £22; Mr. Jos. Brealey, £11 8s.; and Mr. J. Hooper £10 6s. 6d. Mr. Harry Stokes undertook the re-hanging of the bells for a sum of £90. The work has been well executed, and gives great satisfaction. The parishioners anxiously looked forward to the re-opening of the tower and bells.

There was a service at 3 o'clock, at which there was a large congregation. The first part of the service was taken by the Rector, the Lessons being read by the Rev. Canon Woodman, of Down St. Mary, while the Lord Bishop of Crediton preached the sermon. Ringers attended from Bow. Down St. Mary, Lapford, Coleridge, Spreyton, Newton St. Cyres, and Sampford Courtenay, each band ringing a touch on the bells just rehung with new beams, floor, oak frame, and new fittings, quarter-turned. The sound of the bells gave much pleasure to the parishioners and others.

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THE REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

May I be allowed to welcome this report, and to express an appreciation of its value and of the lucid manner in which it is arranged. I am not quite sure whether I have correctly grasped all the details of the Classification and have therefore drawn up the following tabular classification. This seems to me to place the matter beyond any doubt, and I would suggest that when the report is reprinted, some such table be prefixed to it. Also that all the reference letters and numbers and style of letting of names

be made to correspond throughout and so to be consistent and helpful. (The Examples and their notes should have as deep an inset as possible and the foot-notes be referred to by asterisks, etc.)

It will be noticed that I have kept to the actual wording of the report as far as one could; but I am afraid that the titles of classes (d) and (e) are impossible. If there be not yet in existence a sufficiently distinctive method to become eponymous to the class, as in the other cases, why not for the present call them Penultimate and Ultimate?

H. DRAKE.

TABLE OF CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

DESCRIPTION OF PRINCIPLE	PRINCIPLES used:—			
	A. as Methods.	B. as Foundation of Methods.		
		i. Plain Methods*	ii. Treble Bob Methods.*	iii. Alliance Methods
I.—PLAIN HUNT PRINCIPLE. (No interior places.)	I. A. Original	I. B. i. Grandsire (E. Bob). Double Oxford.	I. B. ii. Superlative.	I. B. iii.
II.—IMPERIAL PRINCIPLES. (Adjacent places made together.)	II. A. Forward.	II. B. i. Canterbury Pleasure Mi.	II. B. ii. Oxford, Kent. Ed. Imperial Bob.	II. B. iii.
III.—COURT PRINCIPLES. (No adjacent places made together.)	III. A. Stedman. Duffield.	III. B. iii. Court Bob, Mi. and T., R. and D. College Single, Mi. and R. Norwich Court S. R. and D. Ma. to Max.	III. B. ii. Drew's Court Surprise Roy.	III. B. iii.

* Each of these methods may have 2 variations:—(a.) Plain Bob, (with one hunt).

(b.) Grandsire, (with two hunts).

† Each of these principles may have 5 variations:—(a.) Surprise, (a place at every cross section).

(b.) Delight, (" " " but one) on 6, 8, 10, 12 bells.

(c.) Exercise, (" " " " two) on 8, 10, 12 bells.

(d.) Pas alla-tria (" " " three), on 10, 12 bells.

(e.) Pas alla-tessera (" " " four) on 12 bells only.

‡ Other principles are those in which the hunt double-dodges, IV; and is allied with a plain hunt, V; or with a single-dodge hunt VI; or an alliance of all three VII; and they may be classed as:—IV. B. ii. or iii. as the case may be, etc.

Again there may be a cross combination as:—II. B. i. Forward Bob Ma.; or III. B. i. Duffield Bob Ma. S. R. and D.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Pleasley on Saturday, May 26th. Members were present from Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Pentrich, Pleasley, South Normanton, Shirland, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Wingerworth, and North Wingfield. Owing to the absence of the aged Rector (Rev. J. Blomefield), the Rev. —. Dodsworth was voted to the chair. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. The Rector provided a splendid tea to which fifty sat down. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Rector for the tea, use of the bells and room; also the churchwardens and ladies who catered for the tea. The best thanks of the members are due to the local ringers for their efforts to make all welcome, the beautiful scenery of Pleasley Vale being greatly enjoyed by a large number of the visitors. The bells, a very musical ring of five, were kept going in various methods until nearly 9 p.m.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BONNEY AND HIS MAJESTY'S WEDDING.

The following extract from the *Essex Standard* reached us in a devious way. Mr. Nevard sent it to Mr. Winney, Mr. Winney to Mr. Daniell, and Mr. Daniell to ourselves. We print it as an interesting reminiscence of a celebrated occasion, and though a parson's rights are his rights, and Lent is Lent; equally so, important national occasions of rejoicing are subjects for national thanksgiving—and there is such a thing as unsympathetic red-tape. We need not at this distance of time express opinions on the illegality of the conduct of Bonney and his bold band, but the sympathy of our readers at large, however strong Churchmen they may be, will, we have no doubt be with them rather than with the Vicar, as was the sympathy of their fellow-townsmen at the time:

A FAMOUS SUDBURY BELLRINGER.

John Bonney, formerly of Sudbury, has just died at an advanced age in Bethnal Green. Thereby hangs a tale of old Sudbury. John Bonney was the last survivor of the band of bold bellmen who, on the occasion of the marriage of King Edward VII., defied the Vicar of Sudbury, to the intense delight of his parishioners and the townspeople generally. In the *Essex Standard* of February 27th, 1863, it was mentioned that great preparations were being made in Sudbury to celebrate the royal wedding, but that "the Rev. Mr. Molyneux, of undeniable notoriety, has, with his usual spirit of opposition, refused to allow the bells of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's churches to be rung."

The explanation was that the reverend gentleman disapproved of the marriage taking place in Lent. He thought that nothing could be more improper than to ring the bells in the Lenten season, and wrote to the Committee that "the rejoicings and festivities, which will be so common, are much to be deplored." In vain was he reminded that he had himself married a couple in Lent, and had not only allowed the bells to ring, but had even attended the wedding breakfast. On the day before the royal wedding he had a new lock put on the belfry door, took possession of the keys, and, like a strong man armed, retired at night to his virtuous couch, rejoicing in his own unrejoicing spirit.

But early on Tuesday morning he was awakened from his slumbers by hearing the bells pealing forth with all their merry might. John Bonney and his colleagues had secured a ladder, scaled the battlements, and forcibly entered the belfry, taking with them a good supply of provisions. Someone had informed the police that men were making burglarious attempts upon the church tower, but the local superintendent of police looked the other way, and sent a too zealous policeman, who was anxious for instructions to arrest the bellringers, on a message to a distant village. The bell-ringers barricaded the doors and continued to ring the bells throughout the day. The Vicar wrote to the Mayor calling upon him to remove the trespassers, but his Worship, who probably was not innocent of all knowledge of what had happened, declined to intervene. When the bellringers appeared from time to time on the church tower, they were heartily cheered by the crowds below, who, by means of rope sent them up further refreshments. The ringers were all dismissed by the wrathful Vicar, but the people of Sudbury took good care that they should not suffer financially. At the time the *Essex Standard* asked "Where are the churchwardens?" This question was never answered. But it did not matter. The incident added enormously to the rejoicing and the merriment of the good town of Sudbury, and the names of John Bonney and of his daring brother bellmen will live for ever in the ancient borough.

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."

ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR,—In the school books of some thirty years ago, there was a tale with a moral of a boy who stayed away from school to turn a grindstone, and was afterwards thrashed by the man who had got him to do so, for playing truant from school. My feelings after the last Central Council Meeting were very similar. I should imagine, to those of the boy in the tale. One Rev. gentleman is reported to have said that "he did not approve of dragging down the Exercise, which he considered the analysis did." Another gentleman, although supporting the views that some recognition should be made to the compiler of the analysis, is reported to have said that, "he was not an admirer of the analysis," and, yet, if a current report is true, he is now drawing attention to the fact that the analysis has not appeared since the return for 1903. It was my intention to have prepared the analysis for 1904, and as a matter of fact I had commenced the compilation of same; but after the remarks passed at the Central Council Meeting last year, the moral of the tale before men-

tioned came home to me so forcibly, that I resolved that I would never lay myself open to such treatment again.

It was very kind of those members of the Central Council who tried to get some recognition for a work that concerned the whole Exercise, and I am grateful to them, but the Council as a body seemingly did not consider that even a vote of thanks was deserved, in fact some individual members were quite willing to give more kicks than halfpence.

Hence, so far as I am concerned, the analysis (to quote Mr. W. Willson) "is as extinct as the Dodo." GEORGE BAKER.

"PRACTICAL POLITICS."

SIR,—I do not propose to criticize at length the cataract of words which Mr. Willson has contributed to your last issue. I will merely remark in passing that it seems to me, as I should think also to most of your readers, that Mr. Papillon's expression is a perfectly fair summing up of the latter portions of the first and second paragraphs of Mr. Willson's contribution to your number of the 31st March. Also that a man who is so irrelevant and abusive—for his attack on Mr. Trollope is sheer abuse—in his manner of recommending a scheme to his fellow-ringers, does not inspire them with much confidence in his power of overcoming practical difficulties. For business is business, and is usually dealt with in business language. Dose Mr. Willson, when in the chair of the societies which he names, bring business before them in such a bombastic fashion? In fact, I consider that your readers have a substantial grievance against Mr. Willson in this matter. If he were an unlettered ruffian it might be otherwise, but just because he is not, and is among that class of educated members of the Exercise to whom we have a right to look to maintain an elevated tone in contributions to your columns, we are entitled to complain that he has introduced a business proposal in so irrational and offensive a manner. Let me appeal from Mr. Willson to Mr. Willson. Who would imagine, if both compositions had been anonymous, that the contributions I have referred to, and the admirable appreciation of the late Mr. Wakley originated with the same individual? Let Mr. Willson be true to his own better mind, and advance propositions to his fellow-ringers in a courteous manner, and no doubt his proposals will then receive that careful attention which is due to his business capacity.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—In my opinion Mr. Willson has made himself infamous by insulting the Central Council, which he must admit is the chosen representative of the ringing world, (and of which, unfortunately, he is not at present a member); and if I had not had personal experience to the contrary, I should have been surprised at "Our Paper" descending to the publication of such effusions, which certainly cannot tend to raise the standard of ringers or ringing. But at the same time I heartily approve of Mr. Willson's desire to introduce a Benefit Fund for ringers, and would welcome any possible scheme which he may bring forward and willingly assist him if possible, believing as I do, that it is desirable, possible, and practical, and having had considerable experience in Friendly Society work as secretary, etc. for thirty years, I do not see any insuperable difficulty in the matter.

Perhaps Mr. Willson will enlighten us and make himself famous. JOHN F. PENNING.

SIR,—I for one am ready to disagree with Mr. Willson as to the music of Grandsire Major v. London Surprise. Not that I am going to defend the C.C., as I consider the members of that body are quite capable of doing that themselves. Their proceedings have very little interest for me, so I hope Mr. Willson does not term me a fool (see "BELL NEWS" for March 30); and possibly if he had been a little more polite when first writing on

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the question of a benevolent fund, he might have had the pleasure of seeing it on the Agenda for the next C.C. meeting. This by the way. He now raises the point of music. May I remind him that that is a matter of opinion. Grandsire Major may contain music properly composed, but I am of the opinion that it contains more bad than good, if not why is there not more rung? Secondly, he says London is only rung because of its intricacy. Possibly so. But I beg to suggest to him and to others as well, that London, properly composed and properly conducted and well struck, even on handbells, does contain music; and so I suppose he will say I must be possessed of the qualities he mentions. Probably so. Therefore I hope that he will not call me a (properly composed) fool, but agree that it is a matter of opinion.

WILLIAM KEEBLE.

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

SIR,—After Mr. Trollope's several attempts at convincing us one had almost come to the conclusion that one must try to believe that it is Double Norwich Caters, etc. Mr. John Carter's very pregnant letter of your issue of May 12th however puts quite a different complexion on the whole affair. It is evident Mr. Carter could say much more on this subject. The pity is that he hasn't done so, and done it sooner, as the C.C.'s meeting is now here, and probably the idea will be carried. A greater amount of discussion in your columns would have done good.

OLD STRING.

SIR,—Mr. J. Carter in writing to you about the Report on Classification of Legitimate Methods begins with two principles, but he uses the word in a different sense from its use in the report where it is used in the same sense in which it was used in the Report on Legitimate Methods, and this wants pointing out, as this loose use of language is one of the things which wants to be most carefully avoided. It only raises verbal dust, which obscures the argument. The rest of Mr. Carter's letter is open to the same objection, for if we are to use the word variation in the sense in which Mr. Carter uses it, we arrive at the result that there is only one peal of Triples, which consists of 5040 changes, and all the other so-called peals in different methods or the same method are only variations.

Mr. Willson, in this week's "BELL NEWS" compares Grandsire Major and London Surprise, has something to say about London Surprise music. In the first place the real Grandsire method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells is commonly called Plain Bob, which originally was called Grandsire Bob, vide the "Campanalogia," and in the second place the music of London Surprise is better than either Kent or Oxford Treble Bob, inasmuch as the tenors are kept better together than in either Kent or Oxford, and when they are parted the parted changes are fewer in number at one time than in either Kent or Oxford. The fact is it has become the fashion to decry the music of London, but really it is very good only at first unusual, so that a ringer must become accustomed to it in order to appreciate it.

H. LAW JAMES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of Cheadle parish church, Cheshire, on Easter Sunday, April 2nd, 1882. It was duly reported in "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, and its authenticity was never disputed. Therefore the peal of Stedman Triples rung on the same bells on April 27th, 1906, cannot have been the first peal on the bells. WM. GORDON.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—As the Central Council meet shortly would you kindly voice through "THE BELL NEWS" a thought that has often occurred to me, whether it would be feasible to have a National Ringers' Festival. Granted each diocese or county has its annual meeting, yet to my mind a day when every Association and ringers generally could meet together would have a most splendid effect. Say the venue was London, and a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, with the Archbishop to preach. I can well imagine that grand building resounding with the voices of such an assembly. And then could not a social conference or public luncheon be held at which any special ringing points could be brought to public attention. Of course I could see

that such an event might be impossible to carry out, but, Sir, other organisations do have a day of meeting altogether for the purpose of uniting, and we ringing members of our loved isle are not so much recognised by the public generally as we are entitled to be, and if such a gathering would be possible to celebrate our cause should be strengthened, and no doubt such influential members as compose the Central Council would be able to set the matter going.

J. W. WILKINS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Council will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit if necessary till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
- 2.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 4.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 5.—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.
- 6.—To discuss the following proposed alterations in the Rules of the Council, viz.:—
 - (a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
 - (b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
 - (c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."
- 7.—To call attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903, and to move a resolution.
- 8.—To discuss the possibility of establishing a Labour Bureau for the benefit of Members of the Exercise.
- 9.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.
- 10.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

A social gathering will be held in the evening at the Westminster Palace Hotel, commencing at 9.30 p.m., at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

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WILLIAM STORY 3.	OSWALD SIMM 7.
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On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
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On Thursday, May 10, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

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

LOUIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—Lewis Watson.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
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On Friday, May 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight 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.	

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Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH (Norfolk).—On April 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, 1906 changes, being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, 456 of Plain Bob, and one lead of Doubles. C. Smith, R. Smith, H. Collis, H. Lambert, W. Baldry conductor, W. Lovett. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Col. S. W. Smyth, who had been Mayor of the borough six times.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDENHAM (Cams).—On Monday, April 30th, for practice

at the parish church, 2520 Bob Minor. W. Cockle, W. Robinson conductor, W. Thoulbon, E. Rose, G. Day, B. Porter.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late W. Wakley, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. J. H. Swinfield, H. Briggs, J. Fenton, J. W. Chapman; A. J. Hassian, J. George, H. Argyle, A. R. Aldham.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Helen's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. C. Jones, W. Powell, J. R. Newman, W. H. Johnson, G. Checketts A. Hill, E. Watkins, J. Pardoe.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, May 20th, at St. Alphege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by G. Daynes. E. Price, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, J. Lamb, F. Perrin, I. G. Shade, J. E. Davis conductor, W. Jakeman.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ellen Barbara Baker, a daughter of one of the local ringers, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, G. Cramp, A. Snelling, C. Tribe, J. J. Mankelow, R. Edwards, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. On Tuesday, May 8th, at the marriage of Miss Beatrice May Liddle, of Heywood House, Tenterden, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Tribe, H. Baker, W. Baker, G. Cramp, J. Mankelow, A. Snelling, G. Neave conductor, H. Baker. On Monday, May 14th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, H. Baker, A. Snelling, A. Hinds, J. Mankelow, C. Tribe, G. Neve conductor, F. Mitchell. Also 504. W. Unwin, C. Tribe, W. Baker, A. Snelling, A. Hinds, R. Edwards conductor, G. Neve, S. Hook.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 30th, for practice at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 53 mins. T. Jackson, E. Morfee, W. Jackson, H. Jackson, G. D. Warburton, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin, G. Astbury, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall. Composed by J. George, conducted by H. Meakin. On Sunday, May 5th, 501 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, E. Morfee, T. Jackson, H. Jackson, G. Astbury, J. Mottershead, H. Meakin conductor, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Buckland, L. Rolfe, R. Young, J. Batting, J. W. Wilkins, R. Buckland. On Sunday, April 29th, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Child, A. Bagley. On Wednesday, May 2nd, 406 in the same method. F. Buckland, L. Rolfe, L. Batting, R. Young, J. Bratting, J. W. Wilkins, R. Buckland, S. Child.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. L. Meager, H. Sear, J. Higgins, F. Hedges conductor, A. E. Powell, E. Marks, F. Sear, V. Sear.

HOLBEECK (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 28th, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Kendall, wife of the late Vicar of Holbeck, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. S. Mitchell, P. Johnson, H. Tomlinson conductor, J. Woodhead, J. E. Matthews, J. O'Brien, W. E. H. Ash, M. Killoran.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 18th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Free-land, G. Edser, sen., F. G. Woodiss, A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, G. Woodis conductor, R. J. Polley.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 12th, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Spiller, G. Thompson, A. E. Gasson, A. Ashman, F. Wellard, T. Mannering, W. Spice conductor, A. Burridge.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. W. Illingworth, F. Ward, A. Audsley, F. Cole, E. Mardsen, J. Bennett. First 720 by all except the conductor.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1906.

THE Central Council Meeting next Tuesday will be a memorable one, if only by reason of the honour which will be conferred on the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON. We are fully in accord with the statement that there is a widespread desire to specially recognise the wonderful achievement of the Master of the Oxford Guild in his attainment of a thousand peals, but evidently there was a difficulty as to the proper and correct mode of celebrating such achievement, and at the same time give due honour to the reverend gentleman. Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., has however, with his usual happy knack of dropping upon the right thing, solved the question, by a congratulatory dinner to Mr. ROBINSON, and no doubt such a proceeding will be highly successful from every point of view. Many will look anxiously for a good report of the proceedings. "The Master's" prowess is well-known in all parts of the country, the public press alluding to him almost weekly. A very excellent Nottinghamshire newspaper recently published his portrait, and the editor of this paper has kindly offered it to us for reproduction, and we hope it will accompany the report of the ceremony.

It seems that the question of a Benevolent Fund for Ringers may be raised at the Central Council Meeting after all. At the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Earl Nelson as President, asked the Rev. H. Drake, on behalf of the Guild, to bring the question forward as a special subject.

The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 5.
ALFRED B. PECK .. 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY) AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	*ERNEST BRETT .. 7.
HOBATIO GUMMER, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM MILLAR .. 2.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD .. 3.	GEORGE HAYDEN .. 7.
SAMUEL HAYES .. 4.	HENRY TORBLE .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY TORBLE.

Rung on the back eight through meeting one short for Treble Bob Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Tenor.

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(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Friday, May 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

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

CHARLES H. GORDON .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	JOHN A. BURFORD .. 6.
WALTER E. APPERLEY .. 3.	GEORGE JAYNE .. 7.
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Rung on the front eight, on the occasion of the jubilee and re-opening after enlargement of Redcliffe endowed boys school by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

STANLEY WHITE .. Treble.	HARRISON SMITH .. 4.
JABEZ WALTER .. 2.	*WILLIAM NORRIS .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOD .. 3.	SIDNEY WALTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WALTER.

First peal by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor. *First peal.

WATCHET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DECUMAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-score, called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

A. BARKER* .. Treble.	*T. CHIDGEY .. 4.
S. PARON* .. 2.	C. GREEDY .. 5.
W. BENNETT* .. 3.	*H. J. HOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

*First peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, 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 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. Treble.	JESSE GILLET .. 5.
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 18. Tenor 14 cwt.

LUKE SUTHERS .. Treble.	*ERNEST STANSFIELD .. 5.
FRANK SUTCLIFFE .. 2.	*ARTHUR CROSSLEY .. 6.
FRANK FIELDEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM CRABTREE .. 7.
HARRY GREENWOOD* .. 4.	JAMES WHITEHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

*First peal.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.**

T. STOCKDALE Treble.	D. W. BROWN 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	J. W. STICKNEY 6.
F. W. STOKES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
G. T. MARSHALL 4.	J. W. DALE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED PEARMAN Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
JESSE PUPLETT 2.	GEORGE DENT 5.
HENRY G. ROWE 3.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Tuesday, May 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BRUNDLE* Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056
CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

CHARLES BAKER Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH* 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.**

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
CHARLES LEMAN 2.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 7.
CHARLES W. BRETT 4.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE T. GOODWIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. PILCHER .. 5.
HERBERT DAY 2.	WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
JOSEPH BOURNE 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.**

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	ERNEST POPPY 6.
ERNEST LANHAM 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
EDGAR HICKS 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

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

CHERITON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

HARRY BEAL Treble.	FRANK A. SLINGSBY .. 4.
ROBERT BEAL* 2.	WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 5.
GEORGE C. WATERS 3.	CHARLES TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

*First peal.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.**

ROBERT BAYLES* Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
H. W. BROCK* 2.	*GEORGE CLOW 6.
G. HALSWORTH 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ALBERT NASH Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, May 17, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.**

FREDERICK JUDGE* .. Treble.	ALFRED JOHNSON 5.
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 2.	CHARLES TRIBE 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	GEORGE JOHNSON 7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.	ALFRED BLACKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

*First peal.

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On Friday, May 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	THOMAS BARKER 5.
FREDERICK MOODY 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
ARTHUR WALKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SAHUEL BROOKE 4.	THOMAS HOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 550th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

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

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CARTER'S No. 10.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
THOMAS BALDWIN Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
JESSE GILLET 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
GEORGE CONDICK 4.	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK KIRK Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 5.
DANIEL REDHEAD 2.	GEORGE LINES 6.
REGINALD LOVEDAY .. 3.	WILLIAM MEADOWS .. 7.
JAMES NICKERSON 4.	FRED GILBERT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

First peal in the Oxford variation by all, on the bells, and by the Association.

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On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6464 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	I. SCHOFIELD 5.
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J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
S. STOTT 4.	C. MARSLAND Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

GEORGE ABERY* Treble.	HENRY TUCKER 5.
MARY CHILLINGWORTH .. 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
JAMES ABERY 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. 4.	ALFRED WATMORE Tenor.

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SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS HODGSON* Treble.	FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 5.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 2.	*ABRAHAM HAIGH 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	THOMAS HAIGH 7.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 4.	†THOMAS STRUDWICK Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal. Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. Nolloth, of Beverley, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WALTER BARRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
GEORGE SYMONDS 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
JAMES BETTS 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	JOHN FLOWERS 6.
WALTER WALLACE 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
JAMES PAGETT 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BRUNNING* .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
HUBERT J. DAY* 2.	FREDERICK DAY 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	ERNEST LINCOLN 7.
WILLIAM STANNARD 4.	DAVID WHITING Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

*First peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	A. D. STONE 6.
JOHN RICE 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A very few peals are left over until next week. The particulars of a peal at Diss, Norfolk, is sent in skeleton fashion, no ringers' names or time of performance. Other peal reports will be found on page 101.

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 Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.
A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*
Newton Longville, Bletchley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5.30. Short service at 7 p.m.
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Service at 12, with an address by Rev. C. Williams. Cold luncheon followed by a business meeting at the Falcon hotel at 12.45, 2s. each.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Committee meeting at 11 in the parish church room. Service at noon. Address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Offertory for belfry repairing fund. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Public Hall. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8) and Marden (6).
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Bells available from 1 o'clock until 5.30. All cordially welcome.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Wrentham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland. The eight bells of the parish church (St. Andrew's) Bishop Auckland, and the eight bells in St. John's, Shildon, will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting at St. Andrews Church Choir Vestry at twelve noon. Dinner at Mr. Sharp's, Newgate End Cafe at 1 o'clock, 1s. 6d. members, 2s. 6d. non-members.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The eighth annual meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Whit-Monday the ring available being that of the parish church, ring of 8, tenor 17 cwt. A special service will be held by kind permission of the Rev S. M. Thompson, M.A., Vicar, at 12 noon, which members are earnestly requested to attend. Preacher, the Rev. T. Collins, of St. Martin's, Leeds. Dinner will be provided, 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, at the Rose and Crown at 1.30 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. The Committee will meet at the hotel at the conclusion of the service.

The Irish Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Bray on Whit-Monday, 8 bells. Lunch in Novara Hall, Novara Road, at 3 p.m.
G. LINDOFF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Lunch at Peacock hotel, 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements. Service at All Saints Church at 12 noon.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

11, Midland Road, Wellingboro.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m. service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. A. W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, hon. Canon of Southwark Cathedral. 1.30 p.m.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Glamorganshire, on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring meeting will be held at Pangbourne, on Saturday, June 9. The bells at Pangbourne and Whitchurch will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, 10d. each, at 5.15. Members and friends intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, June 5.
ALBERT E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order. Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Farnworth. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Hellingly, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Tickets 8d each. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present are requested to notify same to me not later than Wednesday, 13th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 16th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.30 p.m. 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. each to others. Business meeting immediately following. The business will include the election of new master and hon. sec. and treasurer. The present master and hon. sec. will not stand for re-election. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. Members intending to attend dinner must please inform me not later than Tuesday, June 12th.

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

Bridgwater.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

By FREDK. DENCH (*College Youths*).

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742536		-	-
45362	x	-	-
35264		-	-
62453		-	-
45623		-	-
736425		-	-
34256	x	-	-
34562	x	-	-
725364		-	-
23645	x	-	-
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45236		-	-
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This is the 2nd 5056 obtained in this method.

AN INVITATION.

A friendly meeting for ringing will be held at Farnham Royal, to-day, Saturday, June 2, when the Rector and ringers will be pleased to welcome any visitors. Tea will be provided. Will intending visitors please send a line.

Farnham Royal. J. J. PARKER.

On the occasion of the Royal Counties Agricultural Show being opened at Portsmouth in June, we shall be pleased to meet any ringers that would be likely to attend the show, and any arrangements can be made for them to ring at the Portsea Parish Church by communication with Mr. Harper, 62, Chichester Road, Portsmouth.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Dench has removed to 3, Fransfield Grove, Sydenham, S.E.

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On Thursday evening, May 17th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the tower of the above named edifice, when some members of the County Association met there to witness the unveiling of a new peal board which was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Drabble, who was also the kind donor of the peal board, this being of his own construction, the writing of the same in gold leaf being chiefly due to a local enthusiast. The Reverend gentleman after reading the peal off the board said that it would be a pleasure to him to make another board if such was desired. A few rounds was then rung by the local band, and the Vicar, after wishing the band success for a peal, with others descended the belfry, and the band then rang Holt's ten-part peal in good style, finishing up just in time to secure refreshments which was kindly provided by the man on the treble who scored his first peal on this

eventful evening. The fifth man was also lucky in "scoring a birthday" peal, the band wishing him the usual compliments. The board is inscribed as follows: "The Kent County Association, on Sunday, January 29th, 1905, in two hours and fifty-seven minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes was rung. Taylor's six-part, tenor 16 cwt. Edgar Burden, *treble*; Older Waehorn 2; Frederick G. Burden 3; William H. Lambert 4; Alfred Johnson 5; Charles Tribe 6; Charles V. Player 7; Alfred Blackman *tenor*. Conducted by Charles W. Player.—Rev. Drabble, Vicar.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 1st, at All Saints Church, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. H. Folkard, J. Basden, E. V. Harvey, T. Beadle, W. E. Judd, G. Woodiss, J. Howes, conductor, A. Sheard.

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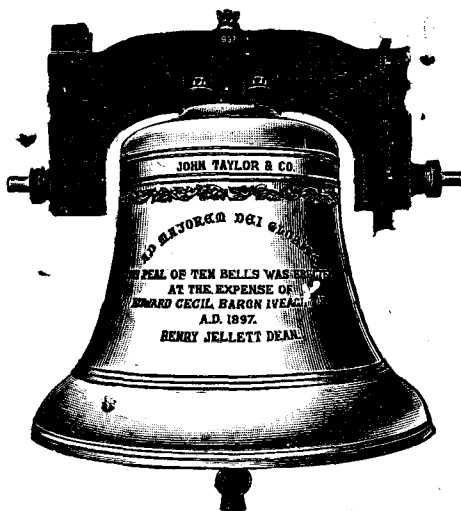
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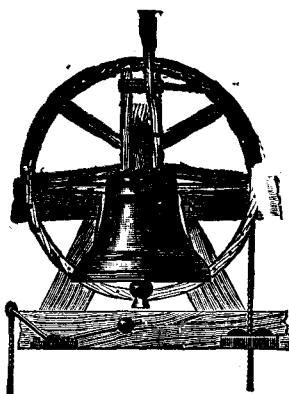
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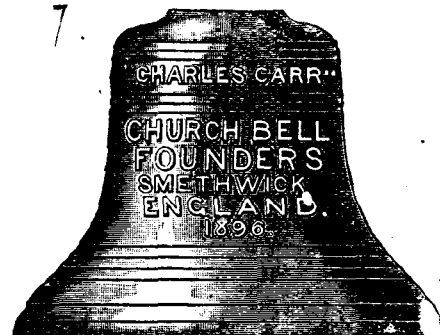
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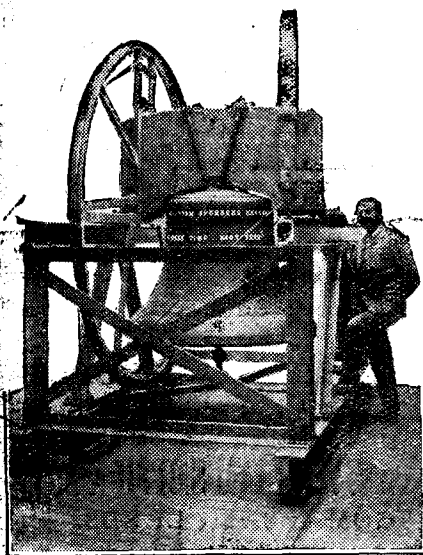
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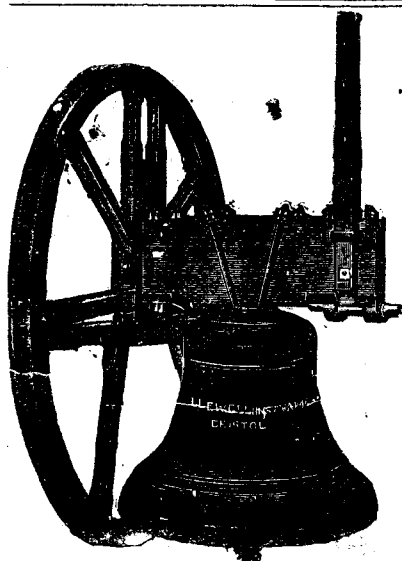
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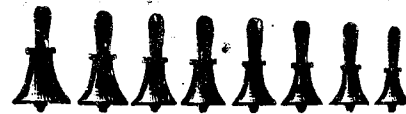
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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Salisbury on Monday, May 21st. A short service was conducted in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.30 by Precentor Carpenter, a short lesson being read by Canon Morrice. An address was delivered by the Bishop, who took as his text Psalm cl. 6. "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

The members afterwards partook of luncheon at the Church House, the President of the Guild (Lord Nelson), occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the luncheon the Rev. H. Farley proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for the address which he delivered to them at the Cathedral, and said there was no good work in the diocese which did not have the benefit of his lordship's advice and counsel. The Rev. C. Wood seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The Bishop, in responding, said it was a very great happiness to him to know of the existence of guilds and societies of this kind, whether he was able to be present at their gatherings or not, because he knew they promoted the corporate life of the Church as a whole. They had no connection with party or party spirit, and helped them all to know and love one another better. That was the case with a great many other societies, but this Guild was so closely connected with the service and worship of the Church that he took a very particular interest in it.

Mr. Chalk proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had promoted the success of the gathering that day; the Dean for allowing them the use of the Cathedral; Precentor Carpenter for conducting the service; the organist, and incumbents of parishes who had placed the towers of churches at the disposal of the ringers.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and the Rev. C. Wood replied.

The Bishop thanked Lord Nelson for presiding. He said he was sure they would not like to part without joining in congratulating Lord Nelson on the wonderful health and strength God had given him. He was clear in his brain, memory, and voice, and all the powers that man could want, and he was willing to use them in God's service. It was a great blessing to have such a man sitting at one's side.

Lord Nelson, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said it had been a very great pleasure to him to be able, just as he was leaving home, to preside. When they looked back at what happened at one time—and he could look back a good many years—it was an immense pleasure to him to know they had recovered from some of the mistakes which occurred in the past. Many of their singers and ringers had no idea of being singers or ringers for the Church and a good many of them had to be put aside because of what went on in connection with their meetings. There used to be drinking in the belfries and at the meetings of the choir. Since the formation of the guilds of ringers they had been brought together in an organised body, and had been brought to regard their work as part of the work of

the Church. He was always pleased when he was able to come, and when he was past work he would make way for someone else.

The annual business meeting then took place, and the election of officers was proceeded with. The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett said he had received a letter from the Master (Captain Acland), regretting that he could not be present that day, owing to a long-standing engagement with his family. The following officers were then re-elected: President—Earl Nelson; Vice-presidents—the Archdeacon of Sarum, the Archdeacon of Wilts., the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Dean of Salisbury, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Earl of Radnor, Dr. Bourne, the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell, Mr. H. H. Palairt, and Mr. A. Grist.; Master—Captain Acland; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. W. Pinckney; Hon. Secretary—Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett; Hon. Auditor—Mr. C. H. Hampton. The Rev. H. Farley, of Lytchett Minster, was added to the committee. The Revs. H. E. Tilney Bassett and H. Drake, and Captain Acland were elected representatives on the Central Council, it being understood that in the event of Captain Acland not wishing to serve, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart should take his place.

The Rev. H. Drake said he should be pleased to represent the Guild on the Council, though he had left the diocese. In the circumstances he thought it would be only fair that he should offer to pay his own expenses. He should like to have some expression of opinion as to what action he was to take in regard to the proposed benevolent fund for ringers. Many people thought the scheme was impracticable, but if it was they would only have to give it up. He thought they ought to find out whether it was practicable.

Lord Nelson said of course such a scheme would be very good if it were possible to carry it out. It was a matter which would, of course, require some consideration, because he supposed nearly everyone of their members already belonged to a friendly society of some sort or other. With the sanction of the meeting he would propose that a committee of the Central Council should be formed to consider the scheme.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett said he was in favour of the benevolent fund, but he very much deprecated the tone of the letter which Mr. Willson wrote to "THE BELL NEWS" attacking members of the Central Council.

After further discussion the members of the Guild gave their consent to the Rev. H. Drake proposing the resolution to which he had referred. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Guild at Sherborne.

The following towers were represented at the gathering: Barford St. Martin, Horningsham, Long Burton, Lytchett Minster, Dinton, Wyke Regis, Berwick St. John, Okeford Fitzpaine, Collingbourne Kingston, Orcheston St. Mary, Great Bedwin, Coombe Bissett, Barton and Deviles. Members of the Guild afterwards rung in the towers of the city churches and others in the district.

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UPLYME BELLS, DEVON.

The re-opening of the peal of six bells at the above parish church, took place on a recent Saturday afternoon. The bells were originally hung in a wooden frame, resting on oak beams. The framework was repaired many years ago, but the beams were not, apparently, overhauled. Some time ago an inspection revealed a very dangerous condition of affairs. The ends of the beams had decayed to such an extent that some of them were almost without any bearing. The equipment of the bells themselves also required general renewal. The Rector (the Rev. A. W. Parker), and the churchwardens took the matter in hand, the parishioners generously supported them, and a contract was entered into with Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury. Under the contract the whole of the old framework and beams have been removed, and the bells have been placed in an independent cast-iron cage, resting on new oak beams, while fresh fittings (including special oil cups), ropes, etc., have also been supplied. The work has cost about £140, the whole of which has been subscribed. Mr. Stokes, as usual, carried out his contract in an excellent manner, and the Rector and churchwardens are to be congratulated on their choice, and on having decided to be thoroughly up-to-date in the hanging of the bells.

There was a large attendance at the service in connection with the re-opening. The Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Robertson), attended, and preached. The Rev. F. E. W. Langdon (Membury), assisted the Rector in the service, and Mr. Mardon presided at the organ. The Bishop urged upon all who took part in various branches of Church work to use their opportunities for the benefit of the Church and the glory of God, and not to regard them as means for the display of personal talent and self-gratification. He believed that ringers at the present time realised the high aims of their office much more than a generation ago. The collection was given to the Missions for Seamen. The Uplyme, Honiton, Colyton, and Membury ringers used the peal during the afternoon and evening, and expressed themselves delighted with the easy and true "go" of the bells. The Honiton ringers, with the assistance of Mr. G. Start (an old Uplyme ringer now living at Clyst St. George), and other friends, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. All the ringers were entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the Rev. A. W. Parke,

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING

The above was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, beginning with a short service in St. Mary's church, at which an excellent and practical address was given by Canon A. W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, and till recently a member of the London County Council and of its Education Committee. The business meeting was held immediately afterwards in the Vestry Hall, the Rector of Chelmsford (Rev. Canon Lake), presiding. The Master (Rev. T. L. Papillon), presented the report and balance-sheet for 1905, which told a tale of continued, not to say increasing, prosperity. The balance in hand had risen from £4 7s. 6d. to £16 13s. 3d.; £10 of which had since been carried to the Reserve Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank. The total number of members, which last year stood at 700, had slightly, though not appreciably, fallen; but the number of towers in union with the Association had increased, while the number of peals rung (75) had again beaten all previous records. The officers for the past year were unanimously re-elected. A sub-Committee, consisting of the Hon. Secretary of the Association,

the four District Secretaries, and the Auditors, was appointed to consider and report on the suggestions that all peals rung by the Association should be numbered for reference; that in the annual report the names of all members who have rung peals should be given with the number rung by each; and that the report should be issued earlier in the year than Whitsuntide. No other business was brought forward, and the meeting was one of the shortest on record.

At the dinner held afterwards at The Victoria Schools, about seventy members were present. The Master presided, supported by Canon Jephson, Messrs. Hayes, Howard, B. Keeble and others; and after dinner expressed the thanks of the Association to Canon Jephson for his excellent address. Mr. Keeble then proposed a vote of thanks to the Master, who briefly replied, and the party dispersed for ringing at the various towers placed at their disposal, or other holiday enjoyments. The number attending this annual gathering has never been so large, since the railway companies refused the issue of cheap tickets to ringers; but the gathering itself is fairly representative, and helps to keep alive the *esprit de corps* of the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Faversham on Saturday, May 12th, and was attended by a large number of members from all parts of East Kent. The tea, to which ninety-five members sat down, took place at the Queen's Hall, and was exceedingly well managed by Miss Drake, the organist of St. Saviour's church, who was assisted by ladies connected with the church. The business meeting was held afterwards, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presiding. Fourteen new members were elected, and four others passed to full membership. Mr. E. E. Foreman, of Hernhill, was elected representative for the district on the Central Council. The District Secretary was re-elected. Birchington was chosen for the next annual meeting, and Chilham and Elham for bye-meetings in autumn and spring.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings. The bells of Faversham and Ospringe churches were kept going all the evening, and the weather being very fine, it may be said that the meeting was a great success.

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 CHEADLE.

SIR,—The ringing of the first peal on any bells is of value from the point of history only. It brings no more credit to the ringers than the ringing of the second does to those who accomplish that. In the interests, therefore, of historical accuracy, I am obliged to Mr. Gordon for his correction. The footnote was added to the report of the peal because of the statement of the Cheadle ringers that it was "the first on the bells; Mr. Gordon and his colleagues had attempted one, but failed."

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Ancient Soc. of College Youths ...	W. T. Cockerill Arthur Hughes E. P. O'Meara T. H. Taffender		Middlesex County Association ...	J. Basden A. T. King J. Waghorn.....	
Royal Cumberland Youths	T. Card H. Dains R. A. Daniell James Parker		Midland Counties Association ...	Joseph Griffin..... Sir A. Heywood, Bart.... John W. Taylor..... W. E. White F. Wilford	
Bath and Wells Dio. Association.		A. E. Coles H. Poole	Northants (Central) Association .		H. Haigh
Bedfordshire Association	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ...		North Notts. Association		Rev. T. Lewis Jones
Birmingham Diocesan Guild	W. H. Godden		North Wales Association		C. E. Borrett
Chester Diocesan Guild		Joseph Ashmole Henry Dew G. J. Clarkson Rev. W. P. Wright	Norwich Diocesan Association ..	W. L. Catchpole	Charles Mee J. Motts
Cleveland and N. Yorks. Assn. ...			Oxford Diocesan Guild	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... F. W. Hopgood Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ... Rev. F. E. Robinson.....	
Devonshire Guild	Rev. M. Kelly..... A. W. Searle		Salisbury Diocesan Guild	Rev. H. Drake	Capt. J. E. Acland Rev. H. E. T. Bassett
Durham and Newcastle Dio. Assn.	R. S. Story	W. T. Robson C. L. Routledge	Salop Archdeaconry Society	John Bradney.....	
Ely Diocesan Association.....	Rev. R. L. Twells		Staffs. Archdeaconry Society ...	R. Cartwright..... S. Reeves.....	
Essex County Association	C. H. Howard Rev. T. L. Papillon	W. T. Nevard N. J. Pitstow Rev. E. B. James F. J. May Not elected Not elected R. R. Cherry, K.C., M.P.	Surrey Association	A. B. Carpenter, M.D. ... Charles Dean..... G. F. Attree	
Gloucester and Bristol Dio. Assn.	Rev. H. A. Cockey		Sussex County Association.....	F. Bennett F. B. Tompkins G. Watson	
Hereford Diocesan Guild			Winchester Diocesan Assn.	Rev. C. E. Matthews ... H. White..... J. W. Whiting C. Willshire..... T. J. Salter John Smith..... G. Bolland	
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Irish Association.....	Edwin Barnett		Yorkshire Association		Rev. A. H. Boughey Tom Lockwood James Pettit W. H. Thompson
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	Rev. H. Law James				
	R. Richardson				
Liverpool Diocesan Guild.....		W. Bentham			
London County Association	G. R. Fardon C. F. Winney.....				

ANALYSIS.

	PRESENT.	ABSENT.	TOTAL.
Representative Members ...	60	26	86
Honorary ..	6	4	10
Total ...	66	30	96

ASSOCIATIONS.			
Fully represented ...	...	...	19
Partially ..	...	...	7
Not ..	...	...	10
Total ...	...	...	36

CORRECTED ISSUE.

THE REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

May I be allowed to welcome this report, and to express an appreciation of its value and of the lucid manner in which it is arranged. I am not quite sure whether I have correctly grasped all the details of the Classification and have therefore drawn up the following tabular classification. This seems to me to place the matter beyond any doubt, and I would suggest that when the report is reprinted, some such table be prefixed to it. Also that all the reference letters and numbers and style of letting of names

be made to correspond throughout and so to be consistent and helpful. (The Examples and their notes should have as deep an inset as possible and the foot-notes be referred to by asterisks, etc.)

It will be noticed that I have kept to the actual wording of the report as far as one could; but I am afraid that the titles of classes (d) and (e) are impossible. If there be not yet in existence a sufficiently distinctive method to become eponymous to the class, as in the other cases, why not for the present call them Penultimate and Ultimate?

H. DRAKE.

TABLE OF CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

Description of Principle.	PRINCIPLES used:—			
	A. as Methods.	B. as Foundation of Methods.		
		i. PLAIN Methods*	ii. TREBLE BOB Methods.	iii. ALLIANCE Methods
I.—PLAIN HUNT Principle. (No interior places.)	I. A. <i>Original.</i>	I. B. i. <i>Grandsire (and Bob). Double Oxford.</i>	I. B. ii. <i>Superlative.</i>	I. B. iii.
II.—IMPERIAL Principles. (Adjacent places made together.)	II. A. <i>Forward.</i>	II. B. i. <i>Canterbury Pleasure Mi.</i>	II. B. ii. <i>Oxford, Kent, and Imperial Bob.</i>	II. B. iii.
III.—COURT Principles. (No adjacent places made together.)	III. A. <i>Stedman. Duffield.</i>	III. B. iii. <i>Court Bob Mi. and T., R. and D. College Single, Mi. and R. Norwich Court S. R. and D. Ma. to Max.</i>	III. B. ii. <i>Drew's Court Surprise Roy.</i>	III. B. iii.

* Each of these methods may have 2 variations:—(a) PLAIN BOB, (with one hunt).

(b) GRANDSIRE, (with two hunts).

† Each of these principles may have 5 variations:—(a) SURPRISE, (a place at every cross section).

(b) DELIGHT, (" " " but one) on 6, 8, 10, 12 bells.

(c) EXERCISE, (" " " " two) on 8, 10, 12 bells.

(d) PAS ALLA-TRIA (" " " three) on 10, 12 bells.

(e) PAS ALLA-TESSERA (" " " four) on 12 bells only.

‡ Other principles are those in which the hunt double-dodges, IV; and is allied with a plain hunt, V; or with a single-dodging hunt VI; or an alliance of all three VII; and they may be classed as:—IV. B. ii. or iii. as the case may be, etc.

Again there may be a cross combination as:—II. B. i. *Forward Bob Ma.*; or III. B. i. *Duffield Bob Ma. S. R. and D.*

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The combined practice was held at Tylehurst on Saturday, May 26th, when, in spite of the wet weather a good number of ringers turned up, the late improvements no doubt being a draw for the Reading members. Some good touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung. Needless to say the bells were more easy to handle, having been overhauled and a floor put up for the ringers, who used to stand at the base of the tower, being rather a long distance away from the bells. The only inconvenience now is that the bells are a trifle more noisy, which no doubt will soon be remedied by having an extra ceiling added. This practice proved very beneficial to the locals, who do not often get a chance for a pull in Stedman or Bob Major. The next combined practice will be held at St. Giles's, Reading, on Monday, June 11th, when it is hoped a good muster will be the result.

RINGER'S JUBILEE.

On Tuesday, May 29th, Mr. E. Gallimore completed a term of fifty years as a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral. The Dean and Chapter most kindly recognised the event by sending him a letter of congratulation and a cheque. Mr. Gallimore thanked them in courteous and suitable reply. His brother-ringers also heartily congratulated him, and, wishing him every success, hoped he might be spared to celebrate his diamond jubilee as a ringer at the noble and venerated edifice. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in honour of the occasion in the evening, particulars of which will be found in its proper place.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring meeting will be held at Pangbourne, to-day, Saturday, June 9. The bells at Pangbourne and Whitechurch will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. P. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, 10d. each, at 5.15.

ALBERT E. REEVES, Assist. Sec.
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong, to-day, Saturday, June 9th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Hon. Sec.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 9th, at Farnworth. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Hellingly, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Tickets 8d each. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present are requested to notify same to me not later than Wednesday, 13th.

G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 16th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.30 p.m. is each to members, 2s. 6d. each to others. Business meeting immediately following. The business will include the election of new master and hon. sec. and treasurer. The present master and hon. sec. will not stand for re-election. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. Members intending to attend dinner must please inform me not later than Tuesday, June 12th.

A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Bridgwater.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, June 16. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in school at 5.30. Meeting after.

J. HIGSON, Hon. Sec.
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Taxal, Saturday, June 16th.

A. T. BREESTON, Hon. Branch Sec.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at 5.45 at the Institute, 9d. a head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, Hon. Sec., West. Div.
8, Highfield Road, Bushey.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, on Saturday, June 23rd.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's churches will be

available during the afternoon. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools. The committee meeting will be held at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea one shilling per head, to be followed by general meeting.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford, on Monday, July 2. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 12. Preacher, the Bishop of Dorchester. Dinner 1.30 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. The Bishop of Winchester hopes to be present.

E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.

No practice until further notice.

EDWIN SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.
160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HODDESDON.—C. A. CARD'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 28, conducted 9; Oxford Bob, 1; Stedman 2; Bob Major 27, conducted 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich 5; Treble Bob 32, conducted 4; Royal 1; Maximus 1; London Surprise Major 2. Total 100 Conducted 17.

On the occasion of the Royal Counties Agricultural Show being opened at Portsmouth in June, we shall be pleased to meet any ringers that would be likely to attend the show, and any arrangements can be made for them to ring at the Portsea Parish Church by communication with Mr. Harper, 62, Chichester Road, Portsmouth.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday evening, April 19th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a 1-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Pickworth, S. Wade, H. Balaam, J. Miller, N. Tomlinson, F. Tegg, John Armstrong, conductor, Martin Turner. First quarter in the method on these bells.

Compositions.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5040.

231456

561243 2, 4, 5, 6, 8s, 9, 13.
452361 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11.
643152 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11.
421653 1, 3, 5, 7, 11.
531426 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13.

This part nine times repeated except that in the first course of each part call 1, 3, 5, 7, 11. And also call extra bobs at 12, 13, in the second course of the third and eighth parts produce

253146

541326 1, 3, 5, 6s, 8, 10, 12.
213546 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14.

This last course eight times repeated, omitting the bobs 8, 9 in following 4th part only. Has the whole of the 6 7s the right way.

First rung at Gateshead-on-Tyne, May 21st, 1906, conducted by William H. Barber.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By EDGAR BENNETT, Beddington, Surrey.

5115.

231456 5 16.

514362*

512463 -
513264 -
315462 - -
312564 -
213465 - -
215364 -
214563 -
412365 - -
415263 -
413562 -
314265 - -

* Bobs at 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18.

Three times repeated. Calling the first course of the second and fourth parts 3, 4, 5, 8, 9s, 12, 13, 14.

Call the first course of the third part 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13.

First rung at Beddington on the 2nd December, 1905.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By W. PARKER, Sunderland.

5040.

23456 1 4 6

34256 -
45236 - -
32546 - -
62435 s -
24365 s -
43265 -
62345 - -
34265 s -
34265 -
46235 -
32645 - -
26345 -
63245 -
42365 -
23645 s -

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1906.

THE table of "Classification of Methods" by the Rev. H. DRAKE is inserted again this week in a corrected form. It is very desirable that such matters as these should be as clear as possible, and quite devoid of error. Many of our readers may, like ourselves, fail to grasp the actual meaning of such statements, but that makes it more necessary they should be correct.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly district meeting was held at Southwold on a recent Monday, which was well attended by members from Ipswich, Beccles, Halesworth, Pulham Market, Wenhamston, Wrentham, Cove, Hythe, etc. when the bells were kept going in the various methods of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Minor and Bob Minor. from 1.30 till 5.30. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sutton), for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, which brought to a close a very satisfactory meeting.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.***On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDK. G. GODDARD* .. Treble.	EDWARD CASSELL .. 5.
OBED J. BAKER .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 6.
JOHN FRYER .. 3.	WILLIAM J. BARBER .. 7.
ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. 4.	HARRY MANCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

*First peal on the treble.

The Provinces.**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

HAROLD J. HALL .. Treble.	GEORGE WOLFE .. 4.
FREDERICK WEBB .. 2.	CHARLES V. HARE .. 5.
JOHN HARE .. 3.	WILLIAM J. CROFT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except J. Hare.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford; two of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT REED* .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 4.
JOHN LAKE .. 2.	JAMES OSBORNE .. 5.
CHARLES NEAVEYSON .. 3.	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE.

*First peal.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER LANGSTROTH Treble.	ROBERT JENNISON .. 5.
WILLIAM TOWNSON .. 2.	*JAMES MCGOWN .. 6.
JOHN MCKELL .. 3.	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR JONES* .. 4.	*SMITH MURGATROYD .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

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

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, May 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
REV. E. BANKES JAMES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY STILWELL* .. Treble.	ALBERT FEIST .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE .. 2.	ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 6.
LEONARD STILWELL .. 3.	GEORGE H. LEE .. 7.
SYDNEY CORDEN .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

*First peal.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1906, in Three Hours.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
CARTER'S ODD BOB 20-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN G. HALL .. Treble.	A. M. C. FIELD .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	GEORGE T. POTTER .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. 7.
ROBERT FALCONER .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has all the 67s the right way, and is now rung for the first time.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, May 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.**
Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY LEWIS .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK .. 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 9.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. 5.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rang as a welcome to the new Rector of St. Michael's, the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite, who was inducted the previous day.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR .. Treble.	WILLIAM BARKER .. 4.
GEORGE LADD .. 2.	C. WILLIAM SMITH .. 5.
FRED SKELTON .. 3.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

HODDESDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES, Tenor 12 cwt.**

GEORGE H. BARKER* .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. 5.
GEORGE RADLEY .. 2.	†GEORGE A. CARD .. 6.
JAMES SAXBY .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINES, and Conducted by G. JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First in the method on the bells. This is E. Card's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.****Tenor 20 cwt.**

GEORGE RUMSEY .. Treble.	BERTIE DEBENHAM .. 5.
PETER LAFLIN* .. 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 6.
PERCIVAL WOODS† .. 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

*First peal. †First in the method. Rang in honour of Empire Day.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1906, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT† .. Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING 5.
GEORGE H. STURT† 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
FRANK S. STURT 4.	*GEORGE RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. TURNER.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. ‡First peal with a bob bell. aFirst peal with a bob bell on eight bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble.	JOHN FLINT 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 8.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	CLEMENT GLENN 9.
GEORGE HOLLIS 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of Royal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Yorkshire Association.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 each of Oxford Single Bob, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure.

WILLIAM FITCHIE .. Treble.	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR .. 4.
FREDERICK HARWOOD .. 2.	ROBERT SANDERSON .. 5.
TOM BRADSHAW 3.	DANIEL SANDERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHIE.

First peal on the bells which were recently hung by Taylors the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th being cast by them, the 4th and 5th were cast about the year 1300. The 60 is excellent.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM .. Treble.	I. SCHOFIELD 5.
F. HALL 2.	J. HARROP 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
SAM STOTT 4.	C. MARSLAND Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

HERNHILL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE W. FOSTER .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH 2.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	RICHARD STAINES 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Foreman for his kind hospitality on this and previous occasions.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES LEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	GEORGE G. JENKINS 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BRÉTT 7.
EDWIN E. BUESDEN 4.	STANLEY GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. G. BRETT.

Rung on the 5th anniversary of the conductors wedding day.

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

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

ALBERT E. LOCK* .. Treble.	*HARRY JUDGE 6.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY 7.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8.
FRANK WEBB* 4.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 9.
HENRY HOLIFIELD 5.	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

*First peal on ten bells.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS .. Treble.	E. CRABTREE 5.
EDWARD KERSHAW 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JONAS S. AMBLER 4.	FREDK. SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by FREDK. SALMONS.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

F. COPE, JUN. .. Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6.
JAMES PRATT 2.	ARTHUR BOWLER 7.
WILLIAM DEMPSTER 3.	CHARLES BARRETT 8.
JOSEPH KEY 4.	F. COPE, SEN. 9.
ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. 5.	JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HALLSWORTH, and Conducted by F. COPE, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of Mr. E. Gallimore as a ringer at the above church. Further reference elsewhere.

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

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. SAMS	Treble.	C. SUMMERS	5.
SIDNEY MASON	2.	J. R. JONES	6.
SAM MASON	3.	H. MOORE	7.
G. ATKINS	4.	*W. WEBBER	Tenor.

Composed by H. MOORE, and Conducted by G. ATKINS.

*First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE	Treble.	JOHN MONK	5.
WILLIAM JUDGE	2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6.
WILLIAM STONE	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
FREDERICK WEBB	4.	JAMES FRANKLIN	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM	Treble.	OLIVER BROCK	5.
WILLIAM SOUTER	2.	ERNEST POPPY	6.
EDWARD DIAPER	3.	EGBERT BORRETT	7.
FREDERICK ALLARD	4.	FREDERICK BORRETT	Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1906, in Three Hours

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS LAWRENCE	Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER	5.
HARRY ROBERTS	2.	OLIVER NORMAN	6.
THOMAS ROBINSON	3.	LOUIS A. WILSON	7.
SIDNEY PALMER	4.	ALFRED W. HARRINGTON	Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY ROBERTS.

Rung in commemoration of the opening of the Bath and West and Southern Counties Show at Swindon.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 College Single, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720 Oxford Bob and two 720 of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM WELLS*	Treble	FRANK YORK	4.
WILLIAM NEWTON	2.	WILLIAM J. MAYES	5.
TOM SCOTT	3.	FRED. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by FRED. WELLS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung to celebrate the home coming of Colonel and Mrs. Shuttleworth who has been abroad for five months for the benefit of his health.

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APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. LAW*	Treble.	ALFRED JOHNSON	5.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS	2.	*FRANK S. BROWN	6.
CHARLES TRIBE	3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7.
SYDNEY W. HILLS	4.	WILLIAM SHARP	Tenor.

Conducted by Wm. BILLENNESS.

*First peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER	Treble.	NORMAN WAKEFIELD	5.
HENRY F. EWINS	2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER	6.
JOHN SHERLOCK	3.	HENRY REEVES	7.
ARTHUR BASHFORD	4.	HARRY W. EDWARDS	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg to the King of Spain.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR O. STEWART	Treble.	*JOHN METHRELL	5.
ALFRED P. HENSMAN*	2.	HENRY BLUNDELL	6.
HERBERT RAINBOW	3.	*WILLIAM J. ALLEN	7.
WILLIAM FAREY	4.	JOHN T. HENSMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman ever rung in Northampton by a local band.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD FIELDING	Treble.	GEORGE H. BEEVER	5.
JOHN W. FITTON*	2.	HENRY BUCKLEY	6.
ROBERT BUCKLEY	3.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY	7.
ALBERT CLEGG	4.	JOSEPH GREENWOOD	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. FITTON.

Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal as conductor.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED KIRK*	Treble.	HENRY STUBBS	5.
FRANK KIRK	2.	FREDK. WILFORD	6.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	3.	WALTER GILBERT	7.
FREDK. STUBBS	4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal away from the tenor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH E. GRENTED .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
THOMAS MANNERING .. 4.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ROBERT FOULDS, SEN. .. Treble.	*ROBERT FOULDS, JUNR. .. 5.
ALFRED BROOKS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. HARRISON .. 6.
EDWARD MALLINSON .. 3.	ABRAHAM LANE .. 7.
JOHN P. FOULDS .. 4.	WILLIAM HEATON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by ROBERT FOULDS, JUN.

*First peal as conductor.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL .. Treble.	WALTER TARLING .. 5.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. 2.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 7.
CHARLES CASTLE .. 4.	SAMUEL PAGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Treble.	EDWARD CASSELL .. 5.
JOHN HOWES .. 2.	THOMAS BEADLE .. 6.
THOMAS LANGDON .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	*GEORGE SPENCER .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

WEST DERBY (Liverpool).—On Tuesday, March 27th, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods: 360 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single, College Single, 456 Grandsire Minor and ten odd changes. R. Dilworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, E. Caunce, R. Davies. First date touch on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Burgess, E. Hughes, W. P. Routh, A. W. Osborne conductor, E. Haynes,

P. Hickey, F. Griffin, W. Dormer. A course of Stedman Triples. G. Goodship, E. Hughes, W. P. Routh, A. W. Osborne, E. Haynes, P. Hickey, F. Griffin, A. Durnam. For practice on Monday, May 7th, 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. P. Bowen, W. Webb, Rev. W. S. Mahony, E. Hughes conductor, N. Cox, P. Hickey, F. Griffin, A. Harding. 168 in the same method. A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, Rev. W. S. Mahony, E. Hughes, E. Haynes, P. Hickey, F. Griffin, W. Dormer. Another 168 in the same method. A. Harding, A. W. Osborne conductor, H. Burgess, E. Hughes, E. Haynes, N. Cox, W. Webb, Rev. H. P. Bowen. A course of Bob Major. G. Goodship, N. Cox, W. Webb, E. Hughes, E. Haynes, P. Hickey, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, April 5th, 720 Double Oxford. On Sunday, April 8th, 720 Kent. For afternoon service 720 Double Court. On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Woodbine. H. Carter, F. Elliott, E. Overall, C. Gale, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, April 24th, 720 College Single. C. Gale conductor. 720 Woodbine. W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, April 26th, 720 Woodbine. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, E. Overall, G. H. Barker, F. Elliott, A. Phillips conductor. On May 8th, 720 each of Double Oxford and Woodbine. F. Elliott, C. Gale, E. Overall, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Kent. W. H. Lawrence conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford. A. Phillips conductor. On Wednesday, May 16th, 720 Woodbine. G. H. Carter, E. Overall, S. Page, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, May 27th, 720 New London. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 Violet. G. H. Barker, C. Gale, E. Overall, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On June 3rd, for morning service, 720 New London. E. Overall, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. For evening service 720 Duke of York.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On May 27th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Lates's one-part). J. W. Well (first quarter-peal in the method), H. P. Harman conductor, E. Dunn, G. Simpson, A. Humphrey, G. H. Kite, G. Huxley, W. James.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 20th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. E. Tomlinson, S. Wade conductor, H. Balaam, jun., F. G. Tegg, N. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, F. J. Budd. On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins. W. Pickworth, E. Tomlinson, F. G. Tegg, H. Balaam, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, J. Armstrong (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor.)

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hills, H. Bowers, E. Chaplin, E. Townsend, H. Coote, F. Suckling conductor.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On Sunday, May 20th, two 720s of Bob Minor. W. Mann, H. Richardson, S. Shufflebotham, E. Buckingham, F. Rudkin conductor, G. H. Sentance.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Richardson, A. Shufflebotham, G. H. Sentance, F. Rudkin, H. Gozzett, A. Gozzett conductor.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 13th, at the residence of Mr. W. S. Pritchett, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. William Palmer, 1-2; Miss K. Nuriel Pritchett, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett, 7-8. First quarter-peal in hand by all except the conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Beautiful weather favoured the Whit-Monday meeting held at Bishop Auckland, which was well attended by ringers from all parts of the two dioceses, and as these included many of the leading ringers of the north-east district, the ringing throughout the day at the churches of St. Andrew, Bishop Auckland, and St. John, Shildon, was excellent in quality and striking, touches of London Surprise being easily accomplished. The other methods rung were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Durham Surprise and Kent Minor. The committee met at 12 prompt, the principal busi-

ness relating to Mr. Porter's proposal for the alteration of Rule 4, that there should be four Vice-presidents, one of whom should be elected from any part of the two dioceses, and the other three from three districts divided as follows: North District to include places on or near or north of the river Tyne; Central District to include places south of the Tyne as far as Bishop Auckland; and the South District to include places south of Bishop Auckland. The matter will be brought before the members in the next circular, and further discussed at the annual meeting.

An excellent dinner was provided at Mr. Sharpe's, Newgate End Cafe, to which full justice was done by the forty-one members taking part. Mr.

G. E. Potter (President), occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. C. B. Smith (St. Andrew's), Messrs. Routledge, Gofton, Story, and Robson (Secretary), the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. W. Sheraton.

Mr. C. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the churches where the bells had been so kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers, which was carried with acclamation. The Rev. C. B. Smith responded, stating that the Vicar was unable to be present owing to a prior engagement, and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the ringers of Auckland and Shildon for their kind assistance in making the arrangement on the proposition of Mr. William Story. Six new members were elected including the Rev. H. Stephenson of Allendale.

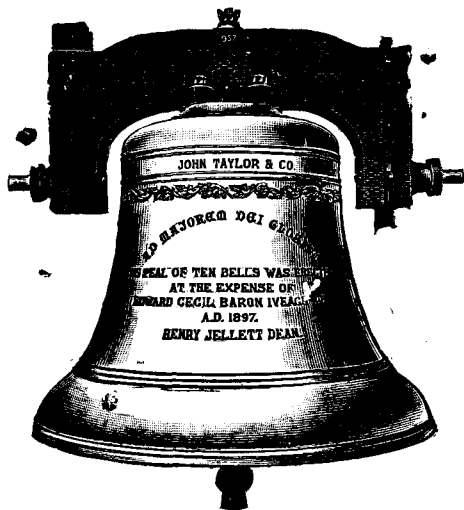
After dinner several members took the opportunity under the guidance of the Rev. C. B. Smith, of visiting Auckland Castle, where they were kindly met by the Bishop of Durham, who readily gave the party permission to look through the Castle and grounds. Further ringing brought one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings to a close.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

On another page will be found the schedule of attendances, and it may be remarked that two Associations, viz. Hereford and Herts failed to elect representatives, otherwise the full number on the list would have been 99.

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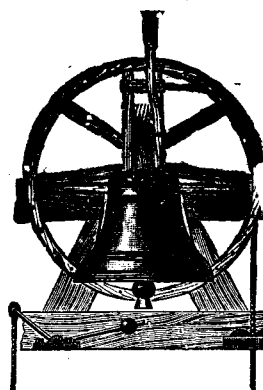
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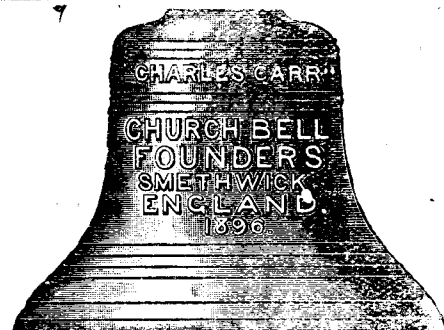
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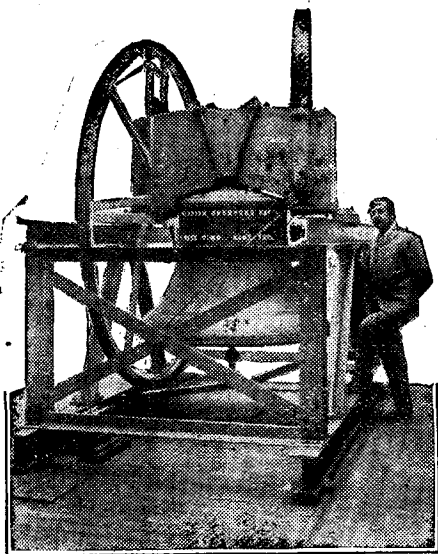
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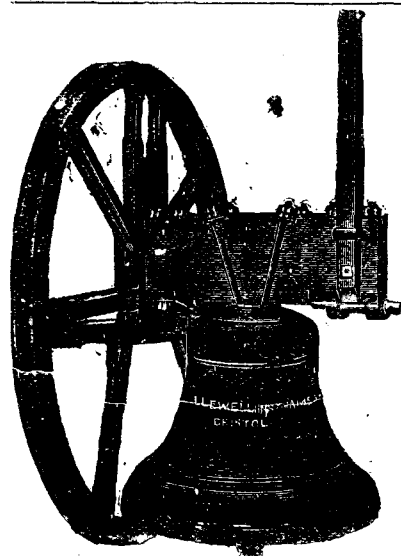
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Tonbridge on Whitsun-Monday, June 4th. All parts of the county were more or less represented, and several attended from adjoining counties. The company at the dinner numbered 195, a figure which has only twice before been exceeded, that is, in 1894 at Tonbridge, when 197 were present, and in 1897, when in order to celebrate the thirteenth centenary of the landing of Augustine and the foundation of English Christianity, over 200 assembled at Canterbury. The weather was beautifully fine throughout the day, in striking contrast to the dismal wet at Tenterden last year. The towers open for ringing were Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8), and Marden (6). The usual programme was followed: Committee Meeting at 11 a.m.; Service at 12; and Dinner at 1.15. The new Archdeacon of Tonbridge (Ven. A. T. Scott), preached at the service, taking for a text the four verses of Psalm cxxxiv.—"Behold now praise the Lord," etc. The hymn "The Church's One Foundation" was sung before the sermon, and during the collection, which was for the Belfry Repairs Fund, and amounted to £1 6s. 7d., a special hymn from the Hymnal Companion—"Hark on high the joyful music" was sung. The same two hymns were sung at the service at Tonbridge six years ago. The Vicar of Tonbridge (Rev. C. G. Baskerville) presided at the dinner in the Public Hall, and was supported by the Archdeacon, Mr. F. Skinner (churchwarden of St. Nicholas, Deptford), Messrs. H. S. Humphrey (Woolwich), T. Groombridge (Hon. Sec. Lewisham District), A. R. Manning (Hon. Sec. Ashford District), W. Latter (Hon. Sec. Tonbridge District), Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Secretary), and other officers of the Association. Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny—well-known for their kindly interest in the progress of the Association—were also present. The usual loyal toast was given by the chairman and duly honoured. Mr. F. Skinner proposed the health of "The Archbishop and Clergy," to which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge responded. Mr. W. Latter proposed the health of "The Chairman," and after the Vicar's speech in reply, the general business was held. The Secretary's report and balance-sheet showed a flourishing state of things; number of towers in union 89; members 1042; peals rung during the preceding year 127; balance in hand £79 9s. 1d. These are all "records." The re-arrangement of the diocesan boundaries gives two new Bishops and Archdeacons to the county. Accordingly the Bishops of Rochester and Woolwich were elected along with the other Vice-presidents, and, Archdeacons being by the rules of the Association *ex officio* Vice-presidents, the names of the Archdeacons of Tunbridge and Lewisham were added. The Secretary, Treasurer and Committee were re-elected, Mr. C. Wilfrid Blaxland (Hythe), being substituted for Archdeacon Escreet. The co-opted members of the Committee were H. Barton (Deal), W. Harper (Swanscombe), A. Palmer (Lenham), W. Spice (Tunstall), and C. Tribe (Tenterden).

At the conclusion of the business Mr. F. W. Thornton

(Deptford), proposed the health of the Hon. Secretary, who after replying proposed "The Ladies." Both Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny responded, and invited any members who would like a country walk (for they had tried to hire a trap, but none was to be had), to go over to Speldhurst. During the afternoon an energetic photographer took a large group of members in the Castle grounds. In the course of the day some well-struck touches in the various methods were rung, though there was a good deal of "scratch" ringing. This must necessarily be the case on such occasions, when many get an opportunity of trying a method which they can seldom, if ever, practice in their own tower. But the general advance in the Art was patent to anyone who remembered the meetings of only a few years back.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at West Grinstead on Saturday, May 26th, a fairly good muster of members being present. Ringing commenced soon after the appointed time, the methods practised being Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Single Bob. Tea was provided at the schoolroom by the Rector (Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen), the rev. gentleman being also present and taking the chair. The towers represented were Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Burstow, Crawley, Heene, Steyning, Shipley, Tarring, and West Grinstead, numbering twenty-three.

Tea over, the usual business followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Divisional Secretary and approved. West Grinstead was selected for the next quarterly peal. Mr. Merritt proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea, also for granting the use of the bells, and meeting them in such a social way. The rev. gentleman suitably replied, and said he was pleased to welcome them to West Grinstead.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

The bells of this fine parish church have been increased to eight, and the whole rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett. The dedication took place last October, and a peal was attempted the same day, but unfortunately it came to grief, the combination of long draught, new ropes and no sally guides making good change-ringing almost an impossibility. Some temporary sally-guides having been fixed, another start was made early in the present year, but again the peal came to an untimely end, this time owing to a broken clapper. Saturday, May 12th, saw the Rev. F. E. Robinson and his band again at Watlington, when an excellent peal was the result, a notice of which has already appeared in the peal columns. The "go" of the bells are all that can be desired. The band was heartily congratulated by the Vicar and the local ringers, who were much impressed by the regularity of the striking throughout the peal. The thanks of all the band are due to the Vicar (Rev. S. C. Saunders), for so kindly entertaining them on each occasion.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pentre, Glamorgan-shire, on Whit-Monday, June 4th, the Vicar (Rev. Canon Lewis) presiding. The meeting was but poorly attended, which perhaps is excusable, as Pentre is situated in a colliery district, and being a Bank Holiday no doubt members took advantage of the cheap excursion trips, and made for more pleasant surroundings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and afterwards the Hon. Secretary read the balance-sheet for the past year, which shows a balance in hand of £11 7s. 8d.

Mr. J. Clutterbuck reported good progress at Llantrisaant, Rhymney and St. Fagans towers as regards change-ringing, but complained that the bells at St. Fagans were not in proper working order, whereupon it was unanimously decided that a copy of the following resolution be sent to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Fagans:—"That this Association respectfully desires to call the attention of the Rector and churchwardens of St. Fagans church, Cardiff, to the present imperfect condition of the bells and their framework, and that they consider that a serious risk is involved in ringing the bells at present, especially in the case of the tenor bell which does not work clear of its woodwork."

After a long discussion it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mathern, near Chepstow. New members were next elected, and afterwards a cordial vote of thanks was given to Canon Lewis for presiding, and for so kindly inviting the members to tea and placing the bells at their disposal. The bells are a ring of eight, tenor 27 cwt., by Messrs. Taylor.

Silver Wedding.

BASDEN—JEFFERIES.

On Saturday, June 11th, 1881, at the Parish Church, Taplow, Bucks., by the Rev. F. S. Marshall, M.A., Rector of Farnham Royal. The marriage was duly solemnized of JOHN BASDEN of Farnham Royal, and ANNIE E. JEFFERIES of the parish of Taplow.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held at the Church House on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, 1906, when there were present 60 out of 86 elected representatives, and 6 out of ten Honorary Members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Hon. Secretary, in temporarily taking the chair, said that the first was the election of President. There had only been one nomination sent in, and he need not say that was the name of Sir Arthur Heywood.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson in proposing Sir Arthur Heywood as President for the ensuing term of the Council, said to those who had attended previous triennial Council Meetings, there was no need for him to say a word of praise, while to those who were there for the first time he would say that the longer they attended the Council Meetings under the presidency of Sir Arthur the more would they appreciate his conduct in the chair.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon seconded.

The resolution having been adopted with applause, the President then took the chair. He said he had to thank the mover and seconder of the resolution and to all present for the way in which they had accepted the resolution, by which he became the President for the present triennial term of the Council. As he had said on previous occasions, he esteemed it as an honour to occupy the position, and could assure them all

that he would in the future as in the past, endeavour to do all he possibly could for the benefit of the Council.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY.

The President having announced that there was but one nomination for the post of Hon. Secretary,

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said no one could have forgotten the work done by the late Mr. Bulwer, but whom not only the Council but the Exercise had benefited. He had pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. Davies to the post, as he was sure Mr. Davies had been found to be the right man in the right place.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded.

The President said he could heartily endorse all that had been said. Everyone felt the great loss to the Council by the death of Mr. Bulwer. He, the President, was confident as he was at the first, that the best successor the Council could select for the post was Mr. Davies. He was not at all surprised that there was no desire to make a change, and appoint someone else. He trusted that the various representatives and officials of the different Associations would save Mr. Davies' time as much as possible. The clergyman of a parish, especially if he was a family man, was generally a busy man, and a body like the Council could not have all his time. He trusted that all during the present triennial term of the Council, would assist by seeing that Secretaries of the various Associations sent in their contributions with list of representatives and their addresses at an early date, and so lighten the work of the Hon. Secretary.

The resolution having been adopted with applause, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he could assure the Council that the work was not only a pleasure to him, but was most willingly done. He was glad to say that he was assisted by some Secretaries of Associations by the early remittance of subscriptions, but it was in the last few weeks that the rush came, caused by a few who were late in sending, and it would greatly assist if those gentlemen who hitherto had been late, would send in sooner in the future. If they all would bear in mind that subscriptions became due on January 1st of each year, and act accordingly, the rush to a large extent would be avoided.

Letters of regret for absence were read from the Revs. H. E. Tilney Bassett, and A. H. F. Boughey, and from Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, W. Snowdon, and F. E. Ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the Hon. Secretary submitted the statement of accounts: Balance in hand from previous year £37 7s. 10d.; Sales during previous year £7 2s. 8d.; at the Meeting 2s. 1d.; Subscriptions from Associations £11 2s. 6d.; Sales last year £2 12s. 0d.; Total £58 7s. 1d. The expenditure was: Meeting at Canterbury £2 14s. 6d.; Printing and Stationery £11 5s. 9d.; Postages 11s. 10d.; refunded Bemrose and Sons overpaid £1 12s. 0d.; Balance in bank £42 3s. 10d. It was estimated that the publications in hand for sale were of the value of £88 16s. 0d.

On the proposition of Mr. Daniell, seconded by Mr. Dains, the accounts, which had been audited by the Standing Committee, were passed.

HON. MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the following Hon. Members retired by rotation: Revs. J. H. Pilkington and C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, F. E. Ward, J. Carter, J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett.

The President said the Standing Committee had under consideration the re-election of the Rev. J. H. Pilkington and Mr. F. E. Ward, neither of whom appeared able to attend the Council's meetings. There was no objection by the Standing Committee to the re-election of either gentlemen, but if their places were not filled, there would be two vacancies which was not any too many, as occasion might arise when it would be thought desirable to elect someone who might fall out as a representative.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the names given above with the exception referred to, were re-elected Hon. Members.

The President said Mr. G. Williams by change of residence had now ceased to be a representative. The Standing Committee recommended Mr. Williams should be elected an Hon. Member, so that the Council should retain his services. This would still leave two vacancies,

On the proposition of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, Mr. Williams was elected an Hon. Member.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

The President said hitherto he had not thought it necessary except on one occasion to commence the meeting with an address to the Council. The exception was at the Sheffield meeting, at which time there was a violent attack upon the Church in Wales, which attack happily did not succeed. As a body of Churchmen, they considered they had a very great stake in the matter by the position which they occupied as Church officers, and that it was their distinct duty to protest against the attack. There was now another attack and a more serious one upon the Church. As a body of churchmen coming from all parts of the country, they could do a large amount of good in standing up for the rights of Churchmen in their respective districts. There was a duty cast upon everyone who was interested in the welfare of the Church. He was, as they would be aware, referring to the so-called Education Bill of 1906. It would be impossible to sketch out the provisions of the Bill in the few minutes which he would occupy. It was not an Education Bill, there was nothing in it about Education. It was a Bill for establishment of School Board teaching in all the Voluntary Schools. A great deal of Board School teaching was at present good, because the teachers had been trained in Church Training Colleges, and many of them took a deep interest in the religious teaching. If however the second part of the Bill became law, the whole of the colleges might apparently be secularised, and teachers would not get that religious training which they now received. How then could that religious teaching now given in the Board Schools be continued? Many teachers in the Board Schools were particularly anxious that the religious teaching which they had the pleasure of giving, should not fall below that given in the Voluntary Schools. The religious teaching in many of the Board Schools might thus be satisfactory to many in the present day, but they had to look at what it would be in the future. There were now seven education authorities who did not permit of any religious teaching in their Schools. How many might there be if this Bill became law? Another point for consideration was the question of cost. If the Bill passed it would be a great expense to the country. The present Government when they came into office, professed to be going to reduce the expenditure of the country, yet they at once propose to spend a £1,000,000 more in connection with education, from which sum the country would not get any educational benefit whatever. This £1,000,000 we were to pay for a settlement of the religious question, but it did not settle it. It made a hundredfold worse a religious difficulty which had never existed in the schools except in a few isolated cases. There would be no return for the £1,000,000 expended, nor did this sum represent a fraction of what would have to be paid. Seeing that a child educated in a Board School cost upwards of £2 10s. a year, while a child in a Voluntary School cost less than £1 on the average. Under the Bill we should have to pay £1 10s. extra a year for each of the 2½ million children now educated in Voluntary Schools. Under the provisions of the Bill there would be three Commissioners appointed who, unless terms were arranged between the School Trustees and the Education Authority by January 1st, 1907, would step in and compel the schools to be given up. The power of freewill of the Trustees and Managers would be taken away if no arrangements were made with the Education Authority. He knew of no court of inquiry such as this since the days of the Star Chamber. There had not been either before or since the days of the Star Chamber in this country anything like it, for there was no power to appeal against the decision of the Commissioners. He would advise all Trustees to adopt the same course as it was proposed to adopt in Lancashire, viz., to refuse to enter into any arrangement with the Education Authority. A grave responsibility rested upon the trustees of the Voluntary Schools, for they were bound to see the children were brought up in the faith of the Church. They must be firm. If they refused to come to terms with the Education Authority, there were 14,000 Voluntary Schools, and if only 10,000 would determine to hold fast to their trusts, there would be 10,000 cases to come before the three Commissioners. Consequently the Commissioners would not get through the

work in their lifetime. This standing fast to their trust deeds would be the strongest resistance possible. All could work with this aim in view in their respective districts. And it was most important to spread a knowledge of the value of definite Church teaching as compared with merely the general principles of the Bible, which were to be taught under the Bill. The child could not—no child could be taught anything without going over and over again the same point, so you could not teach religion except by dogma, that is, by rule, any more that you could teach arithmetic except by rule. Thus whether it was in schools belonging to the Church of England, Roman Catholic or Non-conformist all must realise the importance of teaching to each child some definite faith if religion was to be of any service to it in after life. The Bill was a direct attack upon the Church of England by robbing her of her schools. The religious teaching was not to be done during school hours, consequently most of the children would not come to it. If the Church was disestablished and disendowed, money and enthusiasm would surmount the difficulty, but if we lost the religious training of our children, the loss could not be recovered. If the rights of Roman Catholics were going to be respected, why should not the rights of the members of the Church of England also be respected? This robbery of our schools which the Bill proposed, was a greater evil than the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church would take from us, that which had built up and made England the country she now was. It was because those assembled were a body of church officers, and because of the work in saving our schools that each one could do, that he had ventured to address the Council on the subject.

PEAL COLLECTION.

Dr. Carpenter said there was little to report on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. The work was going on, the fourth sheet of Double Norwich having been printed. There were difficulties in pushing on the work, which were unavoidable.

The President said he was sure the whole of the Council would agree with him in an expression of sincere regret at the great loss Mr. Dains had suffered during the year, and doubtless this had somewhat delayed the work.

(To be continued.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

By A MEMBER.

If any of us thought, as perhaps some of us when we read the Agenda did, think that we were going to have a tame meeting, we were most completely and agreeably disappointed. I look back now on a fairly long list of Council meetings, not one without many pleasant recollections, but I don't think that I remember one which was altogether quite so successful as the last. You must not judge its value by the resolutions passed, for they were unimportant; nor by the speeches, for they were with one exception nothing out of the common; nor by the reports of committees. The success of the meeting lay in the demonstration of the real unity and brotherhood of the Exercise. One felt that we are indeed not isolated units, but parts of one whole, and more than any Benevolent Fund or quasi charitable scheme could ever do the Council supplies the link that binds ringers of all places and stations together. Outside ringers may doubt this, but no one who has been to any of the meetings can.

Big Ben was just making up its mind to strike 11 when I turned into Deans Yard, and the crowd that was collected in front of the Church House at once dispelled any fears of a poor attendance. I don't know what the official figures are, but I should not be surprised to hear that they are not far short of a record. Promptly we got to business, and first we had to elect a president. Of course there was only one nomination, for he would be a brave man, to say nothing else, who tried to run against Sir Arthur Heywood. Mr. Robinson, looking hale and hearty, and fit for another 1000 peals, proposed Sir Arthur, and jokingly said that if we were going to live down the attack that had lately been made upon us, Sir Arthur was the man to help us to do it. The President briefly returned thanks, saying that whatever the things said against the Council might be, they only proved that we had minded the things that concerned us, and not meddled with what was none of our concern. Whereat

we cheered. If there was only one possible president, there was only one possible secretary, and Mr. Davies was for another three years entrusted with the work he has done so well in the past. The election of honorary members came next, and all but two of the retiring members were re-elected. In addition, Mr. George Williams, whose departure from Brighton meant the loss of his seat for the Sussex Association, was elected an honorary member. There was not one representative present who was not pleased that we should not lose Mr. Williams. Few members have attended more regularly, or taken greater interest in Council meetings, or enjoyed them more than he. I well remember his saying when we parted some years ago that if ever he lost his seat he would still as long as he could attend, if it were only to see old friends and to shake their hands. Happily there is not much fear he will ever be reduced to such a merely passive role. As long as he cares to attend you may be sure the Council will find him a seat.

Next came what though not on the agenda was the most striking incident of the meeting. The President gave a splendid speech on the Education Bill now before Parliament. From first to last the meeting was fully and enthusiastically with the speaker. Every point was loudly applauded. We too took our part in the great protest that churchmen from one end of the country to the other are making against the bill. Sir Arthur's speech will doubtless be found in the official report.

Then we settled into the somewhat humdrum work of receiving reports of committees, which occupied us up to lunch time. One subject, the inevitable one of how to make authorities understand that bells are things which require a bell hanger, and not a blacksmith to repair was somewhat fully discussed. The impression one gathered was that things are not nearly so bad as they used to be; for while Mr. Law James waxed highly indignant at the way they waste money on so-called bell-restoration in Lincolnshire, Mr. Maitland Kelly's far longer experience is that in Devonshire while years ago scarce a peal was ringable, now nearly all the bells are in good condition. The meeting also applauded the news that as the result of persistent endeavours the practice of clocking the beautiful bells of Pershore Abbey has been stopped.

After lunch, the first business was the report of the much-abused Method Committee. Mr. Law James acted as their spokesman, and read the long and complicated report which has already appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," explaining and inviting criticism as he proceeded. It quickly appeared that the Committee are not themselves all of one mind, at least on details, and more than once Mr. James's words called up Mr. Carter and Mr. Dains in protest. The fourth member of the Committee present, Mr. Trollope, seconded the adoption of the report, declaring that it had his approval, and the President recommended that it be adopted. He strongly opposed those who hold that time spent in these theoretical questions is time wasted. He declared these investigations most valuable; but he also refused to admit that there was anything of finality about this or any other report, and he laid down the dictum, not for the first time, that the Council is not bound by the detail of any report it may adopt.

Questions arising out of Mr. Attree's analysis next occupied our attention. First as to points to be given for peals on handbells and for Double Norwich Caters. A section of the Council is clearly opposed to having any points at all. Some think that they lower the dignity of the Exercise, and others, a larger number, perhaps, think they are unfair, as one man may ring peals in half-a-dozen associations. When the matter was put to the meeting about one-third voted for the abolition of points.

But good or bad, points without an analysis are not much use, and the next resolution called attention to the fact that the last analysis published was for 1903. This had been put down by Mr. Borrett, and in his absence was moved by Mr. Trollope. He declared that there was not the slightest intention to make any reflection on those who had previously done the work, the only question was, if the analysis was worth preserving how it was to be done. Mr. Attree said that increasing years and business had compelled him to relinquish the task, and that Mr. Baker also felt unable to go on with it. Then up spake Mr. Pritchett. In the suavest and blandest tone he asked: "Is there no clergyman who in the calm seclusion and leisured ease of some quiet country vicarage can be found to undertake the

work?" The clergy present smiled audibly, but clearly were not having any. Finally the usual expedient of a committee was resorted to.

The last business was to discuss the question of the formation of a labour bureau for ringers. Mover and seconder in temperate and earnest speeches urged the claims of our poorer brethren on the Council's notice. The meeting was sympathetic, but the feeling clearly was that as a Council we could do nothing. At last, to every one's relief and satisfaction, Mr. Daniell offered to receive letters from persons wanting situations and knowing of vacancies, and to put them into touch with each other. Upon this generous offer the motion was withdrawn. This concluded the business, and just within the time allotted. Nothing was heard of a Benevolent Fund, but from the discussion on the last motion, and from private conversation, one could easily gather the ideas of members on the subject. While most anxious to do anything that can benefit ringers in any way whatever, the feeling is that any scheme under present circumstances is bound to be a failure. Given an efficient scheme, and money to work it, the Council would not have to be asked twice to set it going, but where either is to come from does not now appear.

MR. J. T. REW'S SILVER WEDDING.

A very pleasant gathering took place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 12th, the occasion being the celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rew. The invitation came as a pleasant surprise to the members of the parish church company, of which Mr. Rew has been a member for the past seven years, and it was instantly agreed upon to meet for a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of the event, time not permitting for more. Needless to say, every member turned up at the time appointed, with the result that the touch (1325 changes) was duly accomplished in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Holman, J. H. Bower, W. Lomas composer and conductor, G. Holmes, A. Brearley, J. Mulligan, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, E. Woodward, S. Seed, W. Bugar, J. T. Rew. An adjournment was then made to Mr. Rew's residence, where the whole company sat down to a substantial tea, full justice being done to all the good things provided. On leaving the table harmony was the order of the evening, Miss Mabel Rew opening with a pianoforte selection, which was followed by an excellently rendered selection on the clarionette by Mr. Tom Rew, who unfortunately was obliged to leave to fulfil an engagement. At this point Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in a few appropriate words, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rew for their kind invitation, and said he was sure that all felt grateful to them for their hospitality, and had great pleasure in meeting to celebrate their silver wedding. In concluding he wished them long life and domestic happiness.

In support, Mr. S. Seed said he had known Mr. Rew for the last thirty years, and had always found him straightforward and manly as well as being a regular attender, and taking a keen interest in ringing matters, and no one was more pleased than himself to be present on this occasion. He only hoped that all would be spared to meet again and celebrate their golden wedding.

In reply, Mr. Rew, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the company for their good wishes, and said he was pleased to see them all, nobody being more welcome than ringers.

More songs followed, and a recitation by Mr. J. Atkin, the whole being intermixed with tunes and courses on the handbells, whilst many rich anecdotes were given by Mr. Hattersley relating to the old parish church ringers in the days that are gone. All were sorry when the time arrived for departure, but as all good things must eventually come to an end, the meeting dispersed at a respectable hour with the heartiest of wishes, and the event will be long carried in the memory of the present members of the Sheffield parish church Society.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, June 19th. St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on Thursday, June 21st. St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, June 28th, at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Hellingly, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Tickets 8d each. Business meeting to follow. **G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.**
The Lodge, Vale Road, St Leonards

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Dinner at the Abbey Church House at 1.30 p.m. 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. each to others. Business meeting immediately following. The business will include the election of new master and hon. sec. and treasurer. The present master and hon. sec. will not stand for re-election. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m.
A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

Bridge water

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Taxal, to-day, Saturday, June 16th.

A. T. BEESTON, Hon. Branch Sec

Lavenham, Suffolk.—The tower will be open at 7 a.m., and the bells will be at the disposal of any visiting ringer on Thursday next, June 21st. **A. SYMONDS, Tower Keeper.**

Norfolk Agricultural Show at Harleston. By kind permission of the Rector, Redenhall bells (one mile), will be available for ringing on Thursday, June 21st.

FRED. R. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.

Pulham Market.

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H. EDEN, Hon. Sec., West. Div.

8, Highfield Road, Bu hey.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's churches will be available during the afternoon. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools. The committee meeting will be held at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea one shilling per head, to be followed by general meeting.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock, prompt. **Z. L.**

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, June

23, 1906. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock. Great Wymondley bells will also be available.

J. F. FOSTER, Hon. Sec. N. Div.

82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Todmorden Unitarian, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Weald, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at the Tower Arms 5 o'clock, 10d. per head. Meeting to follow. The tower of South Weald (6 bells) will be open for ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Bentley (5 bells) afternoon and evening. Brentwood (8 bells) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Membess and friends invited. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than 20th inst. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

HENRY F. COOPER, Hon. Dist. Sec.

County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Rodmersham, on Saturday, June 23rd. Towers open at 4.30. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

Saffron Walden Society. (Established 1623).—The 283rd anniversary of this society, will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Short service and sermon at 12.30. Dinner at the King's Arms inn, 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, Hon. Sec.

Debdam Road, Saffron Walden.

Leeds and District Society.—The invitation meeting of this Society will be held at Shipley, on June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Star and Garter hotel, at 7 p.m. Special business, viz., alteration of rules, etc.

FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

The Beds Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tharleigh, on Saturday, June 30th, at 3 p.m. **A. RUST, Hon. Sec.**

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock, on Saturday, June 30th. Committee meeting at 4. Tea 1s. each at 4.45 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms near Matlock Bridge station. Bells available from 2 p.m. as usual. At this meeting it is proposed to discuss the question of dividing the Derby district into two parts and it is hoped that there may be a good attendance. Will those who intend taking tea kindly inform Mr. J. H. Paulson, Ivy Wild, Church Street, Matlock, not later than Thursday, June 28th. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at once.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford, on Monday, July 2. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 12. Preacher, the Bishop of Dorking. Dinner 1.30 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. The Bishop of Winchester hopes to be present. **E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.**

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	REV. HERBERT A. COCKEY .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
WILLIAM BERRY 4.	FRANK HOWELL* Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

*First attempt at a peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	REUBEN CHARGE 7.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.**TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 6-scores of St. Simon's and Plain Doubles, and ten 6-scores of Old and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED WRIGHT Treble	HENRY WRIGHT 3.
HARRY J. MEE 2.	GEORGE W. MEE 4.
JOHN CROOKS Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN CROOKS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
AN IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ASPINWALL Treble.	ALBERT LOVELL 5.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
EDWARD CAUNCE 3.	*JAMES MARTIN 7.
WALTER HUGHES 3.	EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. BRUCE Treble.	H. HAWES 4.
F. CRAPNELL 2.	G. ABLITT 5.
W. KING 3.	C. KING Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg to the King of Spain.

BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOHN MONK Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
JOHN RICHARDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS BOND 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN* .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 5.
WILLIAM JUDGE† 2.	EDGAR HUMPHREY .. 6.
FREDERICK WEBB 3.	HARRY JUDGE 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

*First peal, son of the Vicar. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
JOHN RICE 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.*

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD EVANS Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JAMES MOTTS 10.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE 6.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

THOMAS RICKETTS Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
THOMAS BOND 2.	C. O. SAYER 6.
JOHN RICHARDS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the branch meeting at Clanfield.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER WOOLLEY Treble.	JAMES TITTERTON 5.
ARTHUR LATHAM 2.	SAMUEL CARDELL 6.
WILLIAM F. MILLER 3.	GEORGE WOODS 7.
ALBERT MILLER 4.	PETER PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.
Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

THOMAS MANNERING Treble.	*JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. 8.
GEORGE FOSTER* 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	FREDK. G. NEWMAN 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	†ALFRED BURRIDGE Tenor.
ALFRED H. WINCH 6.	

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

GEORGE LEWIS Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 5.
JOHN THORPE 2.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
GEORGE HALKSWORTH 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 7.
ALBERT NASH 4.	JOHN HOLMAN Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by the Association.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

C. LAYWOOD* Treble.	W. H. HEYHOE 5.
P. C. LONG 2.	†W. GRANEY 6.
P. O. BIXBY 3.	J. W. CHAPMAN 7.
A. B. SHEPHERD 4.	J. W. SEAMER Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.

WILLIAM GIBSON Treble.	HARRY SPARKES 5.
ROBERT RICHES* 2.	ERNEST LINCOLN 6.
JAMES ADAMS 3.	*WALTER RICHES 7.
WILLIAM RICHES 4.	ALBERT RICHES Tenor.

Composed by T. HURRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM RICHES.

*First peal. Rung as a wedding anniversary peal for Walter Riches.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
FREDERICK PATES* 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Stratton, wife of Dr. Stratton, M.D., who was buried at Bolsover on the above date.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	GEORGE HOLLIS 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8.
REV. A. T. BERTON 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY 9.
FREDERICK PATES* 5.	DAVID FARTHING* Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble.	*EDGAR HICKS 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM 2.	*WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 6.
GEORGE WHITING 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

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

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD SHERWOOD Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
ROBERT S. STORY 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble.	GEORGE N PRICE 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2.	ALFRED B. PECK 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	EDWARD W. WHITBREAD .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODWIN Treble.	HENRY WHITTLE 5.
RICHARD F. LANE 2.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 6.
JOSEPH HARDY 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
WILLIAM PERVIN 4.	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	*JAMES H. CLARKE 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
FREDERICK PATES 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	GEORGE W. BEMBOSE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

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

LYMINGTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS 'A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

G. PRESTON Treble.	E. C. ELLIOTT 5.
C. HUGHES* 2.	*H. F. ELLIOTT 6.
H. K. CLARK* 3.	*S. CLARKE 7.
G. ARNOLD* 4.	B. KERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. PRESTON.

Rang on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Klitz to Miss F. L. Badcock.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PARSONS Treble.	JOHN NEAL 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER † .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
EDWIN STRINGER 4.	JONATHAN PRESTON* .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal. †First in the method. Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect for Miss Barbara Lampert, a respected and charitable member of the congregation.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE G. JENKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	STANLEY GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MOTTRAM AND STOKEPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 8, 1906, in Nine Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 16,800 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

I SIDEBOTHAM Treble.	I SCHOFIELD 5.
F. HALL 2.	J. HARROP 6.
J. GODDARD 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
S. STOTT 4.	C. MARSLAND Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HEANOR BRANCH)

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. B. JAMES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BRYAN, SEN. .. Treble.	GEORGE BLANCHARD .. 5.
WILLIAM BRUNSDON .. 2.	FRANCIS H. KAY .. 6.
HERBERT DAY 3.	JOHN W. STIRLAND .. 7.
PERCY F. WALKER 4.	†LEVI FARNSWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. BRUNSDON.

†First peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MESSUM* .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	JOHN WYATT 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. 3.	†ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CORBEIT .. 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S FIVE PART No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES E GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE HUGHES 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

W. Fisher's 50th peal.

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

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

WILLIAM GIBSON* ... Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE ... 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE ... 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT ... 3.	EGBERT BORRETT ... 7.
JAMES BETTS ... 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE ... Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11th, 1906, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JAMES MOTTS ... Treble.	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON ... 2.	JOHN SADLER ... 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7.
WILBY J. HAZELL ... 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT ... Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1906, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 64, MARKS ROAD,

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

GEORGE R. PYE ... 1-2.	GEORGE GREEN ... 5-6.
ERNEST PYE ... 3-4.	HENRY CATTERWELL ... 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 11, 1906, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—L. L. Watson.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH (Hants).—On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. W. Wheatley, G. Hammond, J. Bennett, W. J. Fisher, W. G. Weeding conductor. First quarter-peal on the bells and by all except W. J. Fisher.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

YARDLEY (Worcestershire).—On April 29th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Neal, H. Withers, A. Chambers, S. Grove, A. Walker, A. E. Pegler, conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob, S. Jessop, A. E. Pegler, J. Neal, H. Street, A. Chambers, H. Withers conductor. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Neal, H. Withers conductor, H. Street, S. Grove, A. Chambers, S. Jessop.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 6th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Pearlless, O. Sippetts, R. Sippetts first quarter-peal, A. D. Mills, P. Tyler, J. Rice conductor, F. W. Rice, A. Thornton.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Sunday, April 1st, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Buck, T. Webb, J. Cawdell, J. Hare, S. E. Roberts, A. Bray, C. Castle, C. R. Lilley. 168 Stedman Triples. J. Hare, T. Webb, J. Cawdell, C. Castle, S. Roberts, A. Bray, C. R. Lilley conductor, G. Gentle. For Confirmation Service an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples came to grief, after which 504 in the same method was rung. C. Castle, F. Webb, J. Cawdell, A. Castle, S. E. Roberts, A. Bray C. R. Lilley conductor, G. Castle.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. J. Hindley, A. Wallwork, G. Morriss, T. Lingard, J. Brockbank conductor, C. Seddon, J. Briscoe, J. Edge.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Friday evening, April 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for evening service, 518 in the same method, in 22 mins. W. Law, E. G. Johnson, conductor, C. Noakes, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday afternoon, April 28th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford. A. Windsor, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, J. Thackray conductor, M. Broadbent, Jos. Thackray. Rung for service previous to the laying of the chief corner stone of the new mission hall by Colonel Gott.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Short, W. Fuller, J. Judd, J. Harding, R. Botting conductor, E. Benthall, G. Marriner, W. Judd.

EYNHAM (Oxon).—On Monday, June 4th, on the occasion of the Club Feast, five members of the Kidlington band, with Mr. Walters, of Northmoor, rang four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Judge, F. Webb, T. Webb, W. Thorpe, J. Matthews, H. Walters.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Saturday evening, April 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. B. Miller, W. Weatherstone, C. Walker, A. Darvil, T. G. Deal, J. Law, G. H. Daynes conductor, T. Jakeman. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Foscett, aged 102 years.

PENGE (Kent).—On Thursday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor, G. Conn, W. J. Battson, H. Edwards, Hopkins, E. Pobgee, G. Wickens conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor. R. Janes, G. Wickens conductor. 360 Bob Minor. R. Janes, G. Wickens, H. Edwards, S. Hopkins, E. Pobgee, W. J. Battson conductor. Rung prior to the departure of Mr. W. J. Battson for Canada. He has been a ringer at this church for the past twenty years, and was greatly esteemed by his brother-ringers, who presented him with a silver bell medal engraved with their names.

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SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On a recent Sunday morning, at Christ Church, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 52 mins. G. Bester, F. G. Tegg, H. Balaam, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

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The half-yearly meeting of this Association for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, was held at Clare, on Saturday, May 26th. The tea was served at the Bell hotel, at 4 o'clock, the Rev. J. Vatcher, Vicar, in the chair. Members of the Association were present from Sudbury, Glensford, Haverhill, Stanstead, Stradishall, Coggeshall, and Thetford, although the attendance was rather below the average, probably through such a wet day, the meeting was much enjoyed. During the afternoon various touches were rung on the fine bells of the parish church, consisting of Bob Major, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Major, one touch of the latter was 576, rung by the following band. S. Slater, conductor, T. Fitzjohn, C. Sillitoe, C. Honeybell, B. Francis, A. Richardson, E. W. Beckwith, and D. Elliot. An excellent

tea was served at the hotel by host Willie Bareham, after which the business of the meeting was transacted. Mr. F. Reed, of Hadleigh, and Mr. Aitkens, of Stanstead, were duly elected members of the Association.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Sillitoe, seconded by Mr. B. Maxim, it was resolved that the next meeting should be held at All Saints, Sudbury.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clare for presiding, for granting the use of the church bells, and for his kind interest shown in bell ringing, was proposed by Mr. C. Sillitoe, and seconded by Mr. S. Slater, District Secretary, and carried unanimously.

Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the general secretary the Rev. L. Twells, Vicar of Hinxton, Cambs., who telegraphed that at the last minute he was prevented from coming.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The combined practice was held at St Mary's Church, Reading, on Wednesday May 9th, when about forty members took part in the ringing. The towers represented being, Sonning, Bradfield, Englefield, Tylehurst, St. Laurence, Reading, St. Mary's, and St. Giles. Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Among the visitors was Miss M. Chillingworth of Bradfield, who rang in a first rate touch of Bob Major, of which method she has rung several good peals in a very creditable form considering having only 6 bells at Bradfield, and no chance to practice it. The conducting was shared by Messrs. C. Giles, J. Swain, N. Cox, and A. Osborne.

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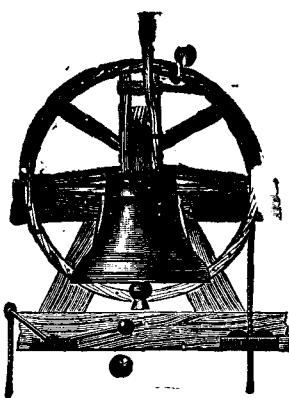
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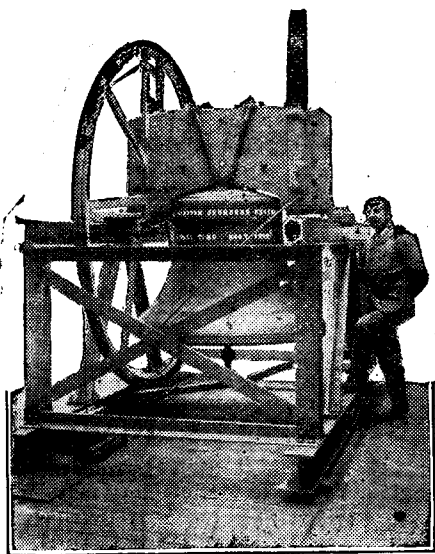
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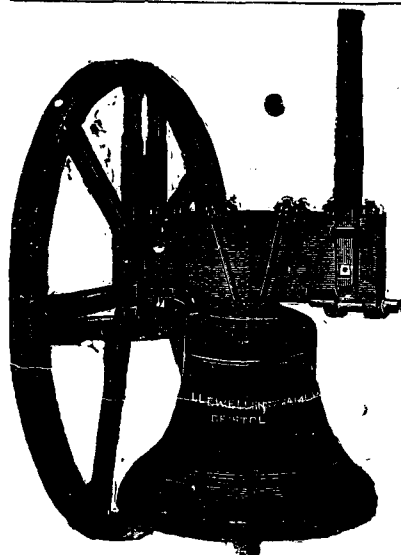
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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHALLERTON had a veritable "toast of bells" on Whit-Monday, on the occasion of the holding of the annual meeting of the above Association. This was preceded by Divine Service in the parish church, where the Rev. T. Collins, M.A., of St. Martin's, Leeds, preached an instructive sermon from 1 Chron. xvi. 42: "Instruments for the sons of God." The rev. gentleman dealt with the historical and spiritual aspects of church bells, pointing out that change-ringing was only known in England.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to The Rose and Crown for dinner, presided over by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the president of the Association, who proposed "The King," and then "The Bishops and Clergy."

The Rev. S. M. Thompson, B.D., in responding, said he was sorry they had not included the archbishops, as they were presided over by one in their diocese, for whom they had much respect. The clergy felt strongly they could do very little comparatively without the help of the laity, and in the ringers' Association they had a very loyal and enthusiastic body of men who were willing to help in every possible way in connection with Church work. He then told an amusing episode of his going out to preach in a country parish some years ago on a fine spring morning, and on arrival was accosted by a curiously-dressed old person, who said "Be you the man who is to preach?" Mr. Thompson said "Yes." "Then," said he, "I be the gentlemen that pulls the bell." He replied, "I hope we shall both pull well together," when the old man said, "I will do my duty if you will do yours." He (the speaker) thought he must have done his duty to the old man's satisfaction, as for several years afterwards he continued to send me each year a handsome present of a fine box of Yarmouth bloaters. Continuing, Mr. Thompson sincerely wished that the Association would go on gaining in its usefulness, influence, and power.

The Rev. T. Collins, in reply, said that he had learned his ringing through the enthusiasm of Dr. Pauli, of Middleham. He advised the clergy and Church officers to show their interest in the ringers by an occasional visit to the belfry.

The Secretary (Rev. R. Hodgson) then read the annual report, and the Chairman proposed its adoption, which was carried. Other formal business having been transacted,

The Chairman said there was one function which still remained to be carried out on that occasion, and it was one of considerable importance and interest to all of them, as it was to recognise the able work done by the Rev. W. P. Wright, as secretary to the Association during the first seven years of its existence. When they held their meeting at Middlesbrough, when it was decided to form the association, Mr. Wright was requested to accept the position of the first Secretary, and it was very fortunate for them that he agreed to accept that position, for he had organised it until he had got the association fairly launched, and then carried it on in a most successful manner. His work had been materially helped by his per-

sonal geniality, with the result that it bound the members together in unity, and thus by mutual co-operation their Association had carried out the purpose for which it was established. Therefore they could not possibly think of parting with their late Honorary Secretary without giving him some recognition of the valuable services he had rendered, and it was his pleasing duty to ask him to accept a large and handsome silver tray for his sideboard, engraved as follows: "Presented to the Rev. W. P. Wright, M.A., by the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers, in recognition of his services as Hon. Secretary from its formation in 1898, to his appointment as Vicar of Hemingborough, 1905." Following the notion that a man really attains to the best in himself when under the inspiration of his better half, they thought that the presentation to Mr. Wright would scarcely be complete unless they also included Mrs. Wright. Therefore he had to ask her acceptance of a silver gong. They remembered when they visited Stokesley that Mrs. Wright received them on all occasions very hospitably. He wished them both health and happiness for many years to come, and hoped that the gifts he had presented would prove souvenirs of the pleasant relations which existed between Mr. and Mrs. Wright and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

The Rev. W. Wright returned thanks, and said that their president had touched a tender spot when he mentioned their Stokesley home. He could assure them that he was placed in a most difficult position to thank them in anything like adequate terms for their handsome gifts, which he gratefully accepted on behalf of himself and his wife. He extended a hearty welcome to all of them should they ever visit Hemingborough. He sincerely hoped that friendship, kindness and sympathy would be woven into one rope, which would find them all closer together in the bonds of brotherhood.

The Rev. R. Hodgson (Secretary), said that the Rev. F. L. Perkins, of Thirsk, wrote regretting his inability to be present, and stated that they owed to the Rev. W. P. Wright a deep debt of gratitude for all the work he had done for the Association.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above society took place at Sheffield on Saturday, May 5th. There was a record attendance, members being present from Barnsley, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Norton, Rotherham, Treeton, Wath, Nottingham, Derby, as well as a strong representation from all the Sheffield towers. The bells of St. Marie's (8) were at the disposal of the society from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., also by kind permission of the parish church company the peal of twelve were likewise at liberty for the same period, hence, excepting one brief space, the bells were incessantly going with touches in the various standard and advanced methods. As previously announced, a large photograph of the members present was taken

in the parish churchyard at 5 p.m., everything passing off in a prompt and satisfactory manner, thanks to the efforts of the sub-committee appointed to make all arrangements, and it was very gratifying indeed to see that the members willingly responded to the call.

The business meeting was held at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, the headquarters of the society, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. Sam Thomas (President), occupying the chair. Messrs. G. Hollis (Chesterfield), and G. Lewis (Sheffield), were elected auditors, and whilst these gentlemen were checking the accounts, the members were regaling themselves with sandwiches, which had been thoughtfully provided for by a few local friends.

Business commenced with the presentation to the society of a new peal-book, the gift of Mr. Sam Thomas, who received a hearty vote from the members for his valuable addition to the society's assets. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the accounts were read out in detail by the Hon. Secretary, and placed on the table. These shew a record membership of four honorary members and 182 ringing members, being an increase of twenty-eight over last year, whilst the financial side is credited with a balance in hand of £11 5s. 5d. On the proposition of the auditors they were passed as read.

The President gave a short address, outlining the progress made by the society, and he was pleased to say that the record number of sixty-seven peals had been rung during the past year, consisting of eleven different methods, and covering seventeen towers. The conductors numbered eighteen, of which Mr. Clement Glenn headed the list with twenty-two to his credit. Great improvement had also been made in the number of advanced peals rang, amongst which was the first peal of London Surprise. Another special feature was the accomplishment of eight peals on handbells, the first recorded by the society. The total list of peals is as follows: Grandsire Triples 6; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 11; Caters 6; Cinques 1; Kent Major 9; Royal 1; Oxford Major 1; Bob Major, 7; Royal 1; Forward Major 1; College Single 2; Double Norwich 5; Superlative 2; Yorkshire 1; London 1; Treble Bob Minor (seven different methods) 1; on handbells—Grandsire Triples 6; Bob Major 2; total 67.

The fixtures for the ensuing year as chosen by the Committee, were then put before the meeting, and secured unanimous assent. The following officers were re-elected: President—Mr. Sam Thomas; Vice-president—Mr. James A. Dixon; Hon. Secretary—Mr. Sidney F. Palmer. Mr. Edwin James having resigned the hon. treasurership, Mr. David Brearley was unanimously elected to that office. The committee, which were elected *en bloc*, consisted of one nomination from each tower in union.

Some discussion arose as to the advisability of conducting the practice meetings in a systematical manner, whereby all members would have opportunities to take up the advanced methods, and at the same time give the learners every assistance in practising the standard methods, and at the suggestion of the President it was eventually decided that the first and last hour should be devoted to the standard methods, and the two middle hours to Surprise ringing.

Another important matter was brought forward by the President, who proposed that a certificate should be given by the Society to the tower that shewed the highest percentage of attendances for Sunday ringing, at the end of each year, and on this being seconded by Mr. Sam

Seed, it was unanimously carried. This does not mean to convey or even suggest that the attendance for ringing at the Sunday services is not all that could be desired, in fact, it is well-known that ringers put themselves to inconveniences to attend their sacred duty, but merely to create a little friendly competition in the district, the certificate to be considered an ornament of credit to the winning tower.

A vote of thanks to the past officers for services rendered was proposed by Mr. A. Marwood, and seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth, to which Mr. Thomas suitably replied. Ten new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the clergy and to the St. Marie's and parish church companies for the use of the bells, etc., was given by the President, and seconded by Mr. G. O. Dixon, which concluded the business.

Some amusement was then caused by the presentation to the Hon. Secretary of a tin hat (which had been previously passed round the room to get copper-bottomed and silver-lined) by the passive resister, as a mark of esteem for his untiring efforts in connection with his official duties, the act of kindness being greatly appreciated by him. The remainder of the evening was spent in friendly intercourse, songs, touches and tunes on the handbells, etc.

Thus endeth another year, leaving the society in the most prosperous condition it has ever yet attained. May it continue so.

UNVEILING OF A COMMEMORATIVE TABLET AT SOUTH WIGSTON.

On Saturday afternoon a large concourse of the bell-ringing fraternity assembled at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, to take part in the dedication of a commemorative tablet of a remarkable achievement on the bells by a band of ringers at the end of 1904. At four o'clock the service commenced with the hymn, "We love the place, O God." This was followed by a shortened form of Evening Prayer, including Psalm cl. Then a processional hymn was sung, during which the choir and congregation assembled in the church porch underneath the tower. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. D. Dewar, the Vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, Rev. J. H. Molesworth, M.A., gave a most appropriate address to those present, and called upon the donor of the tower and bells (Mr. T. Ingram) to unveil the tablet. This the venerable gentleman—now in his ninety-seventh year—did, and in his remarks said; that in the old Roman days men who had the courage and perseverance to do what had been done on those bells would have been acclaimed heroes. This extraordinary performance was not only a credit to the men, but to their town and country, and the Latin motto should encourage others who lived after us to attempt great things, for true labour was invincible.

The tablet is of Sicilian white marble, with a cornice of Caen stone, on which is a recumbent woman leaning against a bell, and studying a book of mathematics. The whole is upon a background of enamelled slate, and the inscription reads as follows:—

"MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS. To perpetuate a great achievement, this tablet is erected by public subscription. It was agreed to attempt a world's record on these bells, and after ringing on April 4 a trial peal of 11,008 in six hours and forty-five minutes, the same band met again on Tuesday, December 27, 1904, when in the space of ten hours and thirty-five minutes was accomplished the great peal of 17,104 Double Norwich Court

Bob Major, being the longest peal of changes ever rung without rest. It was brought round true to the satisfaction of critics from all parts of the kingdom, and ably performed by these persons, whose names will ever be memorable in the history of change-ringing, viz.:—Josiah Morris (Leicester), treble; Thomas H. Taffender (London), 2nd; Charles H. Fowler (Leicester), 3rd; Thomas R. Hensher (Wellingborough), 4th; James Houghton (Irthlingborough), 5th; William H. Inglesant (Loughborough), 6th; Arthur R. Aldham (Barwell), 7th; and William Willson (Leicester), tenor. Composed and conducted by William Willson. Umpires: J. Buttery and H. W. Abbott. Rev. D. Dewar, Vicar; W. B. Alcock and A. Bent, churchwardens; W. W. Thompson, tower-keeper. Labor Omnia Vincit."

After the ceremony, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung. The whole party was then photographed, and afterwards adjourned for tea in the school-room.

More than seventy ringers and friends took part, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise were rung on the bells. Mr. T. H. Taffender of London was the only absentee.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting was held at Pangbourne, on Saturday, June 9th. The weather being fine there was a good number present, members coming from Reading, Goring, Englefield, Watlington, Gloucester, etc. A short service was held in the parish church at 4.30, the clergy taking part being: the Master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, A. Standedge, G. F. Coleridge, etc., J. H. Miles (Rector). Service being over, the members adjourned to the new hall for tea. Here again we saw the Master in the chair. After the repast the Master thanked the Rector, organist, and choir for welcoming the Guild, also for their services.

The members then adjourned to the belfries of Pangbourne and Witchurch where the bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, and Treble Bob Minor until 9 p.m. Among those taking part I noticed, Rev. E. F. Coleridge, Messrs. W. Newell, A. W. Osborne, J. Abery, Dr. Boyton, C. Giles, H. Tucker, A. Webb, G. Ashley, J. Nicholls, A. E. Reeves (Assist. Sec.), there were also present the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, hon. sec.

The local ringers just before the close gave us 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and then lowered the bells in peal which was a real treat for all to listen to. O.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts.)—On June 18th, 1906, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Treble, O. W. Lang. 2, F. L. Welson (Abergavenny). 3, A. Lawrence (conductor). 4, R. W. Hyner. 5, C. Gardiner. 6, O. Norman. 7, S. Palmer. Tenor T. Robinson. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Doris Marjorie Brown, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown, of Thurlow, Swindon, and Mr. Croft Hubert Dew, son of the Rev. G. P. Dew, of Shirenewton Rectory, and also rung to celebrate the christening of Ivy May Gibbs, grand-daughter of the conductor.

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said this work had now come to an end. The committee was appointed in 1897, and in 1898 it made a report. It was resolved to send out circulars asking certain questions to all the eight, ten, and twelve-bell towers in the country. The total number of circulars so sent was 1055, of these 26 went to twelve-bell towers, 104 to ten-bell towers, and 925 to eight-bell towers. Of these replies were received 22 from twelve-bell towers, 99 from ten-bell towers, and 819 from eight-bell towers, making a total of 940 replies. No replies however had been received from 115 towers, which comprised 4 twelve-bell towers, 8 ten-bell towers, and 106 eight-bell towers. The replies showed steel frames in 195, timber frames in 745. There were 834 rings pealable, 45 unpealable, and 61 unringable. Clocking was permitted in 209, and there were 39 towers in which it was stated that the soundbow of some bell was worn. Repairs were recommended in 75 towers, but only in 20 of these had the recommendation received attention. In 27 towers it was stated that the bells were well looked after, and in 19 no care was taken of them. Unprofessional bellhangers had been employed in 28 towers. In 68 towers there were chiming apparatus fitted, and dumb practice apparatus in 7 towers. Change-ringing was not practised in 223 towers, while there were 292 in which one method was rung, and 359 in which more than one, and 76 to vers in which Double Norwich or Surprise methods were rung. In 544 towers there was Sunday ringing for two services, in 95 for one service, in 119 only occasional, and in 182 none. Regular weekly or fortnightly practice took place in 726 towers, and in 214 there was no practice. In seven towers the ringing-chamber was reported to be noisy. He regretted there were so many towers in which clocking was permitted, this was very dangerous, and should as far as possible be stopped, as it often happened that it was the cause of cracking a good bell. On the whole the report was more satisfactory than it was at first thought would be the case. Of course, as they were all aware, a great many repairs had been recently effected, as no doubt bellfounders could tell them. It appeared that the care of the bells had come more home to the authorities, and this was very gratifying. It was however to be regretted that twenty-eight unprofessional hangers had been employed. It would be well for representatives to look into these matters. Clockmakers should also be looked after, and not permitted to do work in the tower except under the supervision of an experienced bell-hanger. It was not very satisfactory to find there were still 223 towers in which there was no change-ringing, but at the same time it would be seen that in 359 towers there was more than one method practised, against 292 in which only one method was rung. Another satisfactory feature was that in 76 Double Norwich and Surprise methods were rung, as also was the fact that there was Sunday ringing for two services in no less than 544 towers. This was very encouraging, for the primary object should be the ringing for Sunday services. It was to be regretted there should be 182 in which no Sunday ringing took place, and it was hoped there would be an improvement in this respect. There were many places where there was said to be a weekly practice, but it did not always come off. It was hoped that weekly practice would be encouraged. He feared that in some towers where there was ringing for both Sunday services that that was often made a practice. This was not as it should be. All should do their best on Sundays, that only which could be well rung should be attempted, and relegate that which wanted practice to practice-night. The work had given the Exercise an insight into what was going on in the country, and some idea of the condition all round. He had not placed the report before the rest of his committee, as it was merely a summary of the reports received, and required no consideration before being submitted to the Council.

The Rev. H. L. James said there had been two unprofessional bellhangers at work in his district. The difficulty was how to step in, as in many places the advice of the sexton would stand first. He thought some good might be done if the Council

issued a statement setting forth the evils of the practice, so that it could be shown as an authority beyond one's own opinion.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said this had been done in the Council's issue "On the Preservation of Bells."

The Rev. H. L. James said he doubted if much good could be achieved this way, as possibly such pamphlets would find their way into the waste-paper basket. In one case a sum of 80*l.* was spent when 200*l.* was wanted, with the result that the 80*l.* was to a large extent wasted. It made one's blood boil to see this kind of thing go on, especially when he had to raise 200*l.* for his church.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he found that the authorities were becoming more alive to the need of getting proper people to do the work. This was found to be the case down in the west of England. Forty years ago there were not many towers in which a 120 could be rung, now it was very different. He thought much good had been by the various Associations. Could the necessary information as to what was required in each Association's district be furnished? if so he thought it would be very useful.

The President said he would look into the matter, and if possible the suggestion should be acted upon.

Mr. Daniell said the articles published in *The Guardian* touched upon the very points referred to by the Rev. H. Law James. If the clergy were readers of that journal—and many country clergymen were supposed to take in *The Guardian*—the articles could not fail to have come under their notice.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon said there was very little known among the clergy—except those that were ringers—about change-ringing, consequently they (the clergy) did not understand the great difference even when experts were employed. He had known of a case in which the sexton was consulted as to clocking, and the reply was that no harm would be done. That was one way in which good advice was received. It was to be hoped that when good advice was given it would be accepted and acted upon.

Mr. H. Dains said if Mr. Law James sent such people as he had referred to some copies of "THE BELL NEWS," they would see there were professional bellhangers.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said a copy of the Council's publication on the Preservation of Bells was sent to every tower in his district where there was a ring of bells, but no doubt some of the clergy or ringers even who received it had by the time repairs were to be done, forgotten all about it. He thought some good might be done if Secretaries of Associations kept by them a few copies of the publication, and whenever a ring in a bad order came under their notice, sent a copy of the publication to those concerned who might, when they found there was something wrong with their bells, read the publication, and there learn the danger of entrusting otherwise than to a professional bellhanger.

The Rev. H. Law James said the difficulty was in getting at the authorities before the order was given, as it often happened that the money had been spent before advice could be given.

The Rev. H. Drake said the authorities would not read such publications unless there was first something to rouse their interest. He would propose the issue of a pamphlet in which should be made clear the danger of clocking, and setting forth the advantages of calling in expert advice. There was not so much difficulty in eight-bell towers as there was in the case of the smaller rings. It was when a ring was to be increased that the mischief was often done. If a pamphlet was sent to every incumbent it would cost 30*l.* and it would no doubt be money well spent. It was a suggestion which could be carried out by the various Associations with advantage to themselves, as they could at the same time bring their own Associations under the notice of those not members, and the result would be more subscribers to their own funds, and thus it would well repay the Associations to take the matter up. He was afraid the report must not be taken to be so good, as on the face it appeared especially where the return was made by the sexton, consequently some discount must be allowed, as the sexton would be the last person to complain of anything wrong in the tower.

The President said the returns were made by competent representatives who were ringers.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, in proposing a vote of thanks, did

not think a half-sheet of note-paper would be read any more than the publication already sent round. He agreed with Mr. Kelly that there was already a great improvement in many towers, and could bear testimony to two in his own district in which formerly no Sunday ringing was ever heard. Now there was regular ringing for both Sunday services.

Mr. A. T. King, in seconding, said he could re-echo all that Mr. Baker had said. The improvement that was going on was satisfactory. The question was what should be done with the malefactors. It might be best to go on gradually. There were some of the ringing clergy who deserved their thanks for what had been done, and there were others who would have to get help before all would be done that was needed. He would say to all, if you cannot get your Rector into the belfry, get the curate.

The Rev. H. L. James did not think the proposal would do any good. If the Council could in any way rouse the Archdeacons to their responsibilities, some good might be done.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews considered it would be better to approach the Rural Deans; Archdeacons would not climb into a belfry.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee suggested that a letter be written to the Press signed by the President and Hon. Secretary, stating that an enquiry had been concluded, and the result with the hope that such communication might come under the notice of the clergy and churchwardens where repairs were wanted.

The Rev. H. L. James seconded.

The President said it would be remembered that when the work was first taken in hand, it was proposed to send out a pamphlet stating in strong language the condition of things proved to exist. But things were not so bad as had been expected. He considered if the suggestion by Mr. Elsee were adopted, it would meet the case.

The former resolution having been withdrawn, the following was adopted on the proposition of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, seconded by the Rev. H. L. James, "that the President be requested to tabulate the chief results of enquiry into the condition of rings, and communicate them in the form of a letter or article to the Press together with any practical points on the care of bells which may be suggested thereby."

CHURCH PRESS.

Mr. Daniell read the following report: "The work of preparing a short descriptive catalogue agreed upon at the meeting of the Council last year, is in hand. Mr. Dains and Mr. Daniell have carried on investigations at the library of the British Museum, and a large amount of material has been got together. In fact that part of the work was nearly completed. They were however obliged to inform their colleagues on the Committee that they were unable before Whitsuntide to circulate the draft catalogue for their revision and approval. They thought however if the Council saw fit to re-appoint the Committee, it will not be long before the work would be completed."

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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

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

THE LONG PEAL AT MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue a record of a long peal of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at the above place. I for one object to the above peal being recorded. My objection is that the conductor missed a bob at home at the part-end of the third part, and also the firing that took place the next lead following, which lasted twenty minutes without stopping; also the fact that the first course of the fourth part 26354 never came up, the tenors being parted directly the firing began; also the conductor called the peal from manuscript. I have always been given to understand that calling from manuscript is not allowed. As far as regards the other part of the performance, I should like to invite other ringers that heard the peal to give their opinion about it, as I am an interested party.

GEORGE LONGDEN.

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).—Meeting for practice will be held on Thursday, June 21st, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, June 28th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Harpenden, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at 5.45 at the Institute, 9d. a head. All members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec., West. Div.*
8, Highfield Road, Bushey.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held at Lichfield, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1906. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's churches will be available during the afternoon. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are expected to be present. Tea will be provided in the Pool Walk schools. The committee meeting will be held at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea one shilling per head, to be followed by general meeting.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Herts Association.—A district meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, June 23, 1906. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock. Great Wymondley bells will also be available.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec. N. Div.*
82, Grove Road, Hitchin.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Weald, on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at the Tower Arms 5 o'clock, 10d. per head. Meeting to follow. The tower of South Weald (6 bells) will be open for ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Bentley (5 bells) afternoon and evening. Brentwood (8 bells) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Members and friends invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
County Offices, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Rodmersham, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. Towers open at 4.30. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Saffron Walden Society, (Established 1623).—The 283rd anniversary of this society, will be held on Wednesday, June 27th. Short service and sermon at 12.30. Dinner at the King's Arms inn, 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*
Deben Road, Saffron Walden.

Leeds and District Society.—The invitation meeting of this Society will be held at Shipley, on June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Sun hotel, at 7 p.m. Special business, viz., alteration of rules, etc.

FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Beds Association.—A quarterly meet-

ing will be held at Tharleigh, on Saturday, June 30th, at 3 p.m. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock, on Saturday, June 30th. Committee meeting at 4. Tea 1s. each at 4.45 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms near Matlock Bridge station. Bells available from 2 p.m. as usual. At this meeting it is proposed to discuss the question of dividing the Derby district into two parts, and it is hoped that there may be a good attendance. Will those who intend taking tea kindly inform Mr. J. H. Paulson, Ivy Wild, Church Street, Matlock, not later than Thursday, June 28th. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at once.

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

Colgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines, on Saturday, June 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4 to 5.30, and the bells of St. Peter's from 6 to 9. Will members kindly forward their subscriptions at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmslow Place, Oxford Street.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Monday, July 2. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 12. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorking. Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Annual meeting at 2.45 p.m. at the County and Borough Halls. Members and friends requiring dinner tickets (2s. each), please let me know by Tuesday, June 26. Application for travelling expenses, limited to 2s. 6d. per member, must be made to the district secretaries or their representatives after the annual meeting. No allowance to any member whose subscription is unpaid.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, July 7th. The Rev. J. H. Bridgewater, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the Abbey 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 before Wednesday, July 4th. The Abbey tower and bells will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Further particulars will be announced next week.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16. Service in the parish church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. E. D. Shaw. Business meeting in Church institute at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.30. Tickets for dinner at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order and their ringing qualifications to me not later than Monday, July 3rd. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing

members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SHREWSBURY.—MR. E. H. LEWIS'S 50 PEALS.—Stedman Triples 10; Grandsire 3; Caters 2; Oxford Bob 1; Double Norwich Major 5; Kent 4; Bob Minor 1, Major 4; two minor methods 1; three methods 1; seven methods 2. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 1; Caters 1; Kent Major 3; Royal 1; Bob Major 8; Royal 1; Maximus 1. Total 50.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1906.

THE moiety of the report of the Central Council which we print elsewhere is full of interest. The discussion which ensued upon the question—the "Condition of Rings of Bells"—led to very forcible remarks upon the supineness of those authorities whose actual and bounden duty it is to look after bells, and see that they are kept in proper order. One speaker suggested that Archdeacons should be woke up, and instigated to do their duty in such a matter properly and effectively. Another speaker had more faith in going for the rural deans, from the fear that most of the venerable Archdeacons would never enter a tower. It is well-known that among the questions put by Archdeacons to churchwardens at their visitations is the enquiry—"Are the church bells in good order?" If this question is answered in the affirmative, as we are afraid it very often is, the wardens are guilty of gross misrepresentation if the bells are not so. It is no excuse for them to say afterwards that they know nothing of the bells' condition, they ought to have found this out in time to give

a correct answer to the question. The requisite knowledge is easy of attainment; the ringers, especially skilled ringers, would be fully aware of the condition of the bells, and would heartily embrace the opportunity of making known to the wardens their state. If churchwardens will do their duty in the direction pointed out, perhaps some good may result. Our readers will not however have forgotten the episode of the Eccles bells, where after unprofessional hangers had been employed, one of the bells was said to be the thickness of six or seven penny coins out of the level. What does the Archdeacon say to this unpleasant predicament? Can the wardens answer his Visitation enquiries satisfactorily with regard to the bells?

That some crusade is required to lead those concerned to have a much greater interest in our Church Bells than they have had hitherto, is plain. And whatever steps the Council may take towards this end will be warmly welcomed by all.

The Devonshire Guild have just issued their thirty-second annual report, and a very cheery one it is. The report contains a list of the names of all the ringing members in the county, and of their respective belfries, as well as of the honorary members of the Guild. The latter number nearly sixty. Amongst them are four Bishops, two Baronets, three distinguished dignitaries of the Church, no fewer than twenty-eight parsons, eleven esquires, and—tell it not in Gath!—one solitary "mister." The latter affix is attached to the name of one who is, with two or three exceptions, possibly the most widely-known man of all the list. In Walker's "Pronouncing Dictionary" the word "Mister" defined as "an abbreviation of Magister; a title of respect." But why only one of the dozen laity should be honoured in this exceptional way is not at all in evidence. When will working men—for to their credit—the great majority of our best ringers belong to that noble class—realise that such invidious distinctions display the very reverse of good grace? A reference to the list of subscribers in the published reports of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, the Exeter Dispensary, or any other of our most important charities will show that therein such pettinesses are conspicuous by their absence. If a person possesses a real handle to his patronymic it is inserted. All others have their names printed in full. Mr. John Smith and James Jones, Esq., never find their way side by side in the pages of reports issued by well-organised institutions.—*Exeter Flying Post.*

The Provinces.

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

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM NORTH Treble.	ALFRED PECK 5.
HORATIO GUMMER 2.	REGINALD EDWARDS 6.
FREDERICK PERRIN 3.	WILLIAM HARTSHORNE 7.
ERNEST BRETT 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY J. MAYNARD Treble	*FRANK E. G. FRENCH 5.
GEORGE F. MARGETSON 2.	JOHN H. WILKINS 6.
RICHARD G. RICE 3.	HERBERT F. HULL 7.
ERNEST S. POLL 4.	HUGH T. SCARLETT Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT F. HULL.

First peal on eight bells as conductor. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN Treble.	REUBEN CHARGE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Gundbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty four Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9-10.
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.	REUBEN CHARGE 11-12.

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—J. R. Sharman and A. T. King.

The Provinces.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble.	JOHN FOREMAN 5.
EDWARD A. HERN† 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
ROBERT W. FALCONER* .. 3.	*OSWALD SIMM 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

J. A. LAMBERT Treble.	HARRY T. LAST 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	ALFRED TRAPPITT 7.
CHARLES DEAN 3.	CHARLES GORDON 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM GROVES 9.
ALFRED CLAYTON 5.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 2.	R. HENNY BARTRAM .. 6.
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3.	ERNEST C. HUNT 7.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Major rung on this grand ring of bells.

NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S No. 2 VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

EDWARD A. HERN Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5.
ROBERT M. HOGG 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
THOMAS T. TEASDALE .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Crawhall, to the canonry of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle, and was rung after meeting short for Royal.

SAMFORD BRETT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

A. BARKER Treble.	W. BENNETT 3.
S. PARSONS 2.	H. J. HOLE 4.
C. GREEDY Tenor.	

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

First peal on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM P. COOPER .. Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 7.
FRED W. HERBERT 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, having been restored and augmented from five to eight. Rung after the dedication service.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WILLIAM HARTSHORNE .. 3.	WILLIAM HARPER 7.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
REV. JAS. F. HASTINGS .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	WALTER BRETHERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, June 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. E. Julian, Rector of Milsted and formerly Vicar of Bobbing.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 11, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	JOHN T. BUTLER 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
JOSHUA MILNER 3.	ERNEST BUTLER 7.
JAMES THOMPSON 4.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by R. WILFRID COLLIER.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1906, 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 lb.

EDGAR HUMFREY .. Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
REV. THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. 2.	HARRY JUDGE 6.
FRANK WEBB 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLFIELD 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

DAVID FARTHING Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	*JOHN P. TARLTON 7.
CHARLES W. NUTTALL 3.	*R. WILFRID COLLIER 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4.	GEORGE HOLLIS 9.
CLEMENT GLENN 5.	WILLIAM J. THYNG Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of a memorial tablet in the church by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire on the above date.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. Treble.	*GEORGE A. BLACK 5.
THOMAS LOOSEMORE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD* 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ALFRED J. CARTER 4.	WESLEY WATSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5,184 CHANGES.

HENRY STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOHN MCWILTON* 3.	WALTER HASLAM 7.
JOSEPH BANKS 4.	JAMES HENRY BANKS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late George Ashworth Smith, J.P., and also for the late George Steff, brother of the ringer of the treble.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
ARTHUR ROOPE 2.	JAMES BETTS 6.
HARRY BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

CLEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
JOHN BASS† 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3.	ALFRED DAVIES* 7.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Also first in the method on the bells.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GILBERT NEAL 5.
WALTER E. SANDFORD* .. 2.	CHARLES J. NORTH 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT JOHN LINCOLN .. Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON 5.
ERNEST SIDNEY BAILEY .. 2.	CHARLES BAILEY 6.
EDGAR BAILEY 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	HENRY W. BALDRY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALBERT JOHN LINCOLN.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob College Single, Double Court, Double Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WEBB .. Treble.	GEORGE WOLFE 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	WILLIAM J. CROFT 5.
JOHN HARE 3.	CHARLES V. HARE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in seven plain methods by all the band.

SHREWSBURY —THE SALOP GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE* 3.	*ALFRED FULLICK 8.
FREDERICK W. TAYLOR* .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
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DEPTFORD.—On Easter Sunday, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Law, B. Miller, F. W. Richardson, G. H. Daynes conductor, W. J. Jeffries, W. Abbott, C. D. Letzer. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. R. Bacon, W. J. Jeffries conductor, A. Bennington, B. Milter, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, G. H. Daynes C. D. Letzer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Allbridge, E. W. Rands conductor, J. Cadle, F. Weston, W. H. Wood, T. B. Wood, H. Powdrill, G. Walker.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, April 29th, for the Men's Service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Turner, J. P. Kent, A. H. Newman, E. Cassell, W. J. Dean, F. Skerington, H. Mance conductor, G. W. Coombes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, April 25th, at St. Michael's church, three 720s of Grandsire Minor and one of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. C. Young, C. Gibbs, E. Gibbs, P. Gibbs, L. Nichols, H. Salisbury conductor. This is the longest length on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss C. M. Shelmerdine, the ringers wishing her many happy returns.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the

parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Buckingham, G. Bourne, J. Eades, O. James, G. Ward, A. Moore, J. Mason conductor, A. Inston.

BROMSGROVE (Worcester).—On Wednesday, April 4th, for a Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Crawford, G. Bourne, J. Eades, T. Albutt, G. Ward, O. James, J. Mason conductor, J. Parry.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Monday, April 30th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. S. Williams, L. Brooks, T. James, H. Jones, J. Davies, T. Davies, J. W. Davies conductor, F. Edwards.

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STAINES (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 19th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob. E. Collins, A. A. Godfrey, W. C. Parker, W. E. Butler, A. C. Wicks, A. J. Redman, J. Phillips H. R. Newton.

BARTON SEAGRAVE (Northants).—On Sunday, March 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. J. Tite, W. Robinson, F. Tite, V. Clarke W. Hobbs conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 18th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Bluck, J. Smallwood, J. Colley, J. Collet, J. T. Perry, W. G. Ellis conductor, J. Porter, A. T. Scrivens. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Bluck. After evening service at St. Philip's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. T. Scrivens. W. G. Ellis, J. Collett, W. Webb, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Porter, S. Coley.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, April 20th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Hill, H. Hough, J. Beech, C. Carew Cox conductor, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox, E. Sherratt, W. Edwards. On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. W. Hill, W. Hough, J. Beech, C. Carew Cox conductor, B. Snow J. Micklin, E. Sherratt, J. Morris.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Thursday, May 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. W. Todd, E. F. Cole, E. R. Mackrill, G. C. Iles, C. C. Cox conductor, J. P. Kent, F. Skevington, G. W. Coombs. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

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SELBY (Yorks).—On April 22nd, for evensong at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Welburn, J. Jackson, A. Cryer, A. Hall, F. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 24th, owing to a late start for a peal, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. J. Darlington, G. A. Smith, Rev. E. V. Cox, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson, C. Carew Cox, J. Johnson conductor, J. Godber.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Trinity Sunday, before Evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. E. J. Whittingham, F. Lush, A. Wiggins, W. J. Paice, S. Paice, J. French, J. F. Mattingley, A. Hill. Composed and conducted by W. J. Paice, and rung to celebrate his 21st birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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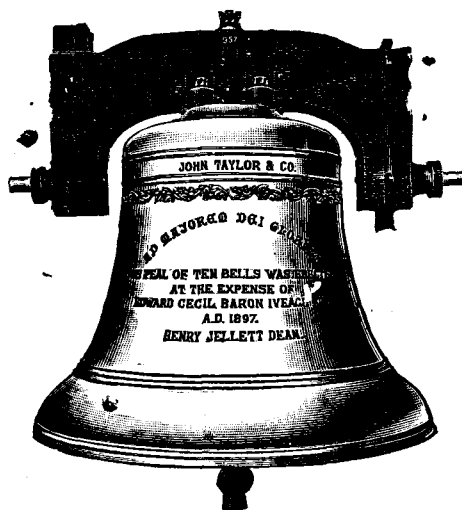
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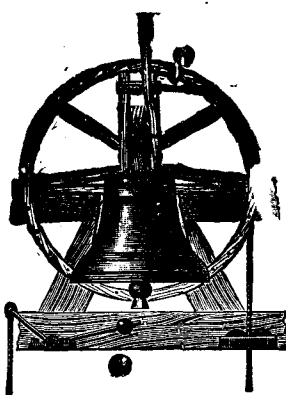
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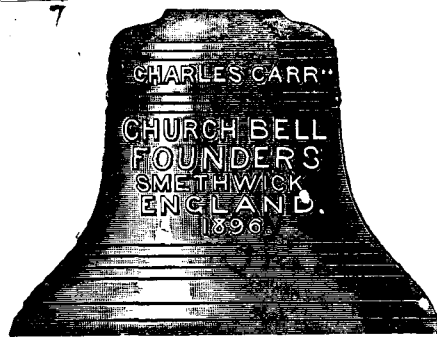
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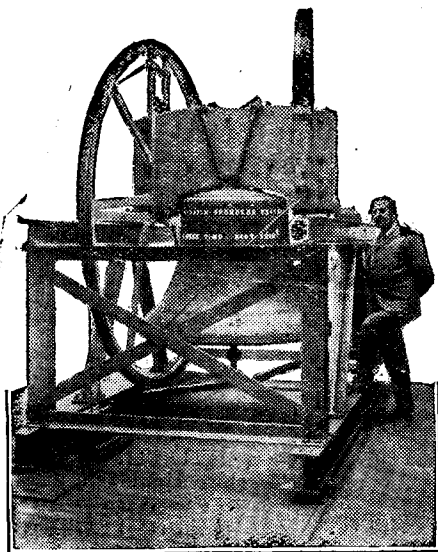
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

KIRKBURTON, SATURDAY, MAY 19th.

Splash! splash! splash! went the rain against the carriage windows as we were drawn out of Huddersfield into a valley that would otherwise have been all smiles. And yet there are those who would explain that it is only one way of producing Nature's smiles. Perhaps so, but it did not produce many human smiles, beyond the philosophical one that makes light of its own trouble. The secret possibly lies in the fact that whilst one can go through much bad weather when on business bent, it is hard to take one's pleasures under like circumstances, for an inward voice whispers that one could have stayed at home if one had only chosen that course. However, in spite of it all, we arrived at the Kirburton station, and a nice little terminus it is. None of your Kings Cross, St. Pancras, Euston-square sort of pandemonium, with hundreds of porters and cabs, to say nothing of piles of luggage, but a snug little place in the open, managed by a stationmaster and a porter or two. Personally I only know of one quieter line in this restless land of ours. Here the guard of the train is everything in turn—stationmaster, booking clerk, goods manager, and porter. When he arrives at a station with his train he proceed to unlock the premises, issues tickets and takes the money (always a matter of primary importance) and then looks to secondary interests, such as luggage, etc. He would have acted as engine driver also (and rumour says he did) only as they stop the train to gather mushrooms, nuts, and the like, according to the season, it was thought by the Board of Trade unsafe to leave the passengers entirely alone. And yet we know that the simpler life is the one to aim at; also that we do not practice it.

A short walk, it seemed long in the rain, and that has something to do with human frailty, brought us to the church, and as the bells were merrily voicing it in spite of Jupiter Pluvius I was attracted at once to the churchyard.

To enter the sacred building and sit down to meditate seemed the natural sequence of events, for there is no place like a church for quiet thought.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave
Await alike the inevitable hour—
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

Nor you, ye Proud, impute to these the fault,
If Memory o'er their tomb no trophies raise,
Where through the long-drawn aisle and fretted vault,
The pealing anthem swells the note of praise.

Lost in my thoughts I seem to have fallen in something like a sleep, although I was conscious that someone had joined me. Whether it was certain impedimenta that he carried that made a noise, I became impressed with a figure who placed an hour-glass on the seat near me, whilst on his further side there appeared what I half expected from his flowing beard—a scythe. The whole thing seemed quite in keeping with the surroundings, and I was not surprised to hear his voice gently whisper in my ear—“Are you one of the visiting ringers?” Without stirring I nodded assent, whereupon old Father Time—for it was

he—remarked that they were ringing a fairly long length at this particular church. Thinking that he was lapsing into a misunderstanding I pointed out that at these meetings it was not customary to ring anything but short touches, as by that means more enjoyment was given to the greater number.

“My dear boy”—I thought there was a special accent on the last word, for we are all young compared with the owner of the scythe—“My dear boy, I was not thinking of your mathematical permutation, but of real changes that this church has seen.” I felt somewhat humbled, and was glad when he went on: “Have you walked round the church and studied its history?” Having intimated that I had only just arrived, and had not seen anything, he tapped me on the shoulder and beckoned me to follow him. Not wishful to let him think, when we got outside, that I was unwilling to bear my part in the conversation, I asked him if he had ever handled a rope. His reply was characteristic—“Like your veteran Holt,” he said, “I conduct from the manuscript, indeed some of my compositions can hardly be done without it; the long lengths now being rung here I consider I am responsible for, especially in regard to the individuals taking part.” Not being abashed I mentioned 63 cwt. or so as the weight of St. Paul's tenor, remarking that it had been handled by a College Youth, who was also a Yorkshireman, in a peal extending over some four hours. “Yes, yes, my young friend, I know all about that, but I see you are imbued with the idea that there are no changes in the world except those rung on bells;” then, seeing that I winced a little under his severity, he added, “I do not think the members of the Exercise are as bad as footballers, for they have no science, and rely mainly on brute force and gate-money.”

Hearing someone else railed at, I quite gathered up to the old man, who evidently wished to be friendly in his way. “Now, listen,” he said. “Kirburton was one of the nine daughter churches of Dewsbury parish church, the others being Wakefield, Halifax, Bradford, Huddersfield, Mirfield, Thornhill, Almondbury and Kirburton,” and he then went on to say how large a parish Kirburton had been before it was divided, but I did not catch it all, because I was thinking how small they would feel at the new cathedral, when they heard they were daughters of Dewsbury; I knew it was wrong, but then I confess it and plead for pardon.

“It would be about the fourth century when I first made ready for ringing changes here—I mean changes ecclesiastical, for during the rebuilding of a portion of the present church a broken crucifix was found in the rubble of the east and north walls, which takes us back to the time when Christianity was adopted by the Roman Empire. A solemn rite at that time was the erection of a cross with prayer by the Bishop wherever a church was to be built, so you see that I was getting ready for change-ringing at a very early date on this very site. Proceeding, he appeared to read out as follows: “The present church is Early English throughout, with the exception of the tower and a few other details. The church here was

granted by the third Earl of Warrenne and Surrey to the Priory of Lewes, in Sussex, which had been founded by the first Earl." He then pointed out that a leper's window exists in the north wall of the chancel opening to the outside. Now although it has been doubted that the Holy Communion was here administered to the lepers, there is every reason to believe it, as the Earls de Warenne were very kind to the numerous lepers of that time, and built them a hospital in the neighbourhood of the castle at Coningsborough. So it is very probably a real leper's window.

At this period of our walk round this very interesting church I found myself consumed with curiosity as to whether my new (and old) friend was quoting from his own knowledge, or whether he was refreshing his memory out of a guide-book, as I reasoned to myself that he could not know the details of all the churches. So I determined to watch him, but as he either kept me in front or placed himself so completely in front in showing me round, I was baffled. "Another feature in the church" he continued, "is the existence of the original oak benches. There is a diversity of opinion as to when such seats were first placed in our churches, but there is a document of 1490 which mentions 'fourem's' with 'stulps' at the 'fourem end,' and they had been there 'without time of mind.'" "A very quaint expression that last," I ventured to remark, but the old man did not encourage conversation on my part, so I collapsed into a silent but interested recipient of information—young people were evidently expected to keep in the background. As a further point about the oak benches, he told me 1584 was a carved date on some of the newer seats. "The west end of the church," continued the hour-glass proprietor, "was a simple gable end to which the tower was added, the original doorway—which is considered one of the best examples of Early English in the West Riding—being removed to the west front of the tower, probably about 1360 to 1400." As we were touching on tower matters I mentioned the bells, but he only said that he was coming to a lot of bobs in the composition which would he felt interest me, so I again subsided, as this seemed the best plan of keeping friends. He kept his promise, for soon after he dissertated on a stone altar which had long stood in the church, but which was consigned to the floor of the chancel, and later turned out of doors only however to be returned to the interior as a relic of antiquity. "Now note," said the scythe wielder, "how long the Rev. Henry Suthill stuck to his rope in these troublous times. He took hold in 1506, and only relinquished it to be buried in the church in 1562, a length of fifty-six years. He rang his changes in portions of the reigns of Henry VII., Henry VIII., Edward VI., Queen Mary, and four years into the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Yes, went on my friend, I was busy with 'bobs' amongst these crowned heads whilst this Vicar quietly held the rope-end, and I wonder what he thought of all my changes in his time, for they came up thick and fast." Some reference to chained books inside the church took us back to the interior, and just as we were taking our places in our old position, he dropped a paper which I was proceeding to pick it up for him when he stopped me saying it was of no importance. Asking him whether he found change-ringers bad to get on with, he replied, "not specially, but they puzzle me with the hurry with which many of them showed in getting away from the church when ringing was over. If they would only stay and say one little prayer for themselves and their families, when they were so very near the church

tower, much trouble would be saved them." Then he added very seriously—"You see the last service must come, from which there is no running off to an earthly home, no turning away when the dark valley has to be traversed, when the sands have run down, and the mourners go about the street."

After this we were both quiet, and the soft but clear notes of the bells held their swing again. Then possibly I awoke, and proceeding to look for my friend, found he was gone. The only link seemed the paper he had dropped, which I at once picked up and found it to be a short history of Kirkburton church, compiled by the present Vicar.

To test whether my memory had served me false or not, I hastily ran over the details of the edifice for the papers in my hand, and found everything as I had recently witnessed it while with my guide, who had however refreshed his memory very extensively, as was proved by many verbatim quotations from the Vicar's writing. Some of my friends to whom I have repeated this adventure, suggest that I overheard someone reading parts of the pamphlet, and that I had then woven the thread into a dream. But I answer how then was I so wet when I seemed to awake? Surely I had been outside and gone over the programme with someone! However let anyone believe it or not as they like, let them in any case but go to Kirkburton and see the old church for themselves, get a copy of the pamphlet, and they will thank the Vicar for his interesting sketch, and will I am sure sympathise with me in my bewilderment.

Finding it was tea-time I hurried off to the schools, sorry that I had no time to look over the vicarage garden with its antiquities, which had been thrown open to members for the day. Perhaps the good tea on a wet day shines out with an iridescent colouring that glaring sunshine tends to hide, but it was a good tea, and I felt sorry I had not asked the old man to come along and share it with us. I felt very dreamy all through tea, but brightened up for the business meeting. The President took the chair, supported by the Vicar (Rev. R. Phipps), an hon. member of the Association, and the writer of the pamphlet, and the principal officers, including Mr. Holgate (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. Stainthorpe (Hon. Treasurer), who I am told is wishful to retire after some eighteen years service. The minutes of the previous meeting at Barnsley having been read and passed, some reference was made to the subscription that had started for a member of the Barnsley company who had lost his hand, a subscription to which there had been a very generous response. The President, with him the Hon. Secretary as seconder, gave notice of propositions to alter certain rules, the effect of which will be the raising of the Life Members subscription from 11s. 6d. to 12s. 6d., or alternately the omission, to such as do not comply, of the issue of the Annual Reports. The voting on this matter will be determined at the next meeting in September.

On the motion of Messrs. Abbshaw and Stainthorpe, leave was given to resuscitate the names of Messrs. Langdon and Webb, of the College Youths, whose subscriptions had temporarily fallen into arrears. The place of the next meeting fell to Goole on the motion of Messrs. Holgate and Cryer (of Selby), the chairman begging those who might be inclined to move any amendments to abstain from so doing, as the Goole district was entitled to support. The Goole invitation was then unanimously accepted. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. vice-President Bolland, a warm vote of thanks was

passed to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools. In acknowledging the vote the Vicar said he was proud to address them as brother-members. He much regretted that the day had turned out unpropitious, and hope there had been every endeavour made to give all a hearty welcome, and he trusted that any vagaries on the part of the weather would not be put down to want of local effort. The attention that was now being turned to the Art of change-ringing as a branch of Church work was one in which he wished every success. Surely everything done in the tower, as part of the church, should be done in the highest possible spirit of reverence, and the more this was realised the better for every one taking part. Speaking for some short time, he ended by expressing the great usefulness of their band of ringers on the occasion of the declaration of peace in South Africa, for on hearing the news they assembled, and their joyous peal roused everyone up, with the result that before midnight they were able to have a thanksgiving service in their old church.

The Rev. Arthur Hay, Vicar of Shelley, was then unanimously elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mr. Pickering (Kirkburton), seconded by the Vicar.

A hearty vote of thanks was then moved by the President to the Kirkburton branch for their arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for presiding over and preparing the same. This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Brearley, of Sheffield, who paid some well-deserved compliments to those at the head of affairs. This was warmly carried, and was very suitably acknowledged by Mr. Pickering on behalf of the local committee.

A vote of thanks to the President for his services in the chair, proposed by Mr. Holgate, and seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, closed the meeting.

It should be mentioned that in addition to the throwing open of the vicarage garden, the local institute had also been placed at the disposal of the members. Visitors embraced members from Holbeck, Lindley, Earlsheaton, Birstall, Shipley, Darfield, Friesland, Halifax, Headingley, Huddersfield, Loxley, Bramley, Woodlesford, Selby, Sandal, Brighouse, Sowerby, Almondbury, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Tong, Low Moor, Queensbury, Keighley, Horbury, Skipton, Leeds parish church, Kirkheaton, and of course Kirkburton. The local committee, for whom Mr. E. R. Armitage acted as Hon. Secretary, consisted of the Vicar as President; J. Rollinson (Treasurer); together with Messrs. Moorhouse, Wilson (2), Shaw, and Pickering (2). These, one and all, are to be congratulated on the success of their endeavours, for in spite of a continuous downpour everyone greatly enjoyed the outing, which added another success to a long list of enjoyable meetings.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held in the parish room, Keswick, on Saturday, June 24th, Mr. Stephen Hogarth, the conductor of the Crosthwaite ringers being in the chair, and a number of ringers from Aspatria, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Crosthwaite and Workington being present. Letters were read from the Revs. F. L. H. Millard (President), W. Roberts and W. H. Spurrier, and others regretting their inability to be present. A discussion took place as to the advisability of abandoning the shield competition for the present year, owing to several of the belfries having lost one or two of their company, thus leaving them short-handed. It was ultimately decided however that a competition be held about the last Saturday in September at Arlecdon, that

being the date selected for the annual meeting which was fixed to take place there, provided that by the end of August not less than three companies intimated their readiness to take part in it, but not otherwise. It was unanimously agreed that in the event of a competition taking place, Mr. Harry Chapman be asked to again act as adjudicator: that the touch to be rung should be 720 changes in whatever Minor method each company might select, the meeting coming to the conclusion that those companies in a position to ring the more intricate methods would not attempt anything unworthy of their abilities; medals be provided for the winners. It was also decided to pay half the ordinary railway fares or full excursion fares of six or eight ringers from each six or eight-bell tower respectively putting in an appearance at the Arlecdon meeting, whether a competition take place or not.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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ALTERATION OF RULES.

The President proposed, and the Hon. Secretary seconded, the following alteration of rules which were adopted.

- (a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
- (b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
- (c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President said a pressing invitation had been received by the Standing Committee for next year's meeting to be held at Manchester. The Council had hitherto observed a rota of two Midland meetings, then north and south, then west and east. The two last meetings had been north and south, viz., York and Canterbury, so now to follow their usual plan the Council should next year go west, and follow that by going east. It had been suggested that the next meeting should be at Exeter, and probably the following year at either Ipswich or Cambridge. Manchester would fit in for the year following the triennial election.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he had hoped that the invitation to Manchester might have been accepted. They did not wish however to be selfish, and trusted that if the Council went to Exeter next year, and followed by going to either Cambridge or Ipswich, that they might look forward to a visit to Manchester after the next London meeting. True they had not such picturesque country as might be found in some parts, but he could assure the Council that when it did visit Manchester there would be a most hearty welcome. He thought he might claim that Lancashire had shown its interest in the work of the Council by sending four representatives to the Council meeting.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he could also assure the Council that if it was decided to go to Exeter next year, there would be a most hearty welcome. There was a time when no change-ringing took place west of Bristol; now however there had been an advance, and it was possible to get a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was something to be proud of. He could assure the Council that the Dean and Chapter would give them a most hearty welcome. He was glad that the Chapter had decided that there should be no attempt to ring a peal of Royal single-handed; such a strain upon human nature never ought to be allowed.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the question of distance should be considered. There was not a large meeting at Canterbury, and the same with York.

The President said both these meetings were successes.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said that which was best for the Exercise at large should be the aim.

The Rev. M. Kelly moved that next year's meeting be held at Exeter.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded. He said that Exeter was the centre of the west, which could be reached from London in three-and-a-half hours. He could assure the Council that it would get as warm a welcome as anywhere.

The resolution was carried.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. L. James said when the report was referred back to the Committee at last year's meeting, there was a request that it should be published as early as possible in "THE BELL NEWS." The first draft of the report was prepared on July 24th, and the second on December 4th. It was sent for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" in the middle of January in a registered envelope, in consequence of a former report having been lost. It was sent with a request that a proof should be forwarded as early as possible, since it was important that the report should not only appear perfectly correct, but quickly, in order that the whole could be discussed. No proof however was received till April. An apology was sent him, but he thought an apology was due to the whole Exercise. The report was of a highly technical nature, and required very careful consideration. Instead of appearing in April it ought to have appeared in January. The rev. gentleman having given this explanation, proceeded with the report as printed in "THE BELL NEWS" for April 28th. He commenced by explaining the word "adjacent" at the very commencement of the report. He did not, he said, like the word, and there was a division of opinion among the Committee, the term "Imperial" instead having been suggested, as was also the word "adjoining."

Mr. Dains said there were two kinds of Imperial Places.

A discussion of a purely technical nature followed between Mr. Law James and Mr. Dains, with the result that the word "Imperial" was finally adopted in lieu of "adjacent." The whole of the remaining portion of the report was read through, and Mr. James concluded by moving its adoption.

Mr. Trollope, who seconded, had no doubt the report was difficult to grasp, but he thought if studied, it would be fairly understood.

The Rev. H. Law James said as many methods as people choose to send him, he would put in it.

The Rev. H. Drake said within two hours of receiving "THE BELL NEWS" in which the report appeared, he prepared the tabulated form which the previous week appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," with the hope that it would appear and be discussed previous to the meeting. Unfortunately he only received the proof so late that there was not sufficient time to correct it before the form appeared in print. There were a number of mistakes, and it would be better understood if printed as he had himself suggested, particular portions in small capitals, another in capital letters, and another in italics. He thought the report would be much better understood in tabular classification. He should like to see the report revised and reprinted with a tabular form.

The Rev. H. L. James said a tabular form was prepared before the report was printed, but he did not think it desirable to print it in "THE BELL NEWS." There was a number of mistakes in the report. An attempt had certainly been made to carry out the suggestions, but it was not very satisfactory. If properly printed, he saw no reason why a tabular form should not be added, and thought it would be desirable to print certain parts of the report in red.

The President said in adopting the report it should be understood that the Council did not tie itself to accept the definitions given for all time. The whole science of ringing was so complicated that it would doubtless be found that to investigate the matter further as time went on would result in changed definitions. A large section of the Exercise were not able to give the time for the study of knowledge that was required to go thoroughly into these details. The whole essence of the Art depended upon its scientific aspect. They should not forget the principles upon which the Art exists, and the extreme importance of such a report. In the old days no one knew what they were doing; each went to work in his own way. It

was through the help of the Council that there had been this inquiry into the underlying principles of the Art. As knowledge advanced so they must go on. They must not say that that which appeared in The Glossary was wrong. It was as it was found in its day. So with the present report: it was as found in the present day. In the future it might be gone further into with altered results. No scientific man could say that such a report was final, and therefore it was not desirable to claim it as such. A great effort had been made to classify, and the Committee were entitled to the thanks of the Council for the work that had been done, for the scientific part of the Art had been advanced, and a store of knowledge had been laid up, which would be valuable to those who would follow.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the report would be re-published after revision.

Mr. H. Dains said he would like some plain English. He was not a Cambridge man with honours. Could not some other words in place of "Pasallatria" and "Pasallatessara" methods be found?

The Rev. H. Law James said the report was incomplete; the methods ought to be classified.

The President said the Committee should go on with the work. It would be a pity to curtail it.

The Rev. H. Law James said whatever methods were sent in he was confident he could put them in.

Mr. J. Carter said if the report was sent back to the Committee, it would be desirable to have a meeting, as the work could be far better done than by correspondence.

The President said the report having been already adopted, the question of printing it could be left over till the work had been gone further into. He would suggest that the Committee go on with the work, and report to the next meeting. He thought Mr. Carter's suggestion most excellent, as no doubt if the Committee could meet it would save a great deal of time at the Council meeting.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded a resolution thanking the Committee, and asking them to continue the work, and report to the next Council meeting, and this was adopted.

POINTS FOR PEALS.

Mr. Story said the Committee had gone carefully into the question of points to be allowed for peals as referred to them last year. The Committee recommended that 36 points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods on six bells; 50 for fourteen 360s in Surprise methods on six bells; 18 for seven 720s on six bells in broken leads; and 22 for Double Norwich Caters. He was pleased to say that in arriving at this conclusion they had had the assistance of Mr. Attree.

The Rev. H. L. James asked if the fourteen 300s were recognised as a peal.

Mr. Story said the Committee had taken the matter up in the terms of reference.

The President said it was not necessary upon this report to go into that question.

Dr. Carpenter asked if it had been decided to recognise fourteen 360s.

Mr. Story said he was not sure if twenty-one 240s ought not to be recognised.

The President said the original decision of the Council had been rescinded because of the difficulties that arose. At the present time the Council did not undertake to say what was a peal of Doubles or a peal of Minor.

Mr. G. Bolland said he considered the same number of points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods as were allowed for a peal of Surprise Major, since there was more work in the seven 720s than in a peal of Major. With respect to the number of points for peals with broken leads, he considered 25 points should be allowed instead of 18 as recommended.

Mr. Attree said the Committee had a plan which was adopted in deciding the matter. In the seven 720s there were only six ringers, but in a peal of Major there were eight. He was of opinion that the larger number of ringers should be the highest number of points. It was more easy to get six men than it is to get eight, and in the same way it was more easy to keep six

men together than eight. Working upon this principle he thought the points allowed were correct.

Mr. Griffin proposed the recommendation be adopted.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee had considered the question of allowing twice as many points for handbell peals rang double-handed as were allowed for peals upon tower bells, which question was referred to the Committee at last year's meeting.

Mr. Story said the Committee had not gone into this, not knowing it was referred to them.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee could not add this decision on this point to their report.

Mr. Attree said the matter would not take long. His own opinion was that a peal on handbells was not worth double the number of points. When a ringer once got into the knack of ringing double-handed there was not much difficulty in keeping going. Under the circumstances he did not think it right to pass a resolution upon the matter that day.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said he disagreed altogether in allowing points. It was bringing the Exercise down to the level of cricket and football. It was a matter upon which there was some considerable feeling, especially in London.

Mr. H. Dains said sometimes the tenor in a peal upon twelve bells was rang by two men.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if the Committee's report could not be amended by adding that double the number of points should be allowed for peals rung upon handbells.

The President said the Council had not gone into the matter.

The Rev. H. Drake said he would move a resolution in accordance with his suggestion.

Mr. King said there was a reference made to the Committee last year, and the Committee had not yet reported. He considered it should go to the Committee for report.

Mr. E. Barnett said he objected to the question of points for peals rung, either upon tower or handbells.

A member of the Council said he considered if points were allowed, there should be some regulation as to what society a ringer should ring peals, while in some cases a band was picked from different parts, which was not fair if points were allowed.

The resolution moved by Mr. Griffin having been seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Points Committee were requested to consider the question of points for peals rung double-handed, and to report to the next Council Meeting.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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

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

THE LONG PEAL AT MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

SIR,—In your issue of last week there appears an objection to our long peal. As this is positively the only time I shall trouble you, will you please allow me space to tell my tale. After ringing on Whit-Friday, George Longden accused me with missing a bob at the third part-end. I denied it then and do so now, and shall do again and again. There was no call missed either at home or anywhere else, either at the third part-end or any other part-end. By repeating this charge in your paper, I take it that he means to infer that I am lying, and I would remind George Longden, that I have been reared in a school that does not breed liars. With regard to the firing for twenty minutes and the missing course, this is nothing but a spiteful and deliberate lie. To have parted the tenors where George Longden says I did, would have meant missing about 370 odd changes, or nearly fifteen minutes ringing, and yet our average time is only 28'96. Then he objects because I had a slip of paper. I had a piece of paper with an occasional course-end on, not for the sake of assistance, but to assure myself that all was right; and it is all bluff for George Longden to object to something that is done in his own belfry and by better men than I. With regard to his invitation to other people to express an opinion, I, too, invite them to do so, and if anyone does so, will

they please say if they consider any man capable of judging ringing when he is saturated with whisky. As I have promised you not to ask for space in the future, will you bear with me a moment longer, because there is more in this objection than meets the eye. The record was held by Ashton, and George Longden was one of the set that rang in 1883. In our set there was an Ashton ringer, and that is at the bottom of all the bother, for George Longden himself told one of our ringers that the peal was all right, and would have been only they could not stand this Ashton man being in the set. This peal was condemned so long ago as Christmas, and three weeks before we rang the peal Ashton ringers refused to ring in the presence of the one that was in our set; and the slang and dirty messages sent from Ashton would have scared many a band from ever making an attempt. I contend that this objection is neither honest nor just, but a display of temper and spite—and if I were George Longden I wouldn't shout so loud, because someone might hear him that knows something.

Thanking for space, and hoping you will give the same publicity to this that you gave to the objection.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In a communication just received from the Hon. Sec. of the Chester Diocesan Guild, I learn that the two representatives of the Guild are Messrs. J. Dillon and R. T. Holding. In sending me the names just before the meeting of Council, the Hon. Sec. was not within reach of his minute-book, and sent in the names of Messrs. Ashmole and Dew, their representatives on the last Council. Though in drawing up the schedule of attendances, I had a strong inkling that my old friend Mr. Holding was not likely to be wrong, I yet had to leave him out of the list, as I regard it as my bounden duty to adhere rigidly to the particulars sent to me officially by the responsible officers of the various Guilds and Associations. But now that all is made clear I have much pleasure in reporting that Mr. Holding's name should be included in the list of those present. This will of course necessitate certain corrections in the Analysis, etc., which should all be incorporated in the official minutes.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Obituary.

JOHN LILLEY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Thursday, June 14th, aged seventy-three years. He was interred in the family vault in St. Paul's parish churchyard, Shipley, on Saturday, June 16th, amid many manifestations of sympathy. The deceased ringer had been a member of the Shipley company for fifty-three years, formerly he was sexton. For many years he collected the pew rents. In token of respect the flag at the parish church was flown at half-mast. Both before and after the funeral muffled touches were rung by a representative company from Shipley, Saltaire, Bradford, Bolton, Bingley, Calverley. Prior to the interment a service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Cribb), who also officiated at the grave side. The hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Brief life is here our portion," were impressively sung by the choir. The 90th Psalm was chanted to Felton's setting. The organist (Mr. B. Firth, F.I.G.C.M.) played the "Dead March" in *Saul*. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the graveside after the funeral service by Joe Hardcastle, Joe Broadley, T. B. Kendall, and G. A. Nettleton. Mr. Lilley was a life member of the Yorkshire Association. On Sunday the service touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled. R.I.P. T. B. K.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1906.

THE recent long peal at Mottram-in-Longdendale has not been allowed to pass without a protest against its alleged genuineness. In this number the caller of the performance—MR. SIDEBOTHAM—strongly attacks the peal's impugner, and gives him a warning not to say any more, or else disclosures—not relevant to the point at issue, we suppose—will be revealed. We beg the gentleman above-named, should he consider there may be just cause for defending the peal, and asserting its truth, to adhere closely to the question at issue, and refrain from referring to matters foreign to the subject.

There is one particular which the correspondence has brought about, on which it will not be impertinent to dwell for a moment. GEORGE LONGDEN, among his other assertions, states that the peal was called from manuscript. In reply to this the caller naively says: "I had a piece of paper with an occasional course-end on, not for the sake of assistance, but to assure myself that all was right," etc. We are to believe then, that the peal was not "called"

from manuscript, but assistance and assurance was had by means of manuscript! Even then the process does not recommend itself. We are aware that the very modern practice of having these aids to calling is in vogue with some. But the practice is utterly indefensible, in fact most unfair, and one to be condemned *in toto*. The very essence of *calling* a peal is to have no visible aid whatever during its progress, nothing but the caller's skill aided by his memory can be employed. It is no use any one saying something of this sort: "I merely put a few course-ends down on paper handy, so that I could be assured of the peal as I went along," or such-like excuse. If any who aspires to call a peal thinks he must have such aid, let him wisely refrain, and give up the calling to others more capable, to those who maintain the prestige of the bob-caller's character by scorning such wretched contrivances. Thirty years ago who heard of such a thing as calling a peal from MS. or notes. Did any of our celebrated men adopt such ways to secure their triumphs. Did JOHN PERKS make use of such aid when he called the 10,000 odd of Stedman Caters at Aston? Did W. HALLSWORTH when he called the long peal of Cinques at St. Martin's? Did W. WILLSON at Wigston with the 17,000 of Double Norwich? Hundreds of instances like these can be mentioned, where the callers would have laughed to scorn and treated with contempt the least suggestion of "assistance" of the sort. This manuscript business is a modern innovation, which the Exercise should root out, and it is to be hoped that the Guilds and Associations will in future refuse to book any peals which have been achieved by such means.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

A large chiming clock is to be placed in the tower of this church, which will show time on two dials. It is to be fitted with all the latest improvements, and will be generally made to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The cost will be £154, and the work is being done by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

How many churches are there in this country with unfinished towers or spires? The number is no doubt considerable. The congregation of St. Mary's church, Warrington, have decided to increase the height of the tower by 60 feet, and to have a peal of eight bells. The sum of £2,000 will be expended for this purpose.

The Metropolis.

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On Monday, June 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 5.
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WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	*CHARLES DANN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.† .. 4.	RICHARD G. RICE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the conductor's 700th peal of Stedman Triples.

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THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED H. EDWARDS .. Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 2.	WALTER HUGHES .. 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 3.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE† .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK KAY .. Treble.	HERBERT FRETWELL .. 4.
THOMAS STIMPSON .. 2.	†THOMAS DENT .. 5.
HERBERT DAY* .. 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal in any method. ‡Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 5.
FREDERICK PALMER .. 2.	JOHN J. MAWBY .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. 7.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 4.	*EDGAR PAYNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

*First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a farewell to F. Palmer, who is leaving Irthlingborough for Harlow, with the best wishes from his fellow ringers.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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ARTHUR STOKOE .. 2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 6.
THOMAS MURRAY* .. 3.	WILLIAM CHILD .. 7.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. 4.	DAVID YORK .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

*First peal in the method.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HENRY STEFF .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 6.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE MARRINEB* .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH .. 2.	JOHN HOYLE .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
JOHN WYATT .. 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned).

*First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFOR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 11½ cwt.

WALTER RICHARDS .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. 4.
ALFRED DAVIES .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM FRYER .. 3.	HARRY JONES .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal on the bells, and was rung as a farewell to W. Richards, who is leaving for America in a few days.

The following five peals are the result of a week's ringing arranged for the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Vicar of Drayton, Berks:—

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, June 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. 5.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 6.
GEORGE DEBENHAM .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY A. TURNER .. 4.	*EDWARD E. DIAPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GRIMES* .. Treble.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. 5.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Thursday, June 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY..Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS... .. 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major, 1296 changes. G. Dawson, W. Bates, W. Hickling, S. Dawson, F. Hickling, J. Flowers, B. Sugden, J. Pagett conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Gwendolen Catt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Catt, of the Outwoods, Duffield, and Mr. Vyvyan George Harmsworth, of Poynter's Hall, Totteridge, Herts. In hunting circles the bride is very well known, and she has been a very familiar figure at the meets of the Earl of Harrington's hounds. A large number of invitations had been issued, and the function was attended by a brilliant assemblage.

DERBY.—On Sunday, March 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke, 1-2; A. H. Ward, 3-4; W. Wallace, 5-6; J. Pagett composer and conductor, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 18th at St. Thomas's church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, J. Fernley, J. Bancroft, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor. On March 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. Fernley, A. Fernley, S. Fernley. On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Bancroft, J. Hallworth, the rest as before. On Wednesday, March 28th, 720 Violet. J. Hallworth, Rev. A. T. Beeston, G. D. Warburton, J. Fernley, A. Fernley, S. Fernley. On Sunday, April 8th, 720 College Single. J. Bancroft, J. W. Hartley, J. Hallworth, the rest as before. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Hallworth, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Bancroft, J. W. Hartley, J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, S. Fernley, A. Fernley. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob. E. Hallworth, J. W. Hartley, J. Dean, J. Bancroft, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 24th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques failed after ringing 3800 changes in 3 hrs. J. Holman, W. Bugar,

W. Lomas, J. Hutchinson, J. Thorpe, S. Palmer, A. Windsor, G. Barraclough, J. Woodhead, W. Woodhead, F. Woodhead, H. Smith.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, May 1st, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. P. Dowden, H. Fairall, H. Coombes, E. Simmonds, G. Wilkins, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, O. Coombes, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Fairall, H. Coombes, F. Jolliffe, P. Long, O. Coombes, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, W. Kemp. And 210 in the same method. H. Jennings conductor, H. Coombes, F. Jolliffe, H. Fairall, P. Long, G. Wilkins, O. Coombes, W. Kemp.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, May 10th, 559 Grandsire Triples. P. Dowden, M. Squibb, O. Coombes, E. Simmonds, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings conductor, W. Pain.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Han, F. Paskins, H. Hayter, J. Elcombe, A. E. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, T. Hayter.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Tuesday, May 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Miller, Sergt. Major Dawe, W. Biss conductor, J. Clutterbuck, W. Moore. And 648 Grandsire Caters. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, Sergt. Major Dawe, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, W. Moore.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Goss, W. States, E. Bray, A. Clark, W. Groves, A. T. Jones conductor, W. Hill, E. H. Pope. For evening service 531 Stedman Triples. W. States, E. Bray, C. F. Johnston, A. Clark, J. Talbot, A. T. Jones conductor, W. Groves, W. Hill.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Peel, H. Howland, H. Tomlinson conductor, J. Woodhead, D. Yorke, L. Squires.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. H. Springall conductor, W. Tanner, J. Scholes, W. Truss, S. Parmenter, E. J. Webb, E. Hsl, G. Barrell.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, March 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 44 mins. J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, W. Martin, G. Winter, J. T. Rippin, J. F. Clarke, H. Clayfield, H. Argyle conductor.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 18th, at the Abbey, 882 Grandsire Triples. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick. On Thursday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Midgelow, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, J. Strudwick. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins. A. Dobson, J. Jackson, F. Cryer, A. Hall, A. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, T. Strudwick.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 18th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins., taken from Thurstans's one-part. J. Armstrong conductor, H. Baalam F. G. Tegg, J. E. Miller, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, W. Pickworth, F. J. Budd.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, May, 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. *W. S. Judd, W. Bedwell, H. T. Wilson, G. E. Wilson, *F. Pierce, W. H. Judd. *First 720 Minor.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, July 3rd; St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 17th; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East Thursday, July 19th; and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, July 12th and 26th, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

Leeds and District Society.—The invitation meeting of this Society will be held at Shipley, to-day, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Sun hotel, at 7 p.m. Special business, viz., alteration of rules, etc.

FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Beds Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tharleigh, to-day, Saturday, June 30th, at 3 p.m.

A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Committee meeting at 4. Tea 1s. each at 4.45 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms near Matlock Bridge station. Bells available from 2 p.m. as usual. At this meeting it is proposed to discuss the question of dividing the Derby district into two parts, and it is hoped that there may be a good attendance. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at once.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4 to 5.30, and the bells of St. Peter's from 6 to 9. Will members kindly forward their subscriptions at once.

J. J. PRATT, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*

Hillingdon.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmore Place, Oxford Street.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford on Monday, July 2. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 12. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dorking. Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Annual meeting at 2.45 p.m. at the County and Borough Halls. Members and friends requiring dinner tickets (2s. each), please let me know by Tuesday, June 26. Application for travelling expenses, limited to 2s. 6d. per member, must be made to the district secretaries or their representatives after the annual meeting. No allowance to any member whose subscription is unpaid.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, July 7th. The Rev. J. H. Bridgwater, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an

address at the service in the Abbey 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 before Wednesday, July 4th. The Abbey tower and bells will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Further particulars will be announced next week.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at the George and Dragon inn, at 6 o'clock followed by the business meeting. The rectory grounds will be thrown open to members. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, July 4th.

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

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stone, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Short service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. P. Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, not later than Thursday, July 5th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16. Service in the parish church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. E. D. Shaw. Business meeting in Church institute at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.30. Tickets for dinner at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order and their ringing qualifications to me not later than Monday, July 3rd. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

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NEWPORT MON.—On Tuesday, May 15th, at the Church of All Saints, on the occasion of a Confirmation Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Jones, F. Charles, W. B. Millard, J. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

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There being no other business the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentlemen who so kindly placed their respective bells at the disposal of the Association. The ringers then went on Shanks' pony to Brentwood to take advantage of a pull on the fine ring of eight at the church of St. Thomas. Here touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, a course of Superlative and Plain Bob was brought round, every member present having had a pull. The clock on the stroke of nine told the tale that it was time to seek the road for home. All succeeded in getting seats in the train and on the bikes, and a jolly good meeting thus ended.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, June 4th, at

St. Martin's church, a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted, but was unfortunately lost in the 37th course through a careless mistake in the front work after ringing 3 hrs. 23 mins. T. Reeves, H. Knights longest length of Stedman Cinques, John Neal, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, H. Witchell, A. Davies longest length of Stedman Cinques, S. Grove, J. George, T. Reynolds, W. Painter. Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Albert Walker.

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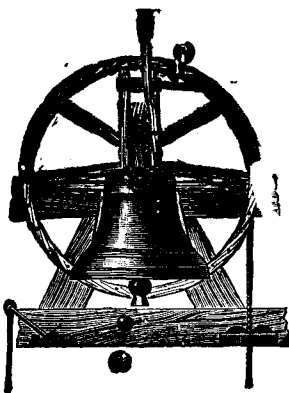
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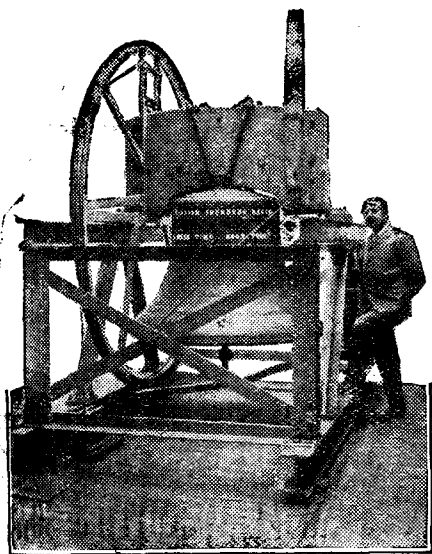
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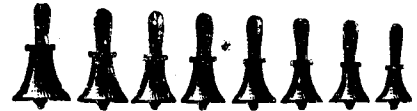
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RE-OPENING OF CHURCH BELLS AT CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, June 21st, the fine ring of six bells at Cratfield was re-opened after being rehung by Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, who have carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner. The bells, which are said to be included among the best in Suffolk, have all been quarter-turned, and provided with new headstocks, wheels, pulleys, etc. The £40 expended on the restoration has been raised by the kindly help of many friends and parishioners, and the cost of the six bell ropes subscribed for by the members of the Halesworth district of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The Vicar, the Rev. A. Griffith, the churchwardens, Messrs T. Catling and R. Symonds, and the parishioners of Cratfield generally, are to be congratulated on the successful accomplishment of the work. After several years of silence, the musical tones of these bells, well hung and properly rung, must be doubly welcome, especially to those old inhabitants whose memories of the past carry them back to the days when Cratfield was a well-known centre for change-ringing, and the Christmas and New Year's bells a regular institution. One link of the old days remains in the person of the venerable sexton, William Collins, who although nearly eighty years of age, rang in several well-struck touches during the day, and it is to be hoped that under the able tuition of Mr. S. Smith, a competent band of change-ringers will once more flourish in Cratfield.

The bells were raised in the morning, and the opening touch was rung by W. Collins, Miss K. Stanford, F. C. Lambert (conductor), T. L. Wilson, L. Hammond, S. Smith. Many ringers from various towers continued ringing throughout the day, one and all being pleased with the tone and go of the bells. The following companies were represented: Kelsale, Thornham Magna, Eye, Bungay, Starston, Pulham Earket, Earl Soham, Halesworth, Laxfield, Bramfield, Cratfield, Huntingfield, Peasenhall, Chediston, and Rumburgh. Two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and many touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers numbering upwards of fifty, including three ladies.

The re-opening service in the church commenced at 7 p.m., when a large congregation was present. The prayers were read by the Vicar, and a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., Vicar of Fressingfield, who took for his text Psalm cl. 5, 6: "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals; praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." During the singing of the last hymn a collection was made in aid of the bell restoration fund.

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UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLET.

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Mr. H. Mason, in an interesting speech, introduced the business of the evening. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Brewer, then addressed the ringers, pressing upon them the importance of the part they took among the Churchworkers, and asking them in all they undertook to let their motto be "Holiness unto the Lord."

The Vicar then unveiled the tablet.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence were passed, in acknowledging which, T. Priest (people's warden), said it would be a pleasure to him to be allowed to defray the cost of the tablet.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 14th, the Sedbergh ringers had their annual outing. Leaving the Market Place at 8.30 a.m. we drove to Kirkby Lonsdale; Mr. Woodhouse was unable to get away till 10 a.m., so followed on a bicycle. At Kirkby Lonsdale we were welcomed by Mr. H. Jackson, one of the local ringers, and were shown round the old and interesting church. The centre of attraction was of course the tower, which contains a ring of six bells. After some touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob had been rung, a move was made to the next place on the programme, and just as we were starting, Mr. Woodhouse arrived. We then had a lovely drive to Beetham, near Milnthorpe. It was very hot, one of the hottest days we have yet had, which perhaps accounted for the readiness with which Mr. Woodhouse accepted an offer from Mr. Pennington to ride his bicycle.

Beetham was at length reached. The church is approached by a very pretty avenue of trees. The Vicar came to see us, and was much interested in our explanations of change-ringing. Double Court and Treble Bob were indulged in till our worthy secretary demonstrated his strength by breaking a rope; so no more ringing was to be had, as time pressed, and we due at Heversham for dinner. About twenty minutes brought us there, where we were entertained by Mr. Sisson, brother of the afore-said strong man. This passed off very successfully. After dinner Mr. Sisson made a short speech, in which, on behalf of the ringers, he thanked Mr. Woodhouse for the trouble he had taken in teaching them change-ringing during the eight years since the bells had been dedicated. Well he remembered the early struggles with Bob Minor, and of some one's suggestion that "dodges" should be called, and Mr. Woodhouse's well-feigned surprise at such a suggestion. "Why call dodges?" he said, "is not the treble big enough to speak for itself?" He then asked Mr. Woodhouse to accept a case of pipes, remarking that he was sure the present was

suitable, judging from the state of the pipe that Mr. Woodhouse had been seen smoking before dinner.

Mr. Woodhouse, in thanking them warmly for their kind thoughts and gift, said he was struck "all of an heap," and that such a thing had never crossed his mind. He was extremely grateful, and it had been a great pleasure to him instructing such a willing band, that he was especially pleased with their progress from Bob Minor through Double Norwich and Stedman up to Superlative, and he hoped the time was not far distant when they would be able to ring London. Their present he said was suitable, as his present supply was scarcely presentable.

After this we composed ourselves in easy and contemplative attitudes, while Mr. Woodhouse proceeded to photograph the party. It was then decided not to ring at Heversham, where there are only six bells, but to pass on to Kendal. On the way there we passed the picturesque grounds of Levens Hall. They had been been thrown open that day to all, so we picked our way through innumerable carriages, waggonettes and motors, and at length arrived at Kendal. There is a fine peal of ten, tenor 25 cwt., at this grand old church. Here we were met by Mr. Brown Walker, the Kendal conductor. After raising the bells we started off with a course of Superlative, followed by two touches of Stedman Triples. Later on, with some of the Kendal men, we had some touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters. After refreshing the inner man we parted from our Kendal friends, and started on the ten miles of very hilly road (the mention of which makes cyclists shudder), to Sedbergh, where we arrived about 11.15 p.m., after a most successful day. W.

RINGING TOUR IN THE ISLE OF AXHOLME.

On Monday, June 4th, the annual picnic in connection with the East Retford and Gainsborough change-ringing societies took place. The quaint old country towns of Haxey, Epworth and Owston Ferry having been chosen, at 9.40 eleven members started from Retford in a large conveyance, which made travelling a pleasure. Previous arrangements had been made to meet the Gainsborough contingent at Haxey, and some distance from the church tower, which stands on a hill and is a landmark for miles around, we were greeted by the sound of the bells, the Gainsborough ringers giving them a run through 120 of Bob Doubles.

These bells are deep rich-toned, and heavy going, the reported weight of the tenor being 28 cwt. They are rung on the ground floor with about 75 feet of rope, and very few rope guides (and they did keep bobbing up and down), and some improvement could be made in the "go" of them if a ringing-chamber was put in. However after ropes had been adjusted, and a laborious practice of the plain course, a mixed company were successful in ringing what is believed to be the first 720 of Bob Minor in 29 mins. After which 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung and the bells lowered in peal.

Wending our way up the spiral staircase we had a splendid view of the surrounding country, with a wide sweeping landscape beyond, and after procuring a few picture postcards, said good-bye to Haxey for the present, and made tracks for Epworth, a distance of some 3½ miles, a very old and picturesque place. On the way halt was called, and in some quiet sequestered spot, a snack of plum bread and cheese and a few bottles of Messrs.

Unsworth's special A1 beer to wash it down, was quickly disposed of. On arrival at Epworth the same difficulties presented themselves—another heavy going ring of six—with tenor stated to weigh 30 cwt. After several attempts a good 720 of Bob Minor was accomplished, and 120 of Stedman Doubles, and the lowering in peal completed the ringing at Epworth. Ringers and friends to the number of twenty-one adjourned to Mawson's temperance hotel, when a good substantial meat tea, with other dainties, had been provided. The tables were a delight to the eye, the viands were of the best, and we did full justice to the same—

"Which were like snowflakes on a river,
One moment seen, then gone for ever."

After 40 minutes of this method called Masticating Exercise, "stand" was called, and a brief survey of Epworth and the tombstone of the late John Wesley's father, and other antiquities, brought up 5.30 p.m., the time arranged to proceed to Owston Ferry, another distance of 3½ miles, and in which tower hangs a very handy ring of six bells in good going order, tenor 14 cwt. We were told weeks prior to completing arrangements, that Haxey and Epworth bells were heavy going rings, and Owston Ferry worse, but quite the reverse turned up to be correct. On our arrival we were met by the Vicar (Rev. —. Clark), who gave us a very hearty reception, and showed us through the interior of the church, said to be unique in its style for architectural beauty, and a pleasing sight to the eye, and a visit to this place is good food for reflection. The Vicar looked up his ringers, some of whom were playing tennis on the vicarage lawn, and invited them to the tower to witness the real Art of change-ringing. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. was rung, and which is believed to be the first on the bells; after which some Bob Minor was rung for the benefit of the local ringers. The bells were then lowered in peal, and an adjournment made to the vicarage lawn, where the genial Vicar invited us to sample some good old nut brown ale. To those who did not require it, light refreshments were provided at the vicarage. The Gainsborough ringers then enlightened the company assembled to change-ringing and tunes on the handbells, which was enjoyed by all.

A hearty vote of thanks and three ringing cheers were given for the Vicar, and a fervent hope expressed that his ringers would take up the true Art of change-ringing, and a welcome reply given by the Vicar, brought the proceedings to a close. A bird's-eye view of the ferry and a beautiful moonlight drive home, accompanied for a time by the Gainsborough men, brought to a close one of the most interesting and successful day's outings held by these Societies. Our warmest thanks are due to the respective Vicars and tower-keepers for the use of the bells, and making the necessary arrangements. H.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are now launched fairly into the holiday season, a good index of which fact is the dearth of ringing news just now. The records of peals appear to have resumed their once normal condition, and I see the arrears of touch reports are gradually being worked off. You all know my sentiments upon excessive peal-ringing, so that you will not be surprised to hear that the number of peals being at present recorded suits me in every way. That worthy man, the reverend Master of the Oxford Guild, is still much in evidence, and we read last week that he had rung his 700th peal of Stedman Triples! I expect he won't rest until he has rung a thousand peals in that method. As I have mentioned such a probability, you may depend upon its being done. The rev. Master watches carefully what is said about him in "B.N.," and he estimates this paper very highly, you know. The "B.N." first predicted that he would ring a thousand peals, and he instantly took up the idea, and done it. Now mark! he will ring the same number of peals of Stedman before his farewell peal is rung. Perhaps we shall read more about the worthy Master next week.

I see the almost proverbial course has been pursued with regard to a supposed long peal; I refer to the long peal at Mottram, rung recently. The unfortunate thing about these contentions as to the truth or falsehood of such performances is that there is such a mass of perjury—I had almost written "hard swearing"—committed. One side maintains one thing, the other strenuously asserts its exact opposite. The best plan would be in such cases for all the parties concerned or interested in lengthy peals, to insist upon the selection of a trustworthy individual like say, C.H.H. of Sheffield, or A.K. of Chesterfield, men of great probity and skill, to act as umpire. Such person to be empowered to stop the peal the instant anything went wrong. I feel sure that the character of this Mottram peal will be blurred.

In connection with this affair, our old friend the "manuscript-calling" business has again cropped up: It is needless for me to say anything more about it, after the scathing editorial criticism last week. Perhaps what follows will be pleasing to all concerned. There is a prospect either next week or the week after, of a paper appearing in "B.N." containing some practical hints how to call peals without MS. aid. I am not *au courant* with regard to this, so I beg MS. callers not to take it seriously. Perhaps an higher power will give us some further notification.

A report has reached me about another peal, a report which is really very hard to believe. A peal at Exeter Cathedral, too, in which W. Pye rang the tenor. It is stated that this peal was called from MS. When I find that such a skilled conductor as John Austin called this very peal, I can hardly believe the statement. Yet it is asserted again and again. One of the company who rang in the peal has been approached on the matter for the purpose of getting at the truth, but with him "mum's the word." This looks bad. I shall anxiously await an explanation, and also sufficient reason why, if the accusation is true, such explanation has been so long delayed.

We are not all gifted with the attainments necessary for a bob-caller, and it would be a very good thing if those who aspire to such distinction grasped this fact. There are many excellent men, clever in the science in more

ways than one, who find calling too exacting, and they are wise in not attempting it. There is one well-known composer whose abilities in that line are second to none, but who has I believe never yet attempted to call a peal. Calling is not merely crying out "bob" at the proper time, there is much more to be known so as to be able to fulfil the position with credit to one's self. The work of bob-calling requires great confidence in one's own abilities. Our friend John Carter on one occasion I recollect, had the figures of a peal of Stedman Caters put into his hands about an hour before calling it, a peal he had never seen before. This is the kind of ability required to obtain success. I have seen would-be callers in a continual state of excitement and terror for fear they should forget their business. Such as these should not go in for this feature of the science.

There has been some disclosures made recently concerning instances of defective Church bell hanging. Naturally the Eccles case occurs to the mind when speaking of this. Some one wrote to say that these bells were washed all over with paraffin! Rather remarkable treatment, was it not? This case was a vivid example of what may be expected when persons are employed who know nothing of the wants of bells. They may be anxious to do their best, and to give satisfaction to all, but they are unable. Thus it is we get bells tinkered with through this supineness or, shall I say dogged obstinacy, of various Church authorities, who won't listen to practical advice offered them, but are determined to have their own pig-headed way.

The capitular body of Exeter have prohibited any further attempts being made for a peal of ten-in on the Cathedral bells, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly says—"Quite right." I must admit he knows best, though it has been thought the Chapter need not have put its foot down quite so sharply. When it is recollected that Bob Newton rung the tenor at St. Paul's in a peal of Royal, many thought there was a chance of the some being pulled off at Exeter. However this is stopped now, and Ten-in will never be rung on the world's famous ten. But there will no tears be shed on account of the order.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE ANALYSIS.

Mr. Trollope said in the absence of Mr. Borrett he was requested to call attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903. In doing so he hoped it would be at once understood there was not the slightest intention to cast any reflection or censure upon those who had previously done this work, because it had not appeared. He thought that if there was to be an Analysis, some arrangement should be made for the work to be done. If the Council saw fit to carry it on, then it was necessary that some arrangement should be made.

Mr. A. T. King said that he understood that it was Mr. Borrett's intention, had he been present, to have proposed that the Analysis should be prepared annually, and that arrangements be made by the Council to carry it on. He should like to see it brought up to date. The Analysis as prepared by Mr. Attree was very interesting to all who wished to find out how ringing was progressing.

Mr. Attree said for some years he did the work, but not

the Analysis to be continued, as it showed the work that was going on in various parts of the country.

Legitimate Methods' Committee: Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dains and J. A. Trollope.

The Hon. Secretary said he did not see how employers were to know of the men on the books just the same with me

wanting work: how could they know of an employer who wanted men. If instead of a small country parish he had a large town in which there was a tower with a ring of twelve, he should know when one of the ringers was out of employment and should do all he could for him, but he did not see how a Labor Bureau would bring such a man in touch with an employer.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said the proposal would mean some expense; as to do any good there must be advertisements not only in the ringing papers but in other journals.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said the proposal was one which might sometimes help to get a good ringer employment in a town where his services would be useful as a ringer. He had known a number of men obtain employment, but seldom heard of a good ringer.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he thought it was ringers themselves who could best find out vacant places of employment. He had sometimes been applied to, and had always offered, as soon as it was found out where a man was wanted, to do his best to help the applicant to secure it. It was for the man himself to keep his eyes open, and then something could be done for him.

Mr. Pritchett said it seemed somewhat difficult to suggest that the Council should become a kind of agency between ringers and employers of labour, few of whom were ringers. If ringers were large employers of labour it might be advisable to adopt some such idea as proposed since; in such a case ringers could go to employers who might employ them in preference to those who were not ringers. He did not think it feasible to set up any bureau of the kind proposed.

The Rev. H. Drake said he had been appealed to by employers, and had referred them to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," with the result that good men had been obtained and he had been thanked for this. He supported the idea of a Committee.

Mr. Hughes said the question was a difficult problem to deal with. He thought that ringers could do more for themselves than the Council could, by setting up a bureau.

Mr. Daniell said he would be willing to act for a time, and that if ringers when in want of employment would send their names to him, anything he could possibly do should be done. He would publish the particulars in "THE BELL NEWS," and any employers who inquired at his office, should have all particulars given of any man likely to suit, whose name was upon the books. One condition would be that in the event of any one securing employment whose name was upon the books, he must immediately let him know.

Mr. Willshire accepted Mr. Daniell's offer, and withdrew his resolution.

The President said the Council had neither funds or standing officials to undertake such work which did not come within its province, and he thought they should be very grateful to Mr. Daniell for his generous offer.

A SUGGESTION.

Mr. Griffin asked if it would not be desirable to have the whole report of the Council meeting in one issue of "THE BELL NEWS." Other matter could be held over, or if necessary the price for one week could be increased.

The President said he considered the present system in giving the report in sections the best, as ringers took more interest in having a portion each time, whereas if the whole report appeared in one issue, it would not be so carefully read; besides some time was necessary to go through the whole of the matter before it appeared in print.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Griffin, a vote of thanks was passed to the President.

This concluded the meeting.

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

THE LONG PEAL AT MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

SIR,—As one who heard the last half of the above peal (if such it can be truly called), I was glad to see the letter from George Longden. The reply of the conductor is no reply at all, beyond a denial of the alleged missing bob incident. In my humble opinion he has damaged both his cause and reputation by going out of his way to infer people were drunk on whisky, besides other nasty insinuations and innuendoes totally irrelevant to the point at issue. Does Mr. Sidebotham remember his admission to Mr. H. Chapman and myself that the ringing was very rough, and for which he was sorry? also that it was called from manuscript, and his further assertion that every one used the same means. As to whether a bob was missed or not I cannot say; but I can positively state at that particular place the bells ought to have been set up. This was about 12.30; the "firing" was awful and prolonged, and as for a course-end, well, it was out of all reckoning. Certainly they did keep going, and when anything like order was restored, lo and behold the tenors were parted. Then at 1.50 firing again, but of less duration. It is really unnecessary to labour the quality of the ringing throughout, suffice it to say the last hour was about the best. It is unfortunate Mr. Sidebotham should so far forget himself as to think it is simply a question between Mr. Longden, the Ashton ringers and himself; it is a question for the Exercise at large. If it were necessary to substantiate the above remarks, I could get at least thirty signatures to support me. To be candid, I went expecting to hear some good striking, and to congratulate the band, but the miserable striking, the firing, and lack of compass debarred both.

A. BARNES.

SIR,—In supporting Mr. Longden in his remarks on the peal at Mottram I may say that myself and he were standing in the churchyard together, having the course-ends of the peal before us with a view of making sure of the third part-end coming up true, but to our surprise no call was made, and the firing commenced the lead after, and it became impossible for the most practical ringer to tell what was being done for about a full course, and there was ten to fifteen of such capable and expert persons in the churchyard, and the general conversation, "why don't they stop such ringing, it should never be called a peal," but the ringing went on again for about two hours longer, when another course of firing took place, which was painful for any ringers to listen to.

Now Sir, during the six hours which I myself spent in close observation, the bells were never rung at more than 28 changes per minute, and the last of the ringing, which I admit was the best heard, the bells were only striking 27 and 1 and 2 bells per minute, and taking the official time as given by the timekeeper and the FEEDER who went up in the tower every two hours, as 9 hrs. and 37 mins. will by a simple arithmetical calculation prove that it was impossible for the 16,800 changes to have been rung, thus leaving the above peal a still unaccomplished feat. As regards the reply of Mr. Sidebotham in your last issue, I may say I never read a more vindictive attack of one person against another, the whole of his remarks being cast against Mr. Longden as having been saturated in whisky, and no real attempt to disprove the challenge of that gentleman as to the accuracy of the peal. As for the allegations contained in that reply, I could find an abundance of witnesses to disprove all he says, such witnesses being respectable and capable ringers who were in our company until the so-called "world's performance" came to an end.

HARRY CHAPMAN.

SIR,—Young ringers interested in the Mottram performance might with advantage read "THE BELL NEWS" of October 24th, 1896, and June 26th, 1897, dealing with the whole matter of manuscript bob-calling, so fearlessly exposed by Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich. They will also find the Editor's leading article on the question at that time very instructive reading.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1906.

THE proposed Labor Bureau has developed into something like a registry, and Mr. Daniell has made an offer which will be found in his communication below. Some of our friends are complaining of the lateness in which this journal comes to hand. We have made arrangements that this shall in future be avoided.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

SIR,—Having, as appears in your columns, promised at the recent meeting of the Central Council to receive names of ringers desiring employment with a view to putting them in communication, if possible, with other members of the Exercise who may have the opportunity of giving or procuring employment, it may be convenient for me to state how I propose to endeavour to fulfil my promise.

I wish especially to point out that I have only promised to try an experiment. I am not about to run anything in the shape of a labour bureau or employment agency, and I cannot undertake a lot of correspondence, nor to personally recommend any applicant, nor to turn my office into a house of call. Nor can I discuss questions of the amount of wages required or offered.

What I am prepared to do is to enter in a register the

application of any ringer who furnishes me with the following particulars:

1. His name and address.
2. His age.
3. His trade.
4. The names of the Ringing Societies and Associations of which he is a member.
5. The methods which he can ring.

Then having established this register, which I am prepared to do with the first name I receive, I now give notice to those of your readers who may from time to time know of any berth going in any particular trade, that any such an one writing to me will be told whether there is any applicant in that line on the register, and, if so, will be put in direct communication with him, and the rest of the business they must settle between themselves; and of course if an engagement ensues, or if any applicant obtains any other berth, I should be at once informed of it, in order that the register may be kept correct.

As I have said, this new departure is merely an experiment, but if the Exercise find it can be turned to any good account, I shall of course be very pleased.

R. A. DANIELL.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE R. NEWTON Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN 5.
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BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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On Saturday, June 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL 5.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
WILLIAM SHIMMINS 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JAMES SAXBY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

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

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, who was inducted to the living of Epping that day. Also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. B. Lucas and T. Card, the band wishing them many happy returns.

The Provinces.

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On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	JOSEPH WAITE 7.
GARRIE MILES 2.	ALFRED A. WAITE 8.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	WILLIAM HALE 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	FRANK COLE 10.
THOMAS BALDWIN 5.	GEORGE CONDICK 11.
HUBERT SCRIVENS 6.	ALBERT HANKS Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5046 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMKS Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5.
FRANCIS WARD 2.	JOHN HOLMAN 6.
WALTER COATES* 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal in the method.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lbs.

FRANK LAWTON Treble.	JOSEPH WILD 5.
JOSEPH OGDEN 2.	HERBERT BARLOW 6.
JOHN BUTTERWORTH 3.	LUKE HAMPSON 7.
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On Tuesday, June 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

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A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

*First peal in seven methods.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
EGBERT BORRETT 2.	THOMAS WICKS 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	FREDERICK ROOPE 7.
FREDERICK BORRETT 4.	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. TANN.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

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On Wednesday, June 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN T. ROBINSON* Treble.	*EDWARD ASTLEY 5.
JOSEPH ROWELL* 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
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Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. This peal is a reduction of a 5376 three part, with only 56 in 6ths.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM UNWIN Treble.	JOHN J. MANKLOW 4.
HARRY BAKER 2.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ALFRED SNELLING 3.	FRANK MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by C. TRIBE.

First peal by all the above except the conductor, and believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JAMES MOTTS† Treble.	GEORGE LILLEY 5.
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REV WILLIAM C. PEARSON† 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM† 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

All the above are also members of the Ely Diocesan Association. †Members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. †Members of the St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR PART.

GEORGE N PRICE Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 5.
ALFRED D. BATES 2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD 7.
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 4.	HENRY R. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung in honour of the 12th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOPE* Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE 6.
JOHN ALLEN 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE, JUN 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

*First peal as conductor. †Fiftieth peal.

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On Thursday, June 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN NEAL 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
HAROLD J. WITCHELL 4.	WILLIAM H. KEYS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal as conductor in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE EDSER, SEN * .. Treble.	ALFRED J. REDMAN 5.
GEORGE WOODISS 2.	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 6.
ALFRED WOODROW 3.	JOHN EMERY 7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Major.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs in A flat.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIMES 5.
REV WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	PERCIVAL WOODS 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM 4.	WILLIAM J. GROOM Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM J. GROOM.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble.	FREDERICK W. WADE 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7.
GEORGE CONDOCK 4.	FRED G. MAY Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

CAPEL, SURREY.

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On Sunday, July 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Kent, College Exercise, Oxford and Violet. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
FREDERICK TULLETT 3.	FREDERICK R. TULLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT.

EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOURTH-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MUDGE Treble.	ARTHUR SEARLE 5.
ARTHUR J. SHEPHERD 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM DRAKE 3.	*JAMES MOSS 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 4.	*WILLIAM ACREMAN Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal in the method.

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WATFORD, HERTS.

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At 7, CASSIO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 1-2.	HUBERT EDEN 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	WILLIAM HODGETTS 7-8.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—William Moore.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, July 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

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

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5-6.
HUBERT EDEN.. .. 3-4.	HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Alfred D. Bates. This is F. W. Brinklow's first attempt for a peal away from the tenors.

Date Touches.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WATCHET (Somerset).—On Sunday, March 11th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins. H. Prole, T. Chidgey, C. Greedy conductor, J. Griffiths, R. Chubb, F. S. Chidgey.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 1st, at Christ Church a date touch of 1906 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Knott, J. W. Lang, L. Illingworth, S. Goodall, W. Thomas, W. Walker, E. Wheeler composer and conductor, W. Brearley.

Miscellaneous.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WATCHET (Somerset).—On Sunday, March 18th, 240 Bob Doubles. W. Maxwell, H. Prole, J. Griffiths, T. Chidgey, C. Greedy conductor, W. Parson.

CROWCOMBE (Somerset).—On Sunday, April 29th, 1520 Grandsire Doubles. A. Booker, S. Parson, S. Hole, W. Bennett, C. Greedy conductor, H. J. Hole.

BATH (Somerset).—Recently, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Richardson, W. Eames, H. Lewis, J. Odey, R. Cousins, C. W. Bell, W. J. Prescott conductor, A. Gulley. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Hogsflesh, A. Richardson, E. King, J. Odey, W. J. Prescott, H. Lewis, R. Cousins conductor. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Seers, W. Eames, R. Watley, H. Lewis, C. W. Bell, W. J. Prescott conductor, R. Cousins, H. Davis. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief in the last 200. W. Simmons, A. Richardson, J. Odey, H. Lewis, R. Cousins, W. J. Prescott conductor, C. W. Bell, T. Hogsflesh.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—An attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief in the last 600. W. J. Prescott conductor, G. Temple, H. Holder, C. Collier, R. Cousins, H. W. Brown, T. King, C. W. Bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALRESFORD (Hants).—On Saturday, June 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Williams conductor, G. Smith, G. Noice, W. T. Tucker, J. Harris, E. J. Harding, W. H. George, W. Spiers. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, which was lost through a broken rope.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLINGTON.—On May 27th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. H. W. May, sen., G. Gains, E. Woolley C. Potheary, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On May 29th, 720 each of New London Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. F. Chalk, A. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett, J. D. Buckingham, E. C. Lambert conductor.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Mumford, F. Withers, A. E. Pegler, T. Gibbs first quarter-peal of Stedman, H. Street, S. Grove conductor, E. J. Dowler, J. Johnson.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, May 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Rowe, F. Baker, J. Higgins, R. Meager, E. Marks conductor, H. Sear.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Monday, April 16th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it came to grief after ringing 2660 changes in 1 hr. 38 mins. through the 4th rope breaking. J. Smith, J. Higgins, C. W. Smith, H. T. Goodman, W. J. Goodman conductor, A. Hancock.

NEWARK (Notts).—On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Jennison, F. Foster, C. H. Newbald, C. Chapman, E. Thrale, C. Valentine. On Sunday, April 15th, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearson, V. Appleby, J. Miller, J. Jennison, H. Rouston, C. Valentine, E. Thrale, H. Thrale. On Sunday, May 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearson, V. Appleby, H. Rouston, J. Miller, C. Chapman, G. English, C. Valentine, H. Thrale.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, March 15th, at the parish church, 1280 Bob Major, in 44 mins. J. Ballard, T. W. Chapman, W. Martin, G. Winter, J. T. Rippin, J. F. Clarke, H. Clayfield, H. Argyle conductor.

OLD WARDEN.—On May 10th, 720 Double Court. T. Wells, W. Newton, T. Scott, F. York, W. Mayes, F. Wells conductor. On May 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Webb, the rest as before. On May 20th, 720 College Single. T. Wells, F. Webb, F. Wells, T. Scott, W. J. Mayes, F. York conductor.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 10th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Gear, W. Streeter, A. Bashford, J. Cottrell, G. Croucher, H. Card conductor, H. Edwards, E. Dennis. On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 742 in the same method. J. Gear, W. Streeter, H. Reeves conductor, J. Cottrell, A. Bashford, G. Croucher, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. J. E. Miller, E. G. Tomlinson, H. E. Balaam, W. Pickworth, N. A. Tomlinson, F. G. Tegg, J. Armstrong conductor, H. J. Palmer. Rung as a farewell to H. J. Palmer, who is leaving for Canada.

SELSTON (Notts).—On Saturday, May 26th, at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. R. C. Harrison, W. Dobbs, F. Jacobs, W. Wharnley, F. Kay, A. Butler, F. Kay conductor. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the Sunday School Teachers' Conference.

THORNURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Eddington, W. Brown, F. C. Poole, H. E. Howell, R. Clark, T. Alsop, F. K. Howell conductor, W. Davis. This is the longest touch so far accomplished by the above band, who have been for some few months under the tuition of Mr. K. Howell.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On April 25th, at St. Nicholas church, 1008 Bob Major. G. Savory, W. Flaxman, F. Williamson, R. Thompson, W. Savory, C. Adcock, T. Wright, J. Skinner conductor. On April 27th, on handbells, 1008 in the same method. G. Savory, Miss Hammond, F. Williamson, C. W. Hendry, W. Savory, T. Wright, J. Skinner conductor. On May 11th, 1232 in the same method. F. Williamson, Miss Hammond, J. Spooner, C. W. Hendry, W. Savory, T. Wrigat, J. Skinner conductor.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 17th; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East Thursday, July 19th; and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, July 12th and 26th, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will take place at Pershore, to-day, Saturday, July 7th. The Rev. J. H. Bridgewater, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the Abbey at 4.30 p.m. prompt, and will also preside over the business meeting afterwards. The Abbey tower and bells will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, to-day, Saturday, July 7th, 1906.

W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, to-day, Saturday, July 7th, 1906. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided (free) at the George and Dragon inn, at 6 o'clock followed by the business meeting. The rectory grounds will be thrown open to members.

W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stone, to-day, Saturday, July 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Short service at 7 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14, at Halewood. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, July 14th. It is requested that there be a good attendance of members as there is some important business Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock, meeting house the Ratcliffe Arms.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16. Service in the parish church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. E. D. Shaw. Business meeting in Church institute at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.30.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*

81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor, on Saturday, July 21st. Draw for ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each, for those who order from me by July 16th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham, on Saturday, July 28th, the 21st not being suitable to authorities. Further particulars later. T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.* Chislehurst.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby*

5120.

23456	W	B	5th	4th	H
52364	-	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	s	-
53264	-	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	s	-
56234	-	-	-	-	-
52634	-	-	-	s	-
35624	-	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-	-
65234	-	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	s	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	s	-

Repeated.

This peal contains all the 6 4s, 6 5s, the 4th and 5th each eleven courses in 6ths place and the 6th her extent at home.

If the following four courses are used in the first part only instead of the five courses bracketed, the peal is reduced to 5008.

23564	W	H
62534	-	-
36524	-	-
52634	s	-
65234	-	-

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By F. A. HOLDEN.

5024.

23456	I	4	5	6
54326	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-

	I	4	5	6
52436	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	s	-
52346	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

HUGGLESCOTE (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, June 24th, for divine service at the Church of St John the Baptist (being the birthday of the church) a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Allen, J. Cadle, T. Aldread, G. Walker, F. Weston, E. W. Rands (conductor), H. Powdrell, and T. Bailey.

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1906.

1234567	3	8
2315467	-	-
53421	-	-
23415	-	-
13452	-	-
53214	-	-
13245	-	-
43251	-	-
53142	-	-
43125	-	-
23541	-	-
43512	-	-
13524	-	-
23514	S	-

53412	3	8
43215	-	-
13542	-	-
53241	-	-
43152	-	-
13254	-	-
23451	-	-
53124	-	-
23145	-	-

The first course is got by bobs at 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 21, 23, with single at 20. Start from rounds with a slow six.

1906		
1234567	4	13
1352746	-	-
5342716	-	-
4351726	-	-
5321746	-	-

2341756	4	13
4325716	-	-
2315746	-	-
1324756	-	-
2354716	-	-
5314726	-	-
5312746	S	-
1342756	-	-
4352716	-	-
5341726	-	-
4321756	-	-
2345716	-	-
4315726	-	-
1325746	-	-
2314756	-	-
1354726	-	-
5324716	-	-
2351746	-	-

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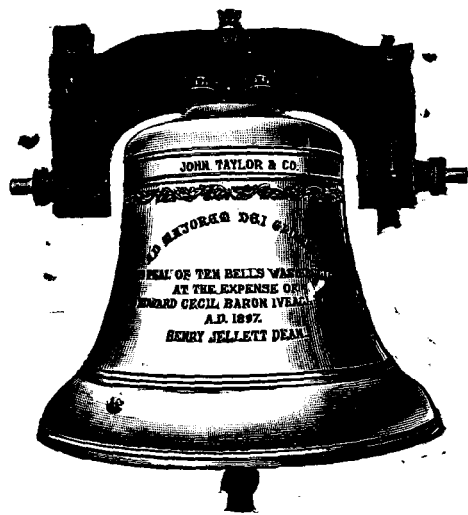
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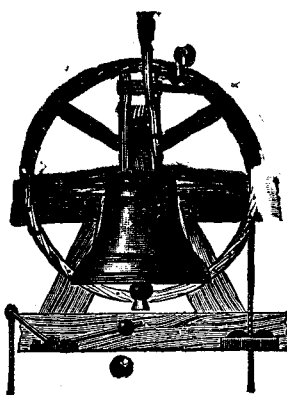
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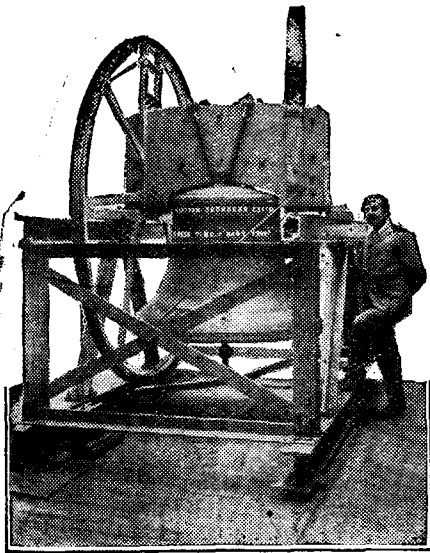
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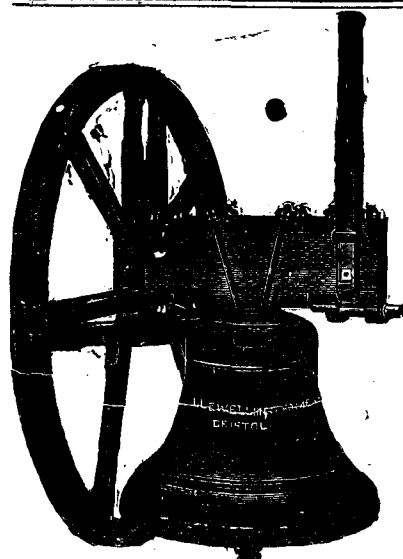
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RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH BELLS AT EXFORD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The bells of this parish church were re-opened and a new bell dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Taunton on Friday, June 22nd. The timber of the bell-cage and beams had long been in a state of decay, which made it dangerous to ring the bells, and on the advent of the present Rector (Rev. Walter New), eighteen months ago, he at once took up the matter. At the Easter Vestry in 1905, the restoration of the bells was brought forward. An estimate had been obtained from Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter, who had carried out the work most successfully at Winsford and Withypool in connection with the church bells. He estimated the cost of a new oak cage, new fittings and bearings, quartering two of the bells, and supplying a new treble bell at £158 14s. Various necessary repairs has since brought the cost to £170. A committee was formed to collect the necessary funds, the Rector acting as chairman, and Mr. J. Morland Greig as treasurer. A garden fete and sale of work was held in the rectory grounds on August 7th, which was opened by the Hon. Lady Acland Hood, and resulted in the sum of £52 being added to the funds. Sir C. T. D. Acland, Bart., very kindly consented to give the oak required for the bell-cage. This, according to Mr. Stokes' estimate, was equivalent to a subscription of £25. Subscriptions came in very satisfactorily, and Mr. Stokes was able to commence the work in May last. The oak was hauled from Holnicote free of charge by Messrs. Greig, Crick, Hayes, Hill, Tucker and Williams, and by Whitsuntide the bells were rehung. The bells were turned on the spot by representatives of Mears and Stainbank, London, and the new treble, weighing 5½ cwt., has been cast by them.

The clergy present at the dedication service were the Ven. Archdeacon Askwith, the Revs. W. J. Batchelor (Brompton Regis, Rural Dean), Prebendary Anderson (Winsford), Rowland Newman (Hawkrigge), H. F. Ramsay (Exmoor), J. Thomas (Cutcombe), E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), and the Rector. The service commenced at 4 p.m., and consisted of the usual dedication service in use in the diocese, with special prayers, psalms and hymns. During the service the members of the Exford company were individually admitted to their office by the Rector. The Ven. Archdeacon preached a very appropriate and interesting sermon on bells and their uses, taking for his text Psalm xix. 3: "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them." A collection was made during the singing of hymn 379. Before the service the Dulverton band rang a 720 of Bob Minor. Ringers were also present from Minehead, Dunster, Exton, Cutcombe and Winsford, and at the close of the service and during the evening rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman's Slow Course, etc.

An entertainment followed, in the course of which the Archdeacon congratulated the Exford people on the thorough restoration of their bells, which had been carried out in such a satisfactory manner by Mr. Stokes,

and urged them to listen to the calling of the bells, and to make an effort to be as regular as possible in their worship in God's House.

The Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who had provided such a pleasant evening, and reviewed the efforts made to restore the bells since the work was taken in hand at the Easter vestry, 1905, and thanked all those who had so willingly contributed to bring about the happy result which they were celebrating that day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Matlock on Saturday, June 30th, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those who undertook the journey. On account no doubt of the Royal Show at Derby, the party was not so great as was anticipated, there being only forty-three present at the capital tea which had been arranged in the Assembly Rooms. At the subsequent general meeting the Vice-president occupied the chair, and the Rev. Horace Pattison (curate), and Mr. W. N. Statham (churchwarden), were present.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the chairman announced that the Committee had appointed Mr. Arthur Wakley (brother of the late treasurer), to carry on the duties of the office until the next annual meeting. Continuing, he made sympathetic reference to the late Mr. W. Wakley, and after paying a high tribute to the services he had rendered to the Association, proposed a vote of sympathy with his relatives. Mr. W. Fox seconded, and the vote was carried in silence.

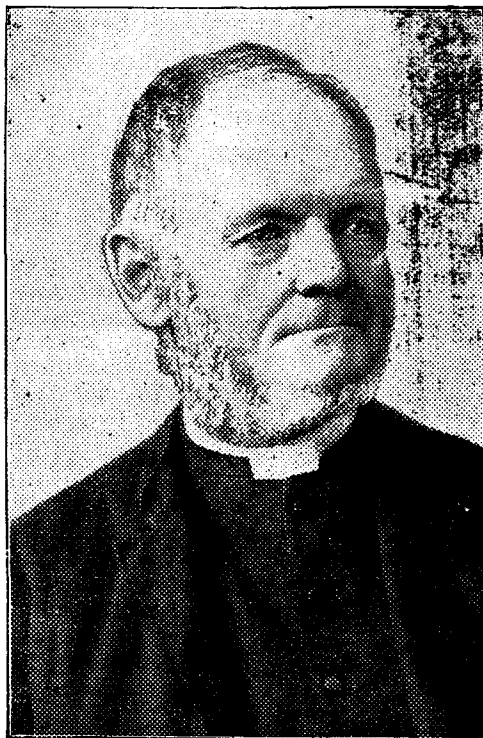
Referring to the proposal to erect a memorial tablet to the late Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed that the General Committee be empowered to collect subscriptions for this purpose from the ordinary honorary and life members of the Association, no single subscription to exceed 2s. 6d. The particulars of the twenty peals rung since the last meeting were read out by the Vice-president. Six new members were admitted. The proposed division of the Derby district was discussed at considerable length, and it was eventually decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting, which is to be held at Loughborough towards the end of September.

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Matlock (Rev. J. W. Kewley), for the use of the bells, and said they all regretted his inability to be present, but they were pleased to see the curate and churchwarden.

Mr. A. Wakley seconded the proposition, and it was carried with applause.

The Rev. Horace Pattison (curate), and Mr. W. N. Statham (churchwarden), acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said they were pleased to welcome the Association to Matlock. They were proud of their bells, and they hoped this first visit of the Association would not be the last.

A vote of thanks to the chairman proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield, was carried, and the business meeting terminated. The bells which had been pretty well used during the afternoon, were again set going.



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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' churches, Guildford, pealed merrily on Monday, July 2nd, when ringers from far and near visited the town on the occasion of the annual festival of the above Guild. The Bishops of Winchester and Dorking attended the gathering, and members of the Guild were present from places as far apart as Wimborne and Leatherhead. The two Guildford towers were open for ringing in the morning, and at noon the visitors assembled at Holy Trinity church, where the special form of service approved by the Bishop for the use of the Guild was said. The two Bishops took part, and the other clergy present were the Revs. A. R. Wiseman (Seale) hon. chaplain of the Guild; E. W. Carpenter (Thorpe) hon. secretary; C. E. Matthews (Bursledon, Southampton), Master; G. Dandridge, C. E. Nuttall and A. B. Gwynn. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Nuttall, and the special lesson, taken from Colossians iii., was read by the Rev. A. R. Wiseman.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Dorking, who took his text from 1st Peter iv. 10: "According as each hath received a gift, minister it among yourselves as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Everyone, he said, who could ring a bell to 120 changes would be, in St. Peter's opinion, a gifted man, as truly as a great orator or a poet or a musician. All the different kinds of skill were, in the minds of the apostles, gifts from God not for our own enjoyment, but for ministering to others. Whether they enjoyed the exercise of a craft was the thing that mattered least, but what was most acceptable to God was the measure of self-sacrifice that was shown. The preacher then spoke of the three stated objects of the Guild, which were, first the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials, the second the due care and use of church bells and belfries, and the third the cultivation of change-ringing. The first, he said, encouraged Churchmanship and discipline, the second reverence and the sense of responsibility, and the third progress and the offering of their best. The first object encouraged churchmen in pro-

fession and in spirit. For the ringing of a town hall bell mere skill might be sufficient, but when there was a church bell at one end of a rope there should be a true Churchman at the other. The right sort of ringer was, to his mind, a true specimen of a churchman, because he was one who did work for his Church, and one would wish to see every churchman in the land privileged to do some bit of Church work. In a word of advice to the clergy and churchwardens, the Bishop urged them to honour the ringers as much as the sidesmen, and to be careful in accepting a ringer to see that he was also a worshipper, because a ringer who was not a worshipper might do harm by his example. The second object of the Guild encouraged a sense of reverence and responsibility. Ringers should enter the belfries and handle their bells not as though they were there for their amusement, but because of the privilege of service with them. The third object encouraged progress, it inspired ringers to encourage younger bands not only to ring as well as themselves, but to surpass them. The old days of round ringing were passing away, change-ringing was being spread all over the diocese, and so, too, the old incompetence mingled with jealousy of more ambitious young ringers was a thing of the past.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Winchester.

After the service, two boards, recently erected in Holy Trinity tower, one recording the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung in the diocese by a resident company, and the other the first peal in the same method in the diocese by eight members of one branch, were unveiled by the Bishop of Winchester.

Mr. B. Chorley, the hon. secretary of Holy Trinity branch, explained the special reasons for recording the peals, and the Bishop, in unveiling them, congratulated the ringers who had taken part in the peals, and said he was certain that the stimulus which had been given to change-ringing by the Guild was likely to produce effects in Guildford as satisfactory and as fruitful as in any part of the diocese. He hoped the feeling of keenness and enthusiasm in this department of church work would progress continuously to the glory of God and to the fair fame of churchmen in Guildford.

Mr. Chorley then presented to Mr. E. Foster a framed photograph of the ringers who took part in the peal rung by the Holy Trinity branch, in recognition of his kindness in presenting the board. Mr. Foster briefly expressed his thanks, and in the presence of the Bishop and several ladies who had witnessed the unveiling, a course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung by eight of the ringers who had taken part in the peals recorded.

The annual luncheon followed at the County and Borough Hall, a company numbering about 100 sitting down under the presidency of the Bishop of Winchester.

After lunch, the toast of "The King" was honoured, and the President then proposed that of "The Bishop," who, in reply, said he was extremely pleased to be able to fulfil the promise he made some months ago to attend the meeting, because he considered that the Guild was a very

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important branch of diocesan work, and where an important branch of diocesan work had its annual meeting there, if possible, the Bishop should from time to time make it his business to be. He was anxious, and he knew that the Bishop of Dorking and the Bishop of Southampton were anxious, to seize every possible opportunity of showing their sympathy with, and their gratitude towards all loyal churchworkers. The time had gone by he hoped for ever when the bellringer should not be regarded as one of their most essential church workers, and he hoped it would always be recognised how important a part was the work of the bellringers in the parishes. While he was faithful to the principles of the Guild, they could rely upon it that the bellringer who was a member of the diocesan guild was not merely an ornamental member of their Church organisation, but an active, loyal, reverent and faithful one. He hoped every prosperity would continually attend them in the work that was done by the Guild, so that in that diocese they might have the satisfaction of feeling that the bellringing was of a real high, scientific standard, that the number of towers in which scientific change-ringing was practised might increase, and that men from other dioceses might come to them and feel that at least in the diocese of Winchester church workers represented by the bell ringers had reached a satisfactory and honourable height. He would conclude by reminding them that they were brothers with him in the work of the Church. It was one of the opportunities of cementing their Church Unity at a time when Church Unity was especially required. When by their unity and zeal for the common cause of the beloved Church, people might learn to respect, as they never had done, perhaps, before, the power, the strength of the influence for good in the land, which was wielded by the Church of England. He prayed they would strengthen themselves in the pride of their position as members of their Church, and that their keenness for her cause would be felt by all amongst whom they were thrown in work or in leisure. Let their Church, through their influence and their character, be strengthened and upheld and her cause maintained. He wished that every prosperity might in coming years attend the Guild's important branch of church work.

The Rev. A. R. Wiseman proposed "The health of the Bishop of Dorking." He said he believed it was a unique occasion in that they had the presence of two bishops. Those who had the privilege of listening to the forceful words of the Bishop of Dorking owed him a debt of thanks and gratitude, and he (the speaker) could only wish that the Church had been full of bellringers.

The Bishop of Dorking, in reply, said if three or four hours' work made a man into a ringer, he would not grudge the time for the honour of qualifying, but he had too high an opinion of the Art to suppose that any time that he could afford to give would make him into a ringer now, unless he were to neglect his other duties (A voice: "It's not too late yet, sir.") He always made a point of going into the tower whenever he visited a church to attend a service, if time permitted.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews next proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Holy Trinity and the churchwardens for making the arrangements, for receiving them that day, and for the service, and to the organist for his services.

Mr. Lunn, who replied, expressed Canon Grant's regret that he was unable to be present as he had purposed being. He was away on a short holiday, and nothing but a slight affection of the throat had prevented him from re-

turning. So far as the churchwardens were concerned, it was a great pleasure to them to meet the members of the Guild. They appreciated and respected their own ringers. He always regarded them as church officials, and because they appreciated and respected them they were glad to extend the hospitality to the Guild. They hoped their visit to Guildford would not be one of the least pleasant of their annual outings, all the more because they were graced with the presence of two bishops and two lady bellringers.

Mr. Foster proposed "Prosperity to the Winchester Diocesan Guild." There was, no doubt, he said, that the Guild strengthened the Church by inducing and cementing friendship between the various officials. It had raised the tone of ringing and ringers, and was in other ways a good work. It was evident from the report that the Guild had life, and was advancing towards the attainment of its object that every band in the diocese should be affiliated to the Guild. That, of course, had not yet been done, but progress was real, and there appeared to be much enthusiasm on the part of all. The report also recorded that fifty-five peals were rung in the year, twenty-five more than in the previous year. It showed also that there were sixty-seven towers in union with 667 performing members.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, whose name was coupled with the toast, said he felt the Guild was making real strides in the diocese, and he had no doubt that the next report would show a still further increase in members, and the number of towers. In two years they had added 100 members and ten towers. The increase of membership, however, meant increased expense, and he appealed to the local secretaries to do their best to secure honorary members. If they bore in mind the excellent advice that had been given them that day, the Guild would continue to prosper, and in time they would gather in many of the towers still outside their organisation.

The annual business meeting followed, Mr. J. P. Stilwell presiding. The report, summarised by previous speakers, was adopted, and the balance-sheet presented. This showed a deficit of £8 os. 1d. on the general account, but a balance in hand of £25 15s. on the special purposes fund, an increase of £5 9s.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews suggested that to meet the deficit on the general account, a sum of £10 from the special purposes account should be allocated. This met with some opposition, and it being explained that the reduced allowance this year for travelling expenses would probably balance the account, the proposal was withdrawn and the accounts passed.

The re-election of the President and Master was carried with enthusiasm, and the Hon. Secretary then announced that with great regret he would have to resign his office. He had taken a great interest in the Winchester Guild, and he hoped the work he had been able to do had been able to do had been of use and value. Since the reorganisation the work of the Hon. Secretary had been much simplified. When the Secretary had to be in touch with every tower, it was almost impossible work. Now that he had so many helpers and so many able district secretaries heart and soul in the work, the work of the general secretary was very much lightened. Therefore, he felt that he was not, as it were, deserting the ship if he asked them to relieve him of the position which he had done his best to fulfil. On account of the health of his wife, he had for some time been thinking it absolutely necessary to leave his present parish (Thorpe). He had

just been offered a living in another diocese. Whether he would be able to take it or not he could not say, but he thought it very probable that he might be leaving before many weeks were over, at any rate, for the sake of his wife's health, he felt it absolutely necessary to be off as soon as might be. He did not feel, therefore, that he could submit himself for re-election, and he would like to propose for the office a business man, a ringer, and one who he was sure would do the work well, Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke.

Mr. White voiced the feeling of regret felt by the members at the retirement of the Hon. Secretary. He said that he would be perfectly willing to do what clerical work he could, but he thought the office of Hon. Secretary ought to be occupied by a clergyman, because he would carry more influence than a layman could do. He would be perfectly willing to assist him, if they could find a clergyman willing to take the office.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews and the President also expressed regret as the news the Hon. Secretary had imparted, particularly in view of circumstances which made it necessary.

After discussion, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter consented to continue office for a few weeks longer, with the assistance of Mr. H. White, until the committee have time to secure, if possible, some clergyman to take the office.

Mr. White was re-elected Auditor, and the five hon. members on the Committee were re-elected to that body. The Rev. A. R. Wiseman was re-elected hon. chaplain. Mrs. Stilwell was elected, amid applause, a Life Member of the Guild; and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower was also elected a member of the Association. The next annual meeting was fixed to take place at Winchester on June 8th. A letter was received from Mr. R. R. Cherry, K.C., M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland, acknowledging the congratulations of the Guild upon his appointment. He said he believed he was the first change-ringer who had occupied the post of Attorney-General. A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting. Subsequently there was further ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas churches.

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 STEDMAN CATERS AT EXETER.

SIR,—I see in your last issue that "Plain Speaker" is trying to condemn the above performance by saying it was called from manuscript. I should advise "Plain Speaker" to get some foundation for his rumours before he goes into print about it. All that I can say is that the person who set this afloat is what is commonly called a liar, and while writing perhaps it would be as well to give a few facts about this affair for the benefit of those members of the Exercise who do not know. Now the fact of the matter is a band of the College Youths go to Exeter for Treble Bob Royal, ringing the peal in London and elsewhere before starting for the west, but on reaching the western city they found they had more than they bargained for, and rather than admit that they had taken on a job that they could get through with, they have ever since been doing their best to condemn a performance that was rung free from blemish of any kind by saying it was called from manuscript; but before going any farther, I don't wish to accuse the whole band of doing it, but two or three of them that played the major part in the arrangements. As regards "Plain Speaker's" remarks about Newton turning St. Paul's tenor in, I may say that there are several ringers in this country at the present time who would do that, but unfortunately for them they are like myself, they will

never have the opportunity, the College Youths will watch that; and in conclusion I ask these men that have these or any other grievances, to come forward like men, and not get "Plain Speaker" to do their dirty work.

W. PYE.

SIR,—I am very much surprised, and I also greatly regret to see in "Plain Speaker's" notes a rumour is going the rounds saying J. Austin called the peal of Stedman Caters from ms. rung at Exeter Cathedral. I hold no brief for Mr. Austin, neither did I take part in the peal, but I think a statement of this sort is likely to damage the reputation of such an experienced and conscientious ringer who is also one of the best conductors in the country, and he does not rely on ms. for bob-calling. There is no doubt in my mind that if Mr. Austin did such a thing as stated, there must surely be some reason for his doing so; probably Mr. W. Pye, who rang the tenor to the peal, can satisfy those critics who have been unkind enough to talk about Mr. Austin in the way they have in reference to that particular peal. Mr. Austin has conducted over sixty peals in almost every method rung, in which I have had the pleasure of taking part, and never once has he made any reference to the composition in any shape or form when ringing, for he always knows whether the bells are right or wrong, and my experience of him is that when he conducts a peal, he does so without having having to resort to the unenviable practice of having or using memory notes. This sort of thing is not done in Gloucestershire by anyone who claim to use the word conductor under any peal rung, and I sincerely hope that though this rumour has been published in "THE BELL NEWS," Mr. Austin's reputation will not suffer; it certainly will not by any who have a personal acquaintance of the man.

F. G. MAY.

A PROTEST.

SIR,—Every ringer must admit that your advertisement column is one of the best things introduced in your valuable paper, viz., "THE BELL NEWS." But what a scandalous shame that it should be abused in the way it is by a certain class of ringers who advertise for berths, or who apply for jobs that are advertised from time to time. Only a few weeks ago I advertised for a gentleman who was in want of a plumber. The first application that came to hand was given the chance to take the job, which he accepted, but eventually it came out that he only took the job on until there was a job ready for him in his old shop, London way, where he has now gone back to, and by taking this job on at Bolsover has in all probability done some good workman and ringer out of a regular job. The gentleman will not entertain a ringer he said when I saw him about getting another man; "No, your ringers are not long stoppers, and I want a man who will settle down." It is very disheartening to anyone when they are trying to help a brother-string into a good job, and to make your local band more efficient, to be served in this way. This is the fourth time I have been served in this style within the last four years. In conclusion all I can say is "Ringers Beware" who you get jobs for, and be sure of your man.

G. W. BEMROSE.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Double Norwich published by Mr. F. A. Holden in your last issue is false in the 15th course. Mr. Holden should know that he cannot run from 1 in one course to 4 in the next, without a repetition of three leads.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906.

SEVERAL allusions have been made to the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON of late, and therefore the illustrations on another page may not be unwelcome. The portrait has been kindly sent to us for publication by the Editor of the Nottingham Weekly Express, a paper which lately made a lengthy allusion to the rev. Master. The other illustration is a sketch of Drayton church, where the Master happily holds sway, and it is on the bells therein where many of his triumphs have been secured. This sketch first appeared in conjunction with an account of one of his record peals, but some of our readers may not have seen it till now.

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FITZHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Thursday, June 28th, was the date fixed for the dedication and re-opening of the bells in the above parish church. The bells, which were dedicated by Bishop Wilkinson, were formerly a ring of five, but the frame being in a very unsatisfactory condition, it was decided to clear out the old cage and have the five old bells recast, a little more metal added, and made into a ring of six. The casting was done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The fixing of the new cage and rehangng the bells were carried out by Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, in a very satisfactory manner, the "go" of the bells being everything that could be desired.

After service the Milverton ringers were invited to come over and have a ring on them by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Wallis. The invitation was accepted by them, and they succeeded in ringing some 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles; and on Thursday, July 5th, they also rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, the above being the first changes rung on the bells, and the first 720 of Minor on them. It is hoped that the Fitzhead ringers will now try and master the difficulties of change-ringing, as we hear they are going to attempt it.

PARISH CHURCH PEWS DISPUTE.

A case arising out of the question of rights of parishioners to free and unappropriated sittings in their parish church, has been heard at the Winchcomb Petty Sessions. Mr. T. Hopkins, a builder, of Dumbleton, was summoned on three charges of alleged larceny. He had prayer-books, bibles, cushions, and hassocks out of the parish church of Dumbleton, near Evesham, during the early part of May. It was stated that Mr. Hopkins contended that all seats in the church should be free, and he and his wife had done all they could in the church to live up to this contention. They had taken their seats in pews regularly filled by certain other families, moved the things about, and, as none of these interferences had the desired effect, Mr. Hopkins brought goods away from three of the pews. A search warrant was issued, and the police obtained the missing articles from defendant's house. For the defence it was asserted that Mr. Hopkins honestly believed that he had as much right to certain sittings as any one else, and therefore could remove books left there. The Bench decided that the charge of felonious intent had not been proved, and they dismissed the case. They refused to allow him costs, each party having to pay its own expenses. Mr. Ernest Charler, barrister, was instructed for the defence.

A large number of members of the National Union of Teachers, belonging to Kidderminster, Worcester City, and Worcester districts, recently visited Hartlebury Castle, and were addressed by the Bishop of Worcester, who afterwards conducted them over the Castle. The Bishop, who gave an historical sketch of the Castle, incidentally said that he was rather afraid sometimes that the National Union of Teachers might change the teachers' profession from being a dignified profession into being something much more of a kind of trade union.

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

The Metropolis.—Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. A. DANIELL, CHISWICK,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY	5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE	3-4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires—W. E. Garrard and H. Dains. Witness—R. A. Daniell.

The Provinces.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	.. Treble.	† WILLIAM R. HENSHER	.. 5.
JAMES GARRATT	.. .. 2.	* WALTER GILBERT	.. .. 6.
FRED WILFORD†	.. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	.. 7.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS	.. .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†100th peal; reference elsewhere. *First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

ROBERT F. TURNER*	.. Treble	ARTHUR SMEATHERS	.. .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWEY	.. .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER	.. .. 6.
MORRIS A. TURNER*	.. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	.. 7.
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT*	4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	.. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the Vicar's daughter, Miss Lena Paul.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT 5.
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Conducted by FREDERICK G. BRETT.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906 in Two Hours and Forty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING	.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	.. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	.. .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING	.. .. 6.
GEORGE H. NOICE	.. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	.. 7.
WILFRED ANDREWS*	.. .. 4.	*GEORGE GRANT	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
JOHN WHEADON* 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Major. Further reference elsewhere.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	*WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM* .. 2.	*GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

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

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	REUBEN CHARGE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL Treble.	F. COOK 4.
GEORGE SMITH* 2.	†JOHN H. KING 5.
GEORGE BURNHAM* 3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

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

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	SAMUEL EVANS 5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS* .. 2.	†THEODORE E. SLATER .. 6.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 3.	*ERNEST SIMPSON 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HUDSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

RAMSEY, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE RAMSEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Cambridge Single, one of Oxford Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

BARNABAS STEVENS* .. Treble.	†JOHN BARRATT 4.
ARTHUR HILL† 2.	HERBERT STEVENS 5.
OLIVER G. HOWE 3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS } Tenor.
	*REV. K. D. KNOWLES.. }

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Hon. Coulson Churchill Fellowes, to Miss Gwendoline Dorothy Jefferson, which took place at St. Margaret, Westminster, on the above date. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

DEFECTIVE REPORT—A peal of Minor rung at Buckland, Surrey, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOTHAM (Essex).—On June 21st, a date touch of 1906 changes in the following methods: 240 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, New London, Cambridge Surprise, 216 of Kent and 10 of Doubles. F. Chalk, A. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett, J. Buckingham, E. C. Lambert conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END.—On Tuesday, June 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins. A. E. Weedon, H. Holmes, G. Perry, J. Frost, R. Patterson, H. Cutler. First quarter-peal of Doubles on the bells, and first by all except the conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. J. Smithers, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, P. Worsfold, W. G. Trewin conductor. After service the bells were fired, it being the 72nd birthday of J. Smithers, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, June 17th, for Divine Service in the evening at the Abbey, 1056 Bob Major. J. Elcombe, F. S. Paskins, Rev. A. Erskine, R. White, H. Paskins, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker, G. Williams conductor.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday evening, June 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. Williams conductor, G. Smith, Rev. A. Erskine, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, *T. Spratt, *J. Ashford, *C. Abraham. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, May 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dumper, C. Fray, G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 17th, after evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. W. Wood, G. W. King, J. Hayes, J. P. Paley, jun., J. H. Haynes, F. Tunnadine, J. Cragg conductor, F. Pickworth.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, June 7th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, A. Larkinson, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. This is the first 720 in a Surprise method on the bells, by all the band, and by the southern branch. On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Lake, H. Reed, C. Neaverson, A. Larkinson, J. Osborne, T. L. Bain'

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bridge conductor. After service an attempt for a 720 of Cambridge Surprise came to grief in the last course.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday evening, April 29th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, W. Evans conductor, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, F. Stedman, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, D. Price. On Sunday afternoon, May 26th, for the Men's Service, 518 in the same method, the band as before. On Wednesday evening, May 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, F. Stedman, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, C. Powell first quarter-peal. On Tuesday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, F. Stedman, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, D. Price. Rung to welcome Mr. Justice Jelf on his arrival in Brecon to open the summer assizes. On Thursday, June 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Watkins, G. Giblin, S. Brooks, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Evans conductor, F. Stedman, D. Powell.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Somerset).—On Monday, June 18th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 22 mins. S. Watkins, F. Stedman, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, W. Evans conductor, S. Brooks. And 360 Grandsire Doubles with G. Giblin and C. Powell standing in. Rung on the occasion of the Brecon annual church outing to this place.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE (Breconshire).—On June 4th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. W. Evans conductor, Rev. —. Davies, R. Moy, F. Stedman, S. Brooks, J. Harrison, G. Hardwick, C. Powell. 360 Grandsire Minor with the 7th covering. Rev. Davies, F. Stedman, S. Brooks, G. Hardwick, R. Moy, W. Evans conductor, C. Powell. This is the first touch on the bells since they were augmented to 8, chiefly through the instrumentality of the present Lord Mayor of London, who is a native of this parish. The 5th rope broke in ringing rounds after completion of the 360 Minor, and put an end to further operations, time not permitting another start.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WROUGHTON (Wilts).—On Sunday, April 29th, two 6-scores each of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles. T. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, H. Roberts conductor. First 720 on the bells.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman conductor, H. Roberts, T. Lawrence. Two courses of Plain Bob Major. E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, S. Palmer, H. Roberts, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner conductor, T. Robinson.

WOOTTON BASSETT (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. A. Wilson, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, H. Roberts conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Whit-Monday an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples failed after ringing 3500 changes in 2 hrs. 5 mins. W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, J. E. Butler, W. Hutton, V. R. Hitchman, E. Bannister conductor, A. Woodley.

DRAYTON.—On Whit-Monday an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples collapsed after ringing 4620 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, J. Napper, jun., W. Hutton, J. E. Butler, E. Bannister conductor, A. Woodley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. T. J. Salter, N. Davis, J. Smith, W. H. Smith, E. J. Brooks, C. H. Woodberry conductor, J. Crane, J. Woodberry.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On June 11th, 720 Double Oxford and two 120s of Stedman Doubles. F. Chalk, A. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett, J. Buckingham, C. E. Lambert.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, June 24th, on the occasion of the choir festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. R. Clifford, G. Oldham, F. C. Price, W. Clifford, sen., A. Lowe, P. Price, A. Roberts, J. Lowe.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Merrick, J. Basden, W. Beaumont, T. Beadle, H. Folkard, W. Judd, J. Edwards, G. Spencer.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Barker, A. Norman, E. J. Gale, H. Cockings, H. Gayton conductor, A. J. Barcock. And 120 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, conducted by J. W. Barker.

HARROLD (Beds).—On June 24th, for evening service, 360 and 72 Bob Minor. F. G. Crouch, J. M'Grath, C. Orpin, F. Skevington, H. Gayten conductor, H. Cockings.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, June 14th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. May, E. Guise, H. Brownjohn, R. H. Leaker, J. Jefferies, H. Parsons, A. L. Lewton conductor, W. Beaven.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, June 17th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. A. J. Boot, W. Clifford, F. S. Price, P. Price, A. Lowe, R. Clifford, A. Roberts conductor, J. Paling. First quarter-peal of Stedman in Beeston by a local band.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Easter Sunday, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, H. Tucker, G. Valentine, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor.

HILLESDEN (Bucks).—On Easter Monday, 720 Bob Minor. A. Giles, E. Yates, A. Clarke, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, C. Valentine conductor.

HUNTINGTON (York).—On Saturday, June 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. P. Firth, W. Fountain, E. Ricketts, G. Horner, J. Thompson, A. C. Fearnley conductor. 720 Plain Bob. E. Ricketts, A. C. Fearnley, S. Horner, H. Jameson, A. Gamble, J. Thompson conductor.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Rowe, R. Nichols, T. Henry, J. Higgins, C. W. Smith conductor, F. Smith. Rung in honour of a visit of the Rev. Canon Spooner, D.D., Warden of New College, Oxford.

PADBURY (Bucks).—On Easter Monday, 720 Bob Minor. G. Horwood, E. Yates, A. Clarke, W. Bonham, C. Valentine W. Tucker conductor.

PENGE (Kent).—On Thursday, June 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Conn, H. Edwards, G. Wickens, F. Terry, E. Popgee, W. Smith conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 43 mins. E. Caunce, F. Jones, R. Pearl, J. Martin, J. Orme, F. Ellis, E. Breeze composer and conductor, P. Harvey.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Tucker, E. Lambert, G. Valentine, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. On Tuesday, April 17th, 288 Kent, conducted by W. Tucker.

WINSLOW (Bucks).—On Easter Monday, 360 Bob Minor. A. Giles, E. Yates, A. Clarke, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, C. Valentine 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. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 17th; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East Thursday, July 19th; and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, July 26th, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 14, at Halewood. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Almondbury, to-day, Saturday, July 14th. It is requested that there be a good attendance of members as there is some important business meeting to commence at 5 o'clock, meeting house the Ratcliffe Arms.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16. Service in the parish church at 12 noon, preacher, Rev. E. D. Shaw. Business meeting in Church institute at 12.45. Dinner in Town Hall at 1.30.

ALBERT E. REEVES, *Festival Sec.*
81, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor, on Saturday, July 21st. Draw for ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each, for those who order from me by July 16th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton St. Philip's, July 21st. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, July 21st, 1906. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Business—election of committee man for the next twelve months.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*
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The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lyding, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church Bakery at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch and Ashton-under-Lyne Society. A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at Worsley. Bells ready at 3.30. The gardens will be open to ringers. Meeting at the church at 4.45. Business at 7.30.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells will be raised at about 3.30 p.m. Tea at Red Lion, Buckland.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Leonards Church, Walton-le-dale, on Saturday afternoon, July 21st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham, on Saturday, July 28th, the 21st not being suitable to authorities. Further particulars later.

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

Chislehurst.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting in this division will be held at Horley, on July 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 9d. each. Those intending to come will please to let me know not later than the 25th.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The East Derbyshire Association.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Crick, on Saturday, July 28th, 1906. Stations—Whatstandwell or Wingfield on Midland Railway. All ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Bobbingworth (6) and Morton (5) will be open during the evening.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Compositions.

MR. EDITOR—DEAR SIR,—A few days after sending you the two date touches of Stedman Triples which you have kindly inserted in this weeks "BELL NEWS," I found that the second was not true, and forwarded the following figures to be inserted in lieu of it. Will you please correct this, and oblige, yours truly, C. Jackson.

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24653	x			
24365	x	-		
32465	x		-	
43265	x		-	
52364	x	-		
23564	x			

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† includes one handbell peal. * includes a 10176.

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NOTICE.

The St. Stephen's Westminster branch of the College Youths will visit Braintree, Essex, for their Annual Outing on Saturday, July 21st. Headquarters, Boars Head hotel. All ringers in the neighbourhood will receive a hearty welcome for a convivial hour or so in the evening.

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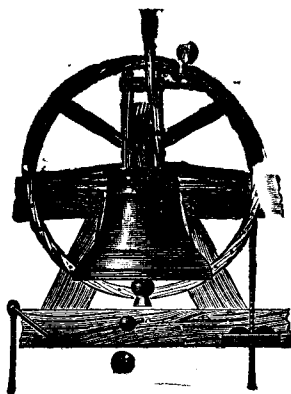
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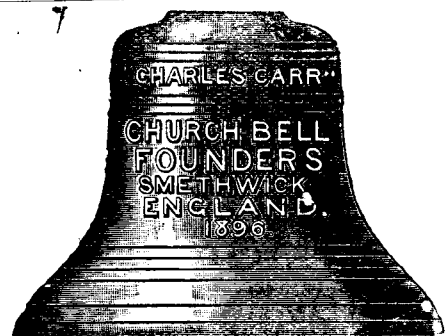
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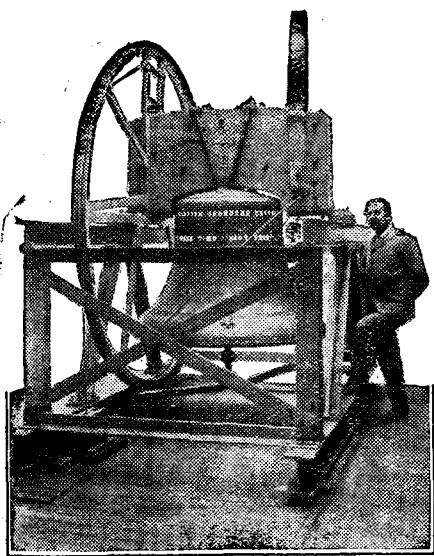
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival of the above Guild was held at Henley-on-Thames, on Monday, July 16th. The proceedings started with a peal of Stedman Triples in the morning, conducted by the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. At noon there was a large number of members present at the service which was held in the parish church. The service was read by the Rector of Henley, the Rev. Canon Paul. The lesson was taken from the 12th chapter of Romans, and was read by the Rev. C. Aylen. The hymn "Angel voices ever singing," was sung before the sermon, which was given by the Rev. E. D. Shaw, Vicar of High Wycombe, Bucks, the preacher taking his text from Corinthians xii. 4. He pointed out that the feeblest of our limbs were of great use to us. He also reminded us to keep in tune, so that we might take part in the great peal the Master was preparing. The sermon ended, the last hymn was sung—"O God, our help in ages past," followed by the Benediction, from the Rector.

The business meeting was next held in the Church Institute, the Master being in the chair. The officers were all re-elected with the exception of two of the committee who had gone to foreign lands; the Revs. Palmer and Freeborne being elected in their places. Business over, the members adjourned to the Town Hall for lunch, the chair being taken by Archibald Brakespear, Esq., C.C., supported by the Master and Hon. Secretary, and other influential members of the Guild.

Ample justice being done to the good things provided, the chairman gave the toast of "Church and State," basing his remarks upon all ringers being loyal churchmen and churchworkers. The chairman next gave the toast of "The Guild," saying that being no ringer himself, he had no idea of the kind of gathering he was going to meet. He showed his appreciation by offering to become an honorary member, coupling with the toast the name of the Master.

The Master rising to respond, was received with great enthusiasm, saying that he had been elected that day for the twenty-fifth time, and would, as long as able, do all he possibly could for the benefit of the Guild.

The Master, rising again, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. It was to present, on behalf of the Henley ringers, a splendid barometer to Mr. A. E. Reeves, the assistant secretary, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. A. E. Reeves by the Henley Church Bellringers, July 16th, 1906, for instruction given to them in the art of change-ringing."

Mr. Reeves receiving the present, said he did not know how to thank his Henley friends for the nice present which lay before him. He certainly felt more nervous at receiving that than he would be in the belfry instructing them in the noble Art of change-ringing. But in a very few words he most humbly thanked them, and said that it would be very useful to him.

Canon Blagdon then said they would not leave that building without a word of thanks to the Rector of Henley

and the preacher (Rev. E. D. Shaw), the choir and the organist for their assistance rendered that day.

The Rector and the Rev. E. D. Shaw briefly responded, the former saying it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the Guild to Henley that day, and he was sure that what the organist and choir had done was a labour of love.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, saying that they had been very old friends, in fact he could date back to 1871. The members then dispersed, some ringing in Henley, others going to Hambledon, Marlow, Shiplake and Sonning; others taking advantage of the splendid reach of water which flows through the popular boating town.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Pershore, with its fine old abbey, was visited on Saturday, July 7th, by about fifty members of this Association, the summer quarterly meeting being held there on that day.

There is a rather interesting story about the inhabitants of this town and the surrounding districts, for they say if you ask a Pershore man where he comes from, he will always answer according to the state of the plum crop: if good he will say, with rather a boastful air, "Pershore, where d' you think?"; but if the prospects are bad, as they are this year, you will hear him answer in a very different tone of voice, "Pershore, God help us."

The service was held in the Abbey, the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Bridgwater, giving an address. Afterwards the members adjourned to the restaurant, where a most substantial tea had been kindly provided and which was appreciated. Then to business, the chair being taken by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. Canon R. R. Duke, Rev. H. J. Hammond, Rev. N. Sheldermine, and Rev. H. H. Staffurth. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, Malvern Link was selected for the next meeting, and Mr. W. Short was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Pershore. After several new members had been elected, it was decided to get up a testimonial for the late secretary, Mr. John Smith, he having held that office from the formation of the Association until last year, and a Committee was formed with Mr. W. H. Johnson, Worcester, as secretary, to make all necessary arrangements.

The bells, an exceedingly fine ring of eight by Rudhall, tenor 28 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and brought to an end a most successful and enjoyable meeting. One thing rather strange about this tower is that there is no ringing-chamber as in most towers, but an iron cage, slung in the middle of the tower, clear of the walls, has had to be substituted.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good half-pull neighbourhood,

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

On a recent Saturday a very pleasant function took place at Wicken church, the occasion being the dedication and unveiling of a memorial tablet which had been presented to the Wicken church ringers to commemorate a very important occurrence in their history, viz., the first successful peal rung by them, it being also the first peal accomplished by any band of ringers belonging to the Towcester and District Association since its formation. It will be remembered that the peal in question was rung by the Wicken ringers in their own belfry on Saturday, November 4th, 1905, and consisted of 5040 changes of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles. The time occupied in its performance was 2 hrs. 50 mins. The tablet was given by Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, who besides being a very keen and enthusiastic ringer, is also the founder of the Towcester and District Association, and was presented at the annual gathering of the members of the Association held at Whittlebury a short time ago. It is a very handsome piece of work, being executed in black and gold, and measuring some 4 ft. by 3 ft., and bearing the following inscription: "The Towcester and District Association of Bellringers. On Saturday, November 4th, 1905, a peal of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles, 5040 changes, was rung on these bells in 2 hrs. 59 mins. by the following members: George Green, *Treble*; Charles J. Tyrrell, 2; Joseph E. H. Read, 3; Richard Nichols, 4; Joseph Dead, 5; Frederick Cashmere (first peal), *Tenor*. Tenor 18 cwt. Conducted by Joseph Read. This is the first peal by the above Association; also the first peal on the bells. This tablet was given by Jas. Slarke, of Towcester, as founder of the Association, to commemorate the first peal. Rev. William S. Andrews, Rector; Philip S. Ridgeway and George Verey, Churchwardens."

In the afternoon the ringers rang 560 Grandsire Doubles in a very praiseworthy manner, after which a special service of dedication was held, at which the Rector and the Rev. Canon Hulbert (Towcester) officiated, the latter gentleman preaching a very appropriate sermon, in which he spoke glowingly of the beauty of sound and harmony when employed in the service of God. The preacher paid a tribute to the giver of the tablet, which they were there to dedicate, alluding to it as a striking tribute for the example of those who were to come after. He also spoke of the honour and privilege it was to the ringers to be able to employ their skill in calling people to the service of God, and trusted they might be spared to perform their good work for some time to come.

At the conclusion of the service the ministers, ringers, and congregation proceeded to the belfry, where Canon Hulbert, after reading two special prayers of dedication, unveiled the tablet, and in a few appropriate remarks expressed the pleasure he was sure the ringers felt at the beautiful gift before them. Mr. Joseph Read, who was alluded to as the "father of bell-ringing," thanked Mr. Slarke very heartily on behalf of himself and his colleagues for his present. He assured the donor that they were very grateful indeed, and should always value the gift very highly. He also thanked the Rector for allowing the tablet to be placed in the belfry. The Rev. W. S. Andrews also thanked Mr. Slarke on behalf of himself and the churchwardens, whose absence owing to business he much regretted. Mr. Slarke in acknowledging the various speakers' remarks, said the giving of the tablet had been a very great and real pleasure to him. He congratulated the ringers upon their achievement, and hoped they would go on and do even better. He was thankful that he had

been able to do a little good, and to give a little pleasure, which he hoped had been as much as it had given him. In conclusion, he thanked the Rector, Canon Hulbert, and all the company for being present and lending their help. After the unveiling the ringers, assisted by Mr. Slarke, and Mr. F. Hopper, of the Northants Central Association, and instructor to the Towcester Association, rang several courses of Bob Minor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16th, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Thurlough, which was not very well attended, on account of men being busy in the hayfield. The local men turned up very well, and seemed interested in what they were told and shewn, and were anxious to learn. Some members attended from Bedford, Sharnbrook, and Harrold. About fourteen sat down to tea at The Red Lion, which was very kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Phillpotts, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

By special invitation of the local company the members of the above society held their monthly ringing meeting at Shipley on Saturday, June 30th. The weather being most favourable, a good attendance of members were present. By kind permission of the Vicar the bells were available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. till 9.0 p.m. An attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but eventually came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. The business meeting was held at The Sun inn, Mr. J. Broadley in the chair, supported by members representing the following towers: Burley, Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley, Halifax, Liversedge, Leeds, and the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, passed as read. Eight new members were elected. The special business, viz., alteration of rules, was successfully got through. The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, and seconded by Mr. G. Barraclough, and unanimously carried. Mr. T. B. Kendall suitably acknowledged on behalf of the local company. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, proposed by Mr. G. Nettleton, and seconded by Mr. J. Hutchinson, and carried. The tower was again visited, touches in various methods being rung. Touches on handbells in various methods were rung at the meeting-house, train time finally bringing the meeting to a conclusion.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT PRITTLEWELL.—MR. W. L. CATCHPOLE'S 200 PEALS.—Kent Treble Maximus 33, conducted 7; Double Norwich Major 22, conducted 2; Stedman Caters 16, conducted 3; Cinques 14, conducted 2; Kent Treble Royal 13, conducted 4; Major 13, conducted 2; Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Major 10, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise 9; Stedman Triples 9, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 7, conducted 3; Double Norwich Royal 7, conducted 1; Cambridge Major 5; London Surprise 4; Plain Bob Major 5, conducted 1; Grandsire Cinques 4, conducted 2; Double Norwich Maximus 3, conducted 1; Oxford Maximus 2; Oxford Royal 2; Plain Bob Royal 2; Triples 1; Grandsire Caters (handbells) 2; Triples (handbells) 1; Plain Bob Major (handbells) 1; Kent 1; seven 720s on six 1; 42 120s on five 1. Total 200. Conducted 32.

ST. MARY'S, WARRINGTON.

A fortnight ago a statement was made to the effect that the congregation of this church had determined to raise the tower 60 feet higher and erect a ring of eight bells therein. We are informed that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, are employed in putting in this new ring. This firm have at the present time numerous bell-jobs in hand.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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Cotgrave, Notts.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was spent on Saturday, July 7th, on the occasion of the annual picnic of the bell-ringers of St. James' Church, West Derby. At 2 p.m., about twenty ringers and friends started on a drive to Ormskirk. The Earls of Sefton and Derby having kindly given permission for the charabanc to enter their parks, these lovely spots formed the initial stages of the drive. The drives lined with magnificent rhododendrons, sycamores, and silver beeches, were left behind, the deer forest and the lake skirted. Bickerstaffe, Stanleygate, and Aughton were passed, and Ormskirk reached in about two and a half hours. Then the company dispersed till 5 o'clock, when they enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the proprietor of The Bull's Head hotel. This over, a variety of occupations were indulged in. Some repaired to the church, which is of great historic interest, and there were shown the wonders it contained by the tower-keeper, to whom our thanks are due for the use of the bells. Some went to the tower, where a touch of Grandsire was rung on the excellent peal of eight. By some the tower was explored—some of the ladies even braving the ordeal of ascending the spiral staircase to the top. At 8 p.m., preparations were made for our departure, but not before everyone had become possessed of a store of the famous Ormskirk gingerbread. Homewards the way lay through Aughton and Kirby, and the journey was enlivened by the singing of songs. In this part of the proceedings the male members of the party were much in evidence, and their efforts are especially deserving of commendation. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung as West Derby village was entered shortly after 10 p.m. Favoured with glorious weather the outing was a huge success, at least everyone voted it such, several having "never enjoyed themselves so much before."

LATE NOTICE.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry, on Saturday, July 28th. Members intending to take tea at 5 p.m. are requested to inform Mr. E. Pindar, Bawtry, Yorks., on July 24th. B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

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Composed March, 1904.

Bobs to be called where marked thus — in the divisions and the numbers under A B C are the division where the bobs are called and the change are the division end after the calls are made. Twin bobs throughout and two doubles made at c. Marked D in peal.

Delegates to the Foresters' High Court at King's Lynn, who are ringers, will be given a welcome in the towers of that town. St. Margaret, ten bells, tenor 30 cwt.; St. Nicholas, eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. Methods: Plain, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Communications to J. W. Sedgley, Hon. Dist. Sec. Norwich Association, King's Lynn.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The principal thing which concerns the majority of the Exercise at the present moment is the annual day's holiday which all well regulated ringing companies have about this time of year. "When shall we have our outing;?" and "Where shall we go to?" are questions which find vent among us just now. We read about two of these affairs the other week—one by the Sedbergh (Yorks.) company, at which an interesting feature was developed. Mr. Woodhouse, the instructor of the party, came in for a present from his pupils in the shape of a case of pipes, and as Mr. W. is an ardent smoker, such a present was *apropos*. The other excursion was by the East Retford and Gainsborough societies, and by these gentlemen a very interesting district was visited, viz.: the Isle of Axholme. We suppose it may be taken that the "isle" no longer remains. We are told there is no "Isle" of Thanet, nor "Isle" of Ely, nor several other parts of the land which at one time bore this geographical designation. Changes in the physical aspect of the country is, I suppose, continually going on, slow but sure. If all that we read is true, we are day by day losing slices from our east coast. In some parts of Kent the sea has swallowed a church or two, and there will be more go if some means be not taken to prevent the inroads of the ever-grasping ocean.

Let us come back to this Isle of Axholme outing. There was a place visited named "Haxey," where a bit of belfry reform is wanted. The bells (six) though deep and rich-toned, go heavily, the reputed weight of the tenor being 28 cwt., and the length of the rope 75 ft. Not very inviting for an excursion party to handle, or any other party for that matter, this weather. The provision of an intermediate floor would not be an alarming expense, while the condition of the bells could be reported on at the same time. At Epworth, the next place on the programme, a similar state of things was found.

I allude to these matters in the hope that the condition of these two rings of bells may be brought before the respective church authorities. Epworth church, one would have thought, would have been found complete in every detail. Was not the parish the birthplace of John Wesley? I don't suppose the Wesleyan body would entertain the idea of restoring Epworth bells, or erecting a larger (in number) peal to the memory of the great Wesley. They may do much worse, though.

That body of men known as the Liberation Society has been holding high carnival. They have just made a presentation to their Secretary, who has filled that post for nearly sixty years. The Church of England may have to submit to disestablishment and disendowment, but never on the lines which these Liberationists yearn for. No one will ever see the fabric of the Church brought into the market for sale to the highest bidder. The funds and property of the Church may be grasped by the despoiler, but the fabric—by this I mean the temples dedicated to public worship—must remain untouched. Brethren, the struggle may soon loom into view—let all of us present a mighty bulwark in the Church's defence.

The grand meeting of the Winchester Guild at Guildford the other day had one painful feature—the resignation of the Honorary Secretary, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter,

through domestic affliction—the illness of Mrs. Carpenter. The Guild will lose a most valuable officer and friend, and a pleasant Christian gentleman. We shall all sincerely hope that the change he contemplates making may completely restore Mrs. Carpenter to robust health, and that the rev. gentleman may again be seen before long among the followers of the Art he loves so well, and of which he is such a skilled practitioner.

With the letter of Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol, about the peal at Exeter, I am in exact agreement. No man in his right mind would ever think that the conductor of this peal would use MS. of any sort for the purpose of calling. But I ask Mr. May, and all other intelligent men, this question. The assertion having been made, was it not right that it should be dealt with in some way? I give below part copy of a letter received from a ringer in the north—the far north—of England. Here it is:—

"I was very pleased to see your leading article this week in reference to calling from manuscript. A few weeks ago a friend of mine was in London, and he told me that it was common talk amongst the London ringers that the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral was called from manuscript. Such rumours as these should be brought to light, for I am sure the conductor, Mr. John Austin, would be one of the last to resort to manuscript when calling a peal."

Mr. May can see this letter. I ask any intelligent man, "Did I do the correct thing in bringing this rumour to light, or not?" There are some people who labour under the infirmity of not being able to see above an inch beyond their nose. Of course it could not occur to these to imagine that in the event of any of John Austin's friends, or himself, denying in a few words the statement, it did not occur to such people, I say, to think that I should ask the propagators of the rumour, or those who informed me of it, for its origin. And I now ask for its foundation, and hope to receive a prompt and speedy reply.

I can very well understand the conductor of this peal treating the rumour with contempt, but I think that when one of the company was asked if the peal was called after this manner, and not denying the accusation point blank at the moment, was a mistake. If he had done so then the bother would have been nipped in the bud. Had I been in the peal, and had the question been put to me, perhaps I should, metaphorically of course, have bitten off the nose of my questioner in an indignant denial. And it would have been best for W. Pye just to have merely said the rumour was false, and that nothing of the sort occurred, rather than scribble a lot of clap-trap. He is a superlative ringer and bob-caller, that is cheerfully admitted, but there his abilities end. I advise him, as a well-wisher, to refrain from rushing into print any more. If I recollect aright, a previous intimation of such a kind has been given. His dig at the College Youths will, I apprehend, receive not the slightest acknowledgment, either *pro* or *con*.

Just as this "copy" is leaving my hands for the printer, I hear of some curious "developments" at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. But I will refer to them anon, that is to say, next week. PLAIN SPEAKER.

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BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

The funeral took place in the cemetery on a recent Wednesday of Mrs. Tucker, wife of Mr. Henry James Tucker, superintendent of the cemetery. The deceased was only forty-four years of age, and died from cancer on Saturday, July 7th. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sapsford, of Woodside Green. The coffin was carried to the grave by members of the Stansted company. The passing bell and funeral bell were tolled half-muffled. The floral offerings included a harp with a broken string from the husband; an anchor from Miss May Tucker (daughter); wreaths from Miss Emmie Tucker (daughter); and Master Harry and Miss Gladys Tucker (son and daughter); a cross from Mr. A. Sapsford (brother), and Mrs. Sapsford; a spray from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker, and wreaths from Mrs. Carter (nurse), Mrs. R. Allott (Sawbridgeworth) and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. T. Reeves, Mrs. and Miss Hills, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Miss Dolly Allott, Miss Phipp, and Mrs. William Tofts. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by J. Carter, was rung at St. Michael's church, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the Essex Association, to which Mr. Tucker belongs: Messrs. Prior (2), Luckey, Jordan (2), Watts (conductor), Springham and Newman. Mr. Tucker and family tender their thanks to the many kind friends for the sympathy they have shewed during their late sad trouble.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual outing of the members of this tower took place on Saturday and Sunday, June 16th and 17th, the place selected being Buxton, the Queen of inland resorts. The journey was made by brake, via Leek, where a halt was made for refreshments, previous to travelling the very heavy road which lies between here and Buxton. On arriving at our destination we were met by our old friend Mr. Barton, of Fairfield, who conducted us to Poole's Cavern, which sight alone is worth travelling miles to see. After this we wended our way to Miss Johnson's boarding establishment, where supper was awaiting us. On Sunday morning several of the party indulged in an early ramble to Lover's Leap, and after breakfast we rang for Divine Service at Fairfield church at the kind invitation of Mr. Barton. We also paid a visit to Burbage church, where a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. The splendid catering of Miss Johnson was everything that one could desire for cleanliness and prompt attendance. We wish to thank through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," all those who contributed to make this our third visit to Buxton so very enjoyable, especially our guide, Mr. Barton, who so ungrudgingly gave up so much of his time to make us so well acquainted with the district. We arrived home at 11.45 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

J. E. W.

CROYDON, SURREY.

On Saturday, July 7th, the ringers of the above parish church went for their summer outing to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. On a somewhat belated arrival at Portsmouth, the band made all haste for St. Mary's, Portsea, where the bells were soon raised and sending forth Grandsire, and a 500 of Stedman Triples from their lofty steeple. The next move on the programme was to catch the 11.30 boat across to the island, and 12.30 saw us opening proceedings at the parish church of Ryde. We quite enjoyed our pull on this ring of eight, for though it was difficult to hear the bobs called, owing to the tremendous noise in the ringing-room, the bells go well, and the view that met the eye on reaching the top of the tower was well worth the climb, and a subject worthy of the camera's attention. And after one of the band had taken a somewhat hurried group at the bottom of the tower, our next ring was at The York hotel front door bell, in quest of dinner, and about time too, we all agreed. This was despatched with much gusto, with the assistance of Mr. Norris, of the Ryde company; and then we made our way back leisurely to Portsmouth, Southsea, and elsewhere, with nothing more to occupy our attention but tea, and throwing pebbles in the briny until 8.15 p.m., when once more we boarded the "Flying Portsmouth-man," and

reached West Croydon a quarter of an hour off midnight, after a most enjoyable and pretty busy day. The Croydon ringers wish to tender their hearty thanks to the Vicars of St. Mary's, Portsea, and All Saints, Ryde, for the use of their respective peals; and also to Mr. Harper, of Portsea, and Mr. Norris, of Ryde, for their courtesy and attention. J.

BEAUTIFUL BELLS.

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Beautiful bells, when the grey dawn is breaking,
Bearing the promise of bright coming day;
Visions of youth thy sweet music be waking,
Cheering the heart once so buoyant and gay.

Sweetest of bells, as the lark's tuneful singing
Welcomes the Sun with its life-giving powers;
Fondly thine echoes old mem'ries are bringing,
When love led the way midst transient hours.

Melodious bells, when meridian glory
Bathes the fair earth in its splendour of glow;
Thrilling thy tones repeat the old story—
Man and maid wedded in years long ago.

Harmonious bells, when the daylight departing,
Paints the bright west with its crimson and gold;
Sadly thy pealing the lone tear is starting,
Vain our regret when the heart has grown old.

Hallowing bells, when the twilight's enchantment
Brings back those moments of hope and delight;
Mellow thy cadence completes the entrancement
Of fugitive dreams that vanish'd with night.

Beautiful bells, when dark night spreads her palling,
O'er the tir'd earth as it sinks in repose;
Gently thy ceasings, like angels are calling—
"Something afar from the scene of our woes."

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1906.

THE ENEMY AGAIN.

The following letter has appeared in a Tottenham newspaper:—

"SIR,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your excellent journal, on behalf of a large number of working men residing in the vicinity of Lower Edmonton parish church, to publicly protest against the intolerable nuisance inflicted upon us by the very clumsy campanological performances of our local bellringers. Twice during the past week, just after many of us had reached home, seeking rest and quiet after a day's hard work in the excessive heat, and distracting rush of City employment, 'our ringers,' at the Editor of the Edmonton Parish Magazine styles them, broke out with their wretchedly rough music. Frequently these inartistic disturbers of our domestic tranquility indulge in lengthy peals of some 5000 changes, inflicting upon us more than three hours of continuous rattle, at a period of the day when rest and quietude are more welcome to us.

"If the bells were musical, which they certainly are not, and, if the ringers could manipulate them in a rhythmic manner, which they are evidently unable to do, we might now and then quietly submit to an hour's entertainment; but what earthly good these worthies think they are doing

by subjecting the residents of the district to two or three hours torture several nights a week is a mystery. Just fancy, sir, eight men tugging away at the ropes for two hours on a sweltering hot July night, as they did last Saturday. It is small wonder the whole neighbourhood was distracted by the hideous jumble they made of their performance, and when they collapsed in the most horrible muddle as they did, one could not forbear a smile at their conspicuous failure. But, seriously, if the Vicar could only catch but a faint echo of the ruddy language evoked by those crude and blatant performances of our irrepressible local exponents of the campanological art they would speedily put a stop to the nuisance complained of.

'Like a great many more things, this bell-ringing is only a relic and a reminder of the hideous superstitions of the world's darker ages, when priestcraft for mercenary ends invented visionary devils and imps and satyrs. Remnants of these silly inventions still obtain in some places; but I hope that the authorities connected with Edmonton parish church have ceased to regard bell-ringing as a necessary enterprise for the protection of their sacred edifice from invasion by those evil spirits for which it was first instituted.

JAMES HAIN.'

A WITHDRAWAL.—Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, writes: "Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to withdraw the two peals of Double Oxford Minor rung at Surfleet, on the 31st of January, and the 20th of April respectively, as there was a false 720 in each."

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

FERD. W. THORNTON Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ISAAC G. SHADE.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

The Provinces.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

A. E. LOCK Treble.	T. SHORT 5.
A. MAYO 2.	G. HOLIFIELD 6.
P. E. JONES 3.	E. HUMFREY 7.
H. HOLIFIELD 4.	F. BUNCE Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOWLER* .. Treble.	JAMES FRANKLIN 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	HARRY BUTLER 6.
MAURICE SMITH 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM THORPE 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE SMITH.

*First peal.

BUCKLAND, BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

(THE BUCKLAND SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. ROBINSON Treble.	W. HUMPHREY 4.
J. POWELL 2.	F. SANDERS 5.
A. HOLMAN 3.	H. THORPE Tenor.

Conducted by H. THORPE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of F. H. Beaumont, Esq.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 6, 1906, 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 14 cwt.

T. HOGG Treble.	T. E. HUGHES 5.
F. MILTON 2.	J. W. DAVIES 6.
J. HATCHWELL 3.	J. MORGAN 7.
R. SPERRING 4.	T. ROWLANDS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

*First peal. Rung as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman J. J. Cunnah, the bells being half-muffled.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR SMEATHEES† .. Treble.	*FREDERICK STURMAN .. 4.
WALTER PERKINS† 2.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 5.
JAMES W. HOUGHTON, SEN. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE,

*First peal away from the treble. †First peal in seven methods.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT Treble.	CHARLES ROOPE 5.
ALFRED SMITH 2.	ARTHUR ROOPE 6.
CHARLES BAKER 3.	FREDERICK ROOPE 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE, JUN .. 4.	WILLIAM ROOPE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN WHITING Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5.
GEORGE H. NOICE 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING 6.
WILFRED ANDREWS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
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Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman.

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CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL* Treble.	*GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 5.
JAMES HUNT 2.	*HARRY HARRIS 6.
GEORGE MARRINER† 3.	*HENRY L. GARFATH, JUN. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	†ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath, jun.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	HARRY WARENETT 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT 7.
FREDERICK PERRIN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

LYMINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

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

CHARLES W. BRETT Treble.	*SIDNEY WALTERS 5.
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EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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On Saturday, July 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
ERNEST G. FENN* 2.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3.	*GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 8.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS 9.
ALFRED J. CARTER 5.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

*First peal of Royal. This is W. L. Catchpole's 200th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

ALFRED WRIGHT Treble.	*FRANK A. PIERCE 5.
GEORGE E. WILSON 2.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 7.
HENRY F. COOPER* 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAS. W. WILKINS Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY 5.
PERCY W. WITHAM* 2.	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 6.
WILLIAM HORNE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Guild.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TWELVE-PART (No. 1). Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM STORY Treble.	WILLIAM H. BABBER .. 5.
GEORGE T. POTTER 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 6.
JACK FOREMAN 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE 4.	MATTHEW ANDERSON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOPE, and Conducted by W. H. BARKER.

Rung muffled at backstroke in memory of the late Rev. H. Greene, Vicar of St. John's, who died on the 12th inst.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. Francis E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks.

ELY, CAMBS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6.
PERCY WEBB 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 4.	FRANK E. KEMPTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

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

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 3.	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7.
PERCY WEBB 4.	F. MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NEWMARKET, CAMBS. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1906, 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 11 cwt. in G.

PERCY WEBB Treble.	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON 6.
GEORGE TAYLOR 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4.	FRANK E. KEMPTON .. . Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

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

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of 1906 Double Norwich Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Langstroth, W. H. Birtwhistle, J. Loftaouse, C. Langstroth, W. Townson, H. Birtwhistle, J. Wane, J. McKell composer and conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On July 16th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 61 mins., in the following methods: 466 Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, S. Bird, A. H. Doherty, F. Squires, W. Keeble conductor, J. B. Marks. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon Scott, on the attainment of his 70th birthday.

BLAXHALL (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 12th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1906 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, and 106 Plain Bob. H. Baskett, W. Sawyer, H. Puttock, J. Starling, R. Smy, F. Watling conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Monday, July 9th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 534 Grandsire Triples. F. Milstead, H. Baker, G. Cramp, A. Snelling, J. J. Mankelow, C. Tribe conductor, G. Neve, F. Mitchell. On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Unwin, H. Baker, A. Snelling, G. Cramp, J. J. Mankelow, C. Tribe conductor, G. Green, H. Baker.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. S. Faithful first quarter-peal in the method, F. A. Holden conductor, J. Smith, G. Thompson, G. Smithers, H. Porter, W. Latter, J. Muggridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Sunday, July 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Tottle, C. Evans, H. Boobier, E. C. Sweet, A. O. Major, A. E. Coles conductor, S. Chinn.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On Sunday, April 1st, for Confirmation Service, 720 College Single. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. For evening service, 720 College Single, conducted by R. King. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 720 Double Court. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On Monday, April 30th, for practice, 720 Merchants' Return. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. On May 7th, for practice, 720 Duke of York. A.

Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson conductor. On Thursday, May 24th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford. S. Wilson, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, G. H. Barker, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On June 12th, for practice, 720 New London. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On June 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSDIE.—On Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, 720 Double Court Minor, in 26 mins. R. W. Dixon, J. W. Forster, T. H. Surtees, A. Charlton, A. M. C. Field, F. Barron conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Wednesday, June 27th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Richardson, J. Little, G. Martin, H. Cox, T. Price, W. Walker, J. Eldridge, H. Jones. A course of Superlative Surprise Major. H. Cox, T. Price, J. Little, J. Richardson, J. Eldridge, W. Walker, G. Martin, A. Martin. Rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. M. Drummond, son of the Vicar of Boyn Hill, to Miss G. L. Olgilvy, which took place that day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAXHALL (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Puttock, W. Sawyer, A. Ling, J. Starling, R. Smy, F. Watling. And 720 Double Court, standing as above.

GIGGLESWICK (Yorks).—On March 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. L. Bulcock, W. Hudson, W. Bradley, J. Hodgson, S. James, jun., R. Whitehead conductor.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 35 mins. G. Hitchman, G. Pigott, A. Beacham, W. Mason, H. Grosvenor, S. Grove conductor, J. Pigott, W. Keys.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Harris, J. Symonds, A. Collins, A. Small, W. Lebbon, M. Ellesmore, E. J. Hardman conductor, J. Matthews. On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples, standing as before, conducted by W. Lebbon. On Sunday, June 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. J. Harding.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Wednesday, March 7th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. J. Bottle, R. Staines, F. W. Nettle, T. W. Jarrett, H. E. Simpson conductor, H. J. Tidey, W. J. Walker, L. B. Grant.

SETTLE (Yorks).—On March 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Middleton, J. L. Bulcock, S. James, jun., S. James, sen., J. Parker, W. Fell conductor. Rung to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Messrs. Parker and Fell's ringing career.

TENBY (South Wales).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Johns, A. Griffiths, J. Evans, W. Jenkins, L. Jenkins, A. Richards, R. H. Jenkins conductor, J. Williams. For evening service, 504 in the same method.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Helen's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Morris, A. W. Flowers, T. Lane, C. Jones, F. Viles, J. Pardoe, J. H. White conductor, E. Watkins.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, July 9th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. W. Little, F. J. Rumens, W. G. Ayres, F. Maynard, E. D. Lillywhite conductor, W. J. E. Jones, H. F. Hull, J. Barrow.

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 26th, all at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Halifax and District Association.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Draw for ringing at 2.45 p.m.
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton St. Philip's, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Halsall, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.
Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Romney Marsh and District Guild. The next meeting of the above will be held at Lyminge, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church Bakery at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Bells will be raised at about 3.30 p.m. Tea at Red Lion, Buckland.
CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

Swaffham, Norfolk (Norwich Association).—Tower open Wednesday, July 25th. Local Show and Oddfellows Anniversary, 8 bells. Tenor 1 ton. Ringers heartily welcomed.
H. R. HEYHOE, *Conductor.*
Hillside, Swaffham.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Farningham, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells are available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. The bells at Eynsford will be available after the meeting. It is hoped there will be a good muster at this newly affiliated tower. Nearest stations are Farningham Road, Swanley Junction, and Eynsford, all L. C. and D. stations.
T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Chislehurst.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting in this division will be held at Horley, on July 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 9d each. Those intending to come will please to let me know not later than the 25th.
ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The East Derbyshire Association.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Crick, on Saturday, July 28th, 1906. Stations—Whatstandwell or Wingfield on Midland Railway. All ringing friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Essex Association.—South Western

Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Bobbingworth (6) and Morton (5) will be open during the evening.
GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting will be held at Leighton, on Saturday, July 28th. Belfry open 6 p.m.
J. NICHOLLS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Rothwell. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Swan inn at 7 p.m.
FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—General meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Saturday, August 4th. The 6 bells of St. Michael's church will be at the disposal of members. Meat tea at Mr. Bell's restaurant at 5 o'clock, 9d. members, 1s. 3d. non-members.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells available the whole of the day. Tea at 5 o'clock at Mr. Baker's, Swan Street. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by July 30th.
J. W. WHITING, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Fareham.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Sandbach, on Monday, August 6th. Service at the parish church at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Meeting in the school room at 12. Dinner at 1. Tickets 1s. each, to be obtained from branch secretaries.
H. A. HEYWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.
T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. E. D. Lillywhite has removed to 7, Prospect Road, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow.

Obituary.

Elizabeth, relict of the late Mr. James Truman, who was for upwards of fifty years one of St. Peter Mancroft ringers, and ten years parish clerk, died July 3rd, and buried at Norwich Cemetery in her husband's grave on Saturday, July 7th last, age 86 years. Her end was peace.

Mrs. Truman, a devoted and beloved wife, daughter of the late Mr. John Vincent, shoemaker, of either Tuddenham or Colton in the county of Norfolk, married the late Mr. Truman (a shoemaker also), described as a bachelor, on May 20th, 1844, at the church of St. Martin at Oak, Norwich, in the presence of Thomas Carriage and the late Mr. Robert Burrell, who was also one of the Mancroft ringers for upwards of fifty years, and whose widow, Mrs. Ann Burrell, died only about a year ago about the same age as Mrs. Truman. Both widows died in the parish of St. Martin at Oak, not a stone's throw from each other,

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Committee Meeting of the Northern branch was held at Sleaford, on Saturday, July 7th, after which (by kind permission of the Vicar) the following touches were successfully rung on the parish church bells of St. Denys:—288 Kent Treble Bob Major; 160 Bob Major; 336 Stedman Triples; 210 Grand-sire Triples; 168 Grandsire Triples. The ringers who took part in the ringing were:—J. P. Paley, sen., P. J. Stokes, J. Cragg, G. W. King, J. W. Wood, F. Hunt (Caythorpe), J. Hoyes, F. Tunnadine (Hough-on-Hill), Felix Pickworth (Ranesby), W. Townsend (Sleaford), W. Pickworth (London).

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY,
LEYTONSTONE.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th, the members of the above Society held their eighth annual two days' outing, which again proved to be a great success. Meeting at Stratford at 6.45 on Saturday morning we were soon aboard, the handbells being brought into use during the journey down. Arriving at Kelvedon at 8.40 found all ready for the first "change-course." Here we met the secretary for the division, who accompanied us throughout the day. Breakfast over, we were soon off to Stisted, 720 of Wells being brought round, and then to Braintree where Double Norwich was attempted, but whether it was too many eggs at breakfast or the bad circle of the ropes, or both, is hard to say, but Stedman Triples told quite a different tale. Dinner time came and no mistakes this

time, for the course-ends rolled up in grand style. Time having been called, the order was given for Bocking, and here we brought round the first 504 of Stedman on the bells, and a short touch of Bob Major, and then on to Halstead. Here we found a very handy ring of eight, but oh! what a tenor, not quite as good as Lavenham. However, we brought round 608 Double Norwich and other touches, and then on to Grenstead Green. Here we were doomed to failure owing to the way the bells are hung, 14326, with the 5th behind the treble. However, a course of Treble Bob, and off to Coggeshall, our headquarters for the night. A touch of Stedman and Double Norwich and a social hour with the local company with courses of Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters brought supper time and also bed time. Sunday found us all ready and fit once more. Breakfast having been disposed off Earls Colne was visited, 720 of Worcester being the result. Here we

were reinforced by Mr. G. A. Black, who unfortunately had not been able to be with us on Saturday. Returning to headquarters in time for dinner, and then to Feering, touches of Superlative, Grandsire, and Stedman being brought round. Having partaken of "the cup that cheers but does not inebriate," found all ready for the last on the programme, namely to ring at Kelvedon. Some did not care to venture, however "where there's a will there's a way," and a fairly good 720 of London was rung, and touches of Treble Bob finished our ringing. Train time now getting on, we made our way to the station, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In conclusion the Society desire to return their best thanks to the various clergy for allowing the use of the bells, and to those who made the outing such a complete success. W. K.

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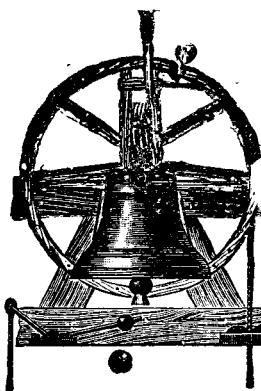
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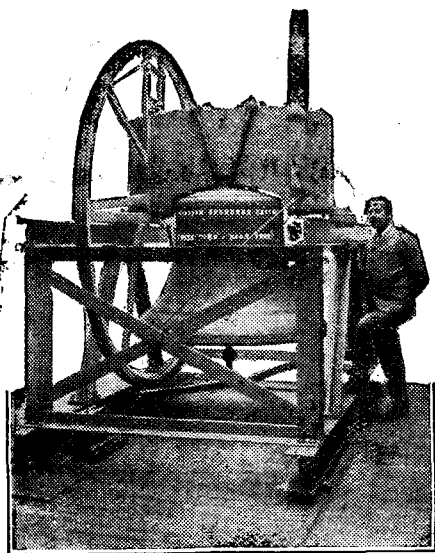
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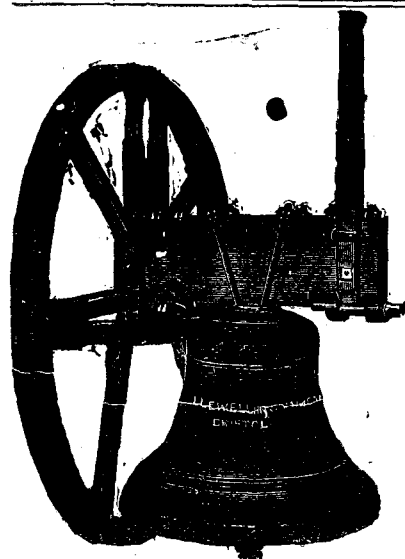
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"BEFORE" AND "BEHIND."

It was the Rev. WOOLMORE WIGRAM, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, who, in a sermon preached before the members of the Yorkshire Association, made allusions, some of them quaint, to the lessons taught by the practice of change-ringing.

By the way, we have not heard of the rev. gentleman lately. Younger readers may not be acquainted with the fact that he is a change-ringer himself, and the author of a useful book, entitled, *Change-Ringing Disentangled*. It is strongly hoped that he is in perfect health, and that increasing years sit lightly upon him.

In this sermon he said something like the following: Change-ringing teaches us to keep our place; it enjoins upon us the times when it is our duty to lead, and when to follow; when to lie still, and when to proceed; when to be before, and when to stay behind, etc. The last of these phrases I have taken as a sort of text to what I have to say in this short paper—"Before and Behind." Many of us have had painful experience of the fact that it is a very unfortunate thing to miss our place, in Grandsire for instance; to neglect making 3rds and run away up behind, or cut down to lead instead of remaining to make that place; and it is an act of flagrant disobedience to come away from behind, in Stedman for instance, before half the dodging is over. But such things are done, and to those who perpetrate them should be quoted the injunction that there are appointed times to remain "before and behind," by the solemn enactments of the method under practice, which must not be disobeyed in the slightest degree.

I think a lesson on "before and behind" could be widened to embrace other subjects than actual bell-ringing. We have lately seen some observations, not very agreeable to some of those whom they concern, upon what has come to be known as "calling from manuscript." The definition is cumbersome. We know that John Holt called his celebrated peal from his own manuscript, and that he sat in the ringing-chamber of St. Margaret's watching the progress of the peal, and called the bobs by the aid of a paper on which he had "marked" them. But the practice of recent years is nothing like that. The fact that Holt called the peal in this manner was not kept secret, for it has been handed down to posterity. In these days we never hear of manuscript assistance being had unless some one "blows the gaff," either by accident or design.

One of the best teachers I have known gave the following advice to a young ringer who was anxious to call a peal. "Having learnt your calling lesson thoroughly, you must

examine the interior of the peal carefully and note those particular changes which strike your eye, and others which would be apt to catch your ear. Note these carefully, and if they come up during the ringing at the right place, it will show you that the bells are in their proper position, and the peal is going on correctly." It may be supposed that such advice as this is followed in the present day, but by what we have lately heard, and read, some have thought it easier to write these particular changes down, and place the paper upon which they are written in a position for reference as the peal is going along. Rather hard words have been said about such an aid to calling; I will just remark that it is very unprofessional, and savours very much of unfairness to those who call without such help. Those who adopt it are they who should remain "behind," and never come "before" as callers. Their "place" they should know, and keep—"behind."

To those who are anxious to become bob-callers, the following observations are submitted, in the hope that they may help to abolish this unprofessional and un-aesthetical practice which has arisen.

There are other aids to calling a peal than by ms., to which no objection can be taken. These however demand skill, and require study and forethought, and a retentive memory. Some may think they have not the blessing of a memory good enough for calling without this unprofessional assistance—their place is "behind." But memory, it may be said, grows by what it feeds on. If it is practised well, the memory is soon refreshed and sustained. The more we learn and study, the stronger our memories become. Learning and study, combined with unflinching perseverance, will strengthen the memory wonderfully, and make any one able to call a peal without the least outside aid.

A celebrated London ringer, now deceased, in the course of a discussion on the repeated failures of another ringer to call a particular peal of Grandsire Caters, said: "Bill doesn't know how to 'chop' the changes and the course-ends." Some difficulty was found by his auditory at the term "chop." Let us take for illustration a peal of this sort. A good idea of a peal's construction should always be known to the caller. Every one is aware that the three heavy bells in Caters are kept together. Very often those also in 5-6 remain in their places for some time. This leaves only the bells in 2 3 4 to be looked after. It should be known by the caller what effect a bob, or number of bobs (never more than three) has upon the five small five bells. Let us imagine a course-end of Grandsire Caters—23456978. If another 9 7 8 is called, he should know that 2 3 4 would be altered to 3 4 2,

and another bob of the same description would bring up 4 2 3. Again, if from the same course-end the 9th was to be called into the hunt with three bobs, he ought to at once know that 4 2 3 would certainly come, and the same calling repeated would bring up 3 4 2. This is what our friend meant by "chopping" the course-ends. If this knowledge is applied throughout the peal, not the slightest necessity exists, in my opinion, for learning by heart any particular change or course-end. If in a Major method, the caller has a fair knowledge of the list of course-ends, which he certainly should have if he wants to shine in his vocation, any difficulty about knowing how the peal stands is non-existent. Real and practical knowledge of the effect of the calls, knowledge beforehand, be it remembered, is what is required. Want of such knowledge has been the cause of many failures. Callers disregarding such a safety-valve as a *real* knowledge of course-ends, have continued calling till long after the time has expired for rounds to appear, and a collapse has been the ultimate fate when a thousand changes more than wanted has been rung. Such callers as these should have remained "behind."

I lay great stress upon this important feature—a *real* and *practical* knowledge, mind you, of what is going to be the effect of bobs called. Below are the figures of a peal of Treble Bob Major.

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2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 4 3 2 6	1	—		2
2 6 4 3 5	2	—		2
3 2 4 6 5	1	—	2	
2 5 4 6 3	2	—	1	2
4 2 3 5 6	4ths and in			

The caller who understands his business will merely learn, not the lines of figures, but the "calling" placed on the right of them. Why should he ignore the figures as printed here? Because he is practically aware that *m.*, *b.*, and *h.* will bring up 5432. And so he goes on to the end, knowing perfectly well what changes or course-ends will be produced by the bobs he has called long before the effect is seen, i.e. before the course-ends appear. Where does "calling from *ms.*" come in along with such knowledge as this? Nowhere.

Holt's 10-part is a production very easy for the caller. If the construction of this peal is studied, there will be no reason for learning by heart any one change. In the first half the bells come into the plain course at every part-end, so the correctness of the ringing can be told at once. Whoever calls this peal by observation of the bells before (the most scientific way) can tell in a moment when a shift happens. And other peals, in other methods, can be so thoroughly known, as to obviate the necessity of committing to memory any particular change, and thus *ms.* will become a thing of the past.

This subject is capable of more skilful treatment than mine. A well-known contributor to this paper has, in his usual facetious way, made a statement to the effect that some one would give a paper with the following title: "How to call peals without the aid of manuscript." If what I have written leads to the extinction of such unprofessional and unscientific procedure, then these lines, imperfect as they are, will not be altogether useless.

ALPH.

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On Saturday, July 21st, the monthly meeting was held at Worsley, when, by kind permission of Captain Hart Davis, the gardens of the Hall, the seat of the Earl of Ellesmere, were open for inspection, about fifty availing themselves of the opportunity, many members bringing their wives with them. The inspection and Evensong at the church left little time for ringing, which was taken up with Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, etc. Before separating the members thanked those who had helped to make the meeting a success; Captain Hart Davis for allowing them to view the gardens; the Rector for the use of the bells; and last, but not least, the ringers for having everything in readiness.

ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH.

The ringers of the above parish church held their first outing on Saturday, July 7th, at Worcester. The party left Erdington at 7.21, and on arriving at Birmingham joined the Midland train for Worcester, arriving there at 9.30, from thence the band went by boat to Tewkesbury, arriving there at 1.30 p.m. A good dinner was obtained at Mr. Barsanto's Abbey Tea Gardens, which was thoroughly enjoyed. After dinner the party was met by Mr. J. Wathen, who conducted them over the abbey. The ringers then went to the belfry, and after several attempts, a touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round.

Tea being over, several of the party visited the battlefield and park, which was very interesting. A move was then made for the railway station, leaving at 7 p.m. *en route* for Birmingham, arriving home at Erdington at 11.30. The thanks of the company are due to Mr. J. Wathen for allowing the use of the bells, and for shewing them the various points of interest. The members expressed themselves satisfied with the arrangements, and hope to have an annual outing next year.

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45236	-			
53246	I	-		
34256	I	-		

34562	-			I
52643	I		I	2
24536	-			
43526	I	-		
32546	I	-		

43265	-			2
42635			I	2
23465	-			

5056.

23456 M B W H

52364	-			2
32654	I	-		I
25346	-			
54326	I	-		
42356	I	-		
45623	-		2	I
52436	-			

Twice repeat the
last six courses;
calling the first
course in each part

B	W	H
-	I	2

5056.

23456 B M H

35426	I	-		
52436	I	-		
35264	-		2	
25634	I	-	I	
53246	-			
34256	I	-		
45236	I	-		
53462	-			
53624	-		I	
32546	-			

Repeated.

These peals have
the 6th at home at 12
separate course-ends.

STEDMAN CATER6.

By EDGAR BENNETT, *Croydon*.

5115.

231456 5 16

514362*	-
512463	-
513264	-
315462	-
312564	-
213465	-
215364	-
214563	-
412365	-
415263	-
413562	-
314265	-

Three times repeated; substituting
3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, for the first
course of the second and fourth parts,
and—

3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13,
for the first course of the third part.

* 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. W. WILDE, *Belgrave*.

5024.

23456 W 5 4 M H

42356	-			
34256	-			
25346	-			
32546	-			
53246	-			
62534	-			
23564	-			
52364	-			
35264	-			
26354	-			
32654	-			
63254	-			
42635	-			
23645	-			

62345	-			
36245	-			
24365	-			
32465	-			
43265	-			
25436	-	S		
42536	-			
54236	-			
23456	-			

Repeated.

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3rd never in 6ths place at the course-
ends.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I see Mr. Carter has "been at it agen," as the ringers of the black country say to him when he is on the war path. "Scientific Triples," eh! John. Well, I thought us ringers were under the impression that all Triples are scientific. But then events travel so fast nowadays that sometimes we don't know where we are, as they say. The Birmingham composers have always had the name for producing things startling, and this "Scientific Triples" is another instance. A "puzzle for the puzzler," we are told. And the study of this method is supposed to give brain-power to people of a "scientific" turn of mind. It may be so. But there are minds not always scientific, who would benefit by a little enlightenment about this new method, with its scientific name. You have startled the Exercise, John, by this your latest. I see you composed it in March, 1904. I expect you had the idea that it was too scientific to be given to the world, but you have been persuaded, I was about to say solicited, to publish it. Ah! a friend of mine wasn't far out when he said to me after perusing the figures: "He's a cute un." Ring the ting-tang, John.

"The Enemy Again." This is the heading given last week to a letter which was written to a Tottenham paper. My provincial friends should know that Tottenham is a northern suburb of London, and Edmonton is a suburb still further north. The last-named was, in the early part of the nineteenth century a favorite spot with the Cumberlands. Here the celebrated George Gross called some record peals, and here on one occasion he met with an accident—the rope tripped him up somehow, and he sustained a severe injury. I have not visited Edmonton for some years, but when I did it was a nice rural spot. The church-lies back from the road a little, and behind it lies the parsonage; just the place, one would imagine, where a long peal would be no annoyance to the few residents of the neighbourhood. In the churchyard lie the remains of Charles Lamb, to whose tomb many pilgrimages are made by admirers, not only of his literary works, but of the man himself. Lamb had some kind of employment in the Civil Service, as we should now call it, and he was not altogether punctual in his appearance at business in the morning. When remonstrated with on continually coming late he answered, "Well, you see, I always leave early."

But our business is not with the author of "A Dissertation on Roast Pig," but with "the enemy," as he is called. An individual rejoicing in the name of "James Hain," has thought fit to write to the Tottenham paper a letter condemnatory of ringing at Edmonton church. You read this lovely effusion last week I dare say. The following is a very choice bit:—

"If the bells were musical, which they certainly are not, and, if the ringers could manipulate them in a rhythmic manner, which they are evidently unable to do, we might now and then quietly submit to an hour's entertainment; but what earthly good these worthies think they are doing by subjecting the residents of the district to two or three hours torture several nights a week is a mystery. Just fancy, sir, eight men tugging away at the ropes for two hours on a sweltering hot July night, as they did last Saturday. It is small wonder the whole neighbourhood was distracted by the hideous jumble they made of their performance, and when they collapsed in the most horrible

muddle as they did, one could not forbear a smile at their conspicuous failure. But, seriously, if the Vicar could only catch but a faint echo of the ruddy language evoked by those crude and blatant performances of our irrepressible local exponents of the campanological art they would speedily put a stop to the nuisance complained of." James Hain is no authority whatever upon the musical properties of Edmonton bells. And what is the meaning of the words "rhythmic manner?" Is it true, we may ask, that the residents of the district are subjected to two hours' torture several nights in a week? This is just the pitfall all these writers fall into—exaggeration, gross and inexcusable; some late correspondents would say "lies." It is a moot question whether the writer ought not to be brought to book for his assertions about what is evoked by "these crude and blatant performances." The last paragraph of this letter ought to be preserved. Here it is:—

"Like a great many more things, this bell-ringing is only a relic and a reminder of the hideous superstitions of the world's darker ages, when priestcraft for mercenary ends invented visionary devils and imps and satyrs. Remnants of these silly inventions still obtain in some places; but I hope that the authorities connected with Edmonton parish church have ceased to regard bell-ringing as a necessary enterprise for the protection of their sacred edifice from invasion by those evil spirits for which it was first instituted."

This beats all I have ever read. We generally obtain much amusement from these writers, but this last paragraph is a topper. Cant, humbug and ignorance, with a spray of conceit.

Last week a circumstance at St. Clement Danes was mentioned. It was alleged that a discarded steeplekeeper had been keeping a dog in the belfry. Not a very inviting place for the purpose, and I hear the dog objected to his surroundings. A dog—and a good dog too—I have seen in this steeple. The late George Stockham, when steeplekeeper, used to bring his dog with him on practice nights. This animal was a knowing blade. As soon as ringing commenced he coiled himself up to go to sleep under a bench, but directly rounds came, he got up, walked round, and barked! This dog deserved to have had a careful training.

Some years ago there was a complaint about a steeple-keeper keeping pigeons in this same belfry, and I fancy my condemnation in this paper procured their removal. These birds are a great nuisance almost anywhere, and in a building like a church tower they should be strictly kept out by all means. The ordinary fowls of the air are bad enough if they are not kept out of the tower, but to make a special habitation within for pigeons is positively criminal, and the perpetrator should be penalised.

There is a little further information come to hand about the Exeter peal, but perhaps it is best to defer any further allusion to the affair until next week. I fear to ask a pointed question to any one by name, but I shall have to do so if they won't come out of their shell.

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Then the company dispersed till 5.30, the ringers finding their way to the church, of which previous arrangement had been made for a ring on the bells. Here we found a pretty peal of eight by Mears, tenor 17 cwt., and of full rich tone. No difficulty prevailed here, as every one was satisfied he was master of his work, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich were brought round, whilst a touch of Duffield failed. The bells were then lowered in peal, and two courses of Stedman Triples on the handbells were rung double-handed. The next item on the programme was dinner at The Rutland hotel, where a substantial menu had been provided. After dinner a variety of occupations were indulged in until 7.30, when preparations were made for our departure to Chesterfield, a distance of twelve miles, via Baslow and Wadshelf, the journey being enlivened by the singing of songs. In this part of the proceedings the choir members of the party were much in evidence, and their efforts are specially deserving of commendation. Lucky Jim was the cause of much laughter. The 9.30 Chesterfield to Derby brought to a close one of the most interesting and successful day's outings held by St. Andrew's.

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On arrival, lovely bouquets of flowers were presented to the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs' ladies respectively by Miss Lewington, Miss Christopher, and Miss Scaife.

Mr. Beck having welcomed the civic dignitaries. Mr. Haworth, a veteran of eighty-five summers, expressed the pleasure it had given him to assist the charity.

Alderman Sir Vezey Strong then gave a history of the almshouses and their needs. He said that the institution had benefitted hundreds of inmates during the last fifty years. The present occupants averaged seventy-one years of age, and the women seventy-seven. It was, in every sense, a home, and besides the houses the committee granted pensions. Unfortunately they had not sufficient funds for a proper endowment, and he appealed for further financial help. Already the late Mr. W. H. Collingridge, Sir H. B. Marshall, and the late Mr. Hugh Spottiswoode had contributed large funds, and altogether Mr. Haworth had given them £2000. They needed an additional capital sum of £7000 to provide annuities of £147 a year. Mr. Haworth was a very interesting personality, having been a Royal bellringer, and having rung the bells of the Abbey at Queen Victoria's Coronation, and at the birth of the present King. He had been personally congratulated by the late Queen.

The Lady Mayoress next, amidst cheers, unveiled the tablet, which bore the following inscription:—"No. 3 Printers' Pension Almshouses and Orphan Asylum Corporation. This home was endowed by Mr. J. R. Haworth."

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BELLRINGERS.						Points.
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W. Prior	21
W. Watts	15
T. J. Watts	21
T. Jordan	14
G. Jordan	21
						113

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SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1906.

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an old veteran in his 86th year, must naturally be a source of great satisfaction to him. May our friend live long enough to attend many meetings of this kind, so that he will be felicitated at the gratifying results which will accrue from his generosity.

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HENRY HODGETTS .. 3-4.	HUBERT EDEN .. 7-8.

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ALBERT LOCK .. Treble.	TOM SHORT .. 5.
A. MAYO .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 6.
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GEORGE FARDON .. 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS† .. 3.	†JOHN MONK .. 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. 4.	MARK WOODCOCK .. Tenor.

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J. BAXTER* .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. 9.
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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CHENERY* .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY .. 5.
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REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.
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WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

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JOHN J. LAMB 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, July 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

G. THURGOOD Treble.	W. A. ALPS 5.
E. WALLAGE 2.	G. E. PEACE 6.
D. TARLING 3.	E. HALL 7.
J. SCHOLES 4.	G. COLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. E. PEACE.

Rung in celebration of the first peal upon the Abbey bells, July 20th, 1806.

DARTFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ROBERT BRETT Treble.	RICHARD MORGAN 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY SIMMONS 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	WILLIAM HARPER 7.
FREDERICK BARKER 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY 7.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 4.	JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES KNIGHT Treble.	LEWIS MOORE 4.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	ERNEST KNIGHT 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	*CHARLES SYMES Tenor.

Conducted by E. KNIGHT.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JAMES KNIGHT Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 3.
URCH GREENSLADE 2.	LEWIS MOORE 4.
ERNEST KNIGHT 3.	ERNEST KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by E. KNIGHT.

First peal on the bells. †First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN POTTER Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5.
ROBERT DAVIES 2.	RICHARD NEWTON 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The following touches were rung by the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, on the occasion of their annual outing:—

STISTED (Essex).—720 Wells. C. T. Hopkins, G. Dawson, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Moule, H. Torble. Also 240 Kent and 240 York.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—336 Stedman Triples. W. Doran, S. Hayes, T. Cranfield, H. Torble, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Cornell. 224 Double Norwich. T. Cranfield, F. Margetson, S. Hayes, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Keeble, H. Torble. Also 168 Grandsire Triples.

BOCKING (Essex).—384 Bob Major. W. Doran, W. Keeble, F. Margetson, G. Dawson, W. Miller, G. Cornell, J. Moule, H. Torble. 504 Stedman Triples, first on the bells. F. Gill, S. Hayes, T. Cranfield, C. Hopkins, W. Miller, H. Torble, W. Keeble, S. Bird.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—518 Grandsire Triples. G. Dawson, H. Torble, C. Hopkins, F. Gill, F. Margetson, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Cornell. 608 Double Norwich. T. Cranfield, W. Doran, S. Hayes, S. Bird, W. Miller, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Keeble. And 168 Stedman Triples.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—252 Stedman Triples. F. Margetson, W. Doran, H. Torble, S. Bird, W. Miller, S. Hayes, W. Keeble, G. Hayden. 224 Double Norwich. T. Cranfield, F. Gill, W. Keeble, S. Bird, W. Doran, S. Hayes, G. Hayden, H. Torble. 266 Grandsire Triples. G. Dawson, C. Hopkins, W. Keeble, S. Bird, W. Miller, J. Moule, G. Hayden, G. Cornell.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—720 Worcester. W. Miller, G. Dawson, S. Hayes, H. Torble, W. Keeble, G. Hayden. A course each of Kent and Plain Bob.

FEERING (Essex).—448 Superlative. W. Doran, S. Bird, W. Miller, S. Hayes, J. Moule, G. A. Black, W. Keeble, H. Torble. 252 Stedman Triples. T. Cranfield, C. Hopkins, F. Margetson, A. Shufflebotham, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Hayden, G. Cornell. And 168 Grandsire Triples.

KELVEDON (Essex).—720 London Surprise. W. Doran, G. Hayden, G. A. Black, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Keeble. 504 Oxford. F. Dale, F. Gill, G. Dawson, W. Elliott, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor. W. Keeble conducted all the above with the exception of the last touch.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. R. Bacon, A. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, B. Miller, A. J. Ramsey, J. Law, W. J. Jefferies conductor, C. D. Letzer.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—Previous to Divine Service on Sunday, July 15th, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Webber, C. Carter, A. W. Searle, H. Burch. W. Mogridge, H. B. Kindersley, F. Davey, E. A. Hexter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Sunday, July 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Routley, F. Iley, E. Cox, E. Counsell, J. Dunn, W. Worgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Crandon. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Whitaker, Vicar's Warden.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS (Cambs).—Recently, at the parish church, for practice, 1320 Antelope, in 44 mins. W. Fuller, P. A. Smith, G. Amper, D. Crashlay conductor, H. Moxon. And 1200 in the same method, in 40 mins., A. J. Abrahams ringing the 3rd, the rest as before.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Friday, June 29th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of London Surprise, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. G. Gatland, A. D. Stone, R. J. Dawe, G. Smart, F. Bennett conductor, E. C. Merritt, J. Sykes first quarter-peal in the method, K. Hart. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new chancel.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Vincent's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. H. Haines, W. Pickworth, J. Hoyes, J. Cragg, P. J. Stokes, J. P. Paley, jun., J. W. Wood conductor, F. Pickworth.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, February 11th, at St. John's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, W. Ross, S. Williams, H. Day, W. Carter, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain. And 321 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, W. Ross, S. Williams, H. Day, W. Canter, W. Biss conductor, A. Rowley, C. Oram. On Thursday, February 15th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Biss, W. Millar, Sergt. Major Dawe, A. Rowley conductor, W. J. Johnson. On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, W. Rose, S. Williams, H. Day, W. Canter, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. S. G. Steele, H. Rushby, A. W. Long, B. A. Knights, P. C. Long, E. Brown, J. W. Seamer, A. Knights.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Tuesday, July 17th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 592 Grandsire Caters. E. J. Pannett, F. S. Sturt, G. H. Sturt, A. J. Turner, A. S. Langridge, E. C. Merritt, W. Pelling, J. S. Goldsmith conductor, R. J. Dawe, G. Richardson.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 840 and 504 Stedman Triples. W. Fern, J. A. Moulton, J. T. Allen, S. W. West, J. Moore, J. Ransom, F. Middleton, B. West. Many similar touches of Stedman have been rung of late by the same band.

Obituary.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN.

The death of the above-named ringer took place at Irthlingborough on Friday, July 13th. He was in his 78th year, and one of the best known and respected ringers in the county. No one could know "Old Joe," as he was familiarly called, without appreciating his most remarkable gifts; his wonderful memory, his large fund of anecdotes, his skill as a raconteur, and his ability as a change-ringer. In regard to the latter he showed an exceptional aptitude, by learning the higher methods—Double Norwich, Stedman and Superlative—when over sixty-five years of age. He rang his first peal (a 5040 of Minor in four different methods) in the year 1851, but had very little opportunity for eight-bell ringing until Irthlingborough bells were increased to eight in 1893. He then devoted himself assiduously to change-ringing, and rang about forty peals altogether, consisting of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. He also rang in a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major when in his 66th year. He was connected with the Irthlingborough belfry for sixty-five years. Some of his earlier ringing experiences was assisting in the ringing at the wedding of the late churchwarden, Mr. John Allen, in 1845. The deceased was interred at Irthlingborough on Tuesday, July 17th, in the presence of a large concourse of people, including ringers from all parts of the county. He leaves five sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. The eldest son, Mr. James Houghton, is well known in the ringing world. He was carried to the grave by six ringers, and a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, was rung at the graveside. He was a member of the Central Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire Associations. Muffled ringing took place in the towers of many of the adjoining churches during the day. The wreaths included one from his fellow ringers, by whom he was most highly esteemed and respected. A peal of Double Norwich, with the bells deeply-muffled, was rung on Saturday, July 21st, particulars of which appear elsewhere.

Sound bells with clappers muffled low,
His loss we deeply mourn;
Ring softly as his soul departs
To its celestial bourne.

T. R. HENSHER.

CHARLES PRIOR.

The death of this ringer took place on Thursday, July 19th, at Stansted, Essex. Deceased was well known in the neighbourhood. He had been partly paralysed for eight years, and was in consequence a great sufferer. Previous to his affliction he had taken part in a number of peals at Stortford and Saffron Walden and elsewhere, and his sons and nephews are still enthusiastic ringers. The interment took place on Monday, July 23rd, when a large number attended. He was borne to the grave by members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, to which Order deceased belonged. Upwards of thirty members attended, and besides his four sons and two daughters, nephews, nieces, sisters and grandchildren, Messrs. Riches, F. Pitstow and Tucker were noticed. Immediately following the service a fully-muffled touch of Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and a touch of Stedman, half-muffled, by members and friends, conducted by F. Pitstow.

Delegates to the Foresters' High Court at King's Lynn, who are ringers, will be given a welcome in the towers of that town. St. Margaret, ten bells, tenor 30 cwt.; St. Nicholas, eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. Methods: Plain, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Communications to J. W. Sedgley, Hon. Dist. Sec. Norwich Association, King's Lynn.

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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. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesdays, July 31st, and August 28th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, August 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, August 14th; and at St. Dunstan's in the East on Thursday, August 16th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Farningham, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Bells are available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. The bells at Eynsford will be available after the meeting. It is hoped there will be a good muster at this newly affiliated tower. Nearest stations are Farningham Road, Swanley Junction, and Eynsford, all L. C. and D. stations.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting in this division will be held at Horley, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 9d each.

ROBERT J. DAWES, Div. Hon. Sec.
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The East Derbyshire Association.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Crick, to-day, Saturday, July 28th, 1906. Stations—Whatstandwell or Wingfield on Midland Railway. All ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Bobbingworth (6) and Morton (5) will be open during the evening.

GEO. A. BLACK, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting will be held at Leighton, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Belfry open 6 p.m.

J. NICHOLLS, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 28th, at Rothwell. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Swan inn at 7 p.m.

FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry to-day, Saturday, July 28th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—General meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Saturday, August 4th. The 6 bells of St. Michael's church will be at the disposal of members. Meat tea at Mr. Bell's restaurant at 5 o'clock, 9d. members, 1s. 3d. non-members.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON, Hon. Sec.
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells available the whole of the day. Tea at 5 o'clock at Mr. Baker's, Swan Street.

Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by July 30th.

J. W. WHITING, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Fareham.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Sandbach, on Monday, August 6th. Service at the parish church at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Meeting in the school room at 12. Dinner at 1. Tickets 1s. each, to be obtained from branch secretaries.

H. A. HEYWOOD, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Mirfield on Saturday, August 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Dusty Miller.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.

T. CARD, Hon. Sec.

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

1, Budge Row, E.C.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT STOCKTON-ON-TREES.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hills, J.P., of Newton Hall, on the completion of his 80th year, whose handsome New Year's donation in 1899 enabled the subscription list for the ten bells to be closed. Owing to the removal—during the peal—of the scaffolding from the tower window, which has been restored, but not yet glazed, the peal was rung under considerable difficulties.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

The following is a copy taken of the record of the first peal on the Abbey bells, which will perhaps be of interest.

"**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—On Sunday, July 20th, 1806, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in this steeple a complete peal of Treble Bob 8 In, consisting of 5056 changes in 3 hrs. 16 mins., containing 15 courses with the 6th 12 times wrong and 12 times right, being the first peal on those bells, performed by the following persons: Geo. Gross, 1st; John Hints, 2; James Nash, 3; Malachi Channon, 4; Thos. Freeth, 5; Jas. Stichbury, 6; Willm. Shipway, 7; James Marlton, 8. Composed and Called by Mr. Geo. Gross. John Pain, John Smith, Richd. Banks, Churchwardens."

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, July 24th, at St. Peter's church, 462 Bob Major. A. Room, W. Solesbury, G. Basson, W. Bridgood, G. Tomlinson, G. Thompson, C. W. Clarke conductor, J. Pagett. Rung in honour of the knighthood of Alderman Edwin Thomas Ann.

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The annual outing of the members of this Society took place on Saturday, July 7th, when a most enjoyable trip was made to Oxford, the city being reached at 9.5. On arrival the party were met by the veteran Charles Hounslow, and a brake being in readiness a drive was made to Appleton, where, by the kind permission of the Rector, the bells of the parish church, a fine ring of ten, were placed at the disposal of the ringers for the morning. A touch of 504 Grandsire Caters was rung by A. L. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton conductor, F. Tubb, H. O. White, C. Hounslow, A. Dubber, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, G. Holifield. On returning to Oxford the party repaired to 44, High Street, in response to a brilliant peal on the dinner bell by host Earl, and subsequently rang a series of changes on the

various courses of a well-served dinner. In the afternoon several of the famous colleges were visited, and the scenic splendours of the royal river were revealed by a row to Iffley. After tea a move was made to Christ Church Cathedral to meet some members of the Oxford Society, and touches of Grandsire Caters and a course of Cinques were rung by the two Societies, this being the first time many of the Ringers had heard twelve bells. The attractions of 44, High Street now appealed to the combined parties, and a pleasant evening was spent by all, the tune playing on the handbells by Messrs. Hessian, White, Fenton and Sear being much appreciated by the company. The quartette then joined Messrs. Coleman, George, C. and S. Hounslow in courses of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters. Votes of thanks were then moved by Mr. A. L. Coleman to Mr. T. Payne, of Merton College, Mr.

G. Holifield, of Appleton, to the ringing master and hon. secretary of the Oxford Society, and to host Earl. Oxford was left at 9.50 p.m., the party arriving at Rugby at 11, having thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant time spent in one of the finest cities of Europe.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 22nd, after evening service at the parish church, 960 Kent Treble Bob. P. J. Stokes, F. W. Stokes, J. Hayes, F. Tunadine, J. H. Hayes, J. Cragg, J. W. Wood conductor, J. P. Paley, jun.

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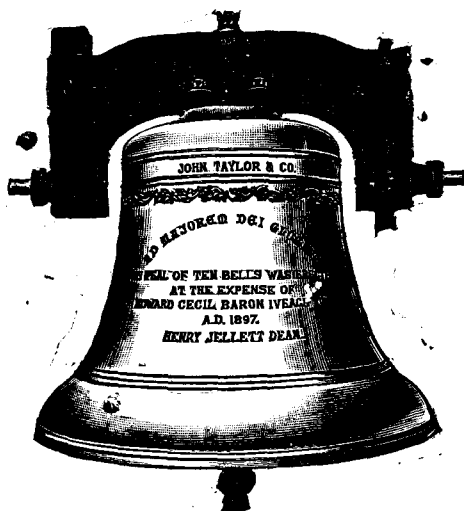
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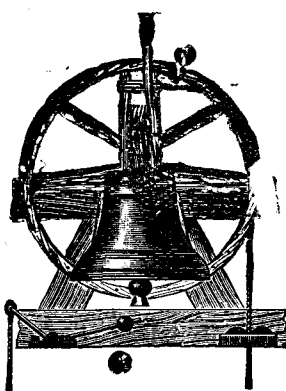
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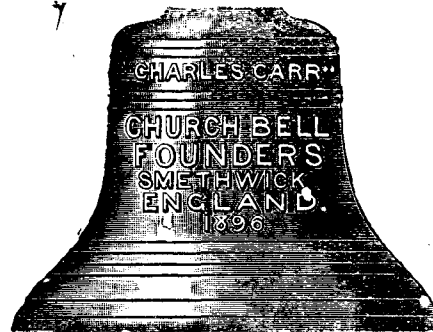
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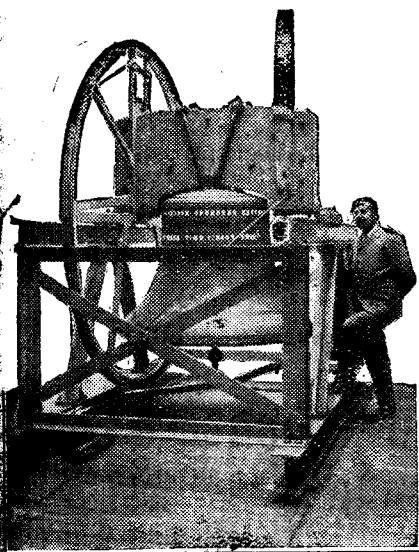
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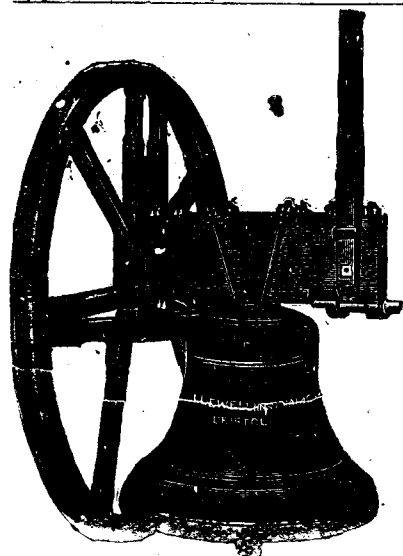
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BLEWBURY, BERKS.

The parish church of this village until very recently possessed a ring of six bells, but the authorities determined to augment them to eight by the addition of two new trebles. Accordingly the work was placed in the hands of Messrs. F. White and Sons, Bellhangers, of Appleton, who have carried it out to the satisfaction of every one. On the 19th ult., a peal of Stedman Triples was rung upon the bells, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who in forwarding the report, spoke of the "go" as being excellent. The weights of the two new bells are 5 cwt. 2 lbs., and 5 cwt. 20 lbs. They were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.

For some time past the fine old ring of bells in the parish church of this village could not be rung with safety, as the old framework rocked to such an extent as to endanger the tower, and it was decided to make an effort to have them rehung in an entirely new frame. The total cost was estimated at £200, not a small sum to be collected, especially as at the same time it was felt imperative to restore and enlarge the organ. The contract for rehanging the bells was entrusted to Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, and the work has been most thoroughly done.

The dedication service for both bells and organ took place on Sunday, the 1st ult.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the south-western branch of this association was held at North Weald on Saturday, July 28th. Members attended from Chingford, Loughton, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Barking, West Ham, Hornchurch, etc. The bells, a ring of six, were kept going during the afternoon in various methods, including Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, etc.

The Vicar, Rev. C. S. K. Ryan, very kindly entertained the company to tea on the vicarage lawn, and afterwards presided over the business meeting, which being held on a beautiful English summer afternoon, under the shade of the trees and amidst pleasant surroundings, naturally passed off harmoniously. The Vicar was unanimously elected an honorary member, and two ringing members and one probationer were also elected. A proposal that the five-bell towers in the division should be looked up was carried, and Barking re-elected as the place of the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality was carried with acclamation.

During the evening Moreton and Bovinger were visited, and some excellent ringing was done.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21st, a meeting of this guild was held at Halsall, when sixty-five members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Ormskirk, Rainford, Sefton, Southport, and Wigan. Several touches were rung during the early part of the afternoon, and a short service was held, at which the Rev. Canon Leigh read the prayers, and the Rev. W. T. Bulpit gave an address upon the advantages of change-ringing.

Upon the invitation of Canon Leigh, an excellent tea was done justice to, and heartily enjoyed. The Canon gave his guests a hearty welcome to Halsall, and touchingly referred to the late Canon Blundell.

Mr. J. Martin proposed, and Mr. W. Shortt seconded, and which was supported by Mr. Williams (Holy Trinity, Southport), a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Leigh, the new Rector of Halsall, wishing him a happy and prosperous career in his new parish.

The Rev. — Whittaker gave an eloquent address, after which Mr. Brown (of Poolstock) proposed the election of ten honorary members from Wigan, whose names were received with acclamation. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the central division was held at Horley on July 28th, which was well attended by members from the following towers: Crawley, Linfield, Bolney, Burgess Hill, Balcombe, Burstow, and Brighton (St. Peter's), together with the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 5 o'clock the Rev. H. T. Lewis gave a short address. After which an adjournment was made to The Six Bells to tea, to which about thirty sat down, the Vicar taking the chair.

Besides the towers represented above there were present Mr. E. F. Cole and Mr. Comb of London; Mr. Ewins and Mr. G. F. Hoad of Reigate; Mr. F. Price of Three Bridges; and Mr. Johnston, jun., of the Croydon bell foundry.

At the meeting which followed the tea, the Hon. Sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed. Mr. E. Lish and W. Lish were elected ringing members attached to the Henfield branch. Mr. F. Rice proposed, and Mr. F. Bennett seconded, that the next peal be attempted at Horley, which was carried. Mr. J. Rice proposed, and Mr. Walder seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for presiding at the meeting, and in paying part of the expenses of the tea. The Vicar, in replying, said he was very pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Horley, and he hoped they would soon come again, when he should be pleased to entertain them in a better manner than he had done that day. Mr. Songhurst on behalf of the company, then thanked Mr. Johnston, who had very kindly paid the remaining expenses of the tea.

Ringling was again indulged in until about nine o'clock,

touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Court Bob, Treble Bob, etc., being rung.

These bells have just been put in order by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the work has given great satisfaction, but as the tower is a timber-built structure, there is a certain amount of oscillation, which does not tend to make the bells go so well as they might do. The bells were lowered about nine o'clock, everyone having enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

Saturday, July 7th, was at Bolsover what a ringer would call a "red-letter day" with the ringers of this old village, that day being set apart for the purpose of presenting Mr. Thomas Bettison, who has been connected with the Bolsover parish church about five years, with a pocket set of handbells, by Messrs. Shaw, of Bradford, and a leather bag. At 3 p.m. Mr. J. Flint in a few well-chosen words spoke of the abilities and amicable disposition of Mr. Bettison; also how the ringing had improved since his introduction into the Bolsover company, and asked T. N. Tallow, Esq. (churchwarden), to make the presentation.

Before doing so, Mr. Tallow said that anyone who was not a ringer could tell what an improvement there was in the ringing of late, and how pleasant it was to think that one who had been with them a few years, and who had helped to bring about this improvement, had now left them to take up more important work elsewhere, whose associates could not let him leave without showing their appreciation of his past services. On behalf of the Bolsover ringers, he had very great pleasure in presenting Mr. Bettison with the peal of handbells and bag, and hoped they would convey to him when away the good feeling that had always existed between them.

Mr. Bettison thanked the ringers for what they had done, and said what help he had given them in any way, had been a labour of love, which somehow or other would not leave him.

Mr. G. W. Bemrose proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tallow for coming amongst them to make the presentation, and also the sidesmen for their presence on this occasion, which was ably seconded by Mr. R. Coupe.

A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on the new peal by Messrs. Bettison, Flint, Lambert and Bemrose. After this a photograph of the whole assembly was taken near the belfry door.

By this time ringers began to arrive from Sheffield, Chesterfield, and surrounding district, the monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society also taking place at Bolsover on the same date, and many were the congratulations and best wishes for the future offered to Mr. Bettison by his numerous outside friends.

The tower bells, which are of lovely tone, were set going at 4 p.m., and so enchanted did everyone seem, that it was well past 8 p.m. before they were allowed to rest, and even then it was with some reluctance this splendid peal was lowered. For once in a while the majority of the ringers derived the greatest pleasure by sitting outside listening to the music. Touches in all the Standard methods were rung; also Double Norwich, Superlative

and London Surprise, whilst a first attempt at Cambridge, though unsuccessful, gave some hopes for the future.

The business meeting was held at The Angel hotel, eight new members being elected. Train time did not allow for a large and lengthy sitting, but all returned home with a satisfied feeling of having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, MILNROW.

On Saturday, July 14th, the ringers of the above church with their wives and sweethearts, to the number of twenty-one, had an outing to Mottram church, famous for its long peals. The party left Milnrow by train at one o'clock, and after having been stranded twice (once at Oldham, then again at Guide Bridge), we arrived at our destination about three o'clock, where Mr. Isaac Sidebotham was waiting for us, and after a pleasant, but rather uphill walk of about a mile-and-a-half, we arrived at the church, which is a very fine old structure dating from the eleventh century, which, considering its age, is in a good state of preservation. After a look round, both inside and outside the church, we made tracks for the belfry, and just as we were about to go up the tower steps, a party of ringers from Whitefield (Lancashire), arrived on the scene. After a few greetings we decided to let them have the first ring on the bells as they didn't intend to stay long; so getting nearly tea-time we adjourned to The Black Bull's Head, where a first-class tea was awaiting us. After ample justice had been done to it—the ladies not wishing to go up the tower—they had a look round the village, whilst we ascended the tower and rang a course or two of Grandsire Triples, the bells going very well. After we had finished another visit was made to The Black Bull's Head, where a few courses on the handbells was rung by the Mottram ringers. Time getting on fast, we had our glasses re-filled; then the health of the Mottram ringers was drunk, and they were also thanked for the kind manner in which they had received us, and for having the bells ready for us. Mr. Sidebotham was also thanked for making the arrangements for our tea. Time being called, we made our way to the station, the train leaving about 8.30., and we arrived home shortly before 11 o'clock, all being very well pleased with the outing, and wishing we might soon have another. R. B.

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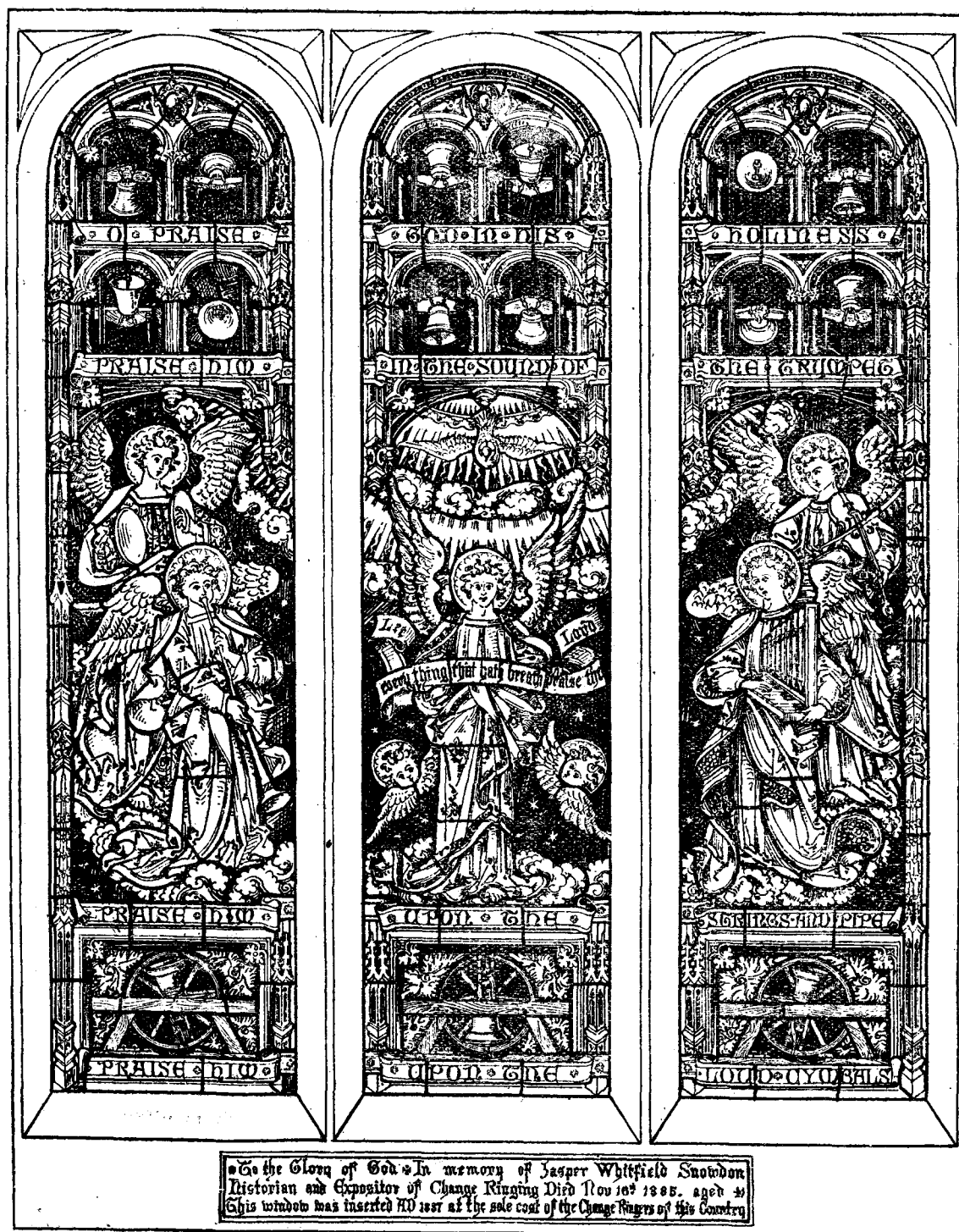
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It has been pointed out that many of our younger readers have never seen the above illustration; in fact some of them may have never heard that there was such a memorial in existence. This window is in the parish church of Ilkley, near Leeds, Yorks., where Jasper Snowdon's father was Vicar, and particulars of the same with concise notices of Jasper Snowdon, may be found in the various editions of his works.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

That report which appeared last week, entitled "Printers' Jubilee" having gone the round of the papers, most of us had read before. A place for it in this journal was the correct thing, because it had a pointed reference to an old veteran of the Exercise—Mr. J. R. Haworth. I learn that Mr. Haworth was for many years a London compositor in a large publishing house. It is certainly no man's business to enquire how he made his "pile," but he certainly did not get it by "compositing" (I fear that is not the correct word, but it doesn't matter). He has—and all honour to him—husbanded his resources for a good object. Some of us would have liked to hear that he had endowed a snug dwelling for the benefit of some poor but distinguished ringer, who had fallen on evil days. May be there is something more to follow in this direction.

The "manuscript" process has now received its final knock. And a very good job too. There was always a degree of respect for the abilities of a man who called a peal—no matter how simple such a peal was. But this disingenuous practice of aiding the caller's memory, or I think I ought to say, of making up for his laziness and want of study and care, has taken away a vast amount of such credit. The reputation and honour of bob-callers has suffered by it. Now it is "knocked," and I advise all engaged in the ringing of a peal to set their bells the moment the caller of such peal seeks to gain information from course-ends or other changes, whether written down before him on a board, or upon his cuffs, or even upon his thumb-nails.

And this subject, I am sorry to say, brings to mind the question of the Exeter peal again. It is now said—"Why not give a simple 'Yes' or 'No' to the allegation?" The well-known abilities of the conductor, and the high respect in which he is held, would not have suffered one grain by a short, emphatic, and (if necessary) contemptuous denial. Let me hark back a bit. My information was this: One of the band in the peal was asked if there was any truth in the rumour. His reply is alleged to be—"Go and ask Mr. Austin." Now why could not this gentleman have said "No" at once? I take it that this ambiguity on his part is the cause of all the pother. The following letter from the Rev. H. L. James has come into my hands:

"SIR,—I was not at Exeter, and I personally know nothing about this matter, but I have known Mr. John Austin now for the last sixteen years, and more than once has he learnt a peal in two or three minutes in the belfry and called it, so that the whole thing appears to me to be ridiculous.

As regards "Plain Speaker's" comment this week when he says that he shall ask a pointed question to some one by name, I do not think that either he or anyone else has any right to ask people questions by name until they sign their own names to their communications.

Vague rumours are of no value whatever, and do a great amount of harm, and I look upon this rumour as a public insult to St. Michael's Juniors, which we shall treat with the contempt it deserves, until such time as the person who saw the MS. in use for the calling of the peal, comes out and says so.
H. LAW JAMES."

With the first paragraph of this letter I am in cordial agreement. The second paragraph I need not say anything about. The third paragraph is of a composite

character, but its last part, commencing "until such time," is quite right and proper. We have all been told in connection with this matter that the rumours were rife among London ringers. The three principal London societies must have been aware of it. Then I ask—Will the Secretaries or Masters of these societies come forward and say when, how, and by whom, the assertion was concocted? so that its originator may be brought to book.

My remarks on dogs has led to the following letter:—

"DEAR SIR,—Referring to 'Plain Speaker's' story in last week's 'BELL NEWS' of the late G. Stockham's dog and his remarkable intelligence and sagacity, one hardly knows whether this is merely a facetious tale which is generally to be found in 'Notes and Queries,' and may be classed with Mr. G. R. Sims's dog stories, so dear to readers of the *Referee*, or is really founded on fact. I can vouch for the following: A friend of mine, one of the Upper Deal band, living a mile or so from the church, owned a terrier who was very fond of his master, and insisted upon accompanying him on his walks. On practice nights 'Jack' was carefully chained up, but on hearing the sound of the bells he would commence to whine and fret, and on hearing the bells lowered in peal would create such a disturbance to the household that he had to be loosened; and it is a possible fact that he would be waiting outside the tower when we came down, while if there was a possible chance he would find his way to the ringing-room, and in his own way congratulate the ringers upon their excellent peal or touch. My friend is also a member of the church choir, and the faithful Jack was on one occasion found waiting for his master underneath a seat close by, until the service was concluded.

Possibly 'Plain Speaker' can go one better than this, but I have several witnesses to this, and am not making use of any *nom de plume*.
HARRY BARTON."

I hope Mr. Barton or any other friend will not grieve me by doubting for one moment the transcendent veracity of my statements. I don't think I can go "one better," as he says, than his fact. That many dogs object to street music is well-known, but there was one who enjoyed it, and the sounds from a sax-horn band delighted him, except when the performers were of German nationality. The German brass band that used to be so plentiful in our streets he loathed, and he had to be looked after when a band of this description was about. The abilities of the players, and the quality of the music appealed to him in vain; the German band was his abomination. Once he fled from them with haste, but entering a square after running about two furlongs, lo! there was another brass band holding forth. He stared at this band for a moment, then ran up to them with manifestations of pleasure and joy. The members of this band were his own countrymen.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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SHEFFIELDERS AT ASHTON-
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On Saturday, July 14th, the members of the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield, with their wives and a few friends, had their annual outing to Ashton-under-Lyne. A start was made at 2.0 p.m. by the Great Central Railway, destination being reached soon after 3 p.m. On arrival we were met by the local company, who gave us a most hearty welcome. On reaching the parish church we found other ringers assembled from the surrounding districts, the visitors also being supplemented by the arrival of Messrs. F. Woodhead, A. Windsor, and F. Renton from Leeds. After a handshake and a chat all round, the tower was ascended, and for a feeler five courses of Stedman Cinques were duly brought round by—C. H. Hattersley conductor, J. H. Bower, W. Lomas, S. Thomas, A. Brearley, J. Mulligan, A. Windsor, S. F. Palmer, B. Thorp, W. Bugar, F. Woodhead, S. Booth. On descending, we found the company had been strengthened by more ringing friends from Glossop, Hyde, Pendleton, Manchester, and Hayfield. A group photograph of the whole gathering was then taken in the churchyard by Mr. Geo. Holmes, but on fixing a second plate the camera unfortunately came to grief, therefore, considering the connections and old acquaintances, it is to be hoped the one plate will be a success. Our friend Mr. S. Wood having kindly informed us that tea would be provided for all at their meeting house, we there now wended our way to replenish the inner man. Hearty has had been the welcome, it was not until we entered the tea room that we fully realised to what extent our Ashton friends (who are thorough in everything) had gone to entertain us. The sight that met our gaze made one feel as if we were being entertained far beyond our station in life, and those that were not hungry very soon discovered they had suddenly developed a keen appetite. With very few preliminaries "go" was called, clear course-ends duly coming up with very little talking, as all were absorbed in the method indulged in.

When all had gone their "full extent" and the inevitable that's all declared, Mr. C. H. Hattersley rose and said he could not let the occasion pass without shewing appreciation for the magnificent way in which they had been entertained by the Ashton ringers that day. The present gathering was not the first that had taken place, and he hoped it would not be the last, as

such meetings, which dated so far back as 120 years ago, were a matter of local history to the ringers in the respective towns, and this friendship had existed right up to the present time. He was very pleased to see some of the old Ashton faces present, especially his esteemed friend Mr. J. Gillott. In tendering the visitor's best thanks, Mr. Hattersley mentioned that when next the Ashton ringers visited Sheffield, no effort would be spared to return the compliment in as hearty and generous a manner as had been shewn them that day.

Mr. S. Thomas, in supporting, said he had pleasure in endorsing what Mr. Hattersley had just said. It was the first time he had been to Ashton, but he hoped it would not be the last.

In reply, Mr. S. Wood said it was a great pleasure to the Ashton company to have the Sheffield ringers amongst them once more, as they had always found them good and sociable fellows, and they in their turn had always been well treated at Sheffield. Thanking Mr. Hattersley for his kind remarks, he would say that his colleagues greatly appreciated the visit, and they had as much pleasure in entertaining as their guests had in receiving.

In corroborating, Mr. G. Longden said he was exceedingly pleased to see so many of the old faces, and also some young ones as well.

A return was then made to the tower, where a course of Treble Twelve and Treble Ten was rung by mixed bands, whilst a small party proceeded to the church of St. Peter for a pull on the ring of eight. Here the bells were raised in peal and a course each of London and Superlative Surprise, and a touch of Double Norwich were indulged in. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse at the Ashton company's meeting house, where the famous Ashton and Sheffield tankards, renowned for their historic value, were brought forth, and from which the healths and good wishes of the respective companies were duly drunk. Several courses and tunes were given on the handbells, also a good touch of Stedman Triples by our Ashton friends, whilst last, but not least was an excellently tapped three leads of Treble Twelve on the piano by Mr. S. Wood. The return journey was made at 10.40, Sheffield being reached about midnight. The outing was a great success, and was much enjoyed by all who took part in it. S. F. P.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record

SATURDAY; AUGUST 4, 1906.

THE circumstances of the rehanging (?) of the bells of Eccles parish church are doubtless within the recollection of our readers. The order for rehanging these bells was given to a well-known and highly influential firm of iron-mongers who carry on business in Manchester. The results of the work are known before now to every change-ringer in the world, therefore we need not recapitulate them. A Lancashire correspondent who seems perfectly acquainted with all the particulars, has a suspicion that the same firm were likely to obtain two other jobs of the same kind—viz., one at Pendleton, the other at Worsley in the same county. But we are able to state that both

contracts have been secured by practical firms of bell founders. Messrs. TAYLOR have taken the bells of Pendleton church away for re-casting, and therefore it goes without saying that the new peal of eight, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., will be of a character to maintain the prestige of the Loughborough foundry. We have not yet learned into whose hands the Worsley bells are entrusted, but we hope to do so later.

It is hoped that the Eccles fiasco will be the means of making ringers consider more strongly than ever what their duties are at a time when the restoration, augmentation, or any work connected with Church bells is proposed to be carried out. The discussion at the recent meeting of the Central Council disclosed the painful fact that a great deal of work connected with Church Bells was effected by those who did not understand at all what was required; and also that unpractical people, ignorant officials, sextons, and such like, were allowed a free hand in giving orders to local artisans whose want of skill in such matters was equal to their assurance in undertaking such work. Change-ringers should be constantly on the *qui vive* when bell repairs are on the way, and they should in such cases boldly but respectfully offer their advice, and point out, vehemently almost, the consequences which will certainly ensue if their counsel is disregarded. They may offer to enlist the influence of the President and Honorary Secretary of the Council, and any influential ringer they can obtain, to back up their arguments, if necessary.

Respecting the allusion made to sextons, we are fully aware that many holding the office are change-ringers themselves, and such as these our remarks do not embrace. But there are those having no knowledge of what is wanted, who unfortunately get the right side of the authorities sometimes, and their representations are taken as gospel almost. A lengthy service as church official, in the case of unevenly-balanced minds, or deficiency in general intelligence, often makes its occupier morose, narrow, and autocratic. Such as these we have to encounter and vanquish.

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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

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*First peal of Stedman. †Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere. Arranged to give F. Plant an opportunity of ringing a peal of Stedman previous to his departure for America.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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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 G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—S. Peck.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Calverton, Bucks., has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1906 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. S. Long, A. W. Long, H. Rushby, W. E. Meffin, A. W. Long, E. Brown, J. W. Seamer, A. B. Shepherd. Composed by C. Jackson and conducted by E. Brown.

Miscellaneous.

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GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. A. Metcalfe, J. Cottrell, G. J. Clarkson, T. Metcalfe, R. Haswell conductor, H. Milburn. On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. A. Metcalfe, J. Cottrell, A. Clegg, W. Mitchell, R. Haswell conductor, W. G. Haswell.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 28th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after ringing 1176 changes. C. Baker, H. Borrett, A. Smith.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Rose, F. Callum, H. Borrett, A. Berry, W. Ireland, F. Borrett.

THE SALOP GUILD.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, July 30th, at the church of St. Mary the Great, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. R. Dennis, G. Taylor, W. B. Kimpton, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, J. Taylor, F. E. Kimpton conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 28th, at St. James's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. C. Jackson, A. Bowell, H. G. Welham, G. T. Marshall, J. W. Stickney, J. W. Crowder. 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Stickney, J. Barrick, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Rodmell, C. Jackson, R. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, A. West, H. G. Welham.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 420 Grandsire Triples. C. Jackson, J. W. Stickney, G. T. Marshall, H. G. Welham, J. Patchett, J. Highfield, A. Bowell, J. Hodds.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service at St. Mary's church, Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. M. Homeister, R. Charge, H. W. May, jun., C. Potheary, G. Charge, J. Barry conductor, R. F. Deal, B. Somes first quarter-peal. Composed by M. A. Wood. On Tuesday, July 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Turner, G. Gains, W. H. Taffender, R. F. Deal conductor, J. Barry, H. W. May, jun., R. Charge, A. Riley. On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. M. Hoffmeister, R. Charge, H. May, jun., J. Barry, A. Barkus, G. Charge composer and conductor, C. Potheary, B. Somers.

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THE SUN-DIAL.

A party of ringers, belonging to the South Western Division of the Essex Association, we had been invited by the Rector of North Weald to take tea on the beautiful lawn attached to his delightful residence, which is surrounded by an enchanting garden, and amid some of the best of Essex scenery.

I had taken my place and share in the belfry, and resigning my rope to another, sought the cool and shade of the churchyard, in places sheltered by weeping ash trees, where I could repose indulgently and at ease.

I could bear in the distance the harmonious clash of tea cups and the sound of handbells, all preparatory to the *al fresco* approaching, when my eyes suddenly fell upon the old sun-dial, ensconced high upon the square and ancient red-bricked tower, which led my mind into a train of imaginary conversation with this old and venerable servant.

"Halloa, old friend," said I to the dial. "You must feel the heat of the day in this perpetual sunlight. How are you sagaciating?"

"All serene," replied he, "Save for this unusual clamour and disturbance of my wonted peace and quiet by the ringing that has been proceeding above my head, and the oscillation of this tower on which I am suspended. Pray what is the occasion of all this exuberance of brain and muscle? Any fires down your way?"

"Oh, no," I replied. "Merely the manifestation of the art of change-ringing by experts from Babylon, Bedlam, and other similar places of interest and renown. Didn't you hear the last touch of Cambridge Surprise?"

"I observe," said the dial, "and hear many surprises in this my unobserved position, you may be sure, and many a tale could I unfold had I the power of speech. But, good Sir, what is this Cambridge Surprise all about?"

"It is," I replied, "but a term we ringers use to particularize an intricate method of producing changes of sound, a science allied to mathematics, one I suppose you have not heard before in these parts of the kingdom."

"No," said the dial, "I cannot say I have, for I do not distinguish your ringing from that of our own parish ringers but by the rocking of the tower, which this afternoon has been so violent as to erase several protuberances of my face. Are you likely to be ringing longer?"

"No," I answered. "No doubt tea will put an end to our efforts for the day at North Weald, but we intend not to neglect other parishes in the vicinity. But, to change the subject, old friend, you must be getting tired of your position and office up there."

"Quite so," said the dial. "You will see by the date engraved beneath my chin, I was born in 1740. I have long felt the weight of years and of my uselessness, for when I was young everyone paid me respect and homage; but now that every stable boy carries a watch in his pocket I am treated with contumely and compassionate derision."

"Have you not observed in human nature," I rejoined, "the dislike for those who carry a shadow on their face, while the merry fellow, though characterised by the poet as a wretch,

favoured and esteemed? A man may smile and smile and be a villain."

"That is so, no doubt," replied the dial, "but they who live to become old have pleasures unknown to the young. In fact youth cannot believe age has any pleasure, forgetting that age fills the place of virtue and weans us from many evils."

"Undoubtedly," I responded. "Your conversation is interesting and convincing, but I perceive a lull upon the rectory lawn, and tea must now be awaiting us. Let me hope to get another chat with you upon another occasion, for there are so many mysteries in this unintelligible world as to perplex the strongest understanding."

"Ah, yes," concluded the dial, "we must be ever moving, for like the shadows, we come and depart. Enjoy yourself while the day lasts, for the evening is soon upon us, but let your pleasures be tempered by reason and rectitude. Farewell until we meet again, but mind you consider my age and the weakness of my nerves when you again bring another ringing party here. No Cambridge Surprise, mark you. Farewell."

Hastening to the festivities provided on the lawn, I found the Rector and family busy in administering to the enjoyment of all present, in which I soon participated, which being concluded, and as the sun cast his declining rays between the branches of stately trees, inviting arbors and picturesque walks, with the perfume of roses and cloves, we took leave of our benefactors, our hearts full of gratitude to the Rector and all who assisted in the welcome and hospitality so kindly afforded.

As we left the churchyard, I took a glance at the old sun-dial. His shadow had deepened with our increasing joys, and I knew he had recorded another bright day and preached a silent sermon to

WOODFORD.

Correspondence.

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

A QUESTION.

SIR,—I should like to know what James Hain means when he says "I hope the authorities connected with Edmonton parish church have ceased to regard bellringing as a necessary enterprise for the protection of their sacred edifice from invasion by those evil spirits for which it was first instituted." James Hain has either been reading fairy tales or else he is going dotty. I may also mention that if the bells are not to his liking he had better find the necessary funds to have them put in tune. In future I advise Jas. Hain not to interfere with the ringers' innocent exercise, and when he does write I will kindly ask him to write common sense, and not a lot of "rot" like he wrote two weeks back.

PERCY HENRI.

Delegates to the Foresters' High Court at King's Lynn, who are ringers, will be given a welcome in the towers of that town. St. Margaret, ten bells, tenor 30 cwt.; St. Nicholas, eight bells, tenor 20 cwt. Methods: Plain, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Communications to J. W. Sedgley, Hon. Dist. Sec. Norwich Association, King's Lynn.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, August 28th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursdays, August 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, August 14th; and at St. Dunstan's in the East on Thursday, August 16th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.** 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—General meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, to-day Saturday, August 4th. The 6 bells of St. Michael's church will be at the disposal of members. Meat tea at Mr Bell's restaurant at 5 o'clock, 9d. members, 1s. 3d. non-members.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON, Hon. Sec. 24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells available the whole of the day. Tea at 5 o'clock at Mr. Baker's, Swan Street. Meeting after.

J. W. WHITING, Hon. Dist. Sec. Fareham.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Sandbach, on Monday, August 6th. Service at the parish church at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Meeting in the school room at 12. Dinner at 1. Tickets 1s. each, to be obtained from branch secretaries.

H. A. HEYWOOD, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Mirfield on Saturday, August 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Dusty Miller.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, August 11th. Ringing from 2 to 7 p.m. It is hoped that all the members will make an effort to be present.

J. B. MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Witley on Saturday, August 11th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, presided over by the Hon. W. St. John Brodrick (in the absence of the Vicar).

JOHN J. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available from 2.30

JAMES W. ELKINS, Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 18th. The Cathedral tower will be open from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 5 till 7.30 p.m. St. Margaret's tower will be opened from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m. Committee Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Corn Exchange at 6 o'clock sharp. Members intending to be present must send me notice on or before Thursday, August 16th, and apply to me for

tea tickets on the day. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec. 65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 18th.

W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Eastwood Branch.—The friendly monthly ringing meeting arranged to be held at Eastwood on August 18th, is unavoidably postponed, the Rector having promised the bells to a visiting band for a peal on that date.

Lynn Croft, Eastwood. FRED ROWLEY, Sec.

Exeter Cathedral.—No practice during August. **EDWIN SHEPHERD.** 160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.

T. CARD, Hon. Sec.

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

1, Budge Row, E.C.

St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.—The tower will be open as usual on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Fete and Flower Show in Park.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BRIERLEY HILL.—**ROBERT MATTHEWS' FIFTY PEALS.**—Five methods on 6 bells 3, conducted 3; seven ditto 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 2; Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 3; Caters 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 8, conducted 3; Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8, conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 10, conducted 3; Double Norwich Major 6, conducted 1. Total—50; conducted 17.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. W. Kirton has removed to 282, Bolton Road, Bury, Lancashire.

TAUGHT BY A DOG.—Sir Walter Scott was a man full of the milk of human kindness. Everybody liked him. He was never five minutes in a room ere the little pets of the family, whether dumb or lipping, had found out his kindness for all their generation. Scott related to Captain Basil Hall an incident of his boyhood, which showed the tenderness of his nature. One day a dog coming towards him, he took up a big stone, threw it, and hit the dog. The poor creature had strength enough left to crawl up to him and lick his feet, although he saw its leg was broken. The incident, he said, had given him the bitterest remorse in his after-life; but he added, "An early circumstance of that kind, properly reflected on, is calculated to have the best effect on one's character throughout life."—**SAMUEL SMILES.**

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Obituary.

EDWARD DUNN.

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away rather suddenly at his residence in Bromley in the early hours of Friday, July 20th, in his 71st year. He had been connected with the belfry of Bromley parish church for over fifty years, and had always been one of the most regular attendants. Most of his change-ringing had been done since the re-organisation of the old Society of Bromley Youths about seventeen years ago, and he had taken part in thirteen peals, consisting of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Bob Major and Treble Bob. Although his age was against him practising the higher methods he was always most particular with regard to good striking. He was laid to rest in the churchyard on the Tuesday following his

death, the funeral ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., Vicar of Bromley. It was attended by many of his relatives and friends, among the latter being some of his old comrades of the fire brigade, with which he had been connected for twenty-one years. His brother-ringers attended in full strength to pay their last respects, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (his favourite method) was rung by the following: A. Poole, J. Wells, W. Weatherstone, G. Huxley, A. Humphrey, G. Durling, T. Groombridge conductor, W. James.

ANGLICAN MONKS BUY CALDY ISLAND.

From The Daily News.

Caldy, the pretty island lying south of Tenby, has been purchased by the Anglican community of Benedictine monks who

have been for some time settled at Pains-thorpe, on the Yorkshire estate of Lord Halifax, and the appearance of whose "abbott" in the pulpit of a North London church recently puzzled the local laity. Caldý is not so romantically associated with ancient British monasticism as Ramsey Island, recently purchased by Mr. Wynford Philipps, M.P., from the Dean and Chapter of St. David's; but the present mansion—now occupied by the Rev. W. Done Russell, a retired assistant-master of Harrow—was a mediæval Benedictine monastery, and there are monastic remains on the adjoining islet of St. Margaret.

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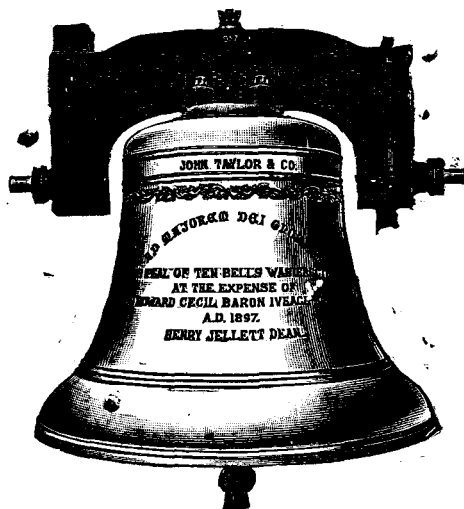
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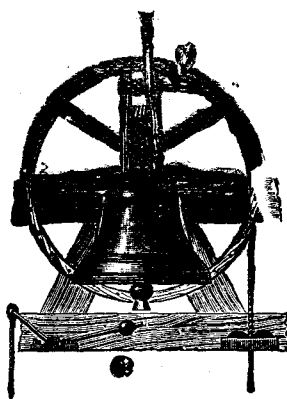
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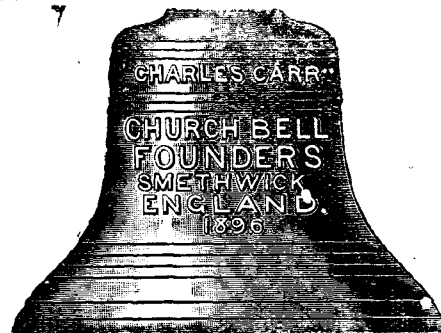
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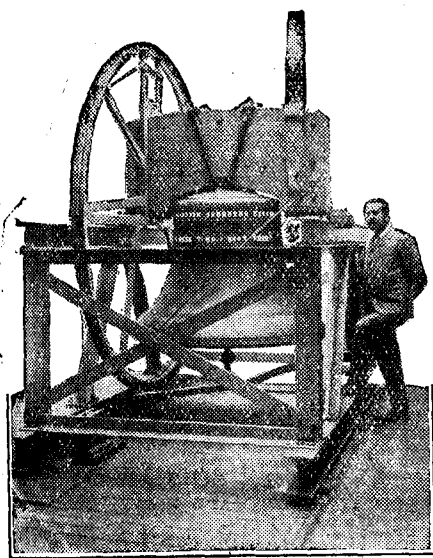
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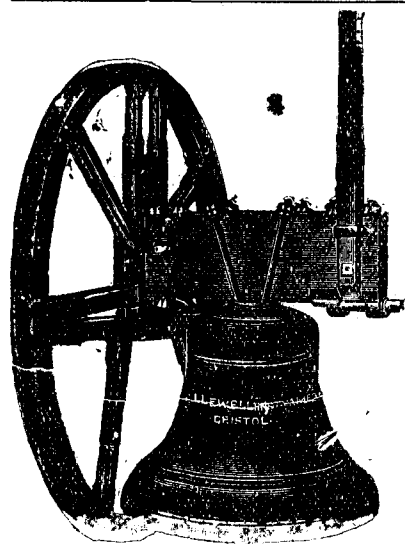
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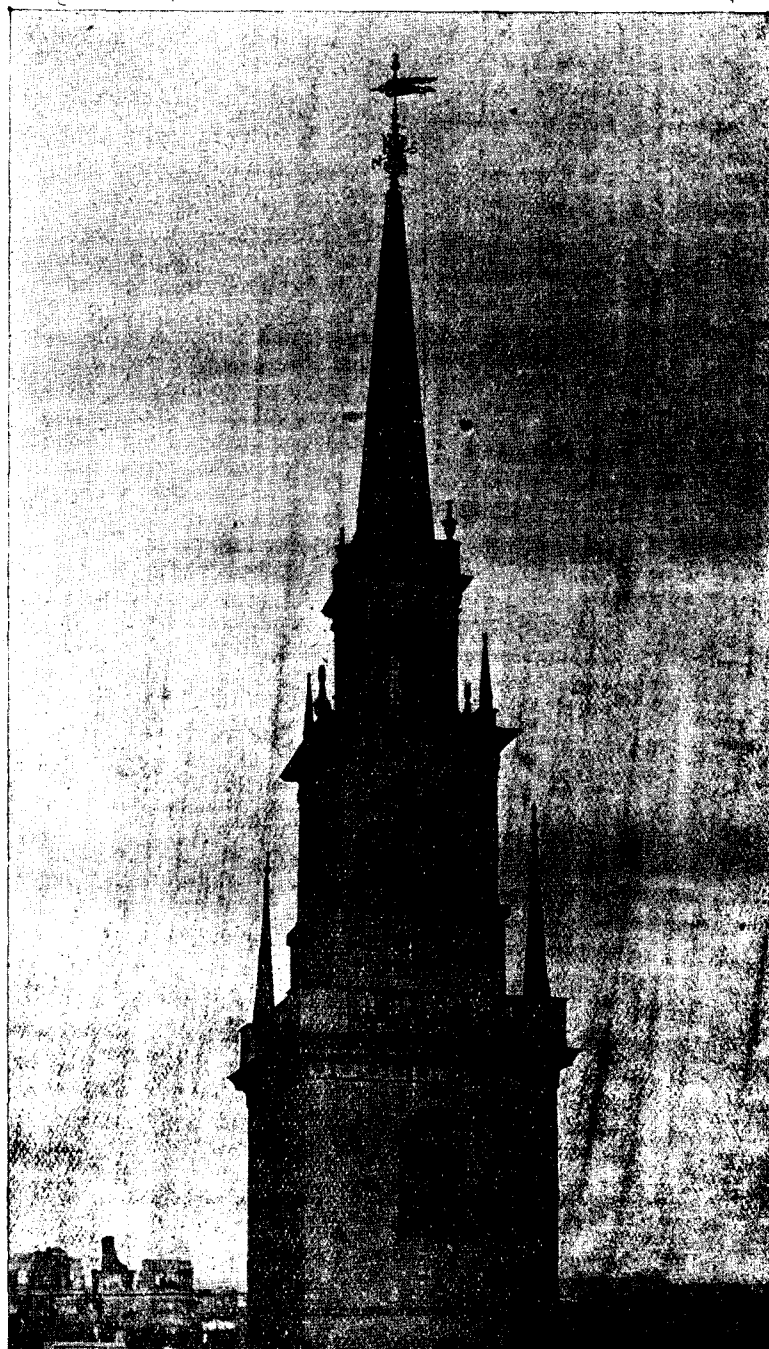
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BY ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, M.D.

About the middle of the eighteenth century there were imported into the colonies two rings of bells of remarkable sonority. One of these rings, cast at the Whitechapel foundry of Mears and Stainbank, now unfortunately lost, was hung in the tower of St. Michael, Charleston, S. C., and during the war of the Revolution was confiscated and shipped to England. It was generously restored, however, after the declaration of peace, when its reception was made the occasion of a triumphant ovation. Again, in the civil war, when St. Michael's steeple was made the target of the besiegers' cannon, the bells were removed to the sheds of the State House at Columbia, where, in 1865, they were wantonly destroyed by fire during the disorder incident to the withdrawal of the troops under General Sherman—an irreparable loss, deplored especially by English ringers to whom the reputation of the bells was well known.

The other set of bells, somewhat lighter in weight, procured for Boston, from the famous foundry of Rudhall, Gloucester, which is known to have existed from the time of Henry VIII., has luckily come down to us preserved in perfect condition, as have also the original subscription lists, together with the MSS. relating to the negotiations for their purchase.

Christ Church was occupied in 1723, but it was not until the completion of its spire, in 1740, that Dr. Cutler, the first rector, resolved to furnish its massive brick tower with a ring of bells. In the spring of 1742 a correspondence was opened with Abel Rudhall, who thought that a ring of eight bells with tenor of 2000 lbs. might with safety be hung; though he recommended a smaller set with tenor of 1400 lbs. or thereabouts. On March 6th, 1743, a bond of £1100 was executed in favor of Thomas Gunter, of Boston, merchant, who thereupon assumed the responsibility of placing the order for the bells. This bond was signed by the vestrymen of the church, all of Boston.

On March 12th, 1744, Mr. Jenkins, senior warden, when instructing Mr. Gunter to give the order for the bells, wrote: "Please to beg of him (Mr. Rudhall) to use his utmost endeavour to have them as musical and complete as he can, which will no doubt encourage people here as well as the neighbouring governments to send for more." Pursuant to these instructions, a letter, dated March 18th, 1744, was sent by Mr. Gunter to his correspondent in Bristol, Freeman Partridge, conveying a definite order for the casting of the bells. In acknowledging the receipt of this order, May 12th, 1744, Thomas Worrall, clerk of Mr. Partridge, called attention to the war with France, recently declared, and the consequent raising of the premium of insurance to 13 guineas per cwt., with return of two guineas if convoyed to the westward of Cape Clear. Writing again from Gloucester, May 25th, 1744, Mr. Worrall said: "Mr. Rudhall will put forward the casting of the bells with the utmost expedition; but it will be five months (he having a large bell for Dublin now in the pit), before they will be ready to be sent to Bristol. . . .

I have talked with Thomas Baker, the bell-hanger, and have agreed with him to go over with the bells for thirty guineas, his passage out and home, board and maintenance at Boston for six months to be found him." Mr. Worrall requested, incidentally, to have sent to him, "the new prospect of Boston, painted," for which he offered either to pay, or send in return "an exact plan of Gloster city which Mr. Clifford is now surveying with a design to print on a copper-plate." He enclosed specifications for the framework of the bell-cage, to be made of sound oak timber.

The following letter from Mr. Rudhall, written in Bristol, March 9th, 1745, indicates that he had personally supervised the lading of the bells at that port on the ship *Two Friends*, William Coles, master:—

MR. GUNTER,—I am very sorry for the disappointment in not being able to prevail upon John Baker to go with ye bells (whom ever since they were ordered I depended upon). For Baker's own part he would willingly take the voyage, but ye moment the news came to his wife that the bells were sent for down to Bristol, she immediately swooned away to that degree that the people about her after great difficulty could scarce bring life into her, which affected her husband very much, & with her persuasions after has prevailed upon him not to go (though quite entirely against his own inclinations); for she says, if he does go 'twill be the death of her; and so upon his not going (I) have sent a moddal of ye frame for your carpenter to work by, & have likewise sent a written direction for putting the Head-Stocks and wheeles on ye bells. There is a person in Philadelphia that is capable and has been concerned in England with Bell-hanging who, if you can agree with, will do the business perhaps as well as Baker; if you'll be pleased to write to him you may direct to Henry Clarke at the Coach and Horses, opposite ye State House, to whom if he comes, shd be greatly obliged to you, Sir, if youd be so good as (to) let him have ye Catalogues of bells which I have sent; or otherwise if he does not come, beg if you have any opportunity of sending them without any expence, that you would be so kind as (to) do it. I can think of nothing more for directions concerning ye bells and materials than what I have already wrote down. I have sent you a good Peal of Bells, & hope you will get ringers to have them well rung. I return you a great many thanks for ye favour you have done me, and heartily wish you success with ye bells, and am, Sir,

Your most obliged

& Obedient Servant,

ABELL RUDHALL.

On the same date, Mr. Rudhall forwarded duplicate receipts, acknowledging payment in full.

In the early summer of 1745 the bells were landed in Boston, and strenuous efforts were made to complete by public subscriptions the fund necessary to reimburse Mr. Gunter, who, by the way, had rendered his services gratuitously. Filed among the church records are the original appeals, beautifully drawn up in elephantine script, as perfect as the impression of a copperplate. These documents read as follows:

Whereas, A fine Ring of 8 Bells for Christ Church, Boston is arriv'd from England, Being ye first in North

America & Rais'd by a Generous Subscription of well disposed Gentlemen in London, Boston & elsewhere, The Subscriptions of which falling much short of the cost, Occasioned by the high Premium and other unexpected charges which must hinder their being Accomplished and hung up without Additional Subscriptions, which is hoped won't be wanting in Generous disposed Gentlemen to accomplish the same: Which will be recorded in ye Church Books and Thankfully Received and gratefully acknowledged by the Wardens of sd Church and those concern'd, Which will Inable ym to effect ye same wth all convenient Speed—

We the Subscribers oblige ourselves to pay into ye hands of ye Church Wardens for ye time being ye several Sums subscribed against our respective Names and for ye above said use only.

These petitions were put forth July 24th, 1745, and no more auspicious date could have been offered for tapping the purses of the townspeople, that being a day of unprecedented rejoicing in which these bells, not yet raised to the steeple, should have taken part; for on the very evening before had been received the news of the capture of Louisbourg by the colonial forces under General Pepperell.

A less judicious appeal, meeting with no response, was addressed to "Hon. Peter Warren, esq., Commander of a Squadron of His Majesty's ships of war at the island of Cape Breton; the Hon. Wm. Pepperell, esq., Lieutenant General of the New England Troops and to all the other commanders and officers now in His Majesty's service there." This was entrusted to Samuel Wentworth, then about to start for Louisbourg.

A more successful solicitor was found, however, in Capt. Jeremiah Fones, who was perhaps a sea captain sailing to the port of London and having business acquaintances in that city. He returned the following year, with a list of thirty-three subscribers, the total amount being £82 19s., and added "which am afraid is all that shall Git here. Aprill, 1746."

This tuneful and harmonious peal, the first cast for North America, as recorded in the inscription on the 6th bell, will compare favourably with that of All Saints, Fulham; St. Martin's in the Fields, and St. Bride's, London; St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln; or of Painswick parish church, all cast at the Rudhall foundry, at about the same date and possibly in the same moulds. Suspended in a lofty belfry designed with capacious arches, they are remarkable not only for their sweetness, but for their carrying power, being audible on a still day in every part of the city and in its immediate vicinity; and for a century and a half there has been no popular ovation in which their voice has not commingled. The graceful steeple, by unknown amateur architect, which embodies many characteristics of Wren's London spires, commanded an uninterrupted view of the combat at Bunker Hill, distant but half a mile across the river Charles. Its original height was 195 feet, which was reduced by twenty feet when restored by Bulfinch, after its destruction by the memorable gale of 1804. In 1847, when the upper portion of the steeple was revamped, the

writer watched the lowering of the bells to the church yard to permit the renewal of their cage and wheels.

In 1864 the bells were completely overhauled and supplied with new headstocks, baldricks, ground trucks, stays and sliders, but the original gun-metal brasses upon which the gudgeons revolve were found as perfect as when made, and are still in use. The old oak head-stocks with antique wrought-iron stays, identical in pattern with those preserved in Canterbury Cathedral, were deposited in local museums. This restoration was celebrated by a memorial service held in the ancient edifice, when the pealing of the bells, by a trained band of English ringers, revealed to the present generation the prodigious volume and sweetness of their sound. No more precious heirloom has been transmitted from our colonial forefathers, and it is to be hoped that these bells may be preserved for many centuries, as examples of the superior handicraft and kindly feeling of our English ancestors.

Although the Rudhall firm, of Gloucester, went out of business toward the middle of the last century, the brick buildings of the dismantled foundry still remain intact, and attached to the rear wall of the premises, abutting on Oxbody Lane, may still be seen the huge wooden crane, black with age, formerly used in hoisting the bells.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting was held at Crick on Saturday, July 28th. Members were present from Ashover, Clay Cross, Crick, Pentrich, Ripley, Selston, Swanwick, South Normanton, Tibshelf, South and North Wingfield. The Rev. M. Symmonds (Vicar), provided a substantial tea in the school, to which forty-two sat down. The Vicar was heartily thanked for the tea; also use of bells for the day. He suitably replied, giving the Association a hearty welcome to Crick, and wishing it every success, and promising to use his influence to obtain an additional bell to make six.

The bells were well used during the afternoon and evening, some of the members taking a stroll round the noted "Crick Stand." About 9 p.m. the bells were muffled, and a 6-score rung in memory of the late Miss Pigginn by W. Booth, H. Walvin, G. Wilson, T. Stimpson, F. H. Kay conductor. Thus ended a very enjoyable meeting.

SUTTON-ON-HULL (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 28th, at St. James's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. C. Jackson, A. Bowell, H. G. Welham, G. T. Marshall, J. W. Stickney, J. W. Crowder, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Stickney, J. Barrick, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Rodmell, C. Jackson, R. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, A. West, H. G. Welham.

STOW BARDOLF (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 21st, a peal of Bob Major collapsed after ringing 1232 changes. F. Borrett, C. Sedgley, H. Borrett, H. Robinson, T. Fitzjohn, E. Borrett, W. Bason, A. Fergusson.

BLACKPOOL.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Not a bad idea at all re-producing these old illustrations in the paper. When they first appeared, nearly one-half, I should say, of the present Exercise had not entered a belfry, and therefore they become interesting to many now. I strongly recommend all young ringers to take care of these pictures. There is no knowing what their value may be in years to come. The illustration of the Jasper Snowdon memorial window is excellent, and so say all those who have seen the original. Those who are not fortunate enough to possess back volumes of the "B.N.," or at any rate have been unable to peruse these back volumes, cannot know of the constant and unremitting application of the late Jasper Snowdon, week by week, to bell-ringing matters. His researches were amazing, and to him almost every leading ringer of the time owes something. In the first edition of "Grandsire" we had a brief memoir of him, which it was a pity to delete in the second edition. But I expect that economical reasons had to do with it, for all the books of such a distinguished man are published at a very low figure indeed.

We have memorials erected to several distinguished men of the Exercise. There is that to William Harrison, of Mottram; Henry Johnson, of Birmingham; George Newson, of London; and others. But they are very few and far between, and scarcer than they ought to be. The places of rest of many of our illustrious dead are unknown; men who were very prominent while alive, and looked up to as great leaders among their contemporaries. This cannot altogether be wondered at in most cases, so far as the earlier days of ringing were concerned, but more attention may be paid to such things in the future.

There is one instance in these latter days of a ringer who certainly ought to have been "memorialised" if ever a man was. I allude to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. I am not aware what steps, if any, the Norwich Association took towards this, but the Exercise at large should have been moved to something. It may be said that his work in connection with the Central Council, his compositions, his writings at various times, and last, but not least, the compilation of "The Glossary," constitute a sufficient memorial of him. That may be so. But if the Exercise had a central building of its own, a sort of headquarters, then in the hall of such building a proper and consistent memorial of him would certainly have had a place.

Another good man prematurely lost to the Exercise—William Wakley. His Association will do something in the direction of a memorial, we read. Mr. Wakley was a most agreeable fellow. He was spoken to once about always ringing one of the heaviest bells in a peal, when he replied: "I always like a bell I can lean on." His loss is the greatest Burton has met with since the death of the first Vicar of St. Paul's—the late Rev. J. H. Fish, a gentleman who rung a lot of peals.

Things seem to be extraordinarily quiet in the ringing world. I suppose the weather is too oppressive in places for peal ringing. Well, we can afford to wait; we shall have plenty of it later on. I am told that never at any time in the history of this paper was so few touches recorded as at present. There used to be a saying at the

office that the printer had in his drawer reports of touches enough to cover Hyde Park. Well it is not so just at this moment. I am empowered to say that such reports, written concisely, can now be dealt with.

A correspondent sends me a newspaper cutting about the recent Mottram long length. He says: "You are telling dog stories, and it seems by this that the Mottram ringers are compared to dogs catching bones." After describing the ringing, the writer of this cutting, who by the way gets a prize of 2s. 6d. for it, says:

"Refreshments in the shape of dry toasted cake soaked in meat extract, pieces of beef fresh from the gravy, brandy, sops, and juicy fruit, were placed in the men's mouths at intervals. The feeding process required skill, for every 'change' involves mental reckoning on the ringers' part. The feeding process was undertaken by a Stalybridge ringer, who would take up a piece of food and pitch it forward; there would be a movement of the ringers' head, like a dog catching a bone, and the morsel disappeared."

One can hardly be surprised if the ringing was a little "trippy" now and then.

The following is a rather interesting paragraph:—

According to tradition, the church of St. Peter, Cornhill, occupies the identical site of the first place of worship erected in England after it became Christian. The church is also worthy of remark by reason of its old organ. The instrument was built by the mighty master, Father Schmidt himself, the father of organ building, in the year 1681. To this day, in a measure, the organ remains his, although it was rebuilt to a certain extent in 1840. Mendelssohn played on it on many occasions in the forties, and pronounced it to be the finest organ in England. Now the church authorities are confronted with the necessity of thoroughly rebuilding the historic instrument. For this purpose an appeal for one thousand pounds will shortly be made. The sum appears to be large, but no smaller amount, it is said, will be sufficient. The Corporation of London, as the patron of the living, may be expected to contribute a generous sum, the more so for the reason that St. Peter's exercises great influence in the City through its daily services for business men.

There are no bells at all at this church, but it has many interesting features. It is next door, so to speak, to St. Michael's, Cornhill, where, as you all know, is a famous peal of twelve.

I think it was one of the daily papers which last week had a paragraph about the Westminster clock, which they called "Big Ben." Now all people who know the least about bells are fully aware that "Big Ben" is not a clock at all. It is a bell—Daily papers and all other papers whose ignorance on bell matters is proverbial, please note! I again repeat it for your special behoof—"Big Ben" is not a clock, it is a bell—the largest bell in the British Islands until the advent of "Great Paul." I supposed this was knowledge common to all. Certainly a writer, even if he is a mere paragraphist on a daily paper, ought to know it, and if not the sub-editor, or the scissors and paste man, should. Perhaps the information now imparted may bring forth an expression of their gratitude.

The bell in question—not the clock—was erected in its

present place under the auspices of the late Lord Grimthorpe—then EDMUND BECKETT DENISON, Q.C. (note the name), a distinguished member of the Parliamentary bar. H.M.'s chief Commissioner of Works at the time was Sir Benjamin Hall (afterwards Lord Llanover), and from Sir Benjamin the bell received its name—"Ben," the word "big" being appropriately added. This information has repeatedly appeared in these pages from various people who knew what they were talking about.

I read with pleasure last week that the society of St. Andrew, Rugby, had a "festivity." I scanned the names of those present, and came to the conclusion that all disagreement was at an end with them, and every unpleasantness forgotten and forgiven. Life is not long enough for quarrelling and making things up; every one must give and take, and agree to differ. Compromise is what we all have to practice, and no man long can have his own way entirely.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting took place on Saturday, July 21st, at Norton St. Philip, and notwithstanding the fact that this village is somewhat difficult of access to many of the members there was a good attendance. The towers represented were Buckland Dinham, Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Norton St. Philip, and Road. The bells of the parish church, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. V. Despard, were kept merrily going till late in the evening. A few of the ringers proceeded, after evensong, as far as Road, where a few touches of Grandsire Doubles were brought round. A capital business meeting was presided over by the new president of the branch (Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), and full justice was done to a welcome tea in the Jubilee Hall. The thanks of the Branch are due to the Vicar of Norton St. Philip and his ringers for the extremely cordial welcome they extended to the visitors, and we trust the day is not far distant when we may number their tower among those affiliated to this Association.

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."

CALDEY ISLAND.

SIR,—I notice that you quote a paragraph from *The Daily News* entitled "Anglican Monks buy Caldey Island," in which there occurs the sentence "Under existing social conditions, many devout Churchmen consider that the young enthusiasts of Painsthorpe would be more profitably employed in practical work among the slums of Swansea or Cardiff."

I am rather surprised at your giving this any further publicity, as it sounds remarkably like the cheap sneer one so often hears with regard to another walk in life, viz.: "Ringers would be much more profitably employed if they did not waste their time in learning changes, and allowed a practical machine to chime the bells."

When I first joined this community of Benedictine Monks (who by the way have acted all along under the direction of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York) ten years ago, they were working in the slums of the Isle of Dogs. Good work they were doing to, but they found that it was (like the chiming machine)

but a mere shadow of what they might do, and inspire others to do, were they to follow the example of Our Lord and His Apostles, and spend time in prayer in a quiet place first, that they might obtain a fit preparation, and thus do better work. After living by the kindness of others in different places all these years, they will now have a settled home of their own, from which their work can spread over the whole Church.

I do not know whether the epithet "young" is intended in a flattering sense or not, but from what I have said it is evidently misapplied, as they had been at work for several years before I knew of their existence.

Why should "devout Churchmen" consider that prayer, which is the first duty of the Monk, always and at all times, is not "practical work"? Surely all "devout churchmen" believe in prayer?

H. DRAKE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Would any of your readers who take an interest in old bell inscriptions let me know what the following is and date: Manuscript Dept. British Museum.

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this refers to some bells that once hung in St. Andrew's church, Heckington, Lincolnshire.

H. SUMNERS.

WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, July 31st, the St. Martin's Society, Leicester, met at St. Martin's to do honour to their friend and colleague, Mr. J. O. Lancashire, honorary member of the St. Martin's Society, whose marriage took place the same day at Thurnby, near Leicester. After a short touch of Grandsire Caters, in which J. Wilford, late of South Wigston, took part, a touch of 705 Stedman Caters was rung by—G. Cleal conductor, T. L. Allen, S. Cotton, F. H. Dexter, J. Buttery, A. Millis, E. E. Smith, J. S. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor. After which the bells were lowered in peal. ("The best fall on ten bells I have ever heard," remarked a visiting ringer). Leaving the tower a move was made to the local ringers' headquarters, which is conveniently situated opposite the church. Mr. A. Millis, in the chair, proposed a toast to Mr. Lancashire, finishing with a few laudatory remarks in regard to the good Mr. Lancashire had done; also what had been done by him had been done in a quiet unassuming manner, which might be profitably adopted by others.

Mr. E. E. Smith, in a short but pithy speech, endorsed the chairman's remarks.

Mr. J. S. Needham then gave the company his old but not worn out "A fine old English gentleman," accompanied by Mr. S. Cotton on the piano. A well sturck course of Grandsire Caters was then rung by J. Buttery, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, A. Millis, J. N. Needham. "Although he has gone on his honeymoon he is no doubt thinking of us now (10.30 ?)," was a choice bit from Mr. J. S. Needham's speech. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, followed by "He's a jolly good fellow," brought a pleasant evening to a close.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, July 19th, in the belfry of St. Alkmund's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. G. J. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, E. H. Lewis, G. Byolin conductor. On Saturday, July 21st, at St. Michael's church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, and a course each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Hughes, G. J. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, H. Jones, E. H. Lewis conductor, F. W. Taylor.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1906.

SOME years ago a great amount of feeling was raised with regard to a peal of Triples rung without a covering bell. Fears were entertained, from the bitterness which accompanied the arguments as to whether such a peal should be allowed or not, that seven-bell fears would become popular, but fortunately these peals were not realised, for peals embracing any such novelty, if purposely and intentionally attempted under such conditions, would not receive that due credit which is accorded to orthodox performances.

But when during the progress of a peal some crisis arises, which places the performance in jeopardy unless

something is done, then an innovation may be allowed. A case of this sort occurs in this week's reports, where the daylight was rapidly disappearing, and would have left the chamber in darkness in a few moments. The conductor thereupon requested the tenor-man to set his bell, light the belfry candles, and the peal was saved.

Though this relation may provoke a smile, and though it may naturally be asked why due provision was not made for such emergency, the principal object in view was attained—a peal—and under the circumstances no one will object to its record. The case is not singular. In one of the ringing works there are the figures of a peal of Stedman Caters with a footnote attached to the effect that it was attempted by the College Youths, but lost through the light becoming extinct in the last course. Our own experience has another instance at Putney, where in consequence of the great heat it was thought impolitic to light the gas before starting, but darkness coming on earlier than was expected, a collapse occurred in the last course.

We think it was at St. Luke's, Derby, where some years ago while a peal was in progress, the tenor-man showed signs of exhaustion, and soon intimated that he could not continue. The conductor in this case ordered him to set his bell and hurry away to get another ringer, the seven front bells meanwhile ringing the changes. This peal was obtained—a new tenor man soon appearing.

In such cases as these certainly the end justifies the means, and the surmounting of difficulties like those before us is a credit to those concerned.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 1, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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JAMES TANN 3.	CHARLES BRICE 7.
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

OLIVER BROCK Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
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AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES.

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EDWARD TRENDALL* .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
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Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.

*First peal.

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On Saturday, August 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

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EDWARD S. RUCK 2.	CHARLES H. SONE 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3.	STEPHEN HOPKINS 7.
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4.	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor.

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ARTHUR E. SHEPHERD 4.	A. W. LONG Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

*First peal. Arranged to meet for Mr. Morris and son, of Leicester; and Mr. Payne (Kettering).

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Miscellaneous.

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HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 1st, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Woodley, E. Butler, R. G. Rice, J. Napper, jun., R. F. Deal, A. R. Bosley conductor, J. E. Butler, H. C. Mulford.

MILTON (Berks).—On July 30th, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Whitehead, H. C. Mulford, H. Cooper, R. F. Deal, R. G. Rice.

MALDON (Essex).—On August 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 each of New London, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. A. Mansfield, J. D. Buckingham, A. Gozzett, H. Mansfield, E. C. Lambert conductor. Rang in honour of the wedding of F. Chalk, a well known enthusiastic ringer of the district, the band wishing him every happiness.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, F. Bayley, C. Groves, M. Ellsmore, J. Matthews, E. J. Harding, J. Harris, S. Thomas. For practice on July 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as before, conducted by J. Harris. On August 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Harris, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symonds, A. Collins, E. J. Harding, H. W. Abbott conductor, J. Matthews. This quarter-peal was specially arranged for Mr. Abbott, who was on a visit to Portsmouth.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Wade, H. Balaam, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong conductor, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, J. Miller, F. J. Budd.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Mirfield to-day, Saturday, August 11th. A tea will be provided in the room adjoining the Church House at 3d. per head to all ringers notifying Mr. Fred Robinson, Greenside, Mirfield. Tea at 4.30; meeting at 5 o'clock in the same room.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon to-day Saturday, August 11th. Ringing from 2 to 7 p.m. It is hoped that all the members will make an effort to be present.

J. B. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Witley to-day Saturday Aug. 11th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, presided over by the Hon. W. St. John Brodrick (in the absence of the Vicar).

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at East Tytherley to-day, Saturday, August 11th. Bells available from 2.30

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 18th. The Cathedral tower will be open from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 5 till 7.30 p.m. St. Margaret's tower will be opened from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m. Committee Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Corn Exchange at 6 o'clock sharp. Members intending to be present must send me notice on or before Thursday, August 16th, and apply to me for tea tickets on the day. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready at 4. Business at 7. Take train from Central.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Eastwood Branch.—The friendly monthly ringing meeting arranged to be held at Eastwood on August 18th, is unavoidably postponed, the Rector having promised the bells to a visiting band for a peal on that date.

Lynn Croft, Eastwood. FRED ROWLEY, *Sec.*

Exeter Cathedral.—No practice during August. EDWIN SHEPHERD.

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Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAPPENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Budge Row, E.C.

Stoke Archdiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, August 18th. Members who intend to be present, please give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton, not later than Thursday, August 16th.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual outing of the above Guild will take place at Canterbury on Saturday, August 18th, when it is hoped that the towers of the Cathedral (10), St. Stephen (8), St. Dunstan and St. Alphege (6), and St. Nicholas, Sturry, will be available during the day. All ringers heartily welcomed. Further particulars from

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be several matters of interest for consideration, every member who can make it convenient, is requested to attend.

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

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT QUEX PARK.—This composition is on the short-course plan, and is believed to be the first of its kind rang in Kent. This was Messrs. Brett, Trendell, and Andrews' first peal of Stedman Caters, and the conductor's 100th peal. During the progress of this peal the tenor-man set his bell for a few blows, and lighted the belfry candles.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—All communications with regard to the Walkden bells, etc., to be addressed to Mr. John Potter, 36, Sandwich Street, as Joseph Potter sails for America on Saturday, August 18th.

EMULATING CLIVE.—One of the boys of Oundle School accomplished a daring feat on a recent Tuesday by climbing unaided to the top of the spire of Oundle Church, 250 feet high. One of the most striking incidents of the boyhood of Robert Clive, the great pioneer of the Indian Empire, was a similar feat on the church steeple of his native parish.

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Round next change.

*1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11.

†4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong, and has all the 9-7-8s and 8-7-9s possible with the treble in 2nds place. It is the first published in this reduced number of changes, having only two broken courses. The first course was produced in 1863. Lately peals of this class seem to have had some little share of attention, without any special degree of originality. In the near

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sham at 10.20. Outside the station a brake was in readiness to convey us to Warnham, a village some three or four miles away. It was a pleasant drive, flavoured with puffs of the fragrant weed, and it was not long before the splendid ring of eight were swinging to Grandsire. St. Margaret's is a model belfry, and one would have to go a long way to find a sweeter ring of bells. The next item was dinner at The Black Horse hotel, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, the clatter of knives and forks and the speed with which the lamb, veal, chicken, salad, cheese, fruit and Christmas pudding disappeared was marvellous. After dinner we felt like giants refreshed. Pipes were brought out, and then we wended our way to Mr. Willis's home, where we were kindly received. We wandered about the spacious grounds and hot houses, our mouths watering all the time, and then tried our luck at bowls. Another tune on the handbells and pull at

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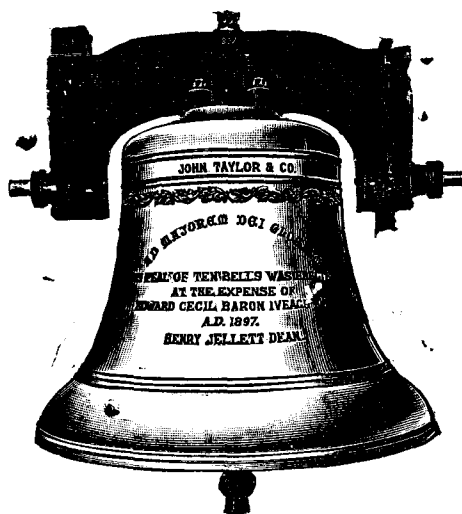
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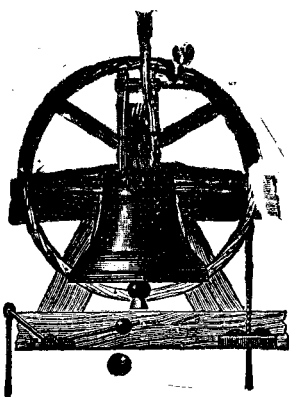
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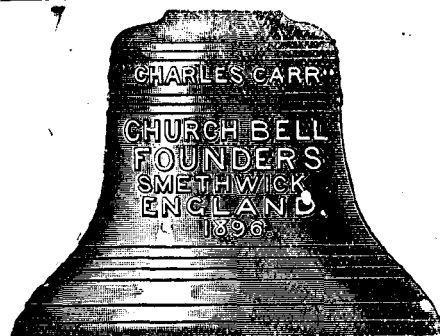
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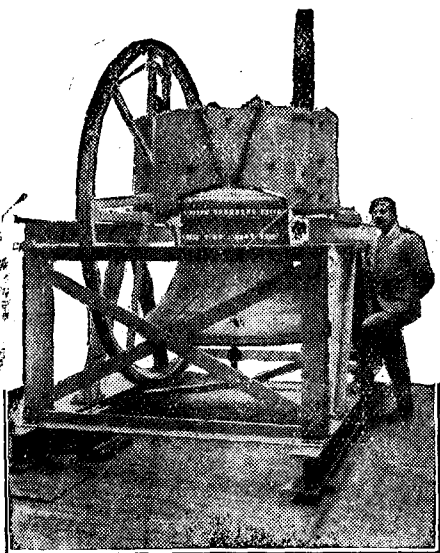
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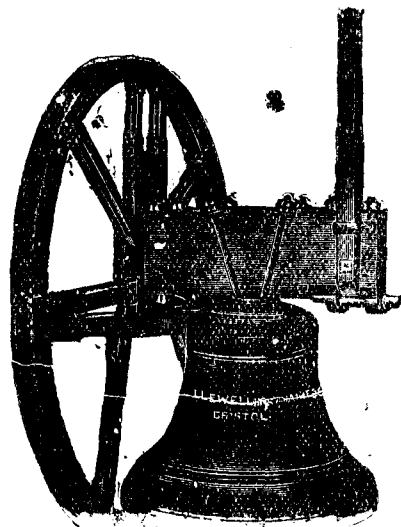
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OPENING OF A NEW RING AT ALLENDALE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The opening ceremony of a new ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) at St. Cuthbert's church, Allendale, took place on Saturday afternoon, July 28th. A large congregation was present at the dedication service, a special form of service sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle having been arranged, and which included a special hymn composed by the Rector (Rev. H. S. Stephenson) for the occasion. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Northumberland (Dr. Henderson) performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Canon Lowe, Vicar of Haltwhistle, the Rector and curate of Allendale (Revs. H. S. Stephenson and J. O. Woollcombe). There were also present the Revs. Canon Lonsdale (Corbridge), T. Stenhouse (Mickley), T. Neal (Haltwhistle), J. H. Mandell (Haydon Bridge), J. Baker (Rookhope), A. E. S. Ward, (Stanhope), Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Messrs. G. Dickinson and C. W. Harrison (churchwardens), and Major Walton. Immediately after the actual dedication a plain course of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. C. Routledge, A. F. Hillier, W. T. Robson, G. W. Dix, W. H. Porter, and W. Story, after which a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Archdeacon. Special music was rendered by a strongly-augmented choir in a very creditable manner.

After the service a public tea was held in the school-room, the tables being presided over by Mesdames Young, Walton, Dickinson, and C. W. Harrison and J. Carrick. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. J. O. Woollcombe to the ringers, and responded to by Mr. G. T. Potter, the President of the Association. During the evening several well-struck 700s of Kent and Oxford were taken part in by the seventeen members of the Association present. Twelve of these members remained at Allendale over the Sunday to ring for the services, and were very hospitably entertained by the kindness of the Rector and Messrs. Carrick, Dickinson, Telford, Mrs. Bulman, Mrs. Bell, and Miss Dixon.

The six bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They are hung in an iron frame, and go excellently.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The nineteenth annual meeting was held at Sandbach on Monday, the 6th instant. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, (Master of the Oxford Guild) preached in the parish church at a special service at 10.45.

After service the meeting was held in the school, Archdeacon Barber, Master, in the chair. The treasurer's statement of accounts for 1905 showed a balance in hand

of £75 8s. 2d. Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master; Rev. M. W. Kinloch, Rector of Eccleston, Chester, was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. H. A. Heywood was re-elected Treasurer. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Macclesfield on Monday, August 7th, 1907.

After the meeting about 150 members sat down to an excellent dinner in the town hall. The usual patriotic toasts being dealt with, an adjournment was made to the different towers, those open being Sandbach, Middlewich, Alsager, and Lawton, all containing eight bells. The Crewe branch committee had kindly provided two waggons to carry forty members at a return fare of 6d. each, to run between Sandbach, Alsager, and Lawton, calling at the towers to allow members time to ring. It is to be regretted that more members did not avail themselves of this opportunity to visit these towers, the expense to the Crewe branch was considerable. However, every one seemed to enjoy themselves, and a very pleasant meeting terminated at nightfall.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 4th, and proved very successful, ringers being present from Shildon, Cramlington, Chester-le-Street, Bishop Auckland, Sunderland, North Shields, Gosforth, and Newcastle.

An excellent meat tea was partaken of, which was fully appreciated by the twenty-one members partaking thereof. Mr. G. Potter, President of the Association, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Brown, Rector of Houghton, who cordially welcomed the ringers, and gave them permission to visit the rectory grounds, an invitation which the ringers were not slow to avail themselves of.

The bells of St. Michael's were kept going in the afternoon and evening, several 700s being rung in Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Minor, and Stedman Doubles.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford branch of this Guild was held at Witley on Saturday, August 11, when about fifty representatives attended from nearly all the affiliated towers in the district. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon and evening, and at 5 o'clock there was a short service conducted by the Rev. — Douglas. Tea followed at the Institute, the right hon. St. John Brodrick (late Secretary of State for India) presiding, supported by the Rev. — Douglas, Captain Goff, and Mr. J. J. Jones (hon. secretary). The subsequent business was of a routine character, but several new members were elected, including the whole of the Witley company.

Captain Goff proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, who was elected an hon. member of the Guild.

Mr. Brodrick, in reply, said that during the many years he had had the pleasure of representing that division in

Parliament he had become associated with an enormous number of different bodies in the neighbourhood, but having been temporarily relieved of the functions with which he was formerly acquainted he had registered a vow that for the present he would not take upon himself any further calls, as he found the existing ones were sufficiently numerous. He however, had been pleased to break through that rule in regard to the change-ringers' guild. By going into the tower that afternoon he had learnt that there was a deal more in bellringing than he had ever thought. A good peal of bells was, in his opinion, one of the things conducive to hearty public worship. In these days a clergyman was handicapped in his services by the counter-attractions, many of them perfectly innocent, in which people indulged on a Sunday. What he thought they required to counterbalance these outside influences was a clergyman who could give them a hearty service, with a succinct, direct, but short sermon, and a good choir to give them cheerful services. When they had these inside, what they wanted to induce people generally to go and take part in the service, was an excellent peal of bells to summon them from outside. A well-attended church service was one of the most stimulating, and at the same time one of the greatest joys they could have, and the ringers gave their contribution towards it in calling the people together.

During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Farningham on Saturday, July 28th, in glorious weather. The bells (a very handy ring of six) were going soon after 4 p.m., and various touches were rung. At 5 o'clock the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Williams), an enthusiastic ringer, invited all to a splendid meat tea, which was served on the lawn amidst the flowers. Being rather an awkward place to get at, several were late in getting there, but altogether about thirty-two partook of his and Mrs. Williams's kind hospitality, including several from the Rochester district. The business meeting followed the tea, the Vicar in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) and the Rev. H. F. E. Wigram (curate) of Eynsford, were both elected honorary members, also two practising members. Bromley was selected as the place of the annual meeting on Saturday, October 27th. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Williams for so kindly providing tea, and giving everyone such a hearty welcome.

The Vicar, in replying, said it had been a very great pleasure to them to welcome the members to Farningham, and he hoped to see some of them in the belfry often, for they were only beginners in the Art, and could do with help.

Courses of Bob Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung on the Vicar's handbells, to the delight of Mrs. Williams and family. The tower was again visited and various touches rung, including one of Bob Minor with the Vicar. Eynsford tower was to have been open, but owing to the clapper of the 6th falling out on the Sunday previous and cracking the bell this had to be off. The Rev. M. C. Elphinstone, who was present at the meeting, said they hoped to soon put the recasting of this bell in hand, also the tenor, which is greatly needed.

THE PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

The leading article in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 4th, was timely, and emphasised a point that cannot be too often insisted upon. The ignorant but well-meaning sexton is a real difficulty, as many of us know full well. As I mentioned at the Central Council Meeting, I know of several cases where such a one filled up the returns that were made lately, in quite a fallacious manner. It was objected to me in reply, that in most cases the representative ringer who filled up the paper was a reliable person; but my point was that the real number of rings in defective condition was not revealed, for the towers where the ignorant sexton did give the information would be the very cases where the condition was defective. Such persons seem to have two ideas in their mind: first that it is a reflection on their church, and therefore on themselves if the bells are not in first-class conditions. And then that it reflects on their care of the bells to have allowed them to become defective. They are somehow unwilling to acknowledge that even with the greatest care, in the course of time, the very best machinery will wear out, or required skilled attention.

My suggestion at the Central Council meeting did not seem to be understood. All who have had practical experience of this matter have said that it would be an excellent way of dealing with it. I proposed that a single page leaflet should be put out by authority, in which, in as terse and telling words as possible, the dangers of (a) neglect, (b) incompetent repairers, (c) employing men skilful in other engineering, but inexperienced with bells, (d) and of allowing clockmakers to tamper with the bells, should be set forth. The object would be not to supersede the existing useful books (viz. the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, or the reprint of Mr. Papillon's articles in *The Guardian*, both of which I have employed largely); but to draw attention to them.

At a village where I was lately, I gave the Vicar a copy of the first of these, and he was interested in what I said, and accepted my offer of new bell ropes, instead of the old lines with which the bells had been clocked. He did not however trouble to read the pamphlet, as it was so long. And being a scientific man himself, I suppose he thought that his opinion on these matters was as good as mine, and a few months later I found that he was not only again clocking the bells himself, but had actually used my new ropes to do it with! When a Vicar himself sins in this way "against light," one may well despair. But I think that if I had been able to shew him a short leaflet which he would have at once read, giving authority from men whose skill in engineering could not be questioned, he would have hesitated to subject the property of his church to such certain (if gradual) destruction.

I said that, though it would be a good thing for the Central Council to go to the expense of sending a leaflet to all the clergy, yet it would be better for each Society to do so in its own district, as it would not only benefit itself by so useful an advertisement, but it would remind

those who received it, of a quarter from which they could obtain advice when needed.

It would be advisable to send it to all clergy periodically, as the cases most difficult to find out, are where there are no ringable bells and some are wanted, or when a small ring is increased. In such case the mischief is usually done before change-ringers hear any thing of it.

H. DRAKE.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting was held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 28th. Members began to arrive about 4 p.m., and a visit to the church was made, the bells by permission of the Vicar being available for ringing. Previous to visiting the tower, the members were shown round the church, which dates back to about 1100 A.D., and the various old relics being objects of much interest: an old coat said to have been worn by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster (1362 to 1399) attracting much interest. The various objects were fully explained by Mr. A. Chapman, one of the local band, the visitors best thanks being accorded him. The tower was then visited, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major being rung. The business meeting was held at The White Swan hotel at 7 p.m., Mr. J. Broadley in the chair, supported by members representing the following towers: Bolton, Headingley, Holbeck, Pontefract, Selby, and members of the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting at Shipley were passed as read. One new member was elected. No other business forthcoming, a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. W. B. Peirson) and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. P. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. McHale, and carried.

Mr. J. Abbishaw suitably responded on behalf of the local company. At the close of the business the tower was again visited, touches in the following methods being rung: Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. At the meeting-house touches on the handbells were also rung, finally bringing to a conclusion a most successful meeting.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

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A HOLIDAY IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Sing me a song of the cycle wheel!
The whizzing, tearing, whirring wheel,
Bounding along on a band of steel,
And geared to ninety-two!

Some will sing of the surging sea,
Others a lay of the moor and lea;
But ho! the turnpike ride for me
With a hip-pip-pip-hurroo!

The invitation was of long standing: "You just come, only come; we'll do the rest." Such a welcome ought to be good enough for any man, and so it happened that on Saturday, August 4th, I turned the head of my tyre-bound steed towards Irthlingborough. Although the storms of the previous day had swept the roads and laid the dust, the morning opened wet, and as soon as the sun appeared the writer made tracks, resolved to put as much distance as possible between the showers. Fifteen miles were reeled off without a break, and then, leaving Market Harborough behind, there commenced a long climb upwards. I think it is geographically known as "Slack's Hill." I don't know who Slack was, and I trust he will not be offended, but I have re-christened his hill, although the new name might be considered "unfit for publication." Everything has its uses, and I suppose Boniface in the next village blesses that hill, for the weary traveller simply absorbs the liquid refreshment offered by mine host. When the beaming bikist has pushed his machine—a Rudge-Whitworth, be it remembered—with luggage on behind, up an ascent of two miles, his temper is sure to be improved by some yokel asking: "Wheer are yer gooin, Gaffer, for yer ollerday?" Also after 9999 flies have gorged themselves to the full off the perspiration of his neck and face, it adds to the comfort decidedly when a zealous temperance (?) advocate thoughtfully pushes into his hand a tract entitled, "Look not on the wine when it is red," and this especially when he is staggering towards the door of The Pig and Pikelet. Would that temperance reformers could discern between use and abuse, also that total abstinence is not temperance.

Give me the roadside inn with its thatched roof and its ceilings quaint and low; where the pictures are mostly hams, and the air is redolent of the 'barley bree'; where the landlord's welcome is warm, and his thumb is never more than halfway down inside the jug! It is in such places that the denizen of town and city can pick up unconsidered trifles for wit and wisdom often flourish at a wayside inn. I love to listen to the old man in the chimney corner who talks about the struggles previous to the Reform Bill of 1832, and how peace was celebrated after the Crimean war. "Aye" said one old crony, "men could drink ale in them days; see that white cross on the grave yonder? when Bill Buggins who lies under it first took a farm here, he rode up to this very door and shouted out, 'landlord, I hear yer keep good home-brewed in these parts; bring me a quart!' Well, old Jimmy, the gaffer in them days, brought it out. Mr. Buggins supped it all up, and sez, 'fill it again.' Jimmy filled it, and we all went outside to see the man who was so thirsty. The farmer emptied it again, and as he handed it back he sez:—'Yes, it's all right; one of you fellows hold my hoss, for I am going to get off and have some'! 'Ah!' said the old man, 'men knew good ale in them days, they do'ant get a chance now-a-days. I told an election man about old Bill Buggins larst Kurstmas at the votin', and he larfed and put it in his pocket-book.'"* (This yarn was

actually re-told in the House of Commons last session during the second reading of the Pure Beer Bill).

To resume, Kettering was soon astern, and a rest was taken in the churchyard of Burton Latimer. This is a fine old edifice with six bells, and the stained windows of the chancel are well worth a visit. I have often wondered why some enterprising publisher has not brought a volume of the stained windows of cathedrals and churches of Great Britain in colours. In our human kaleidoscope nothing appeals more to man's better nature than the inexorable message from chancel and isle, or the epitaph from a tomb. Let him who seeks rest from the cares of a busy world, enter the seclusion of a country churchyard. Let him moralise and read the inscriptions of the dead "that cluster round the ancient pile," and there will be borne upon him the eternal question:

What is our duty here? To tend
From good to better—thence to best;
Grateful to drink life's cup—then bend
Unmurmuring to our bed of rest;
To pluck the flowers that round us blow,
And scatter their fragrance as we go.

Finedon was reached in due course, and at Irthlingborough the writer was met and received right royally. Sunday morning saw us in the river Nene for a swim, and at 10 a.m. a goodly company met at the lantern tower for service ringing.

Irthlingborough is fortunate in many ways. The visitor can usually have any method he chooses from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and there are ringers in this locality who can hold their own with any other men in the country. The Central Northamptonshire Association will certainly not decline while such clever exponents as "Jim" Houghton, "Andy Andy" Tyler—no connection with Charles Lever's hero—"Sottanstill" Garrett, so named I believe as a tribute to the original of Sowerby, and John Snuff Mawby exist. With these worthies and Messrs. Perkins and J. Martin, of Finedon and Higham Ferrers respectively, we tapped off on Monday morning a 5376 of Superlative Surprise in good time, and afterwards adjourned for refreshment. As I have said, this village is up to date. It can boast of two clubs. One of these—the working men's—is a fine building, and kept with every convenience for body and mind, and compares favourably with those in large towns. The other rejoices in the sobriquet of "The Glue Pot!" "Why Gluepot?" said I, when a ringer's wife replied "Because when the men get there they stick!" The good lady will I hope feel proud when she sees I have handed on her witty remark to posterity. Unlike the first-named club, The Gluepot has political support. Everything is Imperial from the fixtures down to the half-pint mug—worse luck. I draw the line at the Imperial pint, but nevertheless we enjoyed ourselves. In the evening we journeyed over to Great Addington, a pretty village and a good ring of six bells. Here we rang a 720 of Double Oxford, and by the light of the full moon got safely back about midnight. Tuesday saw us at Higham Ferrers (St. Mary's) where a remarkably fine church can be seen. The tracery of the east window is superb, and the ancient brasses, together with a Spanish chest from the wreck of the Armada, are well worth an inspection. The bells here are a melodious ring with a tenor of 22½ cwt. in E flat, and although it was a boiling hot day, "Andy Andy" boldly stripped to the tenor, and in 3 hrs. and 16 mins. a peal of Double Norwich was safely put through. The rest of the day was spent in social intercourse at a neighbouring hostelry,

and when we returned to Irthlingborough it was 5.30 p.m. Although pressed to remain overnight I was under a promise to return on Tuesday night, and therefore reluctantly turned towards home. I might fill another column with the adventures of the return journey. How I started without a lamp to do fourteen miles each hour to get home before lighting up time. How I did it until my front tyre went "bang wallop!" How a rubicund policeman thought he could stop me on the home stretch and found out he could not. But time and space forbids, so I close this account by thanking those friends who conducted to my pleasure, especially Mr. and Mrs. James Houghton. I never met a better set of fellows in my life, nor spent a happier time, and I look forward to the time when I can say again "Shust von more mine friendth." They will understand.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

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 CATERS.

SIR,—I hope Mr. Hattersley will excuse me for pointing out to him, firstly, that the opening course in his peal published last week was used by the late H. W. Haley some time before the year 1863. The following are the figures of the peal:—

5001 STEDMAN CATERS.—HENRY W. HALEY.

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214563	-	216534	-	-	-
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215364	-	615234	-	-	-
512463	-	516432	-	-	-
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Repeat the last eleven courses twice produces 216453, then bobs at 4, 5, 16 give 516324. Round by 2, 4, 5, 7.

First rung on January 30th, 1849, at All Saints, West Ham, conducted by the composer.

Secondly: the late Mr. W. A. H. Hallsworth composed a 5127 on this plan with only two broken courses. This was rung on the day of his funeral and published in "THE BELL NEWS." And if Mr. Hattersley will refer to a copy of the Middlesex Association's Report for 1901-2 he will find a 5125 by Mr. Lindoff, commencing with a slow six, and bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, with only two broken courses, and the same qualities, viz.: the 6th forty-eight times in 5ths with all the 9 7 8s and 8 7 9s. Whilst writing I might mention to those interested that a peal with the bells first half 9 7 8, second half 8 7 9 position, and the 6th in 5ths place was rung on January 30th, 1850, at St. James's, Bermondsey, conducted by the composer, H. W. Haley. It consisted of 5019 changes. Probably this was the first ever rung on the plan.

A. NUNNELEY-WOOD.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—The peal of 5025 Stedman Caters by J. R. Pritchard, of Salford, is false. The second six in the course called single at 5 repeats with the second six in the course called 6 16.

GEORGE ASTBURY.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, August 28th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, August 23rd. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester to-day, Sat., August 18th. The Cathedral tower will be open from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 5 till 7.30 p.m. St. Margaret's tower will be opened from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m. Committee Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Corn Exchange at 6 o'clock sharp. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid. **A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Midland Counties Association.—Eastwood Branch.—The friendly monthly ringing meeting arranged to be held at Eastwood on August 18th, is unavoidably postponed, the Rector having promised the bells to a visiting band for a peal on that date. **Lynn Croft, Eastwood. FRED ROWLEY, Sec.**

Exeter Cathedral.—No practice during August. **EDWIN SHEPHERD.**
160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd. **T. CARD, Hon. Sec.**

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association. **T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.**

1, Budge Row, E.C.

Stoke Archdiocesan Association.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddleton to-day, Saturday, August 18th. **D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The annual outing of the above Guild will take place at Canterbury to-day, Sat., August 18th, when it is hoped that the towers of the Cathedral (10), St. Stephen (8), St. Dunstan and St. Alphege (6), and St. Nicholas, Sturry, will be available during the day. All ringers heartily welcomed. Further particulars from **C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.**

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be several matters of interest for consideration, every member who can make it convenient, is requested to attend. **W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 6.30. **Z. LORD, Branch Sec.**

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the North and West District of this Association will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. N. Bate. The bells will be raised at 5 o'clock, and owing to local exigencies, the actual ringing must be limited to two hours. The Hon. Secretary will take it as a great favour if all, who can conveniently do so, will make a point of attending. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.**
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Wilfred's church, Ribchester, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. **R. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.**

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Thornhill Arms at 8 p.m. **FRED BARBACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, August 25th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. (meeting after), for those who inform Mr. Steer, Hawley, Hants., or **C. H. PEARCE, Dis. Sec.**
Vale Road, York Town.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 1st, at 4 o'clock. **REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.**
J. W. JONES, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, Bucks., on Saturday, Sep. 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m. **F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.**

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 2.0 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at The Royal Clarence hotel at 5 o'clock. **E. BURGESS, Secretary.**

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HARTLEBURY.—E. E. DAVIS' 150 PEALS.—London Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Royal 2; Major 9; Superlative Major 3; Gloucester Major 3; Double Norwich Major 22; Double Oxford Major 1; Double Norwich Caters 1; Treble Bob Maximus 1; Royal 4; Major 9; Bob Maximus 1; Royal 8; Major 18; Triples 1; Stedman Cinques 2; Caters 10; Triples 17; Grandsire Cinques 3; Caters 11; Triples 8; Canterbury Major 1; Union Triples 1; Minor in five methods, 7; Doubles in four methods, 5. Total—150.

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THE PEAL AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—This was the first peal in a Surprise method in the county of Wilts. It was also Mr. Rumblings' first attempt with a Treble Bob bell on eight bells, and notwithstanding that he had only rung ten peals, the total number rung by the company amounted to 3,697.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1906.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT OKEFORD FITZPAINE, AND
DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE.

This old peal of five bells (recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1820 from a mediæval four, so as to give a tenor of about 11 cwt.), has just been quarter-turned and rehung, with cannons removed, in iron frame on oak foundation, a new treble added to make six, and the present 5th tuned, all by the old firm. At the same time the floor of the belfry has been raised 2 feet 8 inches, and a new slit window is to be pierced in the south wall of the ringing-chamber, improvements, which will convert a very low and dark place into a very fairly bright and comfort-

able one. This part of the work has been carried out by Mr. G. Loder, who is also an ex-captain of the ringers, and laid the foundation of change-ringing in the parish some years ago. The bells were re-opened, and the new treble dedicated at the District Slate Club Fete service on August Bank Holiday by the Rural Dean (Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell), Vicar of Sturminster Newton, and chairman of the East Dorset Branch. Before service there was a good 6-score rung on the five by two of the home company, Mr. E. Ridhut (captain), and his brother, assisted by Mr. Lawrence and two visitors.

After the dedication ceremony, and the few opening rounds well struck out by the home band, the Church Bell hymn, No. 381 in the Hymnal Companion, was heartily sung by the choir and a large congregation, with whom it is a great favourite. This hymn, based by Dr. Neale on his own lines, "Lift it gently in the steeple," and set to a carillon tune by Dr. Vincent, is scarcely as familiar to ringers as it deserves to be. By the time the last chords had died away, the Rural Dean was in the pulpit, and gave a grand address on St. Luke vi. 38, driving home again and again the way in which this great law of Nature holds good, whether in club life, or in ringing life, or in the inner life of a man's own soul; it is when—and as—he gives a full measure of patient work and unselfish devotion, then—and so far—can he hope to receive a full measure of true success and true happiness.

The Burnham company of the Bath and Wells Association (four of whom, including their captain, Mr. W. Crandon, were employed at Shillingstone during the spring, and gave a big start to change-ringing in several neighbouring towers), were visiting the district for a day's outing, and on the conclusion of the service rang a few courses of Bob Minor, after which one o'clock called them away to the Club dinner, where a ringers' table was provided by kind permission of the Club Secretary, and a goodly party sat down, including representatives from Blandford, Bournemouth, Child Okeford Marnhull, Pimperne, Shillingstone, Sturminster Newton, and Winterbourne Stickland. After dinner a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently, was rung by the following members of the Burnham company: Messrs. Crandon (2), Counsells, Dunn, Tyley conductor, and Chamberlain. Afterwards the party drove on to Bryanston and Blandford, where the towers were open for ringing, and some good touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The home bells were kept merrily going during a great part of the afternoon and evening, till most of the visitors had tried them. The "go" is pronounced on all sides to be excellent, and leaves nothing to be desired.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
HOBATIO GUMMER, JUN.* .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT 7.
THOMAS TEASDALE 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	THOMAS GROOBRIDGE .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 4.	*ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. SHARMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

ABBOTS LEIGH, NEAR BRISTOL,

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, July 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR RUMBLE* .. Treble.	THOMAS BESSANT 4.
FREDERICK DERRICK 2.	*GEORGE GALE 5.
THOMAS WYATT 3.	THOMAS ATHERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. WYATT.

*First peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, August 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

WILLIAM MASON* .. Treble.	*SAMUEL GROVE 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS* 2.	JOSEPH FIGOTT 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOHN NEAL 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLEE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

JOHN S. RUMMING .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

Reference elsewhere.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
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DARTFORD, KENT.

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On Saturday, August 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 2.	HENRY SIMMONS 6.
JOHN EMERY 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
RICHARD MORGAN 4.	ROBERT BRETT Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ROBERT BRETT.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	JAMES DOWLER 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN WITHERS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
SAMUEL GROVE 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Mr. Harris (churchwarden). S. Grove's fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere; also E. E. Davis's 150th peal.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	†THOMAS FITZJOHN 5.
J. W. SEDGLEY 2.	HENRY BORRETT 6.
WILLIAM HAWES* 3.	EGBERT BORRETT 7.
CHARLES SEDGLEY* 4.	ARTHUR MARKWELL Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	MAURICE SMITH 6.
JESSE GILLET 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
HARRY LEWIS 3.	GEORGE CONDIK 8.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4.	JOHN AUSTIN 9.
FRANCIS E. HART 5.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Lewis, father of the 3rd and 4th ringers, also as a farewell to S. M. Loxton, who is leaving Gloucester for Cirencester.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN. .. 2.	THOMAS BETTISON 6.
WILLIAM GOSLING, JUN. .. 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
SAMUEL STEVENS 4.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung in honour of the 79th birthday of W. Gosling, sen., the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Quickest peal on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN 5.
JAMES GARRETT 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
JOHN J. MAWBY 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Three Hours Ten and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 27 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6.
JOHN S. RUMMING 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE } Tenor
	CHARLES GAISFORD }

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rang on the 250th anniversary of the rebuilding of this tower and church.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	JAMES W. AVIS 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
WILLIAM DREW 4.	FREDK. W. WATLING Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON .. Treble.	JOHN MAWBY 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN 2.	ARTHUR SMEATHERS 6.
JAMES GARRETT 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON.

This peal has the 4th and 6th only in 6th place.

SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK WILCOX* Treble.	†WILLIAM BOWEN 4.
REV JAMES F. HASTINGS .. 2.	CHARLES BRAMAN 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor away from the treble. First peal on the bells. These bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, the go of them being excellent.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN Treble.	FRANK PERVIN 5.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 6.
JAMES L. WELLS 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
WILLIAM PERVIN 4.	*ALFRED HARRAD Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK LAMBERT* .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 5.
CHARLES BRICE 2.	WALTER MOBBS 6.
HENRY BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
THOMAS FITZJOHN* 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-one 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.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

THIRSK, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	A. W. BARRETT 5.
J. W. NEWTON 2.	W. NEWTON 6.
J. BAXTER 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
J. WALLER 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First 5000 of Treble Bob on the bells since 1874.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	ALBERT D. STONE 5.
GEORGE SMART 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

S. J. Bird was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

ALLENDALE TOWN.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEO. T. POTTER* Treble.	A. F. HILLIER 4.
JOS. E. R. KEEN 2.	OSWALD SIMM 5.
E. A. HERN 3.	*WM. T. ROBSON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. T. ROBSON.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A.,
Vicar of Drayton, Berks.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS E. HUGHES* .. Treble.	ROBERT SPERRING 5.
FRANK MILTON 2.	JOHN W. DAVIES 6.
JOHN C. CROOK* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 4.	HENRY WILDE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

JOHN HATCHWELL* .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 2.	JAMES MOULTON 6.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS J. BETHELL* .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	CHARLES DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1906, 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 10 cwt.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
JAMES V. WRIGHT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ROBERT SPERRING 4.	*JOHN ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. It is now over fifty years since the last peal of Stedman was rung on these bells.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

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

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

HARRY JONES Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
JOHN TOMLINSON 2.	HENRY WILDE 6.
ERNEST SMITH 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, has been sent without any conductor.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 31st, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1906 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. H. Bowen, E. Porter, sen, J. Porter, R. Watson, A. E. Porter, E. Barker conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SILSDEN (Yorkshire).—On Friday, March 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, being 466 Kent, 720 Oxford, and 720 Violet. J. Cooper, T. Baldwin, H. Butterfield, A. E. Lambert, A. Adams conductor, F. W. Rishworth. First date touch on the bells by the local company.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, a touch of 1024 Cambridge Surprise Major. W. Short, F. Withers, T. J. Salter, J. Withers, R. Matthews, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday, August 10th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1248 Double Norwich. J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, E. N. Price, H. S. Humphrey, I. G. Shade, J. E. Davis, W. Berry, F. A. Holden conductor.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO (Kent).—On Saturday, August 11th, 1248 Double Norwich. P. Taffs, A. Robson, F. A. Holden, S. Peacock, W. Easter, S. Taylor, W. Walker, W. Haigh. Composed by J. E. Davis, and conducted by F. A. Holden. First in the method on the bells.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, August 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Maxted, R. Hims, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, R. Brett-Smith conductor. On Thursday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Taylor, R. Brett-Smith, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, T. Groombridge conductor.

FARNINGHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, August 8th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Groombridge conductor, Rev. L. A. Williams, G. Durling, J. Wheadon, R. Brett, E. Barnett, sen. This is the first 720 by the Rev. L. A. Williams, who only started change-ringing four months previous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Mary's Grassendale, 720 each of Woodbine and Superlative Surprise. T. J. Morris, R. H. Green, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Booth, J. Turner, J. Allan. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 720 Violet, conducted by J. Turner.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, July 25th, at St. Oswald's church, an attempt for a peal in seven methods collapsed after ringing 720 each of Single Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and College Single. H. Stanley, J. W. Bell, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Booth, E. H. Lewis, J. Martin.

LISCARD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 11th, at St. Mary's church, after meeting short for Stedman Triples, 720 Plain Bob. P. H. Harvey, W. Booth, E. Counce, J. Gardner, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. H. Lewis, A. Lovell, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Gardner, W. Booth, E. Counce. Rung on the back six.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 6th, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor, which was lost after ringing 4300 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. P. Gibbs, C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury, E. Gibbs, F. Viles, J. H. White conductor.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, for Divine Service, four courses of Stedman Caters. R. Brunson, S. Loxton, J. Austin conductor, Jesse Gillett, T. Baldwyn, F. E. Hart, W. J. Sevier, R. Judd, G. Condict, T. Ward.

LONG WITTENHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, August 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, R. F. Deal, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, W. Hitchman conductor.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday evening August 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, in 28 mins. J. Prestidge, Miss M. Gilbanks conductor, W. Micklewright, R. Round, A. Round, C. Rollinson, A. Greenfield. Several touches were rung with the above and A. Prestidge in Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob Minor. Miss M. Gilbanks is the daughter of the Vicar of Wolaston, and it is her first 720 as conductor.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 3rd, previous to evening service at St. John the Evangelist, 1376 Bob Major, in 50 mins. W. Goodwin, F. Allen, M. Ward, L. Charlesworth, C. Haynes, S. Wesley, W. S. Plant, S. Thomas.

SHOULDHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday evening, August 7th, a muffled 720 was rung as a token of respect the Rev. William Maxey Allen, whose funeral took place that day. The rev. gentleman had been Vicar of this and the adjoining parish of Shouldham Thorpe for fifty-six years. He was grandson of the late Rev. Stephen Allen, rector of St. Margaret's, Kings Lynn, who held that living for over fifty years.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning Service, 1168 Double Norwich. G. Bester, J. Armstrong conductor, H. E. Balaam, F. E. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 50 mins. J. Hill, F. Viles, W. C. Jones, A. Hill, J. Newman, E. E. Davis, E. Watkins, J. H. White conductor.

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THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

Prompted by the recollection of pleasant visits in the past, the Stockton ringers again selected Thirsk for their annual outing, and as on previous occasions with the intention of scoring a peal, which this time came off. The party, which included Messrs. J. Baxter, from Darlington, and T. Metcalfe from Middlesbrough, arrived at Thirsk soon after ten. Having arranged for a dinner at 2 o'clock and obtained access to the belfry, the bells were pulled up in peal and a 5024 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. An adjournment was then made for dinner, after which a brake was chartered for Felixkirk, a steady climb of three miles to the foot of the Hambleton Hills, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. G. J. Clarkson conductor, J. Clarkson, J. Baxter, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, A. W. Barrett. This was followed by a 720

of Oxford Treble Bob by J. Clarkson, J. Baxter, W. Newton, J. Waller, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor. The return journey was then made to Thirsk, and the ringing for the day brought to a conclusion with a touch of 504 Stedman Triples by Messrs. G. J. Clarkson, W. H. Stephenson, J. Baxter, J. W. Newton, W. Newton, T. Metcalfe, T. Stephenson conductor, J. W. Neesam. Having again refreshed the inner man the party entrained for home, having pronounced the outing a complete success in every way, the only regret being that the genial welcome of their old friend the late Mr. Joseph Wrightson was no longer available as on previous visits.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

On Saturday, August 11th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild, 720 Bob

Minor was rung at St. Peter's church. Rev. F. S. Bordillon first 720, G. Williams conductor, J. Elcombe, W. H. George, C. Fray, W. T. Tucker. Although East Tytherley is an ideal place for a summer meeting only one in addition to the above turned up, owing no doubt to the lack of enthusiasm for good change-ringing in the county. Unfortunately the district secretary, Mr. Elkins, was unable to be present. On the return home in the evening a halt was made at Lockerly and 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung on the bells of the parish church.

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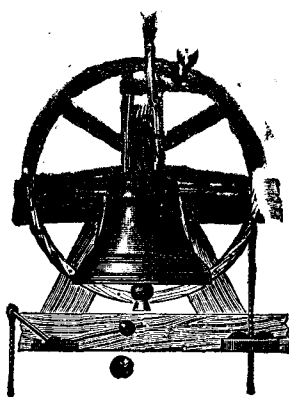
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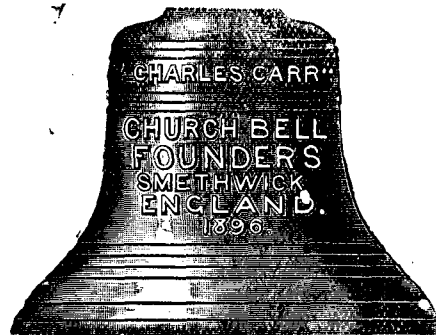
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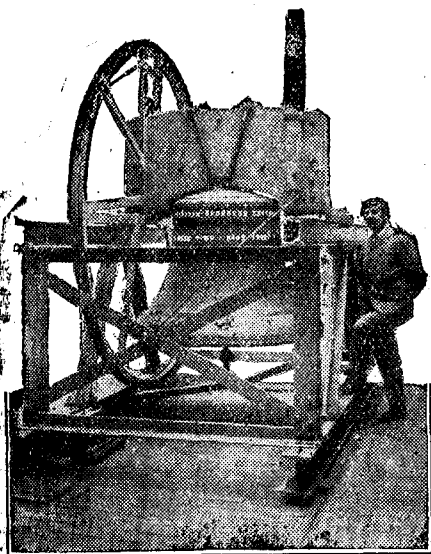
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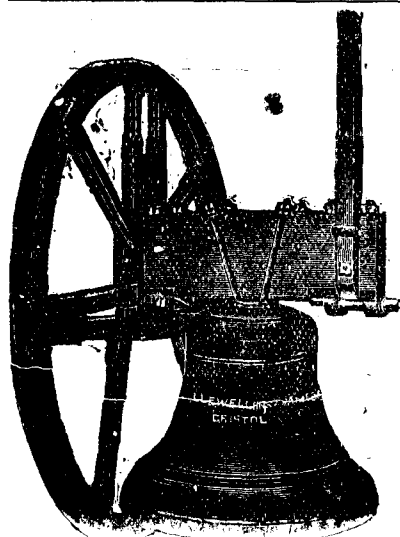
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WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

It is scarcely a year ago since this paper recorded the opening of a new ring of bells (then increased from three to five) at the above village, distant some twelve miles from Lincoln, and six miles from Gainsborough. Friday evening, August 17th, witnessed the augmentation from five to six. For years three bells did duty for the various offices of the church, but through the generosity of R. C. Bacon, Esq., of Willingham House, there now hangs in the tower one of the sweetest toned ring of six bells the writer has ever heard. The donor of the bells must have spared no trouble or expense in securing from the well-known firm of bellfounders at Loughborough, an example of what their long experience can produce. In addition to the tone of the bells, the framework will bear the strictest investigation; and last, but not least, the bell-chamber itself has received careful forethought, and made a place fit to hold such expensive articles of Church belongings. The louvres have been bricked up to prevent undue exposure to wind and weather, and the chamber made secure from winged intruders by being latticed. The company who met to assist in the opening of the bells, consisted of four from Lincoln, who journeyed the twelve miles by motor, and two from Gainsborough. The Lincoln contingent, who had the advantage of the latest form of locomotion, were the first to arrive, and had the opportunity of taking a hurried tour of the grounds, gardens and stables whilst waiting for their Gainsborough friends. At the special request of Mr. Bacon, some 6-scores of Doubles were rung after the bells had been raised in peal. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by R. F. Lane, was then rung by R. Dawson, G. Flintham, G. Chester, G. M. Moston, J. W. Watson, R. F. Lane. The local band of ringers consisting of the donor (R. C. Bacon, Esq.), Messrs. H. Bingham, H. Housman, W. Herring and H. Plowright also rung several rounds, which shewed that if they had not yet mastered the intricacies of change-ringing, they had made favourable progress under the tuition of Mr. Dawson, of Gainsborough.

At 9 p.m., after the bells had been lowered in peal, the visitors were invited to adjourn to Willingham House, lying almost within the precincts of the church, where a bountiful repast awaited them. Ample justice was done to the good things provided, whetted no doubt by the invigorating country air, and after the inner man had been quite satisfied, Mr. Linley, the President of the Northern Branch of the Guild, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the health of Mr. Bacon, thanking him for the great work he had done in providing the village

with a capital peal of bells, and for his hospitality to the visitors. Needless to say the toast was duly honoured, and received an encouraging reply from Mr. Bacon.

Mr. R. F. Lane, of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due for the manner in which he had carried out the important work entrusted to him, was not forgotten, neither the founders of the bells (Messrs. Taylor), and Mr. Lane promised to convey to his employers the kind remarks made upon the work.

Time which flies by far too quick on these occasions, demanded a dispersal of the company who journeyed homewards quite satisfied that "something had been attempted and something had been done," and done too in a style which cannot fail to bind all classes together for the full enjoyment of this short span of life, and for their mutual benefit.

NORTH MORETON PARISH CHURCH, BERKS.

The ring of five, tenor 15 cwt., at the above church, has been rehung in an iron frame with new fittings, and new ropes by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich. On Wednesday, August 8th, ringers drove over from the neighbouring parish of Harwell, and having raised the bells in peal, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 25 mins. by H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, W. Hitchman conductor, R. F. Deal (London), and V. R. Hitchman. The inhabitants of this village have heard no half-pull ringing on their bells for thirty years, so presumably they appreciated this performance. Several touches were afterwards rung, in which L. Hitchman (Long Wittenham), took part, and after lowering in peal and hastily inspecting the bells by the feeble light of a candle, the party entered the vicarage to partake of refreshments kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Young. The visitors were greatly pleased with the excellent "go" of the bells, which are of remarkably fine tone, and it is hoped that they will be increased to six or eight at no distant date.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Petersfield on Monday, August 6th, when members attended from Fareham, Portsea, Havant, Liss, and Petersfield; also Mr. J. W. Whiting (District Secretary), and Mr. J. J. Jones (Hon. District Secretary of the Guildford District). The proceedings of the day opened with a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), which was conducted by W. Lebbon, after which the business meeting was held at St. Peter's hall. In the absence of the Rev. C. W. Scott, Mr. J. Harper was voted to the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, the same being agreed to. The other

business was of the ordinary routine. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells during the day. About thirty members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. Baker, for which a vote of thanks was accorded.

Mr. Harper, on behalf of the members, gave Mr. J. Jones a hearty welcome to their meeting, and Mr. Jones in reply said it gave him much pleasure to see such a good gathering, especially the ladies present. It was decided for Mr. Lebbon to call a peal of Stedman at Havant, the date to be fixed by Mr. Whiting. On the whole the meeting was a great success, the members being well satisfied with their outing.

SERMON BY THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

At the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild this year an address was delivered to the members by the Bishop, in the cathedral, from Psalm cl. 6: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

His lordship said the Old Testament was not only not contrary to the New Testament, but was absolutely necessary for any Christian teaching that was to be full of life. St. Paul taught them that the scriptures were able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which was in Christ Jesus, and one of the most important tasks of the Church at the present day was to rescue Old Testament theology from contempt, and to turn the Old Testament into daily food for Christians. Speaking of sacrifices his lordship said the thing actually done must be an offering to God in spirit, so they did not usually employ instrumental music as an offering of praise to God. Organists were very fond, as they knew, of putting in a good deal of organ music by itself. That was not a wrong thing to do, but they could hardly suppose it was particularly pleasing to God. What instrumental music was wanted for in church was not to make a great display of musical talent, but to support the singing in the church, to support the spiritual worship of the church, and so it was with bells. They did not want the bells merely to sound musical peals. Although there was nothing wrong in that, and it was a very good thing for them to learn to do it, because it exercised them in their craft, and helped them to follow their vocation more perfectly. But what they did want bell music for was for spiritual purposes, which were so well recognised in the collects which they had said together in that service that morning.

The Bishop then explained the service which had just been used, and which was the one compiled by the Rev. Herbert Drake under his supervision, and with his assistance. He showed how it referred to bells like the silver trumpets of old calling men to worship; preparing those who entered for worship, and those who could not be present to join in spirit; helping the sick and suffering by the reminder they conveyed; calling on us to do our duty for the departed; and reminding the ringers themselves of their own duty of devotion.

Continuing, his lordship said so long as people were accustomed to connect the sound of the bells with Church going, so long was bell music a valuable thing. If they once simply regarded it as something pretty sounding in the ear, and as having no relation whatever to duty, then the spiritual part of Christ's religion would be lost. Christ's religion was not a religion of beauty by itself, but of beauty leading to truth, and drawing people to the

Prince and King of beauty, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And so the music of the bells should always have as its final purpose the drawing of men to Christ, the drawing of men to God's House, where they would meet their Saviour, when they gathered together in His name. In the second place, bells were used not merely to gather people together for prayer, but for praise. The note of praise was a very important point in worship. They were far too apt to think of their religion as a solemn and awful thing, perhaps not so much as their forefathers, not so much as they ought to do in connection with their sins, and their sorrow for their sins, but still they were apt to look upon religion as a duty. He very much wished they could have something like that type of religion in daily life which was represented so well by that well-known picture, "The Angelus," where a man and woman, quite humble people, in the midst of digging their potatoes in the field, were resting from their toil as they heard the bell in the middle of the day. He urged the members of the Guild to suggest that when people heard the bells ringing for daily service, they should just stop a minute or two in their work and put up a prayer to God. There was in the work of the ringers, as in all Church work, a double relation to God—a relation of the Church at large, and a relation of themselves as part of the Body of Christ, forming a little inner church within the Church. They were a guild of ringers. They were bound together by the sense of common duty, and duty to one another as well as duty to the Church at large. He hoped and believed that most of those present felt this very strongly. They would not be present that day unless they felt it, but there were a great many others who did not feel it so strongly as they did. They must, therefore, be missionaries, so to speak, to other ringers, to give them a sense of corporate religious life. Let them make that thought real to them, that they had to do their work as one body, even though separated into many different companies. They ought to be jealous for the good reputation and the nobility of character of the whole body of ringers. He took that opportunity of doing his own personal part in this, and thanking them and their fellows most heartily for the way in which made his visits to many a country parish more beautiful and happy than they otherwise would be. It was with a heart swelling with thankfulness that he constantly heard the bells ringing when he was visiting a parish for confirmation, or a church opening, or the consecration of a burial ground, or merely upon a friendly visit. He could always thank the choirs, and he always tried to do so personally, but he could not often thank the ringers, because he did not have an opportunity of seeing them. Proceeding, the bishop said ringing the bells was a Church service, and they ought to have a short collect before they began. He asked them to say that it was his wish that this should be done. Just as the clergy and choir in the vestry always said a collect together before they began their part of their service, so the ringers should in the belfry. If it was only a practice it would be a good thing, because it would remind them of the truth with which he began, that all Christian worship was worship in spirit and in truth. It was not merely beauty they aimed at, but beauty as leading to truth. He was quite sure they all felt the necessity of high personal character, and he was sure they would feel injured and outraged if it was thought there was anything like drunkenness connected with bellringing. There was a time when a great vessel full of beer used to be set in the belfry, and every man was expected to take his share,

He supposed that was a thing of the past, and he thanked God for it. It was necessary that they should be jealous of one another's character, and try by good example to keep up a high standard of personal character among the members of their Guild.

AN ANCIENT PARISH CHURCH OF THE NORMAN ERA.

(By William Hampson, late *Observer* office, Radcliffe, Lancashire).

Archæology, the science of antiquity (especially in the case of pre-historic antiquities), has interesting studies in the old churches which still remain dotted here and there over the rural shires of England, mementoes of Savon and Norman masonry. One of these is at Radcliffe, seven miles from Manchester, within sound of the Manchester Town Hall bells. These latter number twenty-one, and weigh 34 tons. The Radcliffe structure before undergoing several "restorations," each one of which assisted in the world of vandalism, which has left merely the most infinitesimal portion of the erstwhile sacred edifice, was a typical old church. Its ancient sculptured figures, quaint carving, oaken beams, splendid decorative art in painting and lettering, solid masonry, massive tower and great roomy belfry which a modern writer describes as too large for eight bells, with which it is now furnished. Often when a juvenile have we ascended the stone steps (almost spiral in fixing), after Church time. Their condition is nondescript, we always compare them to the smooth Georgian sixpences which have ceased to circulate. The belfry door was studded with iron bolts, and made of solid oak, and the flooring was supported by massive joists, and the boards were old of great thickness, but worm-eaten. Stout ropes came through eyelets in the upper floor for the ringers, and each was prepared at intervals with soft, fleecy handholds to enable the bellmen to pull the bells and regulate the stroke of the hammer to produce the changes rung. In the graveyard below the sacred pile (reminding us of Gray's beautiful elegy), yet slumbers at rest a child sister, never to be awakened by the peals of music of bells in Radcliffe church tower, although they make the welkin a vast volume of sound.

The old church we refer to is as stated, situate at Radcliffe, a very ancient place in Lancashire. It is of pre-historic date, its parson—not the first perhaps—being mentioned as "Robert, Parson of Radcliffe," in A.D. 1235. Radcliffe is one of the only four villages mentioned in connection with the district of East Lancashire in the Domesday book. From this we may infer that the old church perhaps existed in the 11th century. Bells are not mentioned for centuries afterwards, but it may be presumed that one primitive exponent of the science of campanology would be in the service, to summon worshippers from the surrounding small holdings, and the castle-tower residence of the Lord of the soil and manor, the noble house of De Redcliffe.

In A.D. 1552 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners reported

that the church at Radcliffe possessed "one (chailes) chalice i i j vestment, one coope, one crosse of coop (copper) i i j belles, i j handbells, one masse boke (book), i j corp as with Casez, Ault Clothes, and one Surples." The church and its possessions, in the "Liber Regis" is valued (as a living) at £21 os. 5d. per year, but at the present date it is set down as worth nearly £1000 per ann. The church tower is disproportionately large for the accommodation of the bells with which it is furnished. Till 1785 there was no clock in the tower of Radcliffe church, but the late Sir Ralph Assheton having bequeathed forty guineas towards the expense of furnishing a public clock, and the remainder of the cost having been supplied by subscription, this useful index of the progress of time was supplied. When removing the paint from the pulpit, the date 1606 was revealed, beautifully inlaid in coloured wood.

These old churches which were built in the Norman early period are all rapidly passing away, having been restored out of themselves, and the old Radcliffe parish church is one of them. The history of its bells would be full of interesting anecdotes if we could ask for space to narrate the story of the purchase, installation, ringing for weddings, funerals, and public events. How bonny brides and happy bridegrooms rejoiced, and the bells emphasised the ecstasy.

The eight bells at Radcliffe parish church, which are yet performing their loyal mission of love, were cast at the Loughborough Foundry, Leicestershire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18th, the annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Rochester. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock at the Cathedral, also at St. Margaret's, and continued until 6 o'clock. An excellent tea was provided in the Corn Exchange. Out of the record number of 103 that applied to the Secretary for tea tickets, ninety-eight sat down, including the Rev. J. K. Wilson, Vicar of St. Margaret's, who took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Rochester. The usual business was afterwards carried out, Mr. Alfred Osborne being re-elected Hon. District Secretary, and Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins representative of the district.

The following towers of the district were represented: Upchurch, Borden, Milton, Rodmersham, Rainham, Gravesend, Swanscombe, Tunstall, Bobbing, Milton-next-Gravesend, Teynham, The Cathedral, Chatham and Gillingham; and also members from Woolwich, Deptford, Sidcup, Dartford, St. Mary Cray, Chislehurst, Maidstone, and several non-resident and life members, including Messrs. Waghorn, sen., Davis, Thornton and Pickworth.

During the evening the Cathedral bells were again available, also St. Mary's, Chatham, and members who had not visited either tower before this occasion were highly pleased with the "go" of these two fine peals of eight. The last touch was finished at St. Mary's as late as 9.30, being a 448 Superlative Surprise Major rung by F. Shedd, S. Taylor, J. E. Grensted, J. E. Davis, W. Easter, F. A. Holdee, J. Tulett, W. Haigh conductor.

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The First Meeting of the Sixth Council was held in the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, 1906, when there were present 61 out of 86 elected representatives, and 6 out of 10 Honorary Members.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was unanimously re-elected President.

The President having taken the chair and thanked the Council, announced that the next business was the election of one to fill the combined offices of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected. The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Council for the honour conferred on him. Letters of regret for absence were read from the Revs. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, and A. H. F. Boughey, and from Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, W. Snowdon, and F. E. Ward.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Treasurer then submitted the following statement of accounts. Starting with a balance of £37 7s. 10d. in hand from the previous year, there had accrued to the Council £7 2s. 8d. from Sales of Publications during that year, and £2 12s. from the same source during the past year; from sales at the Meeting 2s. 1d.; from affiliation fees £11 2s. 6d., making a total of £58 7s. 10d. The expenditure had been:—Meeting at Canterbury £2 14s. 6d.; Printing and Stationery £11 5s. 9d.; Postage 11s. 10d.; Repaid Messrs. Bemrose and Sons £1 12s. 0d.; leaving a balance in the bank of £42 3s. 10d. These accounts having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were passed unanimously on the proposal of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Mr. H. Dains.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, that Mr. John Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. J. Pettit, J. S. Pritchett and J. A. Trollope be re-elected Honorary Members. Carried unanimously. On the proposal of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, Mr. G. Williams was also unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

The following were elected on the Standing Committee, viz., the President and Hon. Secretary, the Revs. H. A. Cockey G. F. Coleridge and F. E. Robinson, with Messrs. G. F. Attree, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, R. S. Story and W. Snowdon.

Before proceeding with the main portion of the Agenda, the President gave a valuable and stirring address on the Education Bill, his words being followed with close attention throughout, and warmly applauded at the close.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. H. Dains, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, reported that the fourth sheet of the Double Norwich Section had been printed. The report was adopted, and the Committee consisting of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. H. Dains, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies were re-elected.

On behalf of the Committee, on the Condition of Rings, the President gave an exhaustive Report with full details, saying that the work had now come to an end.

After a long and interesting discussion on various points raised by the Report, and as to the best means of bringing it to the notice of the authorities, it was proposed by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, and seconded by the Rev. H. L. James, that the President be requested to tabulate the chief results of enquiry into the Condition of Rings, and to communicate them in the form of a letter or article to the Press, together with any practical points in connection with the care of bells which may be suggested thereby.

A vote of thanks to the President for his work, proposed by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and seconded by Mr. A. T. King, was carried by acclamation.

For the Church Press Committee Mr. R. A. Daniell reported that the work of preparing the descriptive Catalogue was in a forward condition. The Report was adopted, and the Committee consisting of the Revs. H. A. Cockey, M. Kelly, T. L. Papillon, and Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell was unanimously re-elected. On behalf of the Committee on Peal Values, Mr. R. S. Story reported that the Committee recommended that 36 points should be given for seven 720s in Surprise methods

on six bells; 50 for fourteen 360s in Surprise methods on six bells; eighteen for seven 720s on six bells in methods with "broken leads," and 22 for Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, that the Report be adopted. This was carried, as was also a resolution proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the Committee be requested to consider the question of points for peals rung double-handed on handbells, and to report to the next meeting.

The Report of the Committee on Legitimate Methods was brought forward by the Rev. H. L. James, who also moved its adoption. This having been seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, was carried unanimously. A resolution on the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, re-electing the Committee, thanking them for their past labours, and asking them to continue the work and report to the next meeting, was carried unanimously, those thus re-elected being the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, with Messrs. J. Carter, H. Dains and J. A. Trollope.

The President proposed, and the Hon. Secretary seconded the following alterations in the rules, the proposal being unanimously carried.

- That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."
- That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."
- That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

Mr. J. A. Trollope having called attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of Peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903, a long discussion ensued, the result of which was that the Rev. H. Drake moved, and Mr. A. T. King seconded a resolution thanking Mr. Attree for his past labours in connection with the Analysis, and proposing that Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. Griffin, A. T. King and J. A. Trollope be appointed a Committee to continue the work. This was carried with only three dissentients.

Mr. C. Willshire moved that the Council take steps to establish a Labour Bureau. This was seconded by Mr. H. White. After discussion Mr. R. A. Daniell kindly offered to make an attempt, to be considered entirely unofficial, to keep a register at his office. This being thankfully accepted, the motion was withdrawn.

On behalf of the Lancashire Association the Rev. H. J. Elsee cordially invited the Council to hold their next meeting at Manchester. While saying that he was sure that the Council warmly appreciated the wish of the Lancashire Association, the President took occasion to point out that, following the usual rotation, the next meeting would naturally be held in the west of England. On the motion of the Rev. M. Kelly, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Exeter.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, a cordial vote of thanks was by acclamation passed to the President.

The Archbishop of York has appointed to the canonry in York Minster, vacant by the death of Canon Temple, the Ven. W. H. Hutchings, Rector of Kirkby Misperton and Archdeacon of Cleveland.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, August 28th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Exeter Cathedral.—No practice during August. EDWIN SHEPHERD.

160, Sidwell Street, Exeter.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday, September 3rd.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

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

1, Budge Row, E.C.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the North and West District of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, August 25th, at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. N. Bate. The bells will be raised at 5 o'clock, and owing to local exigencies, the actual ringing must be limited to two hours. The Hon. Secretary will take it as a great favour if all, who can conveniently do so, will make a point of attending.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Wilfred's church, Ribchester, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hawley to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells open from 3 o'clock.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, York Town.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

A. KING, *Local Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 1st, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, Bucks., on Saturday, Sep. 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, September 1st. A short service will be held in the parish church. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head. Ringers intending to be present at tea kindly notify Mr. W. Townsend, 44, West Banks, Sleaford, before Wednesday, August 29th.

REV. J. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 1st. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at The Green Dragon inn. N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, September 3rd, at 7.45. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 2.0 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at The Royal Clarence hotel at 5 o'clock. E. BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Stations—Pinxton and Pye Bridge, Midland Railway. Ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. Members and friends invited. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Gresford on Saturday, September 8th, at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available during the day. Tea will be provided free to members at 5 p.m. Leaders of companies are requested to communicate with the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne, Gresford Vicarage, Wrexham, stating number intending to be present at tea not later than September 4th. All subscriptions should now be paid. S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Commercial inn, Clark Green, Batley. The six-bell contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 15th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

St. Mary, Handsworth.—WM. VERRY COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock. RICHARD FAUX, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1906.

A well-known ringer, who has lately been visiting in the county of Hants., complains of one particular neighbourhood where the ringers are very supine and lethargic so far as ringing is concerned. It is said that they will rapidly go to the tower if money is to be got, if in fact there is "a job on," but there is no store set by practice, nor is much alacrity exercised in meeting a visitor. Of course this is an old complaint, which it was hoped had no existence in these latter days. We allude to it now for the purpose of giving a hint to those concerned to try and amend their ways, and become ringers in fact, not in name only. We shall be glad to hear later of a change for the better in this particular part of Hampshire.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY, E.C.,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY	1-2.	BERTRAM PREWETT	.. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE..	.. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE	.. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. T. King. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy and W. Pye, both falling on the above date.

The Provinces.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

LEWIS CHADBURN*	.. .. Treble.	EDWARD BLAGDEN	.. .. 5.
GEORGE WEST	.. .. 2.	*CHARLES MOTT	.. .. 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY	.. .. 3.	THOMAS HORTON	.. .. 7.
WILLIAM WAGSTAFF	.. .. 4.	*ROWLAND FLINT	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, August 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	.. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE	.. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH	.. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	.. 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY*	3.	GEORGE ROBINSON	.. 7.
FREDK. HENRY DEXTER	.. 4.	GEORGE BULL	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, NEWCASTLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

REES JAMES.. Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
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R. BURNSTONE 4.	J. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by J. Cox.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rang with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. Lloyd Edwards, churchwarden.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

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

*First peal of Bob Major.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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WILLIAM LAWRENCE	.. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	.. 7.
FREDERICK WEBB 4.	WILLIAM STONE.. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT)

On Thursday, August 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal by a lady in this diocese.

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On Thursday, August 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

*First peal in the method.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON	Treble.	JOHN BASDEN	.. .. 5.
EDWARD CASSELL	.. .. 2.	FREDK. G. GODDARD	.. .. 6.
JAMES MERRICK	.. .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING	.. .. 7.
CHARLES DELL	.. .. 4.	HARRY SEWARD	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Seward on his 63rd birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	*BENJAMIN BASSETT 6.
ARTHUR C. HAWES 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART 9.
GEORGE GATLAND 5.	*HARRY DUFFIELD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells. Mr. Hawes was elected a member in the tower.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT BAYLES Treble.	WILLIAM PEARSON 5.
WALTER COATES 2.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.
GEORGE HALKSORTH 3.	ALBERT NASH 7.
CLEMENT GLENN 4.	*GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ILKESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN HUFTON† Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2.	HARRY HARRISON 6.
ISAAC HUFTON 3.	HARRY WHITTLE 7.
JOSEPH H. ILIFFE* 4.	ALFRED T. BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

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

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. G. W. HARWOOD Treble.	D. HAYWARD 4.
F. PESTELL 2.	J. R. BALLS 5.
E. R. TODD 3.	A. J. CROWE Tenor.

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the treble ringer, being also his first peal on six bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
WALTER PRIOR 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	THOMAS J. WATTS 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	*GEORGE W. CHALLICE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	GEORGE WOODISS 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 19, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM RUFFLES 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES 3.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM GROOM.

*First in the method as conductor. †First in the method. Arranged to oblige A. W. Grimes. All the band are members of Court Star of A.O.F. Suffolk.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	*ERNEST COPPEN 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
FREDERICK GILL 3.	FREDERICK H. COOPER 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. G. Daynes was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting, for whom this peal was arranged and rang in joint as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Edwards and W. Lincoln.

Date Touches.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 19th, being the first anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dom Silvester Schlecht, late president of the St. Thomas's Society, a date touch of 1906 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled to his memory, in 1 hr. 5 mins. B. Witchell conductor, W. Stringer, E. Stringer, M. Murphy, G. Parsons, C. Dickens, H. Witchell, H. Dickens. Composed by C. Jackson.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LAMBERHURTS (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Fuller, J. Tapp conductor, A. Marshall, A. Henley, J. Bailey, W. Marshall. This is the longest length by the local band, who have recently joined the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS. — On July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, T. Metcalfe, J. Williams, W. S. Forsham, J. Burrows. On July 8th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. T. R. Jackson conductor, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On July 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. E. Shuttleworth, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows conductor. On July 29th, for evening service, 720

Oxford Bob Minor. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. E. Shuttleworth, T. Stuart conductor, W. S. Forshaw, J. Burrows. On August 5th, 720 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson conductor, J. T. Thompson, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. On August 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. S. Forshaw, T. Metcalfe, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart conductor, J. Watson, J. Burrows. On August 14th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. T. Thompson, T. Stuart conductor. T. E. Shuttleworth, J. Watson, C. J. A. Cushing, J. Burrows. On August 16th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. T. Thompson, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart, J. Watson, C. J. A. Cushing, J. Burrows conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Taylor, S. Peacock, S. Figgess, W. Bate, W. Easter, W. Haigh conductor, R. Lamb, A. Robson. On Thursday, August 16th, for practice, 2016 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Harris, S. Peacock, S. Taylor, F. A. Holden, W. Easter, A. Robson, J. E. Grensted, W. Haigh conductor. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. W. Haigh, J. Tullett, S. Taylor, F. A. Holden, W. Easter, W. Walker, J. E. conductor, J. Rayner.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, August 15th, for practice, 608 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, C. Charge, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 640 London Surprise. G. Gray, G. H. Barker, G. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OWSLEBURY (Hants).—On July 23rd, the Wickham ringers paid a visit to this church, and received a hearty welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. C. Buston, and rang 720 Oxford Single. H. J. Merritt, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell. The Vicar complimented the ringers on their raising and falling. Mr. Chappell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for his kindly welcome, and hoped they would be able to pay him another visit.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—On Monday, August 6th, at Christ Church Cathedral, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, which was lost after ringing sixteen courses. W. J. Smith, C. Fowler, G. A. Smith, C. R. Lilley, A. Fox, S. Hounslow, H. Miles, E. Hims conductor, W. Stone.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hollocks conductor, H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Clark, A. Hollocks, H. Poulson. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Poulson, A. Hollocks, A. Symonds conductor, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks, A. Clark. On Saturday, July 21st, 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Levitt, S. H. Symonds, A. Symonds, T. Hollocks, J. Fayers, W. Hollocks conductor. And 720 London Surprise. A. Hollocks, S. H. Symonds, H. Gladwell, T. Hollocks, T. Levitt, W. Hollocks conductor. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band, and is supposed to be the first rung by six members of this Association, the last two being rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 24th, for practice, 720 Violet. W. C. Taylor, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J.

T. Taylor, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Harding, W. C. Taylor, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, F. Dawson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. For evening service on Sunday, August 19th, 720 Woodbine. W. C. Lawrence, F. T. Dawson, W. C. Lawrence, J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, J. E. Wheeldon conductor.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Woodbine. J. E. Wheeldon, Rev. E. V. Cox, D. Preston, H. Birch conductor, H. Carnwell, I. Moreton. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Moreton, J. E. Wheeldon, D. Preston, H. Birch conductor, J. Gilbert, H. Carnwell.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 24th, 720 Violet. E. Stamper, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, S. Bennett, Egbert Stamper, M. G. Bennett, W. Longden. And 720 Kent. E. Stamper, F. Goldstraw, J. E. Wheeldon, S. Bennett, M. G. Bennett conductor, W. Longden.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Woodley, R. G. Rice, C. Gregory, J. Napper, jun., E. Humfrey conductor, E. Butler, J. E. Butler, H. C. Mulford. First quarter-peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, August 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Hitchman, A. R. Bosley, R. G. Rice, L. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, E. Humfrey conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 23rd, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Simpson, S. H. Symonds, F. Parker, J. Moore, H. Smith, A. Clark, A. Symonds conductor, L. Leeks. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds conductor, L. Wiseman, H. Smith, B. W. Pettitt, H. H. Cooper, E. Simpson, A. Saunders, L. Leeks.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Dodson, J. Miller, G. Bester, H. Balaam, W. Pickworth, H. Miller, S. Wade conductor, F. Budd. And 400 Double Norwich. G. Bester, G. Lucas, S. Wade conductor, H. Balaam, H. Miller, J. Attwater, G. Miller, W. Pickworth.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently, for practice, 1008 Double Norwich and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Smith, G. Smith, W. Thompson, A. Clay, F. Darlington, J. Darlington, J. Godber, H. Smith, J. Johnson conductor. On Sunday, August 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Stedman Triples. A. Clay, H. Smith, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, J. Godber, G. A. Smith conductor, T. Shone.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

The following forty-seven complete 720s have been rung by the St. John the Baptist company and visiting friends during the half-year ending June 30th, 1906: Plain Bob 10, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Surprise methods: London 9, York 7, Cambridge 5, Wells 4, Worcester 2, Durham 2, Chester 1, Coventry 1. Performers: W. Miller 39, J. Moule 37, S. Hayes 33, W. Keeble 28, G. A. Black 28, H. Torble 21, S. Bird 19, G. Hayden 17, G. Dawson 16, W. Deran 15, E. Wightman 3, —, Reeves 9, F. Squires 9, H. Bottrill 3, F. G. Margetson 2, 8, Rann 1, A. Neale 1, —, Slater 1. Conducted by W. Miller 13, W. Keeble 17, S. Hayes 8, G. A. Black 2, E. Wightman 1, G. Dawson 1.

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

STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—To the main portion of Mr. Nunneley-Wood's letter I have nothing to say, but as regards the opening and homing courses of Mr. Hattersley's peal, so long as the treble is the seconds place bell, there is practically now no room left for originality, as they are all to be found in the Table in "Stedman." Both of the two particular courses in question are given on p. 112 of that book. And even if the 6th, or some other bell, be chosen for second's place, the question may be easily solved by some slight adaptation or manipulation of some course in the Table.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

SIR,—I cannot let the remarks of Mr. C. Hattersley at the foot of his composition, which appeared the week before last, to pass unnoticed, as they are entirely misleading, as the following facts will shew:—

On October 5th, 1899, I called a peal at Aston containing the two extents in 5125 changes.

The following peal first appeared in the Middlesex report for 1901-2. Whether it lacks originality I will leave others to judge. I do not blame Mr. Hattersley for being out of touch with many of the modern peals, seeing what facility there is to place them before the Exercise. In the limited space that is grudgingly allowed to the composer, compositions from certain people appear to be barred.

G. LINDOFF.

STEDMAN CATERS.

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Repeated; calling first course 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13.

* 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11.

First rung at St. Mary's, Beddington, on May 3rd, 1902; conducted by W. Pye.

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Obituary.

JOHN JAMES.

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away rather suddenly at his residence, Town Field, Lawton, on Thursday evening, August 2nd, in his 68th year. He was a member of the Chester Guild, and had been connected with the Lawton belfry about twenty years, and was always a regular attender. His ringing career was not marked by many peals, but he had rung in one peal at Cheddleton in Staffordshire. Nearly thirty years elapsed, then he rung in two peals at Lawton, these being the first two peals rung on the bells, which date back to 1713. The methods he rung were Plain Bob and Grandsire.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard on the Sunday following his death, the funeral ceremony being conducted by the Rev. S. Nunn, of Lawton. Deceased was followed to the grave by many of his relatives and friends, among the latter being some of his fellow-workmen on the North Staffordshire canal, where he had been employed as lock-keeper. Mr. Shaw, navigation manager, also attended. His brother-ringers were present to pay their last respects, also Miss B. Rigby, of The Grove, Lawton, who is an honorary member of the Chester Guild, and a lady who always takes a great interest in bells and ringers. At the end of the burial service in church the Dead March was played by the organist, and the deceased's brother-ringers carried him to his last home.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the local band, assisted by Mr. W. Rider of Birch, and A. Smallman of Barthomby.

THE REQUITAL OF LABOUR.

When leaving school, my father grew
Anxious to find me work;
Said he: "I have a place in view—
'Tis with the parish clerk."
"He wants some one to toll the bell,
Dig graves, and sweep the pews;
Wind up the clock at half-past twelve,
Weed paths, and clean the flues."
Forthwith I went; I thought the job
Might suit me very well,
For I could ring and call a bob,
And raise the tenor bell.
But lo! the sexton, Caxton-like,
Possess'd a printing press,
With racks and cases full of type,
And "copy" in excess.
"You know," said he, "sometimes we're slack,
With fun'rals and such-like;
I want a devil—don't start back!
To ink and roll the type."
"And when we're short of print, you know,
The church fills up the gap;
The organ bellows you must blow,
Methinks you're just the chap."
My story short, I may remark,
For five years I was bound
To serve the sexton, printer, clerk,
My fortune there I found.
Indentures signed, I soon found where
My passions were inclined,
His daughter Hebe, divinely fair,
Entranced my captive mind.
For her, like Jacob, years I served
The sexton long and well;
From digging graves I never swerved,
Or failed to toll the bell.
When time expired, I took my leave
Of Caxton and my home;
I captured Hebe, you may believe,
But he is in the tomb.

WOODFORD.

THE ROYSTON SOCIETY, HERTS.

On Thursday, August 16th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place chosen this year being Great Yarmouth. Orders were given to assemble at 5.30, and at 5.40 the whole of the members started in a brake and pair for a 13 mile ride to Cambridge, from whence the train was taken. Arriving at Yarmouth about 10 o'clock in splendid weather, various amusements were indulged in until dinner time, which was taken at the Aquarium. After dinner an enjoyable trip on the river Yare was taken to Gorleston, permission having been previously obtained to ring the bells, a handy peal of six, tenor about 12 cwt. Here the party were met by Mr. G. Orford, the instructor to the local company, and the bells were soon sending forth their music to the tune of Woodbine Treble Bob, a 720 being suc-

cessfully brought round, conducted by A. Wilkerson. On account of an organ recital further ringing was delayed, but this enabled the members to visit the top of the tower and take in the splendid view afforded by the sea and Great Yarmouth, a sight well worth seeing. On descending to the ringing chamber a well-struck 720 of Double Oxford was rung, conducted by R. King. And 360 Kent, the local captain standing in. Further ringing was brought to an abrupt conclusion through a rope breaking, but all seemed satisfied, and the return journey to Yarmouth was also taken by boat, where a substantial meat tea had been provided. Leaving Yarmouth at 9 o'clock Cambridge was reached about midnight, the drive enabling members to reach home at 1.30 a.m. The weather was delightfully fine, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the general opinion being the outing of 1906 was the best the Society has had. A. W.

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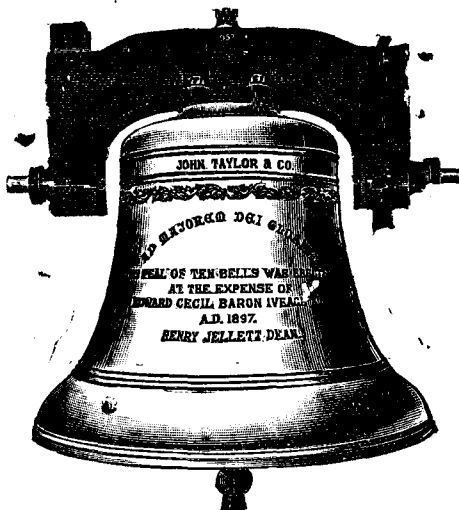
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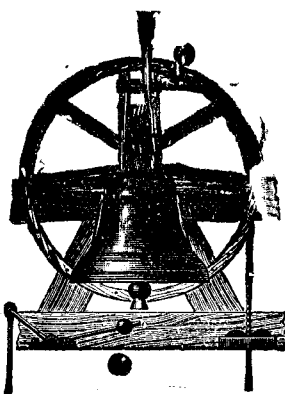
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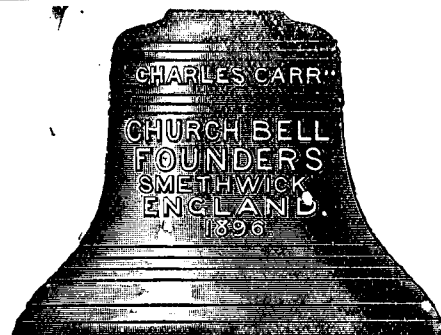
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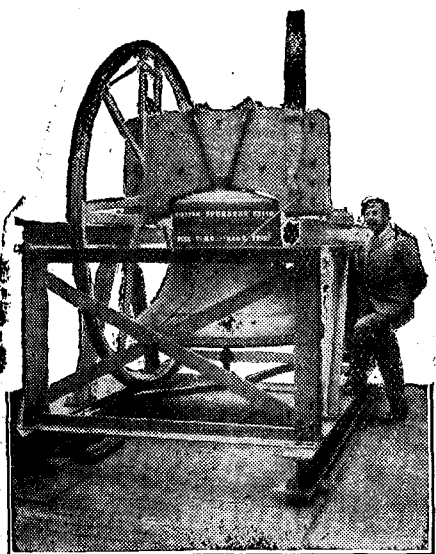
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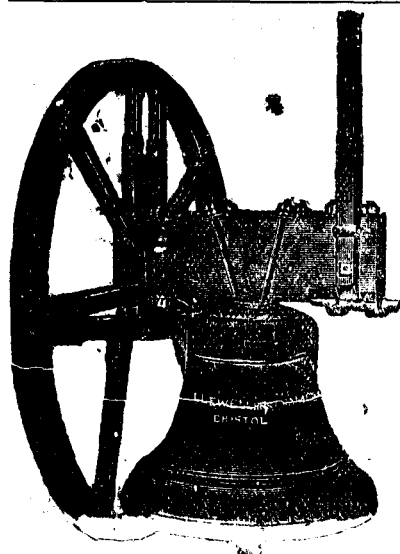
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CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

I am afraid I have too long left unacknowledged the courtesy and kindness of the Editor in ensuring that my suggestion as to a table of the different classes of methods should be correctly issued. It seemed at the time as though the Report of the Central Council meeting should have precedence in our thoughts. But by this time I suppose we ought to be ready to tackle this question seriously.

It is to be hoped that ringers generally will give us the help of their opinions on this matter. For though most of those who are in a position to do so, have advanced so far that they will to some extent have made a kind of a classification for themselves, even if unconsciously; yet we ought to do what we can to help those who are to come after us, and we can well do this by explaining in what way knotty points are made clear to us. Now as even the Editor confessed that my table was too abstruse for him, I suppose some explanation is called for.

To begin with the particular, and work up to the general, we have each particular method as a unit. Now, I would suggest, when dealing with this matter, and whenever names of methods are printed in "THE BELL NEWS" or elsewhere, they should always be in italics, e.g. *Original*; *Superlative*. Again methods may be arranged into classes (or would it be better to say systems?). These should have their titles printed in small capitals, and be referred to by small roman figures: e.g. ii. TREBLE BOB; iii. ALLIANCE. Variations should be referred to by small letters: e.g. ii. (a) SURPRISE; ii. (b) DELIGHT.

These classes can be grouped according to whether (A) Principles have been themselves used as methods; or (B) whether they are used as foundations of methods, these groups should always be referred to by the large capitals (A) or (B).

Last of all we come to Principles. These are the widest and most general form of classification in which we can arrange methods. The Report tells us that there are three foundation Principles, on which all the other classes and methods rest. These should always be printed in large capitals: and referred to by large roman figures; e.g. I.—PLAIN HUNT; II.—IMPERIAL; and III.—COURT.

Therefore if a reference is given to, say, III. A, we know that it is one of the methods belonging to COURT Principle, and that it is in the group which uses Principles themselves as Methods. Such a reference would be given for *Stedman* or *Duffield*. Or if we have III. B. ii. (a), we know we are referred to a COURT principle, a group where Principles are used as foundations, a class of

TREBLE BOB methods, and a SURPRISE variation. Such a method is *Drew's Court Surprise Royal*.

Does this seem to ringers generally a helpful way of arranging methods? I should add that of course *Court Bob*, etc., should have been marked as III. B. i., not III. B. iii. in the table published in "THE BELL NEWS" for June 9th last.

H. DRAKE.

NEW BISHOP OF TRURO.

The Very Rev. Charles William Stubbs, Dean of Ely, has been appointed Bishop of Truro, in succession to the late Right Rev. John Gott.

Dr. Stubbs, who is sixty-one years of age, is one of the literary giants of the Church, and his output of work during the last quarter of a century has been enormous. Social problems, and the relationship of the Church to labour, have largely engaged his attention. Notable among his publications on this subject have been "Christ and Democracy," "The Land and Labourers," "God and the People: Selections from Mazzini," "Christ and Economics," "A Creed for Christian Socialists," and "Charles Kingsley and the Christian Social Movement."

He has also published several volumes of poems, such as "Castles in the Air: Poems Old and New," issued two years ago; and "Bryhtnoth's Prayer, and other Poems." Dr. Stubbs is also the author of several interesting handbooks on Ely Cathedral, one of which went through twenty-one editions in the course of six years.

In his researches at Ely, Dr. Stubbs disinterred a whole world of romance, which lay buried in the cathedral library.

A well-known photograph represents him standing at the ancient Prior's doorway in Ely Cathedral, clad in the very cope made by Prior John Crandon out of Queen Philippa's coronation robe, given to the monk by the Queen herself on her visit to the monastery of Ely.

Dr. Stubbs tells an amusing story of this cope. He was staying with some friends in Philadelphia during his American tour, and he told his hostess (who prided herself very much on her ancient lineage) the cope's history. "Say, mamma," said a little girl, who was listening intently, "is that the same royal Cope you are descended from?"

The new Bishop started his ecclesiastical career as a curate at Sheffield, and afterwards held livings in Bucks., Devon and Liverpool. The appointment has an interest for the Harvard crew, for the new Bishop was special preacher at their university a few years ago.

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PRESENTATION.

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of Holy Trinity church, Guildford, on Sunday, August 26th, when Mr. Henry Hutton, a member of the Holy Trinity society, was presented with a handsome marble clock by his brother-ringers on the occasion of his wedding, which took place on the August bank holiday, in Northamptonshire.

Mr. B. Chorley made the presentation on behalf of the society; and Mr. Hutton, in returning thanks, said he hardly knew how to thank them for their handsome present; and whenever he should have occasion to look at that clock, it would remind him of the many happy hours spent in that belfry with ringers, and he hoped that the time when he would have to sever his connection with them was very far away.

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Clement Tozyer survived his difficulties many years, casting a considerable number of bells in the neighbourhood of Salisbury. W. W. G.

THE ST. MARY MAGDALENE SOCIETY, REIGATE, SURREY.

On Tuesday, July 17th, the members of this society had their annual excursion, the place chosen this year being Reading. Leaving Reigate by the 8.11 a.m. train, Reading was reached about 10.15. After a little refreshment we wended our way to St. Mary's church, where we rung touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The next move was to St. Giles's, where touches of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung. After dinner we had a ride on the electric tram, and a pleasant walk to Sonning, where we kept the bells going for about three-quarters-of-an-hour in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, finding our way back by the river, Reading being reached

by 6 p.m. Tea was partaken of then, then off to St. Laurence, where we rung touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. After bidding our friends adieu, we left by the 7.55 train, arriving home about 9.45, every one having enjoyed themselves to the utmost. We wish to thank Messrs. Newell, Osborne and Swain for having everything in readiness. H. E.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20th, the members of the Horley Branch of the above Association had their annual excursion, Bolney being the place selected. Meeting at the parish church at 8 a.m., a few touches of Bob Minor was rung to call the late members and the coachman with a pair-horse brake together. Starting at 8.30 a.m., we were soon on the road, arriving at Bolney about 11 a.m. The tower was soon visited, and the bells set going to 504 Grandsire Triples, which brought the time for refreshments, there being a capital lunch provided by Mr. D. Denman, of The Eight Bells inn, he being an old ringer, and knew what was required, and with a few courses of the knife and fork method rounds were soon brought up. Then came a quiet smoke, and a tune on the handbells, and a song or two. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Court Bob Triples and Bob Major was rung. After tea the bells were lowered, and with a good-bye and shake of the hand they left their Bolney friends, and were soon on their journey homeward, arriving at Horley at 9.30 p.m., every one having enjoyed a very pleasant day's outing. The members wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. T. A. Holcroft) for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Walder for having everything in readiness.

NOTE TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT NORTHFIELD.—This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, which were cast in 1730. At the finish of the peal the ringers were greeted with loud applause from a large number of parishioners who had come to listen if possible to something never known in the history of the church, which dates back to the 12th century. The following is the inscriptions on the bells.

Treble.—"We now are six, tho' once but five. Henry Knowles Parish Clark 1730."

2nd.—"And against our casting some did strive 1730."

3rd.—"But when a day for meeting there was fixth. Joseph Smith made me 1730."

4th.—"Apeared but nine against twenty-six 1730."

5th.—"Samuel Palmer and Thomas Silke Churchwardens 1730."

Tenor.—"It was William Kettle that did contrive, to make us six that were but five. Thomas Gervoise, Patron; William Worth D.D. Rector 1730."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are having, what a visitor said the other morning, a second summer. The interval of a few days of cooler weather we had led many to think that the powerful heat was at an end, but this week we have had another spell of warm. But the early mornings, and the evenings, are giving us warning that the lovely season of Autumn is rapidly approaching. Some think the "opening course" of Autumn the most beautiful part of the year. But all seasons are grand in our beautiful country, if all of them have their drawbacks. I think I read somewhere lately that both the King and the Prince of Wales have said that our climate, taken altogether the year round, is the best in the world. I believe them.

Any one who would like to see in perfection the beauty of the autumn season, should take an holiday at Burnham, among the far-famed Burnham beeches. This lovely spot adjoins the village of Farnham Royal, where Joe Parker, the great composer and ringer, but modest withal, hangs out, as the saying is. There are no spots to beat Burnham Beeches during the autumn. Devotees of the brush and pencil camp out there for the season, and ply their art. From my point of view a holiday amid these lovely and diversified glades beats the seaside into fits. You may spend a very pleasant time with Nature and all its lovely surroundings, while daylight lasts, and then ere you seek repose among the heather, there are plenty of opportunities for good ringing at the several churches close at hand, in company with such choice spirits as Joe Parker, Jack Basden, and others. The town of Slough is near, where the once-mercurial W. H. F. may be found, still good for any method, or long length. Whoever would encamp in such a spot as "The Beeches" would be sure to repeat the visit another year. The evils of seaside lodgings, with all their terrors and abominations, are escaped by camping out, and there is no better place in England for this purpose than Burnham Beeches.

Whenever Dr. Nichols publishes anything in this paper it is always sure to be read with very great interest. This is so with regard to his latest contribution about the bells of Christ Church, Boston, America. Quite an old-world story, this. I should like to make a suggestion to Dr. Nichols, if he wouldn't mind. The Exercise know very well that there was, many years ago, a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the town of Philadelphia. A party of handbell ringers were starring the States, headed by the late Mr. H. W. Haley. On arriving at Philadelphia they discovered there was a peal of bells hung for ringing, and they therefore determined to attempt a peal. I don't think that among this band of tune-players there were sufficient half-pull men for the purpose, but a native of the ringing isle was found who happened to be a change-ringer, and they had to "make" a tenor-man. The peal, Holt's 10-part, was got, called by Mr. Haley. This was the first peal ever rung out of England. Having these facts before us, my suggestion is that Dr. Nichols should embody for us some particulars about the church where the peal was rung, and the bells, with photographs, and copy (fac-simile) of the peal-board which may be affixed to the belfry wall, or elsewhere. It might be that all the band were either Cumberlands or Collegians, if so, the record would be kept by one of them. I have no doubt that W. H. F., of Slough, alluded to above, would lend his valuable aid to the embellishment of such an article.

The following paragraph is taken from *The Daily News* of Wednesday last:—

"The 'too old at sixty' rule is ridiculed by a correspondent, who says: 'Kindly come to Horncastle and we can show you a youth of ninety-eight years and four months. It was only yesterday that he preached two vigorous sermons—one in the Congregational church and the other in the Baptist church here. We offer you an invitation to his hundredth birthday. Kindly book this; the exact date will be April 2nd, 1908. The gentleman in question is the Rev. Thomas Lord.' Then, again, there is the case of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, whom we delight to describe as the veteran campanalogist, and Vicar of Drayton, Berkshire. He is on a ringing tour in Hertfordshire and Essex, and yesterday he rang his 1095th peal at Hoddesdon church. He is getting on for seventy-two, and we hope will continue to ring through the country for many years yet."

Our contemporary is not singular in the hope. As the worthy Master goes merrily along with his "original" and his "variation," would it be irregular or improper to express a desire that he may, at some period during his next thousand, take up with some other method? I hope he won't be angry at my saying that the continual record is in danger of becoming monotonous. And again, when he visits a ten-bell tower, would not Stedman Caters look better?

A highly-respected member has just taken to himself a wife, so we read—Mr. J. O. Lancashire, a great man among Leicester ringing folk. His colleagues celebrated the happy occurrence in a worthy manner. They rang some touches at St. Martin's, afterwards meeting at the local ringers' head quarters to express their sentiments and opinions with regard to their newly-wedded friend. A Leicester veteran—Mr. A. Millis—in giving a toast, finished with a few laudatory remarks concerning the good which Mr. Lancashire had effected; adding, that what had been done by him had been done in a quiet unassuming manner, which might be profitably imitated by others. My experience of the gentleman in question warrants me in saying ditto to the remarks of Mr. Millis. Those who know J. O. L. will wish him many years of happiness, and ringers who are not acquainted with him will do the same.

The reports of touches a fortnight ago contained a 700 of Bob Minor rang at Netherton, near Dudley. This was called by Miss M. Gilbanks, daughter of the Vicar of Wollaston, an adjoining parish. The fair sex are now with us in great number, but this is the first occasion that one of them has been found to "call." Some of us recollect the astonishment created when we read first of a lady ringing in a complete peal of Grandsire Triples. This was Miss Alice White, daughter of Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke. This young lady and her sister Dora has rung in several peals since that time, in various methods, and we frequently read of performances in which they have both taken part. The Vicar of Alton, Hants., is a ringer, and so I believe are his daughters. In referring to lady ringers, mention must be made of Mrs. Williams, wife of our friend, George Williams, formerly of Brighton. Till the appearance of Miss Nichols, daughter of Dr. Nichols, Mrs. Williams was the only lady who had rung a pair of handbells (not the tenors) in a complete peal. This was Grandsire Triples. We heard only last week

that for the first time a lady resident in the Norwich diocese had rung a 700. So we are getting on. Well anything to popularise our Art among people of intellect and refinement.

The sermon to ringers by the Bishop of Salisbury was very encouraging. The good bishop only just hinted at the old-fashioned libel which was at one time so prevalent. You all know to what I refer. I wonder it has never struck those clergy who in their addresses deplore the heathenish past, when ringers are said to have had beer in the belfry; I wonder it has never struck them that in such cases it was the incumbents' fault that such practices existed. A clergyman, about to address ringers should incorporate language something like this: "I am sorry to say that in the past the clergy gave no thought whatever to the belfry and its occupants; they never knew and cared less what was going on in the ringing-chamber; it was held to be too much trouble to concern themselves about ringers; and thus when irregularities were present, the clergy of the day were practically responsible for them. Had they done their duty, belfry reform and bell-chamber reform would have come about a century earlier." And so on, etcetera, etcetera.

In the minds of many sensible members of the Exercise, these allusions to the alleged shortcomings and misbehaviour of ringers of a past age, there is great inconsistency. Why, they ask, should ringers be the ones to have holes torn in their coats? Are there no other people who fill office in the church whose behaviour is black? Yet when it is stated that the members of a choir leave the church in the middle of a service to "whet their whistles" at a neighbouring pub. before attempting the anthem, the allegation is treated with merriment. Behaviour such as this is worse than ringers could do, even if they did have beer in the tower. The fact is that many good people have an idea that ringers belong to a low grade of society, and they must necessarily be guilty of offences of many kinds, the drinking of beer included. Such people ought to know, and it should be continually impressed upon them, that next to the clergy the ringers are the most intelligent, the best educated, and the best behaved among Church officers. The art of change-ringing makes men of them, mentally and corporeal; teaches them to know their place; "when to lead and when to follow," as we read the other week; prevents that stand-offish and exclusive manner which many other church officers are afflicted with.

The ringers of "one particular neighbourhood" in Hampshire have been called upon to amend their ways. The indictment against them, so far as I can make out, is that they set no store by practice, nor, it is alleged, do they display much alacrity in going to the tower when a strange ringer visits the place. Well, this latter is very churlish of them, at the least. But the worst part of it is the assertion that they attend to ring with something more than alacrity when there is "a job on." Most of us have at one time or other come across similar people, and their conduct is one of the evils which accompany ringing. The Vicar of this parish, if he would bring his influence to bear, could alter this state of things. If he would call upon his ringers to amend their ways, he has the power and authority to enforce his behests. A situation of this sort is just the one where a Vicar may do good. He

could insist on a regular practice-night, and this would bring the ringers up to their cake and milk (another old saying). The name of the parish in question has not transpired, but I happen to know it very well. Care will be taken that the Vicar has a copy of this week's "B.N."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

The annual excursion of the above took place on Monday, August 20th, the party numbering eleven, proceeding to Ipswich. Arriving there at 8.38 a.m. they were met by Mr. J. Motts, who having a conveyance in readiness joined the party, and a drive of thirty miles was commenced. The first place visited was Coddensham, where only short touches were rung, as service was about to begin. Then on to Stonham Aspal, where hangs a beautiful peal of ten bells in a tower partly built of wood. After a touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round and the bells lowered, we moved on to Debenham, where a halt was made. Who is it that has not heard of Debenham, where the noted 16,608 of Oxford was rung in 1892? After touches of Oxford and Stedman were made, tracks were made for The Lion hotel, where Mr. W. Ruffles had prepared a splendid dinner, which was well appreciated by all. Parting with our ringing friends here, a drive of three miles, and Framdsen is reached. The tower contains a good peal of eight. A short stop here, and on again to Helmingham, where another peal of eight were found. Here touches of Stedman were rung. Falling the bells, we were soon on the way to Ashbocking, where a pretty little peal of six were set going to Oxford Treble Bob, but as time was rather limited, we moved off again, this time to Henley. This tower contains a pretty little peal of eight, and touches of Stedman with the Rev. W. Pearson taking part, were brought round. After the ringing an adjournment was made to the rectory, where the party were kindly entertained by the Rev. W. and Miss Pearson to tea, which came very acceptable, after a drive of about twelve miles without the sign of a roadside inn. Tea being over, the rev. gentleman brought out his beautiful peal of handbells, and a course of Grandsire Caters and a tune by Messrs. Knights and Warnes, was all that time would allow. After thanking the rev. gentleman and Miss Pearson for their kind hospitality, we were soon on the last stage of the journey back to Ipswich, having just sufficient time to ring a short touch on St. Margaret's bells. And now for the station, where we caught the 6.45 train back to Norwich, accomplishing the journey in very good time, all being unanimous that a most enjoyable day had been spent. The company wish to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, which were much appreciated; the tower-keepers for having everything in readiness; also Mr. James Motts who kindly piloted us round: and last, but not least, Mr. W. Ruffles for the splendid provision for us.

G. H.

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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 September 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on the 13th; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The fortnightly practice at St. Martin's will be discontinued until Monday next, September 3rd.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Grosvenor Road, Lower Edmonton.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Budge Row, E.C.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, to-day, Saturday, September 1st, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, September 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst to-day, Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 4 o'clock.

W. LATTE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, September 1st. A short service will be held in the parish church. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head.

REV. J. FLOWERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey to-day, Saturday, Sep. 1st. Business meeting at 5 p.m. at The Green Dragon inn.

N. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

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

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 2.0 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at The Royal Clarence hotel at 5 o'clock.

E. BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Stations—Pinxton and Pye Bridge, Midland Railway. Ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western

Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. Members and friends invited.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Gresford on Saturday, September 8th, at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available during the day. Tea will be provided free to members at 5 p.m. Leaders of companies are requested to communicate with the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne, Gresford Vicarage, Wrexham, stating number intending to be present at tea not later than September 4th. All subscriptions should now be paid.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Commercial inn, Clark Green, Batley. The six-bell contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 15th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Hazel Grove, near Stockport, on Saturday, September 8th.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, September 8th.

J. HIGSON, *Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Exeter Cathedral.—Caters practice second Wednesday in every month, commencing September 12th, 1906, at 7 o'clock.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, September 15th.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, September 15th. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archpeaconry of Salop.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 at St. Alkmund's parish room. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. F. H. Roach, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Mary, Handsworth.—WM. VERRY COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

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The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 29th. Local Hon. Sec.,

Mr. J. T. Walsh, 20, Estcourt Street, Goole. See Association circular for details of the day's arrangements, etc.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, September 29th. Members are requested to send all reports of peals, compositions, Minor ringing, etc., to Mr. J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore. Further particulars by circular.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1906.

AMONG our reports of meetings we often read that some of the towers visited are deficient with regard to proper fittings of the bells. Sometimes one or more of the bells go badly, requiring two to ring them. Now and then the bells are found unringable through the absence of proper bell-ropes; and there are other causes which militate against good ringing. Every ringer who visits such towers where these defects exist, should never fail to represent the bad condition of affairs to the Vicar, and persuade him, by every means in their power, to have things put right. If such representations bring forth a promise of amendment, well and good, but it will often be found advisable to make further enquiry to find out what

is being done, and if necessary, bring up the case again before the church authorities. Sometimes we read of a promise that a ring of five shall be made into six, or more. In such case ringers should always, in season and out of season, keep the matter going forward.

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JAMES GEORGE Treble.	*CHARLES POTHECARY .. 6.
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BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on ten bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble.	HENRY TORBLE 5.
SAMUEL HAYES 2.	YORK GREEN 6.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MARDELL 4.	JOHN MOULE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The Provinces.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL GROVE* Treble.	*ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.
FRANK WITHERS* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JOHN WITHERS* 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in seven methods. Further reference elsewhere.

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LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1906, 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. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. BLACK Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM WARD 2.	GEORGE CARTER 6.
G. F. MARGETSON* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
E. A. BACON 4.	WALTER CLARK Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. W. Ward was elected a member previous to starting

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REV. W. V. CHILWELL .. Treble.	CHARLES MORLEY 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 6.
ALBERT MILLER 3.	HARRY ROBERTS 7.
FREDERICK MARTIN 4.	JOHN MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment, also as a farewell to the Rev. W. V. Chilwell who is shortly leaving the parish.

ROMFORD, ESSEX,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble.	*ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM W. MILLER* .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, August 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
REGINALD GWINNETT STONE* 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
GEORGE BULL 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal of Stedman.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

G. F. MARGETSON Treble.	GEORGE A. BLACK 5.
FREDERICK PALMER 2.	*CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
H. J. TUCKER 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

G. F. MARGETSON Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
GEORGE A. BLACK 2.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY* 4.	W. H. JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, August 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat

FREDERICK THOMAS Treble.	ROBERT SPERRING 5.
THOMAS HUXBY 2.	ROWE HUXBY 6.
JOHN W. DAVIES* 3.	WALTER THOMAS 7.
ARTHUR PRINCE* 4.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, and Conducted by ROWE HUXBY.

*First peal of Bob Major.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOHN WITHERS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNST COULSON* Treble.	*WILLIAM PERVIN 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	*HARRY WHITTLE 7.
FRANK PERVIN* 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 8.
JAMES WELLS 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.	*JOSEPH POWELL Tenor.

Composed by G. ASTBURY, and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the first time; also to commemorate the silver wedding of W. Pervin.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

J. R. BALLS Treble.	D. HAYWARD 4.
ARTHUR JACOBS 2.	E. R. TODD 5.
HENRY D. ARNOTT 3.	GEORGE ORFORD Tenor.

Conducted by G. ORFORD.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT VANNS Treble.	HARRY GOODWIN 5.
WILLIAM LATTER 2.	MICHAEL J. EXETER 6.
THOMAS SAUNDERS 3.	ARTHUR H. READER 7.
JAMES FORD 4.	GEORGE MANSEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

Reference elsewhere.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	ARTHUR WALKER 5.
WILLIAM BROOK 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	FRED W. HARGREAVE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by W. PEARSON.

Handbell Peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

HUBERT EDEN 1-2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Alfred D. Bates. The conductor has now called this composition from each pair of bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, August 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

GEORGE LEWIS 1-2.	WALTER COATES 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4.	ALBERT NASH 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire—Sam Thomas. First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and by the Association.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Clanfield, Oxon., has been sent without any time being mentioned.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—The following ringing has been done at Wickham during the last twelve months: August 9th, 1905, 720 Plain Bob. Sunday, August 20th, for service, 720 Oxford Bob. September 13th, 720 Oxford. September 27th, 720, being 360 each of College Single and Oxford Bob. Sunday, October 6th, for service, 720 Plain Bob. October 8th, 1440, being 360 each of Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Grandsire. October 25th, 720 Bob Minor. Sunday, November 12th, 720 Oxford Bob. November 15th, 720, being 360 each of Bob Minor and Oxford. November 22nd, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Grandsire

Minor. Sunday, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor. December 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. December 9th, 1440 Bob Minor. December 17th, 720 College Single. December 20th, 720 Plain Bob. December 27th, 720 Bob Minor. December 31st, 720 College Single. On January 1st, 1906, 720 Oxford. On January 7th, 720 College Single; 17th, 720 College Single; 28th, 720 Oxford. February 3rd, 720 College Single; 10th, 720 College Single; 18th, 720 Oxford. March 7th, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford; 11th, 720 Plain Bob; 21st, two 720s of Plain Bob; 28th, 720 Plain Bob. April 4th, 720 College Single and 720 Plain Bob; 15th, 720 Oxford; 18th, 720 Plain Bob; 22nd, 720 College Single; 24th, 720 Oxford and 720 Plain Bob. May 2nd, 720 Plain Bob; 6th, 720 Oxford and 720 College Single; 23rd, 720 Oxford; 30th, 720 Oxford and 720 College Single. June 6th, 720 College Single; 10th, 720 Oxford; 13th, 720 College Single; 17th, 720 Oxford; 20th, 720 Oxford; 27th, 720 Oxford and 720 College Single. July 25th, 720 Oxford. August 1st, 720 College Single; 15th, 720 Oxford and 720 College Single. These 37 complete 720s have been rung by the following, the first seven belonging to the local band: G. E. Chappell took part in 57, conducting 56; W. Singleton 55, H. W. Merrett 51, W. F. Churcher 50, H. J. Smith 45, N. Welch 34, H. Beckett 24, J. W. Whiting (Fareham) 8, W. Cooper (Swanmore) 8, A. Millard (Swanmore) 3, conducted 1, J. Harris and E. J. Harding (Portsea) 1 each.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On February 8th, 720 College Single. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, A. Millard, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. G. Williams conductor, E. T. Green, F. Phillips, C. Forfit, W. Kerley, C. Goodenough, J. Bristow, E. Waters.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the church of St. Mary Grassendale, on February 21st, 720 Worcester Surprise. T. S. Morris, E. H. Lewis, R. H. Green, W. Booth, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Allen. First in the method in the Diocese. March 25th, 720 Chichester Surprise. T. S. Morris, G. R. Newton, R. H. Green conductor, W. Booth, S. Turner, J. Allen. First in the method in the diocese. May 6th, 720 Chichester. T. S. Morris, E. H. Lewis conductor, R. H. Green, W. Booth, J. Turner, J. Allen. August 20th, 720 London. T. S. Morris, R. H. Green, W. Booth, E. H. Lewis, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Allen. August 27th, 720 Norwich Surprise. T. S. Morris, R. H. Green, W. Booth, E. H. Lewis conductor, S. Turner, G. R. Newton. First in the method in the diocese. On August 21st, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob. E. H. Lewis conductor, T. Hammond, sen., G. R. Newton first 720 in hand.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—On Saturday, August 25th, a half peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins., being the first half of Parker's 12-part peal. J. T. Pollard, P. Beardmore, G. Clark, A. J. Harrison, G. Blanchard, A. Parker conductor, F. Rowley, F. Chrich. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Pollard, his brother ringers wishing him the usual compliments.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Bacon, B. Miller, A. Bennington, J. Law, F. W. Richardson, H. E. White, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. Macklin.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Andrew's church, 336 Stedman Triples. H. Rushby, F. S. W. Butler, G. R. Winter, R. Dawson, T. Spurr, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, J. W. Seamer. 288 Oxford Treble Bob. J. C. Tinker, H. Rushby, F. S. W. Butler, R. Dawson, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, P. C. Long, J. W. Seamer. 168 Stedman Triples. R. Dawson, H. Haigh conductor, T. Spurr, P. C. Long, F. S. W. Butler, H. Warburton, J. W. Seamer, E. Brown.

224 Bob Major. H. Haigh conductor, J. C. Tinker, S. G. Stel, J. W. Seamer, R. Dawson, T. Spurr, E. Brown, J. Shepherd. All these touches were rung for evening service.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Friday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Short, conductor, J. W. Lilley, A. E. Pegler, A. Chambers, H. Grosvenor, G. Hitchman, J. Neal, A. Beecham.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, 720 each of Grandsire and Bob Minor. E. Johnson, A. W. Flowers, J. Smallwood, S. Hope, F. Viles, J. H. White conductor.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, August 19th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. For evening service 360 in the same method. R. Blake, W. Savage, H. Blackman, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor. On Thursday, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Westcott, R. Blake, H. Blackman, H. Stovell, J. Goacher, W. Day conductor.

HEENE, NEAR WORTHING (Sussex).—On Friday, August 10th, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob. T. Scarlett, A. and T. Gozzett, A. and H. Richell, A. Groves, E. Lindup, C. Street, E. Bassett.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. Turner, C. Potheary, J. Moule, E. J. Woolley, G. Charge conductor, R. F. Deal, G. Hayden, T. Longdon. On Tuesday, August 21st, at St. Mary's, Islington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. Turner, J. Barry, H. Dains, W. Hewitt, W. Weatherstone, E. J. Woolley, R. F. Deal conductor, C. Potheary. A touch of Stedman Triples. H. Dains conductor, C. Potheary, J. Barry, W. Hewitt, W. Weatherstone, E. J. Woolley, R. F. Deal, A. Riley.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Turner, C. Groves, W. McKinnell, J. Symonds, M. Ellsmore, J. Harris, E. J. Harding, J. Matthews. On August 21st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Turner, P. Harman, J. Symonds conductor, A. Collins, M. Ellsmore, J. Harris, E. J. Hardman, S. Thomas. On Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service, 468 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon conductor, J. Harris, F. Bayley, J. Symonds, A. Collins, M. Ellsmore, E. J. Harding, S. Thomas.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—Recently, at St. Giles's church, 720 Plain Bob, in 20 mins. J. Mainwaring, W. Beddowes, jun., W. Randle, E. Homer, A. Homer, A. Timmins conductor, W. Dowell.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. A. King, A. W. Flowers, W. Maund, F. Piles, T. Male, J. Fennell, J. H. White conductor, H. Oldham. On Wednesday, August 22nd, on handbells, 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Smallwood, J. H. White conductor, Mrs. J. H. White. And 240 with A. J. Flowers. These are the first 6-scores ever known to have been rung by a lady ringer in Coventry.

TARRING (Sussex).—On Wednesday, August 8th, touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor. T. Scarlett, A. and T. Gozzett, H. Richell, E. H. Lindup, B. Bassett, C. Street, J. Pace, H. Evans.

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on to Diss, where the bells of St. Mary's were raised and several touches rung. A substantial meat tea followed, the visitors afterwards proceeding to the house of Mr. John Souter, The Sun. The handbells were brought out, and after ringing a few touches the 8.40 train was boarded for Ipswich, thus ending a very enjoyable outing. The members wish to thank the various clergy for granting permission to ring.

THE REV. H. DRAKE.

The Rev. H. Drake's address from September 12th, will be at Woodlands Parsonage, near Salisbury: and from September 12th to 26th at Brookthorpe Vicarage, near Gloucester.

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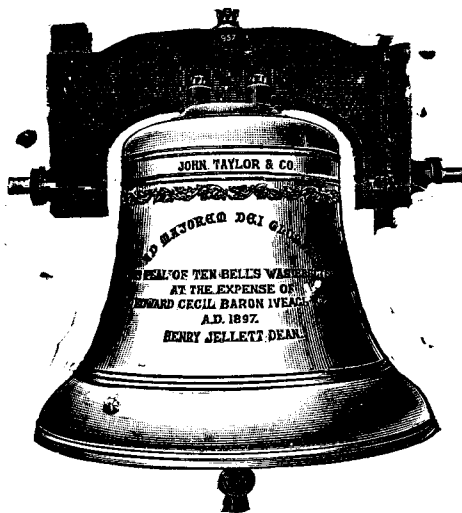
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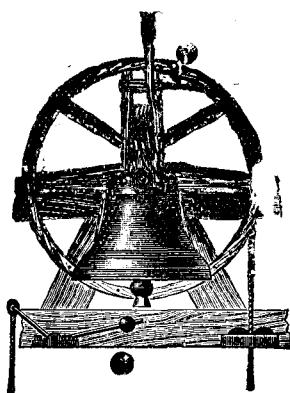
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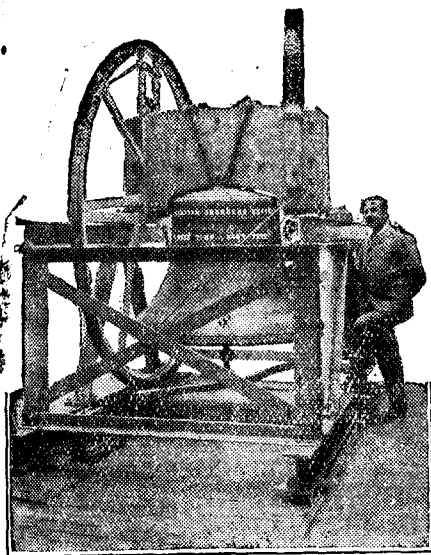
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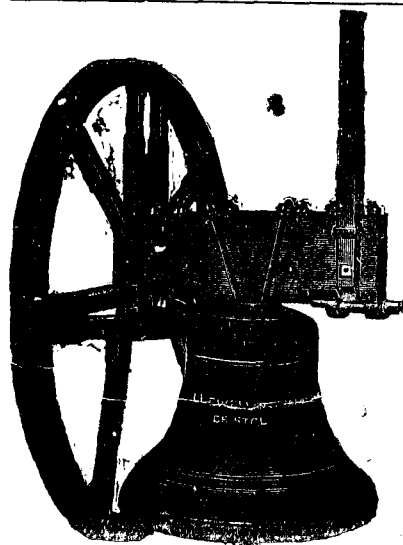
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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 1st, when representatives from the following towers attended: Llandaff, St. Fagan's, Penarth, Caldicot, Chepstow, Nash, Caerleon, Llangibby, Trevethin, St. Woolos and All Saints (Newport). The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. A. Rowley, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on his holidays.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and it was afterwards decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. Lewis, of Caldicot, that the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting be held at Caldicot.

The usual votes of thanks were then proposed, and afterwards the bells were kept going to the tune of Minor and Doubles. The bells, six in number, were cast by W. Evans, of Chepstow. Later in the evening the majority present at the meeting went on to Chepstow, where the fine ring of eight were kindly placed at their disposal. Some good touches of Triples were brought round, thus concluding a very pleasant meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHWICH BRANCH).

The members of the above branch held a pleasant meeting at Hartford by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, September 1st. During the afternoon several touches of Plain Bob, and also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob were rung by S. Moore, S. Johnson, T. Moore, A. Johnson, A. Yarwood, J. Ashmole conductor. A tea kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Eddowes), was partaken of in the schools, after which a meeting was held. Before separating, a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and tea was unanimously passed.

RINGING TOUR IN NORTH DEVON.

SPREADING NEW METHODS.

The members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club have just held their fourth annual tour. North Devon was the scene of most of their peregrinations, which enabled them to once more introduce scientific ringing to the notice of bands of the round and call-change school in several out-of-the-way parishes, and also to increase their knowledge of the beauties of the county. The party comprised the Rev. G. F. Molineux (Vicar of Harpford, and Hon. Secretary of the Devonshire Guild), Messrs. J. Richards (captain of the club), A. Monkley (sub-captain), F. Davey (Hon. Secretary), E. Barter, W. Richardson (official repairer), Moss and A. W. Searle (members of Exeter bands),

T. Laver (Heavitree), A. Snow (Lymptstone), H. Burch and R. Hexter (Littleham), and E. Copp (Withycombe).

Nine of the party went on cycles, and most of them rode with great pluck throughout a long, and at times, exceedingly trying journey. Four adopted the idea of motoring, and had an extremely enjoyable experience in a handy and thoroughly reliable car supplied by Mr. Williams, of Catherine Street, Exeter, who also managed it with much skill and care, and negotiated the gradients, the twists and the turns of the roads—and there were some first-class Devonshire specimens—with grace and efficiency.

The programme was as follows:—Saturday: Exeter to Washfield (6 bells); Stoodleigh (6), Oakford (8), Knowstone (5), North Molton (6), and South Molton (8). Sunday: South Molton to Filleigh (6), Chittlehampton (8), Atherington (6), High Bickington (6), Burrington (6), and back to Exeter. The ringing methods were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles for five and six bells, and Grandsire Triples for eight bells. The bells at Oakford (where the tower has been recently partially rebuilt), Knowstone, North Molton, and Chittlehampton, were found to be in need of overhauling; elsewhere the bells went well. The work accomplished was, as a whole, decidedly good, and reflected credit on the visitors. Some parts of the tour were in very keen round-ringing localities, but the adherents of the old school, although, of course, they had some faults to find, expressed favourable opinions on the ability with which the new style of ringing was carried out.

The clergy and ringers in every instance offered the visitors a cordial welcome, and were evidently anxious to make the tour a success. The Revs. E. Travers Clarke (Washfield), D. Campbell (Oakford), and M. D. Buckingham (Burrington), offered the visitors hospitality, and Sir Edward Dunning, of Stoodleigh Court, arranged for a luncheon. Saturday night was spent at The Anchor hotel, South Molton, where the accommodation gave general satisfaction. At Chittlehampton the visitors had an excellent breakfast at The Bell hotel, and attended service (in which the Rev. F. Molineux took part), at the parish church.

The weather was showery during the early hours of the two mornings, but otherwise very favourable. The arrangements for the tour were made, as usual, with great care and forethought, by the Hon. Secretary of the club (Mr. F. Davey), and worked well. The Rev. G. F. Molineux proved an excellent "missionary" on behalf of the Guild, and it is hoped to get some additional support from the County Society. At High Bickington and Burrington the visitors had the pleasure of the company of Mr. J. D. Copp, of the Torrington band,

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Rev. Herbert Drake has made an attempt, I see, to make his table (published some weeks ago) intelligible to the ordinary ringer. Whether he has succeeded or not is a matter of opinion. So far as your humble servant is concerned, doubtless from want of capacity, there is as much fog as before. Mr. Drake is a most earnest worker in everything he takes up in connection with ringing, and a courteous correspondent. But I am afraid that all his (and many others') attempts to simplify these problems and definitions will not bring to persons of limited capacity like myself (and there are many such) a clear interpretation of what is meant. Yet I think if the problems of these latter days are to be made clear to people whose natural intelligence is not of the most acute kind, Mr. Drake and Mr. Davies are the men to do it eventually.

I am one of those who have looked with amazement, if not with awe, upon the fruit of the researches of these several gentlemen who have dropped on an entirely new field of study. As has been said more than once, they are entitled to great honour for their ingenuity. But to the ordinary ringer it is all, or most of it, inexplicable. Take Mr. Thompson's wonderful book, for instance. How much of that work is understood by the ordinary ringer? This book contains a diagram which puts one mind of a chromatope in a magic lantern. I know it is all superlatively clever, but it is not understood by ordinary people. I quite admit that it is the ordinary people's misfortune, or their fault.

A very interesting notice of the new Bishop of Truro, Dr. Stubbs—a name of much note in the Church. He is a keen and voluminous writer, like his namesake, the late Bishop of Oxford. Truro cathedral, it will be remembered, is an unfortunate example of the shortcomings of an architect, who made no provision for the reception of bells in that edifice. What a stupendous oversight! As I understand it the tower at Truro is so built—without a staircase—that no bells can ever be placed therein! Was there not a terrible mistake somewhere? The authorities at Liverpool were warned, by a correspondent of this paper, against falling into a similar error. It would be interesting to hear, from some one well informed, what is being done with regard to bells in the new cathedral at Liverpool, now that the edifice is in progress of building. May be that gentleman who wrote a letter to the "B.N." a year or two ago will enlighten us on the point, and tell us what are the prospects of a ring of bells being placed in Liverpool's new cathedral.

We all know it is very necessary that those architects who are so deplorably ignorant of the requirements of church bells should be narrowly watched when they are about to be employed on church building. There is no difficulty whatever in making all necessary provision for the reception of bells, and proper accommodation for the ringers. Most architects are gentlemen, and they would be glad of information to this end, I believe. If we can get architects to listen to our representations, church towers in the future will be built suitable for the purposes for which they are intended.

In the erection of a new church we may find that the plans embrace a tower, or a tower and spire. The following, among other defects, may be noticed: The ringers'

apartment and the bell-chamber either in too close proximity or too far apart; a low ceiling to the ringing-chamber, and its windows ridiculously too small for giving light. The question of light is a very important one. The ringing-chamber should have two large windows at least, not those wretched slits and punch-holes we often see. If these conditions could be disseminated among church architects, I think they would receive consideration, because their adoption would not affect the architecture. This is a question upon which the C.C. could reasonably interest itself.

The following note, from the Rev. F. E. Robinson, has been handed to me:—

"In reply to 'Plain Speaker' I see no reason why I should not prefer Stedman Triples to any other method, nor attempt to ring 1000 peals in that method only, a task allotted me by some of my friends. The Exercise must please tolerate the consequent monotony, which in practice is relieved by changes of towers, bands, and 'variations.'

"I claim the peal rung at West Ham on August 25th, as the first of Stedman Triples on the bells.

"F. E. Robinson."

The Master is not angry; and no more need be said. I still remain of opinion that peals of Triples or Major should be guarded against when possible where there are ten bells in the tower.

Another letter has also come into my hands, thus:—

"I see in 'B.N.' of Sept. 1 that there is a peal of bells in Philadelphia hung for ringing. Would some kind reader give me the name of the church in Philadelphia where these bells are, and whether there is any ringing on them. Am in Philadelphia constantly, being an engineer on a cargo boat running from Rotterdam, and should like to get some ringing 'the other side.' When I was in Philadelphia last I made enquiries, but could get no information at all about any ringing. Perhaps if Dr. Nichols sees this he might give me some help. I give home address, and if any ringer would be kind enough to let me know about those bells I should feel very grateful.

"S. M. Dodington, Sherborne, Dorset, England."

We shall, I have no doubt, hear something more of Philadelphia later. There are no less than six churches there having bells, as may be seen by the following list, from the Whitechapel foundry: Christ Church, eight, 18; St. Peter's, eight, 15; St. Mark's, eight, 18; St. Martin's, eight, 21; St. Matthias's, twelve, 21; St. James's, ten, 22. Other founders may have sent bells also. [The figures following the numbers of bells in this list indicate the weights of the tenors.]

In taking stock of the contents of the "B.N." last week I found not one single report of a Diocesan or Association meeting. Yet several must have been held lately, accounts of which are due for publication. Has there not one been slipped of the North Notts. Association, from my old and esteemed friend, the Rev. B. Darley, whose accounts are always so original and interesting? Perhaps, though, the rev. gentleman is on his holiday; may be he has taken a hint from last week, and gone to enjoy the first part of the autumn amongst the Burnham beeches. If this is the case, I shall be glad to have a line from him to that effect, then I will try and unearth him there one day next

week. The various secretaries, or those whose duty it is to attend to these things, have been remiss of late. What will members, who attend all meetings, think of this slackness? I would have them know that there has been no "crowding out" lately.

It is hoped that the advice given in last week's editorial comment may not be forgotten. We know that there are plenty of bells in a sad, in fact in a dangerous state. There is no harm done in incessantly pointing out this to the various church authorities. You know the saying—"Constant dropping will wear away a stone," and continual representation will not always be useless. I recollect one particular circumstance of a good peal in bad order. The Vicar was an elderly gentleman, and too infirm to get up the tower. But one of his curates who was present offered to accompany me, and before he parted I made him comprehend everything. The next interview I heard there was no funds. That's the way to shelve the matter—the pleading "no funds," and it often takes the pluck out of you. Having put my hand to the plough, I was not going to give up without a struggle. I didn't question the statement about no funds. It is very seldom there are funds ear-marked for bell repairs. But I'll begin a fresh paragraph.

The proposal to repair the bells got wind somehow, and the curate above-mentioned came round and suggested I should see one of the wardens. I made an appointment with him, therefore. Most extraordinary thing—he was a Dissenter. When I expatiated upon the beautiful bells, and their sad state, he was simply astounded. He knew no more about the bells than the heathen Chinese—they were a complete surprise to him, of their number, size, weight, etc., he never had the slightest idea. I induced him to enter the tower, pointing out everything, and then told him that Church property to the value of several hundred pounds was rotting away there.

Never was there a man so completely surprised. We came down into the churchyard, and his light-colored coat I could see was reduced in value. After a long talk, the question of "funds" came to the front. I advised that not only should the parish be canvassed once a month for subscriptions to repair the bells, but that help from outside, help from anywhere, should be solicited.

The efforts were crowned with success. Some hard work and persistent efforts were done, but the end was eventually accomplished. Even Dissenters gave liberally. Everything necessary was had, and the bells now go excellent. I consider this one of the greatest events of my life. The thing is to keep pegging away on a thing of this kind; not to be discouraged by failure or disappointment; never to be weary, never to give up:

How have men compass'd immortal achievements?

How have they moulded the world to their will?

'Tis that through troubles, and woes, and bereavements,
"Never give up!" was the principle still.

Don't any one laugh. Go and do as I did. There's plenty more work of the same sort awaiting us.

There is an advertisement going the round of the papers (it hasn't reached the "B.N." yet) concerning the publication of a book, or pamphlet, written by the Rev. Canon

Horsley on such a subject as "Betting on race-horses." The Canon is a very sharp and acute gentleman, and always knows thoroughly well what he is talking about. I have not read this pamphlet yet, but from what I have heard it appears to demonstrate, not only the tremendous—I was going to write "devilish"—evils of the betting practice, but its flagrant idiocy. A great writer it was who said that mankind consisted principally of fools. But the greatest who fall under such a designation are the victims and dupes of the wretched betting people. They are fools who play the fool for sordid gain, but how often does it come off? I recommend all to read this pamphlet, especially those young folk who have been caught by the betting plague. Such as these will see for themselves how easily they are duped.

We are sometimes told that horse-racing is a SPORT what a libel on the word) which it would be criminal (or something worse) to abolish. Bah! If it were done away with to-morrow the better for our country and people. Some years ago horse-races used to be periodically held at one of the most beautiful towns of England. There were the usual accompaniments of such scenes, an incursion of scamps and blacklegs in galore, much to the disgust of quiet residents. The Vicar, a man acknowledged as one of the most celebrated preachers in the Church, was greatly concerned about it, and thought long and long how the evil could be removed from among them. The grounds required for these races had to be rented, or hired, for the purpose, and the Vicar ultimately persuaded the owner to decline letting the land when in future the application would be made. And so the races at this beautiful town were abolished.

This action of the Vicar was met by a storm of obloquy from the racing papers, but this affected no one. The inhabitants rejoiced, and commended it highly. The rev. gentleman died a Dean, but if power and attraction in the pulpit, and high university attainments are passports to great authority in the Church, he ought to have been an archbishop.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

OPEN-AIR SERVICES.—A mistaken impression appears to prevail that "Paul's Cross," which it is proposed to restore under the disputed will of the late Mr. H. C. Richards, K.C., M.P., would again be available as an open-air pulpit. This, however, would not be practicable under present conditions, owing to the cramped area created by the encroachment of houses upon the spacious north-east corner of the old churchyard. The reason why the Cathedral sermons were delivered at "Paul's Cross" seems to have been that there was no adequate open space where the congregation could see the preacher in the mediæval Gothic church destroyed by the Great Fire, as there is under the vast dome of Wren's edifice.

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VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.				Grandsire.				Plain Mths.				Minor Mths.				Dbl. Norwich.				Surprise Methods.				Duffield.				Stedman.	Average Value in points per peal.																
	16	14	12	17	15	9	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	32	28	18	16	50	30	30	30			30	30	25	16	28	24	24									
	Total Peals.	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	8 T. B. M. M.	7 T. B. M. M.	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mthd	2 "	3 "	4 "	5 "	6 "	7 "	8 "	10 "	Maximus.	Royal.	Caters.	Major.	London S. Maj.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major	Peterboro S. Mjr.	New Old. S. Mjr.	Yorkshire S. Mjr.	7 S Minor mthds.	Major.	Cinquies.	Caters	Triples	Total value in points.								
1 Middlesex Cty. Asscn...	91		3	1			1	8		5	1							2							2	21			19						13	15	2506	27.538								
2 Norwich Dio. Asscn...	158	4		38				5		13		2a	4	1	11	2	1	1	8	2	3	1	1		26	2	1		12					1	6	9	2315	14.651								
3 Yorkshire Association.	115		5	37	1	10	4	17		11			1				1								1	1			4	1				2	2	14	1637	14.234								
4 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	52	1	1	2			1	7																1	1		2	16	3				3	1	9	1524	29.307									
5 Midland Cties. Asscn.	93		2	8				29	1	10	2		1	1											10				4						2	12	1202	15.483								
6 Essex Cty. Association	64			14			1	7		6							1							6	6	1	4		5			3		2	2	9	1307	20.421								
7 Sussex County Assn...	70			6			1	19		7			1			1	1							6	3	2		9										17.171								
8 Oxford Dicns. Guild...	63			1			1	2	4	2		6b	2	1				1																	4	35	1194	18.952								
9 Kent County Asscn...	86	1	1	5				23		4			1	2	1	1	1		15						8										2	4	17	1135	13.197							
10 Durham & Newtle Ass.	52		2	11				1		6	1								3						6	3			4						4	10	976	18.769								
11 Glos. & Bristol Asscn.	46		1	1				3	7																	1	3								2	12	14	964	20.956							
12 Hertford Cty. Asscn...	42							8		3									2						2				2	11					13	856	20.380									
13 Surrey Association....	48					5	11	1		3	2								1						5					1					2	17	745	15.520								
14 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	37												1				1	1	5						4				7						1	8	624	16.864								
15 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	32		1	2				5		1														9										2	3	9	569	17.781								
16 Ely Diocesan Assn...	56		1	5				2	3	16	1	2c	4	2		2	1		11					2												4	5	370	10.846							
17 Irish Association....	23		1	1				4																	2										3	7	454	19.739								
18 Winchester Guild....	29							8		6				1	1	1									2										1	9	398	13.724								
19 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	20		5					1		1															4				7						1	1	9	397	19.850							
20 Waterloo Soc. London	15							1																	3	3									3	5	397	26.466								
21 London County Assn.	18		2				1	1																2											6	5	370	20.555								
22 Lancashire Asscn....	31		1	4				8		9							1	2						1												4	334	12.370								
23 Worcs. & Distts. Assn.	27			4			1	6		8	1	1d												1	1												2	320	10.666							
24 Bedford Association..	30			2		2		3		1	2e	2		2		1	1	1	8					1					2								3	2	282	10.846						
25 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	26					5	10			5	1																										5	259	10.360							
26 Lincoln Dio. Guild...	25			2				3		5	1	1f	5				1		1					1													1	239	7.468							
27 Bath & Wells Assn...	32							17		3		8g	2															1										1	229	9.160						
28 Chester Dio. Guild...	25			8		1		10					1			1	1		2					1														1	80	10.000						
29 Hereford Dio. Guild...	8							3		1									3																			3	79	19.750						
30 Salisbury Dio. Guild...	4							1																															1	78	13.000					
31 Cleveland & N. York...	6		2	1			1										1																							76	7.600					
32 Devonshire Guild....	10						2	6		2																														59	9.833					
33 North Wales Assn. ...	6							5																															1	52	17.333					
34 North Notts. Asscn...	3													1																											51	12.750				
35 Halifax and Dist. Assn	4			3		1																																			31	10.333				
36 Stoke Achdl. Assn....	3					1		1																																	12	7.				
37 West Wales Asscn...	4																																									21	7.			
38 Cambridge Uny. Guild	3									2						1																									21	7.				
39 Liverpool Dio. Guild..	3							3																																	12	12.				
40 Heavy Woollen Assn.	1			1																																						7	7.			
41 Llandaff Dio. Assn....	1							1																																		4	2.			
42 East Lincoln Assn....	2											2h																														3	3.			
43 East Derbyshire Assn.	1												1																														3	3.		
Independent Societies...	47			5			3	21		5		6i	2	2																													1	2	372	7.914
	1512	6	28	163	1	22	35	273	3	141	10	30	28	11	20	13	8	5	61	2	4	1	2	1	106	61	8	6	97	2	3	2	3	1	12	75	268	24511	16.210							

The peals in Plain Methods comprise; Bob Royal 3; Bob Major 139; College Single Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 2; Bob Triples 2; Union

peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for: Thurstans' One-Part 20; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 220; Thurstans' Five-Part 1; Thurstans' Twenty-Part 2;

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The 47 peals rung by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Australia 1; Bedfordshire 1; Berks., 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Cheshire 1; Derbyshire 2; Edinburgh 4; Essex 1; Herts., 1; Ireland 1; Lancashire 10; Leicestershire 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex 6; Norfolk 1; Somersetshire 1; South Africa 1; Staffordshire 1; Surrey 1; Sussex 2; Westminster 1; Westmoreland 2; Warwickshire 2; Worcestershire 2; Yorkshire 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was the record peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 17,104 changes, rung by the Midland Counties Association under the conductorship of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who earlier in the year had successfully conducted a similar peal of 11,008 changes by way of practice for the record length. Two peals contained over 7000 changes, four peals over 6000; and the peals under 6000 changes were 1504 in number. Another record worthy of note was the first peal of London Surprise Major rung double-handed by the Messrs. Pye and Mr. William Keeble. It should be stated that the Yorkshire Association rang the first peal of Peterborough Surprise, a new method by Mr. Arthur Craven. A silent peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The 197 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 163 peals; in the Oxford Variation 32 peals; and in the London Variation 2 peals. The 273 peals of Grandsire Triples are thus accounted for: Holt's Original 69; Holt's Ten-Part and Variations 58; Holt's Six-Part 2; Parker's Twelve-Part and Variations 25; Parker's Six-Part 2; Parker's Five-Part 1; Parker's One-Part 4; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 31; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 15; Rev. E. B. James' peals 6; Hollis' Five-Part 6; Thurstans' Five-Part 3; Shipway's Ten-Part 2; Penning's Five-Part 4; Carter's Twelve-Part 12; Vicars' Six-Part 5; Reeves' Ten-Part 3; other peals 25. The 268

peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for: Thurstans' One-Part 20; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 220; Thurstans' Five-Part 1; Thurstans' Twenty-Part 2; J. W. Washbrook's compositions 14; Sir Arthur Heywood's compositions 4; Lates' One-Part 2; Rev. E. B. James' Odd-Bob 2; John Carter's compositions 2; no composer given 1. It may be mentioned that the handbell peals were all Thurstans' Four-Part, with one variation by Sir Arthur Heywood.

The conductors of four peals and upwards are shown as follows: Rev. F. E. Robinson, 82; W. Pye, 78; J. Motts, 33; G. Williams, 32; C. R. Lilley, 24; C. Jackson, 23; F. Bennett, 19; J. Parker and G. N. Price, 18; F. R. Borrett, 17; T. T. Gofton and E. Wightman, 16; B. W. Witchell, 15; H. R. Pasmore and W. S. Smith, 14; J. H. Cheesman and W. Watts, 13; F. G. May and Sam Thomas, 12; J. Austin and Harry Withers, 11; J. W. Barker, C. W. Clarke, W. Lincoln, S. Reeves, J. W. Washbrook, and W. H. B. Wilkins, 10; G. Cattermole, T. Groombridge, A. Knights, H. Langdon and C. F. Winney, 9; H. R. Newton and H. S. T. Richardson, 8; J. Basden, G. D. Coleman, F. A. Holden, H. Moore, B. Prewett, W. Rose, J. R. Sharman, J. Sonter and F. Wilford, 7; C. T. P. Brice, D. Brearley, A. J. Day, W. E. Garrard, W. H. Judd, B. F. Lamb, C. Mee, R. Matthews, D. J. Nichols, C. L. Routledge, R. Sperring, G. Wightman and G. F. Williams, 6; A. W. Brighton, G. Bolland, G. T. Daltrey, J. E. Davis, J. W. Golding, W. J. Goss, E. E. Huntley, W. Perkins, F. Pistow, J. Pigott, P. H. Pierce, J. Potter, A. H. Pulling, W. Willson and A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Billenness, J. T. Butler, E. C. Chasty, J. Cotterell, T. Card, G. Drake, F. W. Dixon, W. Freeman, J. Griffin, C. Glenn, J. Hoare, T. Langdon, W. H. Lawrence, A. J. Lincoln, G. R. Pye, W. C. Rumsey, W. Sawyer, G. E. Symonds, J. Thomas, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker and C. Willshire, 4. In addition to these there were 47 persons who conducted 3 peals; 96, two peals; and 258 one peal. Four peals were published without a conductor's name, and one silent peal was rung. The total number of persons who acted as conductors was 494. The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1451; on handbells, 61. The peals on handbells were rung in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob—Royal, 2; Major, 9; Grandsire—Caters, 2; Triples, 8; Plain Methods—Bob Major, 16; Minor, 2; Double Norwich Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; Stedman—Triples, 11; Caters, 2; Cinques, 3; total—61.

The 1512 peals rung in 1904 are the largest number which have ever been rung in any one year; and were distributed over the year as follows: January, 149; February, 145; March, 107; April, 168; May, 113; June, 107; July, 74; August, 93; September, 111; October, 127; November, 156; December, 162; and exceed by 43 the number of peals rung in 1903.

In reckoning totals of points, peals having 7000 to 10,000 changes count as two and those having 10,000 to 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth; that is to say, a peal over 12,000 changes is reckoned as four peals; over 14,000 as five peals; and over 16,000 as six peals.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
1 Middx. Co. Assn. & London Dio. Gld.	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	..	3	4	5	9	5	6	2	2	2
3 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	9
4 Ancient Society of College Youths	7	5	2	4	2	5	5	4
5 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13
6 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9
7 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3
9 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	6
10 Durham and Newcastle Association	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Association	10	13	12	7	11	11	9	6
12 Herts. County Association	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8
13 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12	21	18
14 Central Northamptonshire Association	23	18	10	14	14	16	15	22
15 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11
16 Ely Diocesan Association	38	22	30	26	26	26	28	15
17 Irish Association	37	33	27	36
18 Winchester Diocesan Guild	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16
19 Royal Cumberland Youths	15	11	17	23	24	22	23	20
20 Waterloo Society, London	20	33	28	24	22	24	28	23

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following Table.

1881	..	156	1885	..	500	1889	..	797	1893	..	705	1897	..	905	1901	..	1194
1882	..	244	1886	..	556	1890	..	699	1894	..	859	1898	..	1002	1902	..	1313
1883	..	330	1887	..	646	1891	..	878	1895	..	766	1899	..	912	1903	..	1469
1884	..	419	1888	..	759	1892	..	802	1896	..	791	1900	..	924	1904	..	1512

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1906.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. O. LANCASHIRE.

At 10.30 in the morning of Sunday, August 26th, a small band of sidesmen, headed by the intrepid Vicar and churchwardens, might have been seen in St. Martin's belfry, Leicester. The occasion was the presentation to Mr. J. O. Lancashire—in the belfry—of a large framed photograph of the bell-ringers, including the Vicar and churchwardens, which was a wedding present from the bellringers to Mr. Lancashire. At their request the Vicar made the presentation in a few happy and humorous words. He reminded the ringers that they were by way of being musical people, and that the first essential of music was harmony. He thanked Mr. Lancashire for his tact in producing so harmonious a feeling among the ringers, and assured him and them of the appreciation of the officers of the church of their efforts.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

It is proposed to attempt a peal at Goole on Saturday, September 29th, at 11 o'clock prompt. Should this interfere with any company's arrangements will they please write to W. Pearson, Horsefair, Pontefract, before the 21st of September.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, writing from The Royal hotel, Edinburgh, says: "My review of Stedman Caters when published will cover an answer to those letters which have recently appeared on the subject."

The Provinces.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 20, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

SAMUEL EYLES† Treble.	ALBERT BROOKS 5.
FREDERICK FARMER† .. 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
THOMAS KNAPP† 4.	†JOHN HORN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival. The four ringers, whose first peal it was, are members of the local company, who have been receiving instruction lately from Mr. J. Monk.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

JOHN WITHERS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
FRANK WITHERS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

Arranged for T. J. Salter, Master of the above Association.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT T. BARKER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 4.
CHARLES MORTIMER 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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On Wednesday, September 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HUBERT EDEN 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4.	FREDERICK BRINKLOW .. 7-8.

Conducted by FREDERICK BRINKLOW.

Umpire—Arthur W. Dix. Rung in honour of the conductor's coming of age.

The following peals are the result of a week's tour by members of the Cambridge University Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, August 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEY 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 2.	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 7.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

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

Reference elsewhere.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. Treble.	REV. H. J. ELSEY 5.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 7.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 4.	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Tenor.

Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

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SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

On Friday, August 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2.	REV. H. J. ELSEY 6.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 7.
H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

This is the third peal, and first peal of Major on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, August 19th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 384 Superlative Surprise. H. Little, P. Webb, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Prior, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. After evening service 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, August 29th, for practice, 840 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, T. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. This touch was taken from J. Carter's peal No. 11. On Sunday, September 2nd, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise. W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 23rd, at the

parish church, 1296 Double Norwich. J. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, H. E. Hammond, S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, F. Rudkin, H. J. Collins. On Monday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Williams conductor, G. H. Sentance, H. E. Hammond, E. Newman, S. R. Roper, E. Archer, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade. On September 3rd, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, W. Grimwade, E. Newman, S. R. Roper, H. E. Hammond, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

COLSTON BASSETT.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Richards, J. Wagstaffe, H. Wagstaffe, A. Foulkes, W. E. White, W. Allison conductor, T. Squires, H. Richards.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks.)—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Peacock, W. Sykes, H. Parrish, T. Sarginson, C. Clarkson, G. Handley conductor. First 720 in the method on these bells, and by a local band. Also 720 Plain Bob. H. Collinson, H. Parrish, J. Sarginson, A. Peacock, T. Sarginson, G. Handley conductor. Their average age was 18, and all under 18 except the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 27th, at St. Chad's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, R. Ducker, W. Collinson conductor, W. F. Webb, W. G. Ellis, T. Miller, A. Hackley, J. Capella.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, August 28th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. H. B. Cartwright, H. Johnson, J. Muggeridge, J. P. Mason, H. Price, A. Davis, W. Green conductor, W. Adams.

RED HILL (Surrey).—On a recent Thursday, for practice at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Gear, W. Streeter, H. Reeves conductor, J. Cotterell, A. Bashford, G. Croucher, H. Edwards, E. Dennis. On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Streetex, J. Sherlock, A. Bashford, J. Cotterell, N. Wakefield, T. Kenward, H. Reeves conductor, H. Edwards.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Saturday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, W. Allfrey, W. Booth, A. Lovell, E. Breeze, T. Hammond conductor, R. Walker. On August 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, E. Cannc, G. Dickinson, T. Hammond, S. Stewart, W. Twist, A. Lovell conductor, B. Walker. On August 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, G. Dickinson, J. Aspinwall, E. Caunce, S. W. Stewart, A. Lovell conductor, R. Walker. On August 31st, for practice, 672 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinwall, A. Lovell, J. Martin, W. Booth, S. Stewart, G. R. Newton, E. Caunce conductor, R. Walker. On Sunday, September 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, A. Lovell, G. Dickinson, W. Hargreaves, S. Stewart, W. Twist conductor, E. Caunce, R. Walker. On Sunday, September 2nd, 672 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinwall, A. Lovell, J. Martin, G. Dickinson, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, R. Walker.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, August 29th, at the parish church, 1360 Bob Major was rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Lyons, wife of a former Vicar. A. Blundell, H. Tinsley, H. Belcher, C. Wallater, J. Bates, G. Hughes composer and conductor, W. Smith, J. Lawton. And 336 Stedman Triples. A. Blundell, H. Tinsley, G. Hughes, C. Wallater conductor, W. Devey, W. Smith, J. Lawton, H. Belcher.

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Obituary.

HENRY DAKIN.

Many will regret to hear of the death of the above, which took place suddenly at his residence on Saturday, August 25th, he having been taken ill in the night. Although he had been previously ailing he attended to his work on Friday. His sudden seizure was quite unexpected. He was very well known and respected, and was connected with various institutions for many years. He was a strong churchman, and had a long connection with St. James's church, Wollaston, and had been a ringer for thirty-five years, also a member of the bible class since its inauguration. In politics he was an active conservative, being vice-chairman of the local Association, and a member of the management committee of the new Conservative Club at Stourbridge, and rendered good service to his party locally in many ways. In Forestry circles he was also well-known, being a P.D.C.R. of the A.O.F. and trustee of Court Benevolence. He was vice-president of the Corbett Hospital fetes and Flower Shower committee. In business he was connected with the glass trade, and was president of the Wordsley branch of the Flint Glass Cutters Society. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Wollaston church, in the presence of a large number of people. The Rev. G. Gibbanks, Vicar, conducted the service, after which the Foresters' Service was read. He was borne to the grave by some of the ringers and fellow workers. The mourners were his four sons and two brothers. Among those present were H. T. Williams Thomas, esq., representing the firm deceased had worked for the last twenty-eight years, deputations from the Conservative Association, Court Benevolence, Bible Class, Glass Cutters' Society, Fetes Committee. Floral tributes were sent by the above-named, also by the widow and children, school teachers, ringers and fellow-workers. In the evening the following met to pay a last tribute of respect to their old comrade and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the bells deeply muffled: R. Bidmead, J. Lewis, W. Fryer conductor, E. Chapman, G. Howells, J. Allen. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bretherton, J. H. Parsons, R. Mathews conductor, J. Bass, G. H. Pagett, H. Joes. In the first 720 all the above, with the exception of the conductor, began to learn change-ringing together, being the first band formed when the bells were hung in the tower. Deceased had rang several 5040s of Minor and Triples. He conducted the first 5040 in seven methods on the bells, also 720s in sixteen methods, comprising Plain, Double, Treble Bob, and Surprise. He was buried on his fiftieth birthday. Many were the expressions of sympathy which were felt for the widow and family in their sad bereavement. G. H. P.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT THE FOUNDRY, LOUGHBOROUGH.—MR. H. S. T. RICHARDSON'S FIFTY PEALS.—Bob Minor 1, conducted 1; Major 3, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 1; Kent Major 4, conducted 4; Stedman Triples 18; Double Norwich 2; 3 Minor methods 1, conducted 1; 7 methods 1. On handbells: Bob Major 10, conducted 9; Royal 1, conducted 1; Maximus 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 1, conducted 1; Caters 1; Kent Major 3, conducted 3; Royal 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 1, Total 50, conducted 23.

THE REV. H. DRAKE.

The Rev. H. Drake's address from September 12th, will be Woodlands Parsonage, near Salisbury; and from September 12th to 26th at Brookthorpe Vicarage, near Gloucester.

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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 September 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on the 13th; and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 25th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Budge Row, E.C.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burnham to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 2.0 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at The Royal Clarence hotel at 5 o'clock. E. BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Selston to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Stations—Pinxton and Pye Bridge, Midland Railway. Ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

The Hertfordshire Association. - Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day, Saturday, Sep. 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at The Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. Members and friends invited. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. - Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 8th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

The North Wales Association.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Gresford to-day, Saturday, Sept. 8th, at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available during the day. Tea will be provided free to members at 5 p.m. S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Batley to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Commercial inn, Clark Green, Batley. The six-bell contest in connection with the above Society will be held at Batley on Saturday, September 15th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Hazel Grove, near Stockport, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 8th. A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. - Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at

Reddish on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready at 4. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association. - Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, September 15th at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 at St. Alkmund's parish room. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. F. H. Roach, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. - North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, 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 would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting. The annual general meeting will be held on October 13th, prior to which date full particulars will be announced. The sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex, and the service will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C. It is hoped that a large number of members may make it convenient to attend. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourne. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom. Reports for the past year will be ready at this meeting.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association. - Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 6 p.m. at Messrs. Igglesden and Graves' restaurant, Alexandra Gardens, one minute from church. Secretaries of bands are requested to send number of members intending to be present at tea to me on or before Wednesday the 19th inst. Half railway fares up to 2s. each allowed. Members of other districts intending to be present are also requested to advise me. A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*
101, High Street, Hythe.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. - Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 22nd. Divine Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. The bells of the parish church will be available all day. A peal will be attempted at 11 a.m. Members wishing to stand in the peal must write me before Saturday the 15th inst., so that arrangements may be made. Tea will be provided only for those whose names are forwarded to me on or before Tuesday the 18th inst. P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

St. Mary, Handsworth. - WM. VERRY COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road,

Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock. RICHARD FAUX.

65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 29th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. T. Walsh, 20, Estcourt Street, Goole. See Association circular for details of the day's arrangements, etc.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, September 29th. Members are requested to send all reports of peals, compositions, Minor ringing, etc., to Mr. J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
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 523461 - -
 321465 - -
 123564 - -
 324561 - -
 423165 - -
 325164 - -
 524163 - -
 524361 S -
 425163 - -
 423561 - -
 421365 - -
 124563 - -
 123465 - -
 125364 - -
 521463 - -
 523164 - -
 325461 - -
 321564 - -
 324165 - -

Rounds in five changes.

* S at 1; bob at 2; S at 11; bobs at 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

† Bobs at 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17.

Has the extent of 4, 6, 8 behind, with the 6th and 4th fixed bells in 2, 4, and 9, 7, 8 course-ends in the first half of peal; and the extent of the 6th after the 8th in the handstroke home position.

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5029.

Start slow six.

123456

612534 2S 3 5
4 5 16

214365*-
 5463 - -
 512364 - -
 4263 - -
 415362 - -
 2563 - -
 3265 - -
 314562 - -
 2465 - -
 5264 - -
 513462 - -

513264 S -
 4362 - -
 2463 - -
 215364 - -
 4563 - -
 412365 - -
 5263 - -
 3562 - -
 314265 - -
 5462 - -
 2554 - -
 213465 - -

Last twenty-three courses repeated except *. Instead call 2, 5S, 9, 10, 16, 17, which produces—

214365879

Rounds next change.

5069.

231456

435162* 5 16

2561 - -
 1265 - -
 134562 - -
 2465 - -
 231564 - -
 4165 - -
 5461 - -
 532164 - -
 4261 - -
 1462 - -
 135264 - -

* 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 14.

Three times repeated; calling first course of each part as follows:—

2nd part, 5S, 16, produces 435261.

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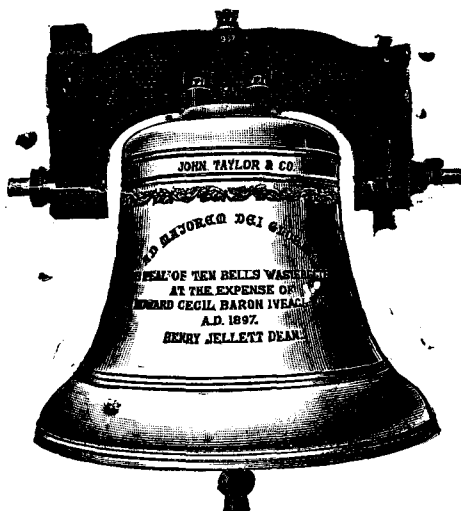
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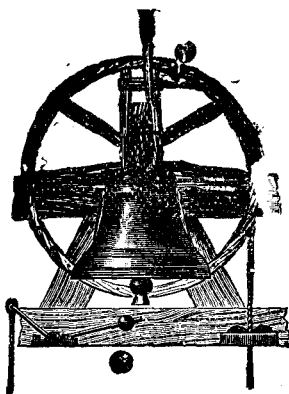
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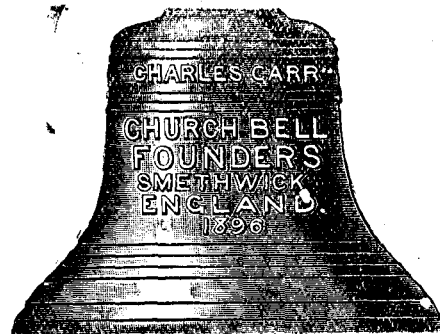
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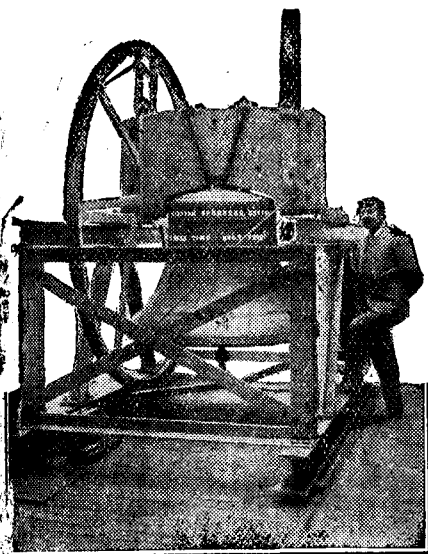
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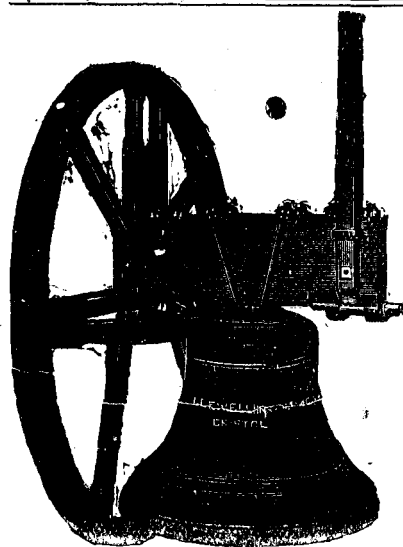
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The Quarterly Meeting of the North Bucks. branch of this Guild was held at Olney, on Saturday, September 1st, when the following towers were represented: Olney, Emberton, Sherington, Clifton Reynes, Tyringham, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Calverton, Linslade, Hanslope, and Maids Moreton. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock on the bells at the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, following which a service was held in the church, and heartily joined in by the ringers and others forming the congregation. The Rev. S. H. Smith (Vicar of Olney) preached an excellent sermon, addressing his remarks particularly to the ringers.

At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided (in the absence of the President, Rev. C. Leslie Norris, he being away on his holidays), and he was supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (deputy-Master of the Guild), the Rev. G. F. Sams (rural dean), Rev. W. Brooke Richards, Rev. J. M. Geden, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. F. W. Booth. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were agreed to. The other business was of the ordinary routine character.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and preaching such an excellent sermon, and for presiding at the meeting. At 5 o'clock about twenty-five members sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mr. W. Brooks. In the evening the members, assisted by Messrs. W. Rogers, W. V. Newman, L. and A. Chapman of the Central Northamptonshire Association, rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, etc., until nine o'clock. The tower at Clifton Reynes was also open, and several members walked over and rang several short touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, each one returning home thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing.

RINGERS' OUTING AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, September 1st, Mr. Thomas Hollingworth gave his annual outing to the St. Michael's (Melbourne, Derbyshire) ringers and friends, the party numbering twenty. Hugglescote was the place selected, the journey being made by brake. Starting at 1 o'clock Coleorton was reached about 2.15, refreshments being served at The Beaumont Arms. Several tunes were played on the handbells by Messrs. F. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth, G. York, J. York, and W. Earle. Hugglescote was reached about four o'clock, where a capital tea was awaiting us. The Castle inn. After tea, Mr. Geo. C. Tunncliffe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hollingworth for his continued generosity and goodwill in

giving this annual outing. This was seconded by Mr. R. Shaw, and carried with acclamation. Mr. W. Earle, on behalf of the ringers and friends, then presented Mr. Hollingworth with a silver cruet, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hollingworth by the St. Michael's ringers and friends, 1906." Mr. Hollingworth suitably responded.

The return journey commenced at 7.30, and was made via Belton, which was reached at 9 o'clock. Here a good supper was provided at The Queens Head inn. Harmony followed till train time: and at the end of a very pleasant day Melbourne was reached at midnight.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, LOUGHBOROUGH.

The annual excursion of the above took place on Saturday, September 1st, the party, including E. D. Taylor, esq., leaving Loughborough shortly after 7 a.m. for Manchester. The journey is a very pleasant one, passing through the picturesque scenery of Matlock and neighbourhood, whilst a good view is obtained of several well-known Derbyshire churches. The handbells were brought into use, but owing to the numerous tunnels, not much was done.

Arriving at Manchester we were joined by Mr. H. W. Kirton, of Bury, and Mr. L. F. Taylor, of Oldham, both former members of the All Saints society, who had come over to join us for the day. A move was then made to have a general look round, and considering the tremendous heat, we thought the best way was to view as much as possible from the top of the electric cars; anyhow it was far more pleasant than walking.

Dinner was the next item, and at 12.30 we sat down, glad to get out of the broiling sun for a short time. Having satisfied our appetites we soon made tracks for the Town Hall, where, by arrangement, we were met by the Town Hall band. Short touches were rung on the fine peal, after which the clock and tower were in turn visited, a fine view of Manchester and district being seen from the latter. Five o'clock found us at the Cathedral, where touches of Stedman Caters and a course of Treble Ten were successfully brought round.

This concluded our programme for ringing, the remaining hour being spent in conviviality with our Manchester friends, till all too soon we reluctantly made tracks for the station accompanied by our brother-strings, who promised faithfully to pay us a return visit at no far distant date.

Punctually at 7.30 we steamed out of the station, arriving home shortly after 11 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to convey their very best thanks to Messrs. R. Newton, Eachus, Brown, Wreaks, and others for their kindness in making arrangements, and making the visit a success every one unanimously deciding it was.

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

CHARLES FOX.

By T. E. KEBBEL.

[From *The Guardian*.]

On September 13th, a hundred years ago to-morrow, died the last of the old race of great statesmen who preceded what Lord Beaconsfield has called the reign of the Mediocrity. Canning, of course, was not a mediocrity; but he belonged to another generation, and cannot well be reckoned in with Chatham, Pitt, Burke, and Fox. Fox was born in 1749, the younger son of a stolen marriage between his father, Henry Fox, afterwards the first Lord Holland, and Lady Caroline Lennox, eldest daughter of the second Duke of Richmond, and sister of that Lady Sarah Lennox with whom the King was in love. Thus on the maternal side Fox was the direct descendant of Charles the Second, a lineage which commended him to Dr. Johnson, in spite of the doctor's Toryism. The story of his early youth has been told by Sir George Trevelyan in a volume which, interesting as it is, would be still more so if it read less like a parody of Lord Macaulay written for some new edition of *Rejected Addresses*. It has this special value at all events—that in the picture of Fox's boyhood herein set before us is to be found the only legitimate excuse for the sins of his manhood. A boy who at the age of sixteen, or even younger, is initiated into all the vices of the most profligate and corrupt society which either Paris or London had to show, who is encouraged to imitate them by his own father, and plentifully supplied with money for that very purpose, must be rather pitied than condemned if such an education bears its natural fruit in after-years. Fox was not, perhaps, consciously or deliberately unprincipled. He had never been taught what principle was. Accustomed from his earliest years to indulge every passion and every whim, he had no power of self-restraint or self-control. What he wanted at the moment must be procured at all hazards. He had early become wedded to a life of excitement, and could not live without it.

From a character so formed, united with genius and eloquence of the highest order, and many of those generous qualities which win men's hearts, the career of Mr. Fox is exactly what we should have expected. The period when he entered public life was not one calculated to check the growth of those evil seeds which had been sown in Italy and France. Of both the morals and the politics of that era it is almost sufficient to say that the Prime Minister appeared at the opera in the company of his mistress, and handed her to her carriage in the presence of both the King and Queen; that the First Lord of the Admiralty lived openly with an actress, and that both he and the Chancellor of the Exchequer were members of the infamous fraternity which held their orgies at Medmenham Abbey. These were among Fox's first political associates. He entered Parliament in March, 1768, as member for Midhurst, when he was still under age. He enrolled himself as a Tory among the supporters of the Duke of Grafton, and afterwards became a Lord of the Admiralty in the administration of Lord North. At this time he figured as an avowed advocate of Prerogative, and was foremost in the support of anti-popular measures. He resigned, however, rather than support the Royal Marriage Bill of 1772, thereby giving great offence to George III., who seems never to have forgiven him. He returned to office six months afterwards; and it was not till

February, 1774, that his final rupture with the Tory Government took place. This was not owing to any difference of opinion on great public questions, but simply to his own wilfulness and insubordination; and we may add, his violent attack on the freedom of the Press, of which he was afterwards to be an equally zealous champion. In the last-mentioned year, "on a question of committing Woodfall, the printer, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms," Fox uttered a violent tirade against both the Press and the City, and moved that Woodfall be committed to Newgate. He contrived to entrap Lord North into supporting him, against his better judgment, the result being that Fox was dismissed from office, and at once joined the Opposition, not, as we see, in obedience to any fixed principle, but simply to avenge himself on the Court for a personal grievance. This, be it noted, was the origin of Fox's Whiggism.

Reluctant as we may be to call up from so distant a past the frailties of a statesman who is still a venerated name in the traditions of a great party, and is regarded by the world at large as one of England's principal worthies, it is especially worthy at the present day to weigh very carefully his claim on our regard, to note the effect of his conduct on his own contemporaries, and the effect of his example on future generations. If we find that almost every step in his career was dictated either by personal resentment or party spirit, if we find that under the influence of these provisions he was ready to espouse to-day what he had denounced yesterday, and to deny to-day what he had yesterday maintained, to change sides, to abandon principles, as often as it suits his purpose, and instead of laying aside all party feeling in the presence of great public dangers, to take advantage of them as weapons of attack wherewith to wound a hated rival, we think it will be allowed that his career is one which well deserves the attentive study of modern English statesmen.

After rejoining the Opposition, and exchanging the leadership of Lord North for that of Lord Rockingham, an opportunity soon presented itself which, had Fox known how to use it rightly, might have raised him as a statesman to the level of Burke and Chatham. Our quarrel with the American Colonies, which broke out into open hostilities the year after Fox became a Whig, and the mismanagement of the war which followed, afforded ample scope for a display of the highest and most patriotic statesmanship, could Fox have confined himself to the errors of the Ministry instead of stooping to become the patron of the insurgents, and hailing with delight every disaster which befel the British arms. But again he could not restrain himself. And his open sympathy with our enemies, and the joy with which he received the news of their success were naturally remembered against him when the American War was practically forgotten. He acted the same part over again upon a larger scale when we were at war with revolutionary France. He might have been right or wrong in thinking that the war could have been avoided; but he had covered himself with infamy by rejoicing over the triumph of the French, and at the same time completely broke up the Whig party, of which a large section seceded from him. But the shadow of his iniquity hung over the whole party for forty years, and was only finally dispelled when the Whigs were merged in the Liberals, and a new regime was inaugurated.

During the mutiny at the Nore, when loyal addresses in answer to the King's message calling on Parliament to take effectual measures against the criminals were moved and carried in the House of Commons, Fox, still the

nominal leader of the Opposition, was absent from his place, and it was left to Sheridan to represent all the honourable feeling that remained among the Whig leaders. Mr. Lecky is especially severe on Fox. But Fox could not bring himself to do anything which looked like a support of Pitt, and if we now turn to domestic politics we shall find no better record in his favour. When Lord North resigned in 1782, a Whig Government, in which Fox was Foreign Secretary, was formed under Lord Rockingham. It had been forced on George III., sorely against his will, and at Lord Rockingham's death in July, 1782, he resolved to make another effort to emancipate himself. He would have nothing to do with Fox, but selected Lord Shelburne, who had also been a Secretary of State under Rockingham, to fill the vacant post. Fox and Shelburne were rivals and enemies, though they had sat in the same Cabinet, and Fox, of course, was not in the new Administration. Shelburne made the younger Pitt Chancellor of the Exchequer, and practically Leader of the House of Commons, though Townsend was the nominal chief. Shelburne's own party, the old Whig party under Fox, and the Tory country gentlemen who followed North, made up the three parties into which the House was then divided. Shelburne, whom Fox hated, could only be dislodged by the combination of two out of the three. This Fox was determined to effect, and hence the famous "Coalition"—an unprincipled transaction, which recoiled upon its authors, and is too well-known to need any long description here. Which of the two—Fox or North—was the more to blame it is difficult to determine. They had been as much opposed to each other as two men could possibly be, and this on questions of the first magnitude. The American War was one; the Royal Prerogative was the other. Fox, who had at one time been a staunch supporter of the latter, had during the last seven years bitterly denounced both. North represented both, and had been specially trusted by the King on this very account. What was North's motive in joining Fox it is difficult to say. With Fox it was vengeance on Shelburne, who had supplanted him, and on the King, who had virtually proscribed him. The Coalition succeeded in defeating Lord Shelburne on a motion censuring the terms of the Peace of Versailles (1783). But, as Pitt truly said, it was not the Treaty of Peace, but the Earl of Shelburne alone against whom the motion was directed. Neither Lord John Russell nor Lord Macaulay could defend Fox, and the last-named, a devoted and not over-scrupulous Whig, goes so far as to say there is not the slightest reason to believe that Fox, if he had remained in office, would have hesitated one moment about concluding a treaty on the same conditions. Of Fox's determinations not to be satisfied with anything that Pitt could do, an excellent example is his treatment of the "Commercial Propositions," as they were called, the object of which was to place England and Ireland on a footing of commercial equality. Fox took the part of the English Protectionists, who objected to the scheme as unjust to England, and when it was modified in accordance with their views he turned round on the Minister and denounced it as unjust to Ireland.

The student of our Parliamentary history during the last sixty years cannot have failed to notice the numerous occasions on which English statesmen have trodden closely in the footsteps of Mr. Fox. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that the precedents afforded by so eminent a man and one so generally identified with the Liberal cause may consciously or unconsciously have influenced the

conduct of modern party leaders when placed in similar difficulties. Time, which has thrown a veil over Fox's political obliquities, has also softened down the coarser features of his private life, while both have often been forgotten in contemplating those more engaging qualities which have never been called in question; and those literary and classical tastes which distinguished him from Pitt, which he shared with Burke, and which endeared him to Johnson. His one leading defect was, as we have pointed out, his ignorance of all principle—the necessary result of his early education. But if we can turn away for the moment from this side of his character, and see in him only the brilliant orator and debater, to whom, many good judges will tell us, we had no equal either before or since; the accomplished man of letters, loving the Greek, Latin, and Italian poets with an unaffected enthusiasm, and amusing himself with often very happy criticisms of Virgil, Apollonius, Homer, Ovid, and Theocritus; or visit him in his riverside retreat at St. Anne's Hill, of which Lord John Russell has left us such a pretty picture, tending his flowers and trimming his honeysuckles, with Mrs. Fox by his side, we too shall be inclined to bury all else in oblivion, and

"See him only in his happy hour
Of social pleasure ill-exchanged for power."

in a sphere which seems to have been just as congenial to him as the stormy atmosphere of the House of Commons.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

LATE NOTICES.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, September 27th. Special service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Address by the Vicar—Rev. F. J. Meyrick. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Memorial Hall. Members attending must send notice by September 25th. For full particulars see notice cards sent to Masters of companies. CHARLES E. BORRETT, Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, September 29th. The Vicar (Rev. A. Day), has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, September 26th. J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

Bransford.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S 3, Livingstone Road (off Farnby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good half-pull neighbourhood,

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1904 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	Treble Bob.		Grandsire.		Plain Mths.		Minor Mths.		Dbl. Norwich.		Surprise Methods.		Duffield.		Stedman.		Average Value in points per peal.																								
	16	14	12	17	15	9	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	12	32	28	18	16	50	30	30	30	30	30	25	16	28	24	24					
	Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	8 T. B. M. M.	7 T. B. M. M.	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mthd	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	32	28	18	16	50	30	30	30	30	30	25	16	28	24	24	Total value in points.		
1 Middlesex Cty. Asscn	91		3	1			1	8		5	1																											2506			
2 Norwich Dio. Asscn...	158	4		38		4		5	13		28		4	1	11		2	1	1	8	2	3	1	1				26	2	1								2315			
3 Yorkshire Association.	115		5	37	1	10	4	17	11				1			1												1	1									1637			
4 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	52	1	1	2			1	7																				1	1									1524			
5 Midland Cties. Asscn.	93		2	8				29	1	10	2		1	1														10										1440			
6 Essex Cty. Association	64			14			1	7		6							1											6	6	1	4							1307			
7 Sussex County Assn...	70			6			1	19		7			1		1	1												6	3	2								1202			
8 Oxford Diocsn. Guild..	63			1		1	2	4		2		6b	2	1					1										1									1194			
9 Kent County Asscn...	86	1	1	5				23		4			1	2	1	1	1			15								8										1135			
10 Durham & Newtle Ass.	52		2	11				1		6	1									3								6	3									976			
11 Glos. & Bristol Asscn.	46		1	1			3	7		2																		1	3									964			
12 Hertford Cty. Asscn...	42							8		3										2								2										856			
13 Surrey Association....	48					5	11	1	3	2																		5										745			
14 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	37						2	3	1	3			1																									624			
15 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	32		1	2				5		1																			9										569		
16 Ely Diocesan Assn...	56		1	5			2	3	16	1	2c	4	2			2	1		11									2										518			
17 Irish Association....	23		1	1				4		1																			2										454		
18 Winchester Guild....	29						1	8		6				1	1	1													2										398		
19 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	20		5	1			1		1																				4										397		
20 Waterloo Soc. London	15							1																					3	3									397		
21 London County Assn.	18		2				1	1																					2										370		
22 Lancashire Asscn...	31		1	4				8		9																			1										346		
23 Worcs. & Dists. Assn.	27			4			1	6		8	1	1d																1	1									334			
24 Bedford Association..	30			2		2		3		1	2e	2			2	1	1	1	8									1											320		
25 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	26					5	10			5	1																												282		
26 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	25			2				3		5	1	1f	5						1									1										5	259		
27 Bath & Wells Assn...	32							17		3		8g	2																1										1	239	
28 Chester Dio. Guild....	25			8		1		10					1			1	1		2									1											229		
29 Hereford Dio. Guild...	8							3		1										3																			1	80	
30 Salisbury Dio. Guild...	4							1																															3	79	
31 Cleveland & N. York..	6		2	1			1									1																							1	78	
32 Devonshire Guild....	10					2	6		2																															76	
33 North Wales Assn. ...	6						5																																1	59	
34 North Notts. Asscn...	3													1																									1	52	
35 Halifax and Dist. Assn	4			3		1																																		51	
36 Stoke Achdl. Assn....	3					1		1																																31	
37 West Wales Asscn...	4							4																																28	
38 Cambridge Uny. Guild	3								2							1																								21	
39 Liverpool Dio. Guild..	3						3																																	21	
40 Heavy Woollen Assn.	1			1																																				12	
41 Llandaff Dio. Assn....	1							1																																7	
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Independent Societies...	47			5			3	21		5		6i	2	2																									1	2	372
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The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 3; Bob Major 139; College Single Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 5; Bob Triples 3; Union Triples 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1. The peals of Doubles were as follows: (a) one method 2; (b) one method 5; two methods 1; (c) two methods 1; eight methods 1; (d) one method 1; (e) one method 2; (f) one method 1; (g) one method 7; three methods 1; (h) twelve methods 1; thirteen methods 1; (i) one method 4; nine methods 1; ten methods 1.

The 47 peals rung by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Australia 1; Bedfordshire 1; Berks., 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Cheshire 1; Derbyshire 2; Edinburgh 4; Essex 1; Herts., 1; Ireland 1; Lancashire 10; Leicestershire 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex 6; Norfolk 1; Somersetshire 1; South Africa 1; Staffordshire 1; Surrey 1; Sussex 2; Westminster 1; Westmoreland 2; Warwickshire 2; Worcestershire 2; Yorkshire 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was the record peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, containing 17,104 changes, rung by the Midland Counties Association under the conductorship of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who earlier in the year had successfully conducted a similar peal of 11,008 changes by way of practice for the record length. Two peals contained over 7000 changes, four peals over 6000; and the peals under 6000 changes were 1504 in number. Another record worthy of note was the first peal of London Surprise Major rung double-handed by the Messrs. Pye and Mr. William Keeble. It should be stated that the Yorkshire Association rang the first peal of Peterborough Surprise, a new method by Mr. Arthur Craven. A silent peal of Grandshire Triples was rung by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The 197 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 163 peals; in the Oxford Variation 32 peals; and in the London Variation 2 peals. The 273 peals of Grandshire Triples are thus accounted for: Holt's Original 69; Holt's Ten-Part and Variations 58; Holt's Six-Part 2; Parker's Twelve-Part and Variations 25; Parker's Six-Part 2; Parker's Five-Part 1; Parker's One-Part 4; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 31; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 15; Rev. E. B. James' peals 6; Hollis' Five-Part 6; Thurstans' Five-Part 3; Shipway's Ten-Part 2; Penning's Five-Part 4; Carter's Twelve-Part 12; Vicars' Six-Part 5; Reeves' Ten-Part 3; other peals 25. The 268

peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for: Thurstans' One-Part 20; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 220; Thurstans' Five-Part 1; Thurstans' Twenty-Part 2; J. W. Washbrook's compositions 14; Sir Arthur Heywood's compositions 4; Lates' One-Part 2; Rev. E. B. James' Odd-Bob 2; John Carter's compositions 2; no composer given 1. It may be mentioned that the handbell peals were all Thurstans' Four-Part, with one variation by Sir Arthur Heywood.

The conductors of four peals and upwards are shown as follows: Rev. F. E. Robinson, 82; W. Pye, 78; J. Motts, 33; G. Williams, 32; C. R. Lilley, 24; C. Jackson, 23; F. Bennett, 19; J. Parker and G. N. Price, 18; F. R. Borrett, 17; T. T. Goffon and E. Wightman, 16; B. W. Witchell, 15; H. R. Pasmore and W. S. Smith, 14; J. H. Cheesman and W. Watts, 13; F. G. May and Sam Thomas, 12; J. Austin and Harry Withers, 11; J. W. Barker, C. W. Clarke, W. Lincoln, S. Reeves, J. W. Washbrook, and W. H. B. Wilkins, 10; G. Cattermole, T. Groombridge, A. Knights, H. Langdon and C. F. Winney, 9; H. R. Newton and H. S. T. Richardson, 8; J. Basden, G. D. Coleman, F. A. Holden, H. Moore, B. Prewett, W. Rose, J. R. Sharman, J. Souther and F. Wilford, 7; C. T. P. Brice, D. Brearley, A. J. Day, W. E. Garrard, W. H. Judd, B. F. Lamb, C. Mee, R. Matthews, D. J. Nichols, C. L. Routledge, R. Sperring, G. Wightman and G. F. Williams, 6; A. W. Brighton, G. Bolland, G. T. Daltry, J. E. Davis, J. W. Golding, W. J. Goss, E. E. Huntley, W. Perkins, F. Pitstow, J. Pigott, P. H. Pierce, J. Potter, A. H. Pulling, W. Willson and A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Billenness, J. T. Butler, E. C. Chasty, J. Cotterell, T. Card, G. Drake, F. W. Dixon, W. Freeman, J. Griffin, C. Glenn, J. Hoare, T. Langdon, W. H. Lawrence, A. J. Lincoln, G. R. Pye, W. C. Rumsey, W. Sawyer, G. E. Symonds, J. Thomas, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker and C. Willshire, 4. In addition to these there were 47 persons who conducted 3 peals; 96, two peals; and 258 one peal. Four peals were published without a conductor's name, and one silent peal was rung. The total number of persons who acted as conductors was 494. The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1451; on handbells, 61. The peals on handbells were rung in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob—Royal, 2; Major, 9; Grandshire—Caters, 2; Triples, 8; Plain Methods—Bob Major, 16; Minor, 2; Double Norwich Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; Stedman—Triples, 11; Caters, 2; Cinques, 3; total—61.

The 1512 peals rung in 1904 are the largest number which have ever been rung in any one year; and were distributed over the year as follows: January, 149; February, 145; March, 107; April, 168; May, 113; June, 107; July, 74; August, 93; September, 111; October, 127; November, 156; December, 162; and exceed by 43 the number of peals rung in 1903.

In reckoning totals of points, peals having 7000 to 10,000 changes count as two, and those having 10,000 to 12,000 count as three peals, and so forth; that is to say, a peal over 12,000 changes is reckoned as four peals; over 14,000 as five peals; and over 16,000 as six peals.

The following Table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
1 Middx. Co. Assn. & London Dio. Gld.	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1
2 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6	2	2
3 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	9
4 Ancient Society of College Youths	7	5	2	4	4	2	5	5
5 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13
6 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9
7 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3
9 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	6
10 Durham and Newcastle Association	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Association	10	13	12	7	11	11	9	6
12 Herts. County Association	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8
13 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12	21	18
14 Central Northamptonshire Association	23	18	10	14	14	16	15	22
15 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11
16 Ely Diocesan Association	38	22	30	26	26	26	28	15
17 Irish Association	—	—	—	37	33	27	36	32
18 Winchester Diocesan Guild	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16
19 Royal Cumberland Youths	15	11	17	23	24	22	23	20
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1883	..	330	1887	..	646	1891	..	878	1895	..	766	1899	..	912	1903	..	1469
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1906.

EVERYONE interested in ringers' meetings, especially those in the habit of attending them, must have frequently perused the notices-page, which always gives full information of meetings about to be held. There is one feature of these notices, however, which unfortunately does not obtain sufficient attention, and want of care in this one particular causes much embarrassment and annoyance to Secretaries and others concerned. Many notices contain an intimation that a meal of some sort will be provided for the sole benefit of the ringers attending. A reasonable, and in fact necessary condition is that those intending to partake should comply with the request that they will inform the Secretary, or other person named, of their intention. How is it possible to make due provision for the repast unless those who manage such matters know what to provide for? Very little if any notice is taken of the

request, as we have more than once received complaints about what some people think a great want of courtesy.

The Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association writes: "We generally ask the ringers and friends who intend being present, to kindly notify the local secretary of their intention, but frequently not more than half those who attend will take the trouble, consequently there is often a scramble for places and tea. This is very unsatisfactory to the local band, who always do all they can to make our meetings successful, more particularly is it so in the case of a free tea." It does seem little short of an outrage not to comply with so reasonable a request.

It is hoped that now attention has been drawn to this, ringers will make it a point of honour to comply with such a necessary regulation. Secretaries have quite enough in the management of their office to occupy their time, and it behoves all to assist them so far as they can, and not put obstacles in their way.

We have discovered that among our circulation of last week, some copies of this paper were issued with the Analysis not so clearly printed as it ought to have been. It has been suggested to us, in consequence, that we should re-issue it again. Therefore we have acquiesced in this, as such statistics are important, and it is necessary they should be clear to all. MR. C. E. BORRETT'S suggestion regarding the Analysis shall be attended to. We also publish in this number a very interesting notice from *The Guardian* of a once celebrated statesman—CHARLES FOX. As there is something like a scarcity of ringing news just now, our readers may not object to a little change of this sort. And we hope the article will interest them as much as it has ourselves.

The Provinces.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
WILLIAM GARRARD 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

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BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Brook's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE DURLING 5.
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On Wednesday, September 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

THOMAS HODGSON Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 5.
THOMAS F. EARNshaw* .. 2.	ABRAHAM HAIGH 6.
CLEMENT GLENN 3.	THOMAS HAIGH 7.
JAMES THOMPSON* 4.	THOMAS STRUDWICK Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of the veteran ringer, Mr. W. H. Howard, of York Minster, Vice-president of the Association, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
CHARLES POTHECARY 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	CHARLES RAINBIRD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Pickworth, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2.	ALBERT NASH 5.
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FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PERCY LANGSTON* .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, a date touch of 1906 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. R. Farrow, W. Birks, C. Booth, S. Ward, P. Cordingley, F. Birks, E. Wheeler conductor, J. H. Ward. Composed by F. Robinson.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service at All Saints church, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Tamplin, F. Charles, J. Bullon, S. Jones, A. Corbin, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Friday, September 7th, three courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Borrett, Miss Robinson, A. Roope, T. L. Wilson conductor, E. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Roope, E. Lubbock. And 252 Stedman Triples. F. Borrett, O. Brock, A. Roope, T. L. Wilson, E. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Roope, E. Lubbock. Also 336 Bob Major. F. Borrett, F. Keeley, F. Reeve, A. Roope, G. Gower, J. Betts, R. Riches, W. Roope.

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HURWORTH-ON-TEES.—Recently, at All Saints church, 720 London Surprise. J. Baxter, W. Wookey, G. Park, C. Todd, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. First 720 of London on the bells.

HEIGHINGTON (Durham).—On Saturday, September 8th, at St. Michael's church, 720 London Surprise. C. Todd, G. Park, W. Wookey, W. Porter, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. J. Lungley, G. Park, W. Wookey, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, C. Todd conductor. And 360 Double Court. G. J. Lungley conductor. First Surprise Minor on these bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

UPPER GRAVENHURST (Beds).—On Monday, August 6th, several 6-scores of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Doubles. H. L. Harlow, A. Pratt, J. Blott, C. Pratt, W. Sharp, H. Harlow. First on the bells since being overhauled by H. Bowell and Son, Ipswich.

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HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. W. G. Ellis conductor, G. Gibbs, H. Pratt, W. R. Mason, J. R. Brame first quarter-peal, G. Verry, G. Piggott, H. Gibbs.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, September 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Lambert, W. Marshall, J. A. Lambert, F.

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ILFRACOMBE (Devon).—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. D. Dodds, W. E. Golby, F. Reed, J. Richards, H. R. Thorpe, C. Parr, A. Bowin, W. Slocumbe.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. C. Rose, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, G. Cattermole, J. D. Buckingham, W. Rose conductor. Rung to oblige J. D. Buckingham, who hails from Goldhanger, Essex. On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Rose, E. Youngs, J. Moss, G. Moss, J. A. Berry, W. Rose conductor. Rung to oblige G. Moss, who hails from Bolsover. A course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with R. W. Cooke.

THE PRITTLEWELL SOCIETY, ESSEX.

"Have with you to Safron Walden." We, the Prittlewell ringers, "haved" there on Saturday, September 8th, and a right good time we had too. After an altercation with the ticket porter at Liverpool Street, we arrived at Walden, when brother Fred Pitstow (who is getting very fat) soon had us comfortably seated behind a pair of horses, on the road to Thaxted. There arriving, we rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, also "the sixteen," with some of the local band. The Rev. J. B. Andrews, Master of the North Western Division of the county, met us here and had a ring with us. After an hour in this, one of the largest and certainly most interesting church in the county, we adjourned to The Swan inn for refreshment. Here we were entertained by the village story-teller, who, with an air of mystery, told us of a subterranean passage, leading from the church to Hotham Hall. He also, for the modest outlay of a quart of beer, offered to produce an idiot who would climb to the top of the crocketed spire, perhaps 200 feet high. Needless to say we saved the modest fourpence, and got on the road back to Walden, where mine host of The Cross Keys had ready for us a really excellent dinner. Here we were joined by Mr. Nathan Pitstow, who spent the rest of the day with us. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and grace said, we were piloted to the castle, ruins, museum, and other objects of interest with which the neighbourhood teems. Then to the tower, where our snapshotist worked his wicked will upon us. Then an hour admiring the church, so well restored and beautifully kept. In the tower the tenor took a fit, so we could not ring much, and as we were getting tired perhaps we were not very sorry. After thanking the brothers Pitstow for making the arrangements, back again to Prittlewell, and up in St. Mary's tower in time to ring Treble Ten for service in the morning.

W. H. J.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BIDDENHAM, BEDS. (Reported last week).—This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John W. Barker to Miss Florence A. Wooding. The ceremony took place at St. Paul's church, Bedford, the Rev. Lambert Woodward, Vicar, officiating. The evening previous to the ceremony Mr. J. W. Barker was presented by the St. Paul's company with a useful present. Mr. Hills, the father of the company, in presenting, made a neat little speech, wishing him a long and happy life, and hoping his connection with the company would continue for years to come.

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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 September 20th; at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—It is desired to draw attention that members meet on the first Sunday in each month to ring for morning service at 10 a.m. at St. Clement Danes, Strand; also every alternate Monday for united practice from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., when all ringers will be made welcome. Under the new arrangements that exist at this church, all matters in connection with the bells or ringing in the first instance, are to be made to the Hon. Secretary of the above Association.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Budge Row, E.C.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish to-day, Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready at 4. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable to-day, Saturday, September 15th at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 at St. Alkmund's parish room. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. F. H. Roach, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, 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 would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting. The annual general meeting will be held on October 13th, prior to which date full particulars will be announced. The sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex, and the service will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C. It is hoped that a large number of members may make it convenient to attend.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourn. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom. Reports for the past year will be ready at this meeting.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 6 p.m. at

Messrs. Igglesden and Graves' restaurant, Alexandra Gardens, one minute from church. Secretaries of bands are requested to send number of members intending to be present at tea to me on or before Wednesday the 19th inst. Half railway fares up to 2s. each allowed. Members of other districts intending to be present are also requested to advise me.

A. R. MANNING, *Hon. Sec.*
101, High Street, Hythe.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 22nd. Divine Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. The bells of the parish church will be available all day. A peal will be attempted at 11 a.m. Members wishing to stand in the peal must write me before Saturday the 15th inst., so that arrangements may be made. Tea will be provided only for those whose names are forwarded to me on or before Tuesday the 18th inst.

P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

St. Mary, Handsworth.—WM. VERRY COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. Faux, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

RICHARD FAUX.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lymminster on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Usual business meeting to follow. All members intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Thursday, September 20th.

H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goreng, Worthing.

Leeds and District Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Greyhound hotel at 7 p.m.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Town Hall at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please give notice not later than Wednesday, September 19th to W. Richardson, 16, Park, Uttoxeter.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at March, Isle of Ely, on Tuesday, September 25th. Tea at 4 p.m., followed by a business meeting.

A. PILGRIM, *Dis. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 29th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. T. Walsh, 20, Estcourt Street, Goole. See Association circular for details of the day's arrangements, etc.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, September 29th. Members are requested to send all reports of peals, compositions, Minor ringing, etc., to Mr. J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, *Hon. Secs.*
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The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 29th. The bells at the parish church and at the Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting, all in the Fearon Hall. The tea will be free, but will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. G. Burleigh, 26, Rendell Street, Loughborough, not later than Wednesday morning, September 26th, of their intention to be present.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea (tickets 9d. each) at 5 o'clock. Usual business meeting, etc. Members intending to be present are requested to notify same to me by Wednesday, September 26th.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*
The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—September meeting to be held at Catterick with Bolton-le-Swale on Saturday, September 29th. Tea at The Angel, Catterick, at 5 p.m.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The tea (6d. each), and meeting will be held at the Angel and Harp hotel at 5 o'clock. As this is the annual meeting, it is hoped a good number will attend. Those intending to be present should give at least three days' notice.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, on Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each. Reserved seats one shilling each (early application is recommended), to be obtained previous of the officers and committee—Messrs. Fardon, Winney, Daniell, Woodcock, Troughton, Smith, Bevan, Cox, Jacob, Langdon, Peck, Perrin, Pryer, Scambler, Matthews, and

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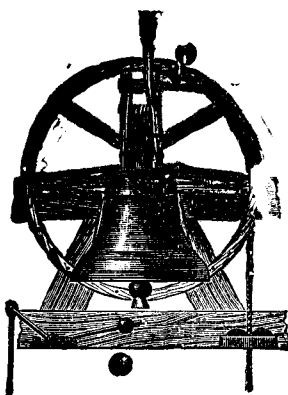
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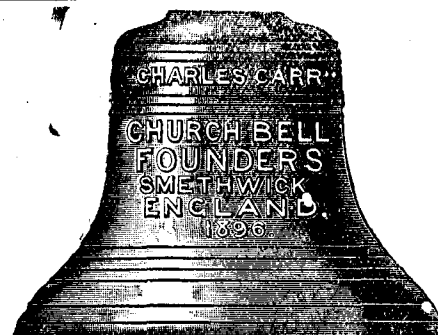
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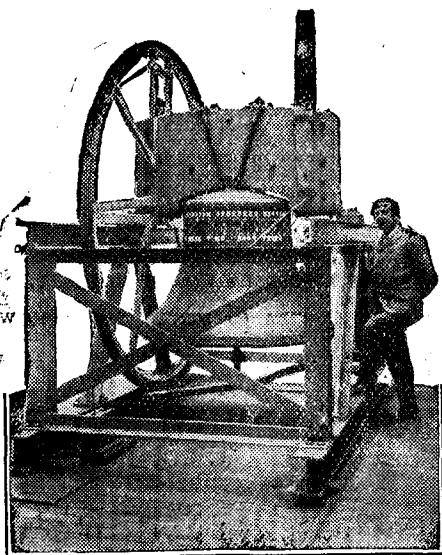
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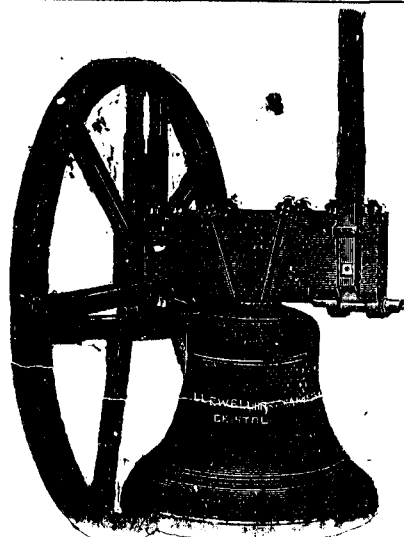
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, September 8th. The bells were available for ringing from 4 o'clock, when a good attendance of ringers assembled. A service was held in church at 5 o'clock, the Association service being read by the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, who gave a practical address to those present. After the service a move was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was provided by the Rector, several wives and daughters of the ringers presiding at the tea-tables, and assisted the members to the good things provided.

At the business which followed, the Rector occupied the chair. He gave the members a hearty welcome to Brierley Hill, and hoped they would continue the good work they were doing. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Netherton was selected as the place to hold the next meeting. It was arranged that several peals should be attempted during the quarter. Mr. W. R. Small proposed, and Mr. J. Smith seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rector for providing the tea, his address in church, and presiding at the meeting; also to the ladies for their assistance at the tea. The members adjourned to the belfry, and touches were rung in the four Standard methods.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Selston on Saturday, September 8th. Members were present from Ashover, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Clowne, Crich, Selston, Shirland, Swanwick, South Normanton, Morton, Pleasley, Pentrich, Tibshelf, Ripley, North Wingfield, and South Wingfield. The Vicar (Rev. C. Harrison) and friends, provided a substantial tea on the vicarage lawn, to which seventy-three sat down, ample justice being done to the appetising viands provided. After tea the Rev. C. Harrison and others were duly thanked for so kindly entertaining the visitors, which was carried with cheers and musical honours.

The Vicar suitably replied, and gave the Association a very hearty welcome to Selston, this being the first visit. The bells have recently been increased from three to six, and are now a beautiful ring of six in F. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Nine new ringing members were enrolled, adding another tower to the Association, viz., Morton. The bells were well used during the day in various methods, one and all being pleased with their tone and "go," others admiring the beautiful old church which has recently been restored, and now looks

worthy of the sacred use to which it is dedicated. Several of the musical members were entertained to a grand selection of pieces on the beautiful organ the church now possesses, by Mr. H. Butterworth, organist of North Wingfield parish church. The bells were kept going until late in the evening, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed the first meeting held at St. Helen's, Selston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Blackrod on Saturday, September 8th. It was but thinly attended, various causes preventing others who had hoped to attend. The ringers ascended the tower upon arrival, raised the bells in peal, and rang several touches of Plain Bob. At 6.30 the business was held at The Church inn, the President (Mr. Gartside) presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other business gone through. It was then agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Leyland parish church on the second Saturday in December. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the President for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION IN MANCHESTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton requests the pleasure of Mr. "Gentleman Penciller's" presence at the cafe Rusholme on Saturday, September 8th, 1906, to celebrate the occasion of the coming of age of their daughter Elizabeth; and so it happened I went.

The item of interest to bellringers was the ringing of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Birch-in-Rusholme, and although the occasion was such an auspicious one, I am compelled to record a failure as far as the peal is concerned, which terminated in 2 hrs. 8 mins. However we had yet several to get through, but of another nature before the midnight chimes, and of that, more anon. After the attempted peal the ringers retired to "a room apart" for reasons of shading our misfortunes in hieroglyphics, satire and esperanto. Mr. J. Barrett was absent unavoidably through indisposition, but Mr. W. C. Hunt was prevailed upon to take the chair, who it may be said literally and figuratively, discharged the importance of the hammer, and so we got on to the more pleasant part of the programme. After a very excellent, not to say satisfying repast, there was some good music contributed, and especial praise is due to Miss Newton, who so far as the present writer can understand, literally implored Mr.

Stoner to "Fly with me now" in the song entitled "The Gipsy Countess," and that gentleman didn't offer any demur, and so the pair flew in melody and harmony through the song.

Mr. Maloney, who seemed to have got into difficulties with a young lady named Sally, convulsed his audience to almost rolling in hysterics, contributed other songs, equally well rendered.

After this feast of reason and flow of soul (or bowl) we were treated to a touch or two on the handbells, followed by Mrs. Newton, who sang "The Holy City." One notable incident in the entertainment was that Mr. "Gentleman Penciller" was not asked to sing, although at the time he was prepared to inflict untold misery on the happy audience. There was a rumour to the effect that a sketch had been written, entitled "Dick and his Iron Band," but was *not* given. The object of the would-have-been was present, however, in his happy style. Mr. Horn sang "Across the bridge," or rather I should say he sang in the room, and acquitted himself handsomely. A good song by Mr. Reed was followed by Mr. Newton who gave a song entitled "The grass grew all round." Needless to say a second this, entitled (a name now forgotten by the writer, but very familiar to all night prowlers), tickled the company to their real extremities in laughter. Mr. W. Cooper gave "Loch Lomond" in a spirited fashion, and thanks are due to our friend Mr. J. Smith for his contribution, and other artists who are too numerous to mention, for the able and willing manner in which they entertained those present.

During the evening the toasts of Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Miss Newton were proposed by the chairman, who, after many futile efforts to get on his feet, gave the toasts in a very creditable and praiseworthy fashion, the more so owing to the short notice which was given, and although no lengthy speech was given, I am sure that each one present hoped that the occasion would be one which could be looked back upon as a very pleasant one, and that Miss Newton would live to see and hear many more peals in the same interest in years to come, as on the present occasion.

GENTLEMAN PENCILLER.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, RYE.

The ringers of the above church, together with the Vicar, went for their first annual outing on Thursday, September 6th. They journeyed from Rye by brake at 9.15, and arrived at Rolvenden, Kent, at 11 o'clock, where various touches were rung, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by some of the members. At 12.30 the party took brake to Benenden, where dinner was awaiting them at The Bull hotel. After dinner several touches were rung until 4 o'clock, including 504 Grandsire Triples. At 4 o'clock the party again took brake and journeyed on to Tenterden, where tea was awaiting them at The Eight Bells hotel; after which the party went to the church and rang several touches, including 576 Grandsire Triples. At 8.30 a start was made for home, arriving in Rye at 10.30, after spending a most enjoyable day.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Friday, September 7th, three courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Borrett, Miss Robinson, A. Roope, T. L. Wilson conductor, E. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Roope, E. Lubbock. And 252 Stedman Triples. F. Borrett, O. Brock, A. Roope, T. L. Wilson, E. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Roope, E. Lubbock. Also 336 Bob Major. F. Borrett, F. Keeley, F. Reeve, A. Roope, G. Gower, J. Betts, R. Riches, W. Roope.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, September 8th, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, with a few other guests, were kindly entertained by the Vicar (Rev. Canon William Melville Pigat, M.A., to an outing to Felixstowe. After having a pleasant time upon the beach, the party, including Mrs. Pigot, and youngest daughter, and Mrs. Coulcher, wife of the curate, made their way to the Grand Hotel Restaurant, where they partook of a substantial meat tea, which was much enjoyed. Mr. Robert H. Brundle kindly thanked the Vicar for his kindness of heart in entertaining them so loyally that day, one and all returning home perfectly satisfied with their outing.

BECCELES, SUFFOLK.

RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1906.

"What's this?" said the man in the street.

"This," said the bystander, "is the Beccles ringers' outing."

"Why, of course," replied the first speaker, "I might have known that, for I see their veteran master, Mr. H. Hopson, who has been on similar excursions for over half a century."

"All in?" says the Master; "Right away, driver, to Somerleyton."

With a wagonette and pair of good horses, we set out at a brisk pace, going via Oulton Broad, soon reached Somerleyton, where there is a handy ring of six, and rang several touches of Bob Minor, assisted by some of the local ringers, including Mr. J. Orford, the tower-keeper and sexton. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and refreshments, after which we started for our next place of call, viz., Loddon. When a few miles along the road one of the company called out "Whoa! my hat's off." The driver judiciously pulled up in front of The Garden House; we were soon out, but not after the hat, whilst the Master of the company said "Planned job; I know it is." At Loddon a meat tea was waiting for us at the cafe, and Mr. Hopson in the chair, there was no fear of any out-of-course ends, for each one looked after himself. Then for Grandsire Triples on the bells; but before this, ropes had to be taken up on the wheels, and it was discovered that the treble had no stay; nevertheless the treble man managed to ring 350, when the conductor called "stand; over she goes," so had to content ourselves with Bob Minor. The rest of the evening was given over to handbell ringing, and the singing of songs for cigars, Beccles being reached about 10.30 p.m., after having accomplished another grand annual outing. G.

HEIGHINGTON (Durham).—On Saturday, September 8th, at St. Michael's church, 720 London Surprise. C. Todd, G. Park, W. Wookey, W. Porter, G. J. Lungley, G. W. Park conductor. 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. J. Lungley, G. Park, W. Wookey, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, C. Todd conductor. And 360 Double Court. G. J. Lungley conductor. First Surprise Minor on these bells.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

You will remember my historic experiences in connection with getting repairs done to bells, related in my last. This has brought the following letter. I give it exact as sent:—

"In your issue of September 8th, "Plain Speaker" explains how he managed to get a peal of bells rehung. For those who are afraid to tackle a job of this sort, I will here tell you how we at Bolsover completed our octave from six bells. I think it is nine years now since the parish church of Bolsover, Derbyshire, was completely destroyed by fire, only the tower remaining standing. The bells, then a splendid peal of six, fell to the floor. This was at that time a great blow to us. However at great cost it was restored, and the Loughborough firm again put in a new peal of six with frame for two more. After about three years our dear old Vicar, who had been Vicar of the parish thirty-three years, died. He always said when any of the ringers was talking to him, he would not rest until the other two bells was put in. After a time we began to suggest that a memorial for the late Vicar should take the form of two bells. A parish meeting was called for the purpose. We came breasted up with our bell scheme, soon to find to our dismay that we had opposition. A gentleman handed to the chairman a letter from the architect, which read: "The tower isn't strong enough for the present six, let alone adding any more." This was like a thunderbolt to us, and of course knocked us down, but the meeting decided to call in an expert to examine the tower, and the parishioners decided to have a stained glass window as a memorial (it isn't in yet). We kept pegging away for the expert to be sent for, till at last the ringers' knowing the tower was quite safe enough, sent for one of their own. He arrived and laughed at the idea, and said it was strong enough for twelve, and sent in his report to the Vicar. All at once the ringers decided to give £15 towards the two trebles. I undertook to write to the Patron of the living, who after a few inquiries, sent me a cheque for £20. I must here state that our faithful promise to all was we would get the whole of the money required before we gave the order. We began canvassing the parish and outside, till well over £100 was raised. Then we stopped; called in the Loughborough firm, and this octave completed and paid for before you could bat your eye. I must close with saying no one except the ringers lifted a finger towards the scheme. The Vicar was asked to draw up the subscription list for us, but refused. We carried it out ourselves in its entirety. We got the money in and paid it out, and then handed the surplus over to the churchwardens. If the Church people now want any money they always say—"set the ringers on." Now we can boast of having a lovely peal of bells, for their weight is 14½ tenor, as any either in the county or out.—J. F."

The above is not a solitary instance of such endeavour. More can be done in this way if people will but try.

There is a village, or small town named "Coggeshall," in Essex. We have all heard of it many times, as it is the headquarters of one of the districts of the Essex Association. Mr. Ernest Beckwith, the artist in antiques, is the secretary of the district. One of the daily papers has made merry with Coggeshall's reputation as follows:—

"Coggeshall is short of water, and an Essex member of our staff is reminded that the principal title to fame has hitherto rested on the Coggeshall Volunteers, a force said

to consist of a very large number of officers and one private. The private retired because there was no chance of promotion. But the other Essex member of our staff (we keep our county men in pairs, in case one should be lost or mislaid) is not so sure. There is a saying, 'a Coggeshall job,' applied to any piece of work that is an unusually preposterous bungle. It dates from the historic occasion on which the Coggeshall folk, desiring to divert the course of a stream, fixed hurdles in the bed of it for that purpose. There is also the record of what happened when a mad dog bit a Coggeshall wheelbarrow. All Coggeshall was roused by the danger to the community; the wheelbarrow was seized, secured, and locked up in a shed. Gotham contends with Coggeshall for the honour of that legend of the man who planted a hedge round a cuckoo to keep spring all the year."

Has the newspaper from which the above is taken secured the services of a former contributor to the "B.N."? It would appear so. Many old readers will remember the lucubrations of "Joshua."

Some newspapers are now giving us some nonsensical paragraphs about ringers' strikes, which we are assured are taking place in different parts of the country. There never was such a thing, and I don't think there ever will be. Ringers may ask for pay commensurate with the work to be performed, and if they think proper, decline to execute such work if the remuneration offered is not to their liking. But to define this as a "strike" is ridiculous.

Among these assertions, a paper called *The Daily Express* beats all its competitors. This journal has a head-line at the top of a column, thus:—

"ENTHUSIASTIC WOMEN BELL-RINGERS.

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Then we are told that the Vicar of Hatherleigh, Devon, has been led to form a set of women ringers. A lot more twaddle follows.

The latter part of this specious news item has a redeeming feature or two. Here it is:—

"The Vicar is delighted with the success which has so far attended the efforts of the fair ringers, and he gives the following reasons for commending it to other country districts.

- "1. It is good, healthy exercise.
- "2. It provides another interest for parishioners.
- "3. It is another means of making the most of one's environment.
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THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, September 8th, this society had their annual ringing day, the places selected being Staines, Wraysbury, Old Windsor and Windsor. Leaving Reading at 7 o'clock, Staines was reached about 8 o'clock. Here we were met by Mr. A. Wicks, one of the local ringers, who took us in hand, and conducted us to the church of St. Peter. On arrival, and bells being pulled up, some first-rate tapping was successfully brought round in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. A move was then made for breakfast, after which a most pleasant but warm walk to Wraysbury was enjoyed by all. Here again some more ringing was done till dinner-time, which was admirably made ready for us by Mr. Shields, of The George inn. Dinner over, another pleasant walk and a ride over the ferry brought us to Old Windsor, where we were met by W. P. Routh, Esq., and Mr. Gutteridge. After a few touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich had been rung, time arrived for bus for our journey to Windsor, having previously obtained special permission to have a ring on the fine old peal of bells which hang in the Curfew tower of Windsor Castle. We soon made tracks to find our old friend, Mr. W. Welbelove, at the Curfew, who was expecting us. He very kindly obtained a permit for Mr. F. Hopgood to bring his camera inside the Castle grounds. The party and friends had their photos taken on the steps of St. George's Chapel, making a good picture, which will be prized by all. We were soon pulling the bells up, and a good touch of Stedman, conducted by A. W. Osborne, was brought round, proving the first touch on this noble peal by all. After a few more touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung, in which Mr. Andrews, one of the Curfew ringers, took part, the bells were lowered just in time to hear a tune played on them by the clock at 6 o'clock. Tea was next on the programme, before going to St. John's, where Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, thus terminating a most enjoyable and successful day's ringing it has been our lot to take part in, being quite a red-letter day for the St. Mary's society. Reading was reached soon after 10 o'clock. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. W. Osborne for the arrangements made by him: by Mr. J. Swain, captain of the society; the conducting being shared during the day between Messrs. Reeves, Giles, Swain, and Osborne.

We wish through the medium of this paper to thank the various steeplekeepers for having all in readiness for us; also those Vicars who kindly gave us permission to use their bells during the day.

A. W. H. O.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Wednesday, September 12th, this society had their annual ringing day, the places selected being Reigate, Redhill, and Dorking. Leaving Reading at 9 o'clock for Reigate, they were met by Mr. G. Hoad, one of the local ringers, who kindly acted as our pilot. A visit was first paid to the caves in the castle grounds, after which the party were photographed by one of them. A move was then made for the parish church, where some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters, a course of which was rung for the first time by several of the band was successfully brought round, assisted by Messrs. Hoad, Ewins and Reeves. Dinner was the next on the programme, after which a ride on the motor bus, and an uphill walk over Redhill

Common brought us to St. John's church, where some Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Time not permitting of any more ringing, a most enjoyable walk to Redhill station to catch the 4.16 train for Dorking. At Reigate we had to take leave of our friend Mr. G. Hoad, who was unable to come as far as Dorking. At Dorking we were joined by two members of the society, who were unable to come for the whole day. Here we were also met at the church by the worthy steeplekeeper (Mr. E. Dodd), who had prepared tea for us. After tea a look round the church was enjoyed by all, and the tower steps ascended. The bells were soon tapping off to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. After lowering the bells in time for the evening service. We had the pleasure of hearing them chimed to a hymn and a few rounds for the service by Mr. E. Dodd. They sound very beautiful bells a short distance away. Train time for the return journey soon arrived, and leaving Dorking at 8.45, Reading was reached soon after 10.30, all having enjoyed the day's outing very much. The conducting during the day was shared between Messrs. Swain and Osborne. We all wish to take this opportunity, through the medium of this paper, to thank our ringing friends at Reigate and Redhill; also Mr. E. Dodd (Dorking), and Mr. G. Hoad (Reigate), for their kindness in helping to make our ringing a pleasure; also the clergy for the use of the respective peals.

A. W. H. O.

THE BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 15th, the members of the above society visited Berkswell, and were accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. G. E. Badger), Mr. Johns (organist), Mr. J. Perry (of the pro-Cathedral), and the wives and "prospective" wives of the ringers. At the station they were met by a few of the Stoke band, and together proceeded to the church, where several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, a touch of Bob Minor, and a few rounds and courses (with Mrs. White on the 3rd), were rung. An excellent tea was provided by the parish clerk (Mr. Hitchcock), to which ample justice was done. The Secretary (Mr. Carrod), thanked the Vicar for entertaining them, and (as President) taking such interest in their doings. The Ringing-Master (Mr. Smallwood) supported the same.

The Vicar briefly responded, saying he was perfectly satisfied to know they enjoyed their tea.

Mr. Johns said he appreciated their invitation to be present, and he had thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The handbells were brought into requisition, and some touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, Mrs. White ringing 5-6 in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A vote of thanks was given to the Rector for the use of the tower bells.

LATE NOTICE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon.

A. E. REEVES, Asst. Sec.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano. "The Bell News" taken.—A good half-pull neighbourhood,

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next annual meeting will be held at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 at St. Chad's. Business meeting at 4.30 at St. Alkmund's parish room. Service in St. Alkmund's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. F. H. Roach, Vicar of St. Alkmund's. Tea at 6 p.m.
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held to-day, Sat., September 22nd, 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 would be glad if all outstanding subscriptions could be sent to him before the date of this meeting. Members are requested to take note that the annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the invitation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington. At 3 p.m. members will assemble for ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and other towers if it can be so arranged, until 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a service at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, at which the sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. At 6 p.m. tea will be provided, and will be followed by a meeting for the transaction of business. If there is time at the conclusion of business, ringing may be resumed. The Hon. Secretary begs that members will give him early notice of their intention to be present, and not later than October 10th, so as to enable the proper provision to be made. There will be accommodation at tea for a considerable number, but as the space at disposal is not unlimited, all applications will be entertained in which the Hon. Secretary receives them.
ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourne. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom. Reports for the past year will be ready at this meeting.
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone to-day, Sat., September 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Half railway fares up to 2s. each allowed. Members of other districts intending to be present are also requested to advise me. A. R. MANNING, Hon. Sec.
101, High Street, Hythe.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Caythorpe to-day, Sat., September 22nd. Divine Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. The bells of the parish church will be available all day.
P. O. BRIBBY, Hon. Sec.
"Stedman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

St. Mary, Handsworth.—WM. VERRY
COMMEMORATION.—The second annual dinner

will be held at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, to-day, Sat., September 22nd, at 6.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from R. FAUX, 65, Bacchus Road, Soho, Birmingham, or any of the ringers any time up to the date. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock.
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The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lymminster to-day, Sat., September 22nd. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Usual business meeting to follow.
H. EVANS, Div. Sec.
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Uttroxteter to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Town Hall at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar will preside. Service in church at 6.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please give notice not later than Wednesday, September 19th to W. Richardson, 16, Park, Uttroxteter.
D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held at March, Isle of Ely, on Tuesday, September 25th. Tea at 4 p.m., followed by a business meeting.
A. PILGRIM, Dis. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 29th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. T. Walsh, 20, Estcourt Street, Goole. See Association circular for details of the day's arrangements, etc.
JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, September 29th. The bells at the parish church and at the Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting, all in the Fearon Hall. The tea will be free, but will only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. G. Byrleigh, 26, Rendell Street, Loughborough, not later than Wednesday morning, September 26th, of their intention to be present.
W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea (tickets 9d. each) at 5 o'clock. Usual business meeting, etc. Members intending to be present are requested to notify same to me by Wednesday, September 26th.
G. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.
Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—September meeting to be held at Catterick with Bolton-le-Swale on Saturday, September 29th. Tea at The Angel, Catterick, at 5 p.m.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Thursday, September 27th. Special service at St Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Address by the Vicar—Rev. F. J. Meyrick. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Memorial Hall. Members attending must send notice by September 25th. For full particulars see notice cards sent to Masters of companies.
CHARLES E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The tea (6d. each), and meeting will be held at the Angel and Harp hotel at

5 o'clock. As this is the annual meeting, it is hoped a good number will attend. Those intending to be present should give at least three day's notice.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Coggeshall.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, September 29th. The Vicar (Rev. A. Day), has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, September 26th.
Bransford.
J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, on Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each. Reserved seats one shilling each (early application is recommended), to be obtained previous of the officers and committee—Messrs. Fardon, Winney, Daniell, Woodcock, Troughton, Smith, Bevan, Cox, Jacob, Langdon, Peck, Pernin, Fryer, Scambler, Matthews, and
T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 4th and 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 9th; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 11th; all at 3 p.m. The annual dinner will take place at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 3rd.
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

Notice.—The bells of Brookfield Church, Gorton, will be open for visitors to Belle Vue on Monday, September 24th, from 7.15 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1906.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, THAMES STREET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 3.	JAMES HUNT 8.
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Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REES JAMES Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
T. J. EVANS 2.	J. W. EDGINGTON 6.
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R. BUNSTONE 4.	J. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by J. Cox.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late T. Lloyd Edwards, Esq., churchwarden.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
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WILLIAM LANE 4.	FRANK BELSEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

ANSTY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALBERT VERNON* Treble	JOHN TOMLINSON 5.
HARRY BELL 2.	JOHN W. BECKWITH 6.
ERNEST MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM S. JUDD Treble.	GEORGE E. WILSON 5.
WILLIAM REDWELL 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 6.
CHARLES COLLINS 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER 7.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 4.	*EDWARD COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal. This is the first time the Original has been rung in this tower.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT Treble.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD 5.
FREDERICK DAY 2.	ROBERT BARNES 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	*GEORGE DAY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest Poppy to Miss Creasy at the above church.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, September 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 6.
REGINARD GRIMMITT STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH SPOONER* Treble.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 5.
EDWARD AUDSLEY† 2.	HENRY SIMMONS 6.
JOHN WHEADON 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
RICHARD MORGAN 4.	FREDERICK BARKER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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FREDERICK THOMAS Treble,	ROBERT SPERRING 5.
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On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SAMUEL JONES† Treble.	JOHN W. JONES 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JOHN WOODEBRY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal away from the tenor.

COLSTON-BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

REV. M. H. PIMM* Treble.	*WALTER WHITE 5.
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 7.
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

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Rung to celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving. *First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT Treble.	HENRY BORRETT 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 3.	THOMAS KING 7.
FREDERICK LAMBERT 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES SAMSON Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 2.	CHARLES BAILEY 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	*WILLIAM H. BALDRY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. H. BALDRY.

*First peal as conductor.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD C. KAY 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	FRANK S. BROWN 6.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7.
SYDNEY W. HILLS 4.	GEORGE B. ANDERSON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

†First peal with a bob bell.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

On Monday, September 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART

ARTHUR HISTEAD* .. Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE 5.
EDWIN L. MILES* 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6.
WILLIAM COOK 3.	ERNEST W. MENDAY 7.
OWEN W. PORTER 4.	JOSEPH GOODGER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE IRVINE.

*First peal.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	*THOMAS BARKER 5.
WILLIAM BROOK 2.	JAMES JACKSON 6.
JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM* .. 3.	ARTHUR WALKER 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	WILLIAM PEARSON Tenor.

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

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. Treble.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
LEONARD CHARLESWORTH .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. Treble.	ROBERT MILES 5.
ERNEST COLLINGEURN .. 2.	GEORGE R. WINTER 6.
W. G. CHRISTIAN* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. Treble.	*WM. GOSLING, JUN. .. 5.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON .. 2.	*H. ALLSOPP 6.
CHARLES CARR* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. G. CHRISTIAN 4.	*F. MAY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. This is the conductor's 1100th peal.

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LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 14, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL (ST. HUGH'S TOWER),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.			Tenor 19 cwt.		
REV. A. T. BERSTON	.. Treble.		HENRY GEORGE..	..	5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES	.. 2.		GEORGE CHESTER	..	6.
HAROLD S. T. RICHARDSON	.. 3.		REV. F. E. ROBINSON	..	7.
SAMUEL WESLEY	.. 4.		RUPERT RICHARDSON	.. Tenor.	

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On Friday, August 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

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Umpire—W. C. Watson.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Superlative at Eye, Suffolk, reported last week, was 3 hrs. 10 mins. not 3 hrs. 15 mins.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PEBMARSH (Essex).—On Sunday, September 9th, the Great Bentley company paid a visit to this place, a distance of twenty-two miles. Arriving at 10 o'clock several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Doubles. G. Lancaster, L. Wiseman, J. Howell, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor. After attending service the ringers were entertained at dinner by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Kirby, who was thanked for his kind hospitality. The bells have lately been rehung by Mears and Stainbank in a new iron frame, and two new bells added, making a very nice ring of five.

BURES ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, 720 Plain Bob. L. Wiseman, G. Lancaster, C. Clarke, J. Howell, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor. This is the first 720 on the bells for the last seven years. The bells go very heavily.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Friday, August 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Barker, E. Hynds, G. F. Williams, H. Emery, W. Smith, A. Shufflebotham conductor. On Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge. A. Barker, E. Hynds, E. Claydon, H. Emery, J. T. Barker, A. Shufflebotham conductor. For evening service 720 and 360 Double Oxford. A. Barker, E. Hynds, W. Claydon, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon conductor, H. C. Young. On Thursday, September 13th, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. T. Barker, E. Hynds, H. C. Young, A. Shufflebotham, E. Newman, E. Claydon conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Barker, E. Hynds, S. W. Lewis, E. Claydon (conductor), J. T. Barker, H. C. Young.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Tuesday, August 28th, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. Rowe, H. Sear, F. Baker, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, J. Higgins, E. Marks, V. Sear. On September 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, F. Hedges, J. Sear, H. Hopkins, W. Sear, A. G. Crane. 504 in the same method. A. Crane, W. Sear, L. Meager, J. Sear, H. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, A. G. Crane. 168 in the same method. V. Sear, H. Sear, A. G. Crane, L. Meager, J. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, W. Sear. On September 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6 8 behind. W. Sear, L. Meager, E. Marks, V. Sear, J. Sear, E.

Marks, W. Sear, A. G. Crane. On September 11th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, L. Meager, H. Sear conductor, A. G. Crane, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Hedges, V. Sear. On Saturday, September 15th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. A. Crane, H. Hopkins, J. Higgins, H. Sear conductor, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, W. Sear, A. G. Crane.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Rowe, A. G. Crane, J. Higgins, H. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, W. Stilton.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 16th, at St. Peter's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Calland, E. Brown, J. Brown, W. Blackledge, T. Tickle, H. W. Kirton conductor, J. T. Potter, T. Marsh.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1333 Stedman Caters. J. T. Kentish, H. G. Miles conductor, F. G. Symonds, A. Cutmore, G. F. Williams, E. G. Stibbons, A. B. Bennett, W. E. Garrard, A. F. Harris, F. Redknapp.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FELTHAM (Middlesex).—On September 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. E. Ridgley, W. Shepherd conductor, W. Harrison, J. Merrick, F. J. Shepherd, F. Garrett, J. Edwards, W. Wheatland.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, September 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. E. W. Colchester, F. Smith, W. H. Crute conductor, L. S. Lampard, G. Noice, J. W. Elkins, W. Andrews, H. E. Anson. On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. W. Elkins, F. Smith, W. Andrews, E. G. Lampard, W. H. Laveland, C. Russell, W. H. Crute conductor, W. S. Lampard.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASSTEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 15th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. H. Price, A. H. Winch, E. Ventham, G. H. Marriner, W. H. Corbett, J. Wyatt, A. C. Otway, A. Dean conductor.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 16th, 42 leads of Grandsire Caters. W. Messam, A. H. Winch, G. H. Marriner, W. E. Otway, H. Wood, E. Hull, W. Marks, J. Hoyle, A. Dean conductor, W. Cropley.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, F. Goldstraw, S. Churton, A. Clowes, A. Lathom, T. Mountford conductor, G. Woods, J. Sinnester. On January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, S. Churton, G. Woods, A. Lathom, T. Mountford, F. Goldstraw conductor, T. Austin, A. Lawton. On January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, T. Austin, G. Woods, A. Clowes, F. Goldstraw, S. Churton, H. Page conductor, A. Lawton. On January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Woods, A. Lathom, T. Austin, F. Goldstraw, T. Mountford, S. Churton conductor, H. Page, J. Sinnester. On January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, F. Goldstraw, T. Austin, A. Clowes, T. Mountford, G. Woods conductor, J. Sinnester. On February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, T. Austin, S. Churton, F. Goldstraw, A. Lathom conductor, G. Woods, H. Page, J. Sinnester. On September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Bloor, T. Austin, S. Churton, G. F. Page, G. Woods, F. Goldstraw, H. Page conductor, C. H. Page.

STOKE (near Coventry).—On Wednesday, September 12th, 336 Stedman Triples. J. H. White, E. Brassington, A. W. Flowers, T. Male, J. Stanley, W. Collett, E. Adams conductor,

J. Fennell. 336 Grandsire Triples. J. H. White, T. Male, A. W. Flowers, W. Collett, F. Viles, J. Stanley, E. Adams conductor, J. Fennell. 336 Bob Major. J. Stanley, T. Male, E. Adams, W. Beesley, W. Maund, F. Viles, W. Collett, J. H. White conductor. 210 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Flowers, E. Adams, E. Brassington, W. Collett conductor, W. Maund, F. Viles, J. Fennell, J. Stanley. On handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Smallwood, J. H. White conductor, Mrs. White.

THE CHELMSFORD DISTRICT RINGERS' EXCURSION TO BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

One of the most pleasant and successful day's outings took place on Saturday last, September 15th, when eighteen members of the Exercise, including T. Faulkner (of Barking), W. H. Judd (of Prittlewell), C. Sillitoe (of Sudbury), and others, availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the above ancient and historical town. Mr. H. Cooper, the Secretarp, had arranged everything in excellent order, and at 8 a.m. had counted his party's number, 18, all fit, and in expectation of ringing the 18 bells of Bury. Tokens of friendship and goodwill were visible in the kindly glance of eyes and the warm grip of hands, and at 8.10 all were on the move for the place chosen.

Time went quickly and merrily in handbell ringing, etc., until we reached Bury at 10.55, and looking at our programmes, we had little time to spare, for we were due at St. Mary's church (eight bells) at 11.10. Here was accomplished five or six touches ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich. Dinner at The Rose and Crown followed, where the wants of the stomach were quickly appeased by mine host Turner, an excellent ringer and steeplekeeper of the Norman tower. At 2.10 p.m. we were again falling in line at St. James's church, and had by 3.30 again scored successfully touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and some Triples, conducted by Lincoln, Judd, Edwards and Faulkner. On conclusion of the ringing at Bury, we were now at liberty to follow our several inclinations until tea at 4.45, several members visiting the botanic gardens, Abbey ruins, etc., too numerous for mentioning in a report, and which the pen of mediocrity should be modest in description. We may, however, be allowed to refer to an old sun-dial, which commands us, in Latin, to "be about our business," evidently intended to remind us of the rapid flight of time, so precious, and yet often wasted too much in curiosity and unprofitable pursuits. Also a tablet to the memory of Peter Gedge, the first printer of newspapers at Bury, who died January 7th, 1818, aged 59 years, "like a worn out type he is returned to the founder in hope of being recast in a better and more perfect mould," and a peal-board recording a peal rang March 1799 "which never was done in this tower before."

On our way home we alighted at Sudbury, where several touches of various methods were rung upon the bells of All Saints and St. Peter's, assisted by Mr. Symonds and his son, of Layenham. Here, at Sudbury, an accident, which might have proved more serious, happened at All Saints while ringing Treble Bob Major. The clapper of the old tenor bell suddenly gave way, precipitating itself to the floor above our heads, causing most of us to abandon our ropes to the mercy and caprice of fate, and rushing for the staircase in the greatest alarm and confusion. The dust of centuries became dislodged, obscuring the belfry's dim light, the ropes twisting and curling about the guide-rails like angry snakes, while the hissing of the tongueless bell, together with the clashing of falling ones, produced an effect difficult to describe. We were, however, soon smiling and laughing our fears away, when one of the ringers producing the clapper from above, remarked "Its only an old woman's tooth dropped out."

I have now to conclude, on the part of all, in thanking and congratulating Mr. Cooper on the achievement of a very fine day's pleasure. His ability and generosity would find it a difficult matter to find better bells or a place more interesting than Bury. We must also thank the Ven. Archdeacon Hodges for permitting us the use of his tower and bells which everyone must admire. And we must not forget our gratitude to Mr. Lomax for getting the bells ready and taking a rope with us. Just pride becometh the ringers of Bury St. Edmunds, for where in any other town shall the excellence of their bells be found?

And as repose and weariness follows exertion and pleasure,

so we at last dissembled at Chelmsford for the night, thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. Ere we stretched our tired limbs upon the couch of unconsciousness, and fell into the arms of balmy sleep, the music of those bells of Bury seemed still vibrating upon our years, with the deep sad tones of the heavier tenors blending with the gay, lighter and merrier trebles, so typical of man's emotions and even of life itself. G. F. M.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1100 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	54	8
Grandsire Caters (including a 13,247)	29	1
Stedman Triples (1 un-conducted)	723	582
Stedman Caters (including a 12,041 and 15,041, record)	76	42
Stedman Cinques	5	1
Union Triples	1	
College Single Triples	1	
Bob Major	2	
Bob Royal	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major (including a 10,080 and a 12,096)	91	5
Duffield Major	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major	11	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	11	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
Duffield Royal	1	
Superlative Major	58	6
Cambridge Major	16	4
London (including an 11,328)	13	3
	1100	654

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ANALYSIS OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR WHICH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1100 PEALS HAVE BEEN RUNG.

	Rung	Conducted
Appleton Society	26	10
Bedfordshire Association	1	1
Ancient Society of College Youths	37	25
Chester Diocesan Guild	14	14
Cleveland and North Yorks. Association	1	1
Devonshire Guild	35	9
Durham and Newcastle Association	14	12
Ely Diocesan Association	4	4
Essex Association	13	6
Gloucester and Bristol Association	35	19
Hertford County Association	39	12
Irish Association	3	2
Kent County Association	10	10
Lancashire Association	8	7
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	9	8
Middlesex County Association	3	3
Midland Counties Association	54	37
Central Northamptonshire Association	40	37
Norwich Diocesan Association	17	7
Oxford Diocesan Guild	600	354
Oxford University Society	1	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	17	7
Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	2	2
Stoke Archidiaconal Association	3	3
Surrey Association	10	5
Sussex County Association	15	2
Trinity Youths	1	
Winchester Diocesan Guild	75	43
Worcester Association	6	6
Yorkshire Association	7	7
	1100	654

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.—For these good send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

Obituary.

There passed away at Evesham, Worcestershire, on September 16th, the Rev. H. H. Staffurth, second son of the Rev. S. Staffurth, Vicar of Frieston, after only three weeks' illness, at the age of 29. He was a genial, pleasant young man, liked by everyone, a very good ringer, first a skilled and latterly an bon. member of the East Lincolnshire Association. He had rung six peals of 5040 changes, the first one of Doubles in twenty-five methods. The others were Bob Minor and Grand-sire Triples. He was buried on September 19th at Frieston, amid many tokens of respect, many of the parishioners following him to the grave.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Herbert Haigh has removed from 1, Spa Common, Retford, to 51, Central Avenue, Worksop, where all communications should be sent.

THE RACKHAM FUND.

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Amount previously subscribed ...	18	8	11
Darfield, per G. Woodcock ...	0	11	0
Penistone, per F. Tinker ...	0	7	0
Bolton, St. James, Bradford, per A. Gill... ..	0	5	0
Silkstone, Barnsley, per C. Chapman	0	6	0
Ecclesfield, per T. Kitson	0	5	0
Cawthorne, Barnsley	0	6	0
Pudsey, per J. W. Baxendale	0	5	6

Total £20 14 5
Audited and found correct, G. S. Tyas.
September 18, 1906.

Arthur Rackham desires to take this opportunity of offering heartfelt thanks to the Yorkshire Association, the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and all who have so generously helped and subscribed to the above fund.

NOTICE.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—Attempts for peals upon the bells of the church of St. Mary-le-Tower in future will be limited to one peal each month, by arrangement with the Rev. Canon William Melville Pigot, M.A., Vicar, and on Saturdays. WM. MOTTS, Sec.
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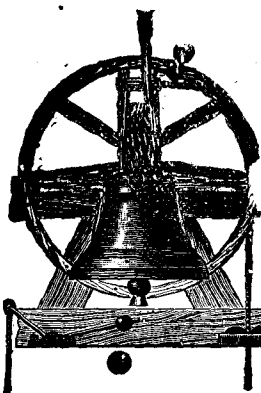
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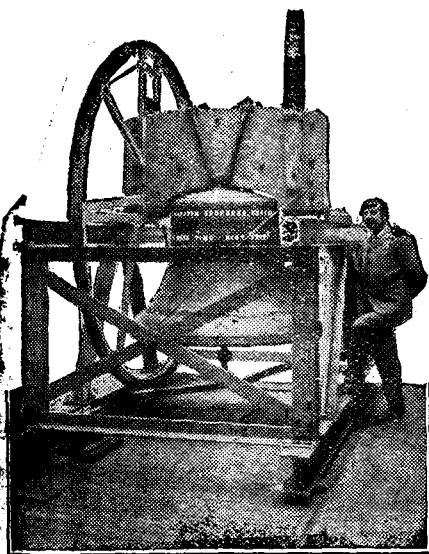
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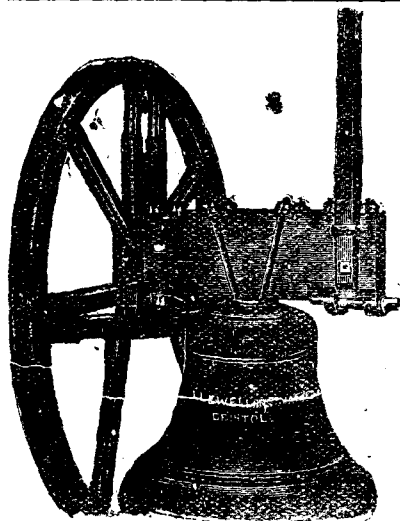
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HAWKRIDGE, WEST SOMERSET.

The bells at Hawkridge parish church have been reopened by the Right Rev. Bishop Stirling, and a new one has been dedicated at the same time. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the augmented peal has been rehung in splendid style by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. After the dedication the first ringing was done by the Withypool ringers, and during the day companies from Brushford and other places rung the bells. Two of the bells are very old, with no date on them. The tenor has an inscription difficult to decipher. The lettering on the new bell is: "Erected by the parish. Rowland Newman, Rector; C. Clatworthy and D. Westcott, Churchwardens, 1906."

The whole parish entered into the spirit of the day with the greatest zeal. The little village was decorated with arches covered with heather, flowers, and flags. The church also was beautifully decorated, and long before the service commenced every seat was occupied, with the result that a great number had to remain outside. The clergy present were the Revs. H. G. Alexander (Stoke Rivers), E. H. Moscardi (Knowstone-cum-Molland), and the Rector. The Bishop, in the course of his sermon, showed that as the bells were in perfect harmony and tune, so also was the character of our Lord. The offertory amounted to £4 3s. 6d.

A public luncheon, given by the parishioners, was tastefully laid, and gave great satisfaction to all present. More than two hundred persons attended it, and the schoolroom was filled three times. The Bishop, unfortunately, was unable to be present, as he had to catch an early afternoon train. A very successful tea was also held in the schoolroom, which was again filled by a large number of persons. The Bampton Volunteer band played in a field kindly lent by Mr. Stanbury, and dancing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting held at Lichfield on June 23rd, J. S. Pritchett, esq., M.A., K.C., was voted to the chair, and a very enthusiastic meeting followed. The balance-sheet was examined and adopted. The annual report, stating that thirty peals had been rung, was read out, and it was agreed to have the balance-sheet and report printed as usual. The following officers for the coming year were appointed: Patron, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield; President, the Archdeacon of Stafford; Treasurer, Rev. F. Tennison; Hon. Secretaries, Rev. F. Tennison and Mr. S. Reeves. The places for the quarterly meetings to be

Wombourn. Stafford, West Bromwich (All Saints'), and Lichfield. Mr. Groves was appointed ringing-master.

A testimonial to Mr. S. Reeves, on completing twenty-one years of office as lay Hon. Secretary, was presented. Letters from two former clerical secretaries were read. The Rev. Donald Jones wrote saying he had received for twelve years the greatest possible help from Mr. Reeves; the Rev. T. W. Wilkes wrote and said that Mr. Reeves's long and energetic services had been invaluable. Mr. Rowland Cartwright, in a happy speech, asked Mr. Reeves to accept from the members a gold-mounted umbrella and twelve guineas. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung at the cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's.

On September 23rd, the quarterly meeting took place at Wombourn. Over seventy assembled, and ringing in various methods took place. An earnest address was given at the short service by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Nicholas. Among the members appointed was Miss Gilbanks, daughter of the Vicar of Wollaston, Stourbridge. This is the society's first lady member. Miss Gilbanks took part in the ringing. A splendid tea was provided by the Vicar and other subscribers, in the school, Mr. R. Cartwright and lady helpers being most energetic in the welcome accorded the ringers.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Cirencester branch was held on Saturday, the 22nd September, at Rendcomb, members being present from Chedworth, Cirencester, Swindon, Rendcomb, Gloucester, and Wootton Bassett. The ringers' service, as used in the diocese, was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Bennett (the Rector) at 4 o'clock. The church was very prettily decorated, as the harvest festival was held the previous evening, and by wish of the Rector, a harvest hymn was introduced into the service. Mr. Bennett gave a practical address on the unity and brotherhood of all Church workers, and said that whatever branch of work was taken up, all should have in view the unity of the whole body of Church workers. Mr. A. Edwards, a brother-string from Cirencester, ably presided at the organ.

After the service an adjournment was made to Rendcomb House, Mrs. Taylor having with her usual kindness provided a capital tea, which was served in the servants' hall. The tea was followed by a short meeting, when it was decided that the annual meeting of the branch should take place at Cirencester early in December. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Taylor for her hospitality, and to the Rector for his able address, and arranging for the service.

Ringling took place before and after the service, and also after the meeting. Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were the methods rung, and the striking was very good. When the ringing was

finished, refreshments were partaken of at Rendcomb House. It should also be mentioned that in addition to the creature comforts Mrs. Taylor also gave the party permission to walk round the gardens and grounds, and also to go into the library and conservatory, where some tunes were played upon the handbells. These privileges were much enjoyed by every one, and added considerably to the pleasure of the outing, and all felt that the kindness and consideration shown by Mrs. Taylor would not soon be forgotten. Would that there were many more imbued with the same kindly feeling. M.

OLDBURY PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

Thursday, the 6th ult., was fixed for the annual holiday of this company, and although it opened somewhat lowering, threatening rain, "'Twas only the pride of the morning," and a delightful day resulted. Ashby-de-la-Zouch was selected as the headquarters, and with such care and forethought had everything been arranged that at the outset every member of the party was in possession of a neatly written time table and programme, every item of which was carried out almost to schedule time. Former outings of this kind have been so enjoyable as to establish a reputation, and no pressing was needed to induce several gentlemen to accompany the expedition, among whom was Mr. Superintendent Hill and Messrs. H. Harper, Cooper, Moore and Rose of Oldbury; Mr. Bradney from Shifnal; and Mr. Godden of Birmingham, who joined us at New Street Station. A fast train and the music of the handbells soon brought the "town of beer barrels" into focus, while a particularly short and straight track soon convinced the company that the quality of Bass's No. 1 had not deteriorated. That inexorable time table however had to be obeyed, and the company were soon seated on a light railway car en route for Ashby, via Swadlincote, where another halt was made, and our good super found that he was indeed in a foreign country. This ride from Burton to Ashby, ever ascending, was a delightful experience, and at almost every turn wide vistas of surrounding country. Some amusement was caused on this journey on ascertaining that so many really respectable looking ringers were literally run by the parish? Good soul! May his shadow never grow less.

At Ashby the company were heartily welcomed by mine host of The Queen's Head, and in a very few minutes afterwards were soon seated at a capital five-course dinner, served in a manner which reflected credit on the caterer, and entirely cured for the time being the appetites of the catered for. The chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. J. Parish and Hill, did their part of the proceedings very creditably, and very soon contentment reigned supreme. While a brake and team were being got ready the company adjourned to the Castle ruins where excavations of a exploratory character are in progress, and were much impressed by the historical learning displayed by the young lady guide.

The time table again exercised its iron rule, and a short but very pleasant drive brought the quaintly spired church of Coleorton into view, situated as it is within the picturesque grounds of Coleorton Hall, formerly the historic seat of the Beaumonts. Here, after sufficient ringing to test the tone of a lively little ring of eight, the party were met by the head gardener and taken round the very beautiful grounds, immortalized by the visits of Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir Walter Scott and Wordsworth, and wherein is shown a nook in which the great wizard of the

north was said to have written his masterpiece "Ivanhoe." Surely if surrounding beauty can inspire poets and novelists as well as painters, this is the very spot for it. Permission had been given by the Squire, T. A. Smith, esq. not only to view the beautiful grounds and gardens, but the picture gallery and state rooms of the hall, with its dainty scheme of decoration and furniture.

Under the leadership of Mr. Jaggar the handbells were heard in the hall, and seemed to give some amount of pleasure to Mrs. Smith and her family and visitors, which included the Bishop of Peterborough, while the whole of servants were allowed to be present.

On returning to The Queen's Head at Ashby, it was found that a good tea was prepared, so that there could be no excuse for one fainting by the way. A visit was afterwards made by the handbell ringers and others of the company to the Rev. Charles Pratt, a very old friend of the conductor's, who enquired after many old ringing friends, and who was highly delighted with the visit and tune playing by Mr. Jaggar's band. Time only allowed for a very short visit to Ashby church and a pull on the fine ring of eight, after which a return was made to The Queen's Head to meet some of the Ashby ringers for a little social intercourse and handbell ringing.

After passing a vote of thanks to the host and a few remarks by one of the Ashby ringers, who urged the company to visit them again, and so spend the whole of the day at a town so full of historic interest, the local ringers piloted the visitors to the return train. Altogether a most pleasant and enjoyable day was spent, and the Oldbury men thank the various friends who helped to entertain them at Ashby and Coleorton, and the clergy at both churches for the use of the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

As a tribute of respect to their late beloved ex-President, Canon John James Raven, D.D., late Vicar of Fressingfield, Suffolk, ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association attempted a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower church, with the bells half-muffled, on Saturday, September 22nd, but after ringing about 1 hr. 30 mins. it had to be abandoned. E. Pemberton, W. Motts, W. P. Garrett, H. C. Gillingham, E. Sherwood, J. Motts, W. L. Catchpole, L. W. Wiffen, E. Evans, R. H. Brundle. The company rang a muffled peal on the day of the funeral at St. Peter's, Henley, the record of which appears in this number.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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Once upon a time I was teaching a band of lady ringers in a certain belfry. As this is a true story, no further indication of time or place can be given; and as all guesses, or any attempt to discover the identity of any persons referred to, are sure to be wrong, they had better not be made.

We had, nevertheless, stopped pulling the ropes in order that an abstruse point might be demonstrated on the belfry table. Why is it that so few belfries own this useful article of furniture? No self-respecting belfry should consider itself fitted to invite ringers to enter its portals, without a comfortable centre table; not to speak of a small desk in one corner well supplied with pencils, square-ruled paper, and a library of the Standard ringing books.

There should also, in another corner, be a stand in which back copies of "THE BELL NEWS" could be neatly stored away, and in the top shelf of which the current copy of that indispensable publication could be conveniently consulted. If, however, this had been the case in this unknown belfry in question, this veracious narrative would never have been penned—and what a bad pen it is too; I wish I had not left my typewriter at home when I left for this holiday—so perhaps we had better get back to our subject.

For it so happened that one of these ladies was "divinely tall," and leaned on a pile of old copies of our favourite organ, in order to decipher what I was writing. Suddenly she interrupted by reading aloud the words which happened to be at her elbow: "'The ladies; bless the pretty dears!' What rot!" At least that is how I should have expressed it; her actual exclamation was in more elegant terms, which, alas, I have forgotten.

At once the whole class was in confusion. "What is it all about?" "Let me see," and other cries rent the silent air; and with great disgust I had to stand aside while an article signed "J.A.T." was read aloud and picked to pieces sentence by sentence. Fuming, I turned to the walls, on which, among the portraits taken from "THE BELL NEWS," and hung there, as in all well-appointed belfries, I sought the well-known features of one whose initials were also "J.A.T." Alas, this portrait was no longer in its accustomed niche; further search discovered it, dust-covered, and in a corner under the seat; for in the course of years it had worn through its rusty fastenings, and was now hastening to destruction.

However when produced before the approving eyes of his fair and eager readers, a change of tone was at once noticed in the comments, and the article was finished amid their unfeigned amusement and goodwill. Moreover so far from the interruption having been the hindrance I feared, they at once turned back to the ropes, and rang straight through a new method without one mistake.

Seeing that one portrait, judiciously employed, was able to effect so much, it has occurred to me that it would be well if more permanent arrangements for the display

of these useful and historical works of art could be made in every belfry. Among most bands of ringers a carpenter would be found who would be glad to fix around the walls (just above the heads of those sitting on the surrounding bench), a strip of wood, with a groove (or rebate I believe it is called), on which these portraits could be placed, while a similar piece, the height of one of these pages above, it would hold both portraits, and a sheet of glass, in place. The wood might be oak, simply oiled; or deal painted, say dark olive green, with perhaps a gold line. If the upper strip had a rebate on either edge, it would allow for another row of pictures to be added at a future time. Or if space be limited, they might be mounted on cheap calico, and fastened altogether, be hung in one place, when they could be easily turned over.

Then too, perhaps if enough subscribers would send in their names, our Editor might re-issue these portraits in one or more shilling volumes, either bound or loose for framing. And these could be added to, and brought up to date, by the publication of more portraits, month by month, of young ringers as they come into the arena of our brotherhood; or become worthy of a second reproduction in the pages of this official and historical record.


H. D.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, September 22nd, the High Littleton members of the above Association, visited Nempnett Thrubwell, arriving at St. Mary's church at 5 p.m. after a pleasant drive. Here they were met by the Rector (Rev. H. A. Keates), and the bells, a ring of six, recently rehung by Sully, were soon raised in peal, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles tapped round. After ringing 360 of Grandsire, the company adjourned to the Church Farm to enjoy a substantial tea. Several then attended evensong at 6.30, and returned to the belfry to ring another 360 of Grandsire and two courses of Stedman. The return journey was safely accomplished by 10 p.m., the Guild feeling most grateful to the Rector, his ringers and parishioners, for the kindly welcome accorded them.

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Date Touches.**THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

ABERAVON (South Wales).—On Friday, September 21st, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. D. Frankcom, C. Frankcom, R. Clarke, J. Howells, W. Williams conductor, H. Perry, E. Clarke, T. Jones.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams.).—On Thursday, September 20th, on handbells, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 1 hr., being 720 Oxford Bob, 996 Bob Minor, and 190 Grandsire Doubles. W. Clements longest length, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, F. Bowtell, J. Webb. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. Webb.

Miscellaneous.**THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

SWANSEA.—On Tuesday, August 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. W. Jeune, W. Jones, E. Serle, J. Hoare conductor, F. Curtis, J. Isaac, A. Prince, E. Davies. On Tuesday, August 21st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, C. Hoare, A. Rheames, E. Serle, J. Hoare, C. Morse conductor, F. Curtis, E. Davies. On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 392 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, F. Curtis, J. Hoare, E. Serle, J. Davies, C. Hoare, A. Prince conductor, E. Davies. On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, A. Prince, E. Serle, J. Davies, F. Curtis, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, E. Davies. On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 392 Grandsire Triples. F. Curtis, A. Rheames, E. Serle, G. Serle, J. Hoare conductor, C. Hoare, J. Davies, E. Davies. And 210 in the same method. W. Jones, A. Rheames, E. Serle, F. Curtis, A. Prince, C. Hoare, J. Hoare conductor, W. Jeune.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—On Tuesday, September 18th, at St. Woolo's church, 252 Grandsire Triples. J. Goddard, E. Davies, J. W. Jones, J. Butler, F. Atwell, H. Selwyn, W. Davies conductor, J. Pippin. And two courses of Bob Major. On Thursday, September 20th, a quarter-peal 61 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. M. Selby, F. Charles, W. Davies, J. Butler, E. Davies, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor, A. Corbin. 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, F. Charles, A. Thomas, J. Ford, S. Jones, A. Morgan conductor, W. Davies, J. Pippin. And a course of Bob Major.

CAERLEON (Mon.).—On Wednesday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. J. Butler, E. Davies, A. Morgan, W. Davies, B. Millard, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Jones. And a course of Bob Major.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 336 of Double Norwich. G. Rumsey, P. Woods, J. Brady, W. Grimes, W. Ruffles, W. Rumsey, W. Groom, J. Rumsey. 640 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Rumsey, P. Laffin, J. Brady, G. Rowe, W.

Groom, H. English, J. Rumsey, W. Grimes. 416 Double Norwich. H. English, W. Grimes, J. Brady, W. Rumsey, W. Ruffles, J. Rumsey, W. Groom, G. Rowe. 384 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Rumsey, P. Laffin, J. Brady, W. Ruffles, W. Groom, W. Rumsey, G. Rowe, J. Rumsey.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Saturday afternoon, September 15th, in connection with the opening of a new parochial hall, the following were rung prior to the service at Christ Church: 240 City Delight, 120 Arnold's Victory, 120 Tanner's Pleasure, 96 Woodbine, 96 Violet, 72 Duke of York and 72 Oxford. J. Thornton, E. Redshaw, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, J. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom conductor.

BENTLEY (near Brentwood).—On Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Plain Doubles, in 38 mins., being four 6-scores of Plain Bob and six-and-a-half of Grandsire. F. Ottley, C. Sheldon, A. Rainbird, E. Drake.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 672 and 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Baldry, C. Parnell, F. Hembling, E. Lincoln, H. Sparkes, G. Etheridge, W. Felgate conductor, A. Williams. Rang with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Canon Raven, D.D., for many years President of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Gore first quarter-peal, W. Collier, G. Thompson, S. Price, D. Farthing, A. Knights conductor, B. A. Knights, G. Mee.

KERESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Friday, September 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. H. White conductor, J. Smallwood, W. Maund, A. W. Flowers, F. Viles. And 240 in the same method. J. Smallwood conductor, A. W. Flowers, J. H. White, F. Viles, W. Maund.

MALDON (Essex).—On Monday, September 17th, 720 Double Court. E. Finch, A. Mansfield, W. Binkley, T. Gozzett, A. Gozzett conductor, H. Mansfield, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, September 19th, for the Harvest Festival, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Tebbutt, E. Haxley, A. Deacon, E. Harris, A. Hensman, J. Mackay, J. Metherell, T. Haynes. On Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Tebbutt, E. Haxley, W. Farey, E. Harris, J. Mackay, A. Deacon, J. Metherell, T. Haynes. In the evening another quarter-peal in the same method. T. Haynes, W. J. Allen, A. Deacon, E. Haxley, J. Mackay, H. Blundell, J. Metherell, T. Tebbutt. All conducted by J. Metherell.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Bester (first quarter-peal in the method), S. Wade, F. G. Tegg, H. E. Balaam, J. E. Miller, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, F. J. Budd.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Sunday, September 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinwall, J. Martin, J. Dillon, W. Hargreaves, S. W. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, R. Walker. On Friday, September 14th, for practice, 1776 Stedman Triples. J. Aspinwall, W. Booth, G. R. Newton, E. H. Lewis, J. Martin, W. Davies, E. Caunce conductor, S. W. Stewart. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Larkey, T. Hammond, G. Dickinson, E. Caunce, S. W. Stewart, W. Twist, A. Lovell conductor, R. Walker. A plain course of Stedman Triples, standing as before. On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples. J. R. Pritchard, A. Lovell, G. Dickinson, J. Aspinwall, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, R. Walker. On Friday, September 21st, for practice, 612 Stedman Triples. E. H. Lewis, E. Caunce, J. Aspinwall, W. Booth, S. W. Stewart, G. R. Newton, J. Aspinwall, W. Booth, J. Martin, W. Mansell.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 4th and 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 2nd; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 11th; all at 3 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wimborne Minster to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Service at 3, with address by the Vicar. General Meeting at 3.30. Presentation to the Rev. H. Drake. Tea at Church House 4.15. Ringing at the Minster is to be confined to half-an-hour, but the towers of St. James's, Poole, and Canford will be available.
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Goole to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. T. Walsh, 20, Estcourt Street, Goole. See Association circular for details of the day's arrangements, etc.

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

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough to-day, Sat., September 29th. The bells at the parish church and at the Bell Foundry will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting, all in the Fearon Hall.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Ringmer to-day Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea (tickets 9d. each) at 5 o'clock. Usual business meeting, etc.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.
Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—September meeting to be held at Catterick with Bolton-le-Swale to-day, Sat., September 29th. Tea at The Angel, Catterick, at 5 p.m.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Dunmow to-day, Sat., September 29th. The tea (6d. each), and meeting will be held at the Angel and Harp hotel at 5 o'clock. As this is the annual meeting, it is hoped a good number will attend.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link to-day, Sat., September 29th. The Vicar (Rev. A. Day), has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be available for ringing
Branford.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to take note that the annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the invitation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington. At 3 p.m. members will assemble for ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and other towers if it can be so arranged, until 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a service at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, at which the sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. At 6 p.m. tea will be provided, and will be followed by a meeting for the transaction of business. If there is time at the conclusion of business, ringing may be resumed. The Hon. Secretary begs that members will give him early notice of their intention to be present, and not later than October 10th, so as to enable the proper provision to be made. There will be accommodation at tea for a considerable number, but as the space at disposal is not unlimited, all applications will be entertained in which the Hon. Secretary receives them.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, on Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each. Reserved seats one shilling each (early application is recommended), to be obtained previous of the officers and committee—Messrs. Fardon, Winney, Daniell, Woodcock, Troughton, Smith, Bevan, Cox, Jacob, Langdon, Peck, Perrin, Pryer, Scambler, Matthews, and
T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4.
WALTER HUGHES.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m.
A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS, }

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party of the above branch will be held in Long Street schools on Saturday, October 13th. Tea on the tables at 5 o'clock. Tickets—ladies 1s., gentlemen 1s. 3d. The number of tickets sold to be sent to T. Oldham, 19, James Street, Middleton, on or before Monday, October 8th. The tower bells will be available from 3.30 to 7 p.m.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon.
A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, October 1st, at 7.45.
W. MICKLEWEIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, October 6th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.
J. NICHOLLS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Not-

tingham District.—The bells at St. Peter's church will be open to visitors from 2.30 till 8.30.
REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the next meeting at Chesterfield is postponed from Saturday, October 6th to the 13th.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SWANSEA.—This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Serle, an old member of the tower, who is on a visit from South Africa, and will soon be returning there. It was the second attempt for the peal, the first time the fourth rope broke soon after passing the halfway. All the ringers of the peal were Swansea boys.

THE PEAL AT ROYSTON.—This was the first peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band, and was rung on the fourth anniversary of the first peal when the bells were reopened after rehanging: also in honour of the wedding of Miss M. E. Hewson, of Royston, to Mr. G. Ward, M.R.C.V.S., of Leamington.

WRAGBY (Yorks.)—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Adams, G. Harrison, W. Jackson, J. Easter, J. Hewitt, J. Adams conductor.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1906.

THE ringing company at Great Bentley, a small place down in Essex, recently paid a visit to a village named Pebmarsh. The church has just had the number of its bells increased to five, and the above-named company went to open them. They had to cover twenty-two miles of ground for this purpose, and it is highly creditable to Mr. NEVARD and his band that they have performed this duty under all the circumstances. They rung the congregation into church, and consistently attended the service themselves afterwards. We find that the rev. the Rector showed his appreciation of our friends' efforts by making them welcome to his table. This was a very happy Sunday, we should think, for the visitors; and we should like to hear of more instances of the kind.

After leaving Pebmarsh they visited Bures, where the bells want rehanging. Perhaps Mr. NEVARD will make the necessary representations to the church authorities.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CALEB FENN 5.
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Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	GEORGE CHARGE .. 8.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM W. MILLER* .. 5	REUBEN CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. The above is E. Pye's 602nd peal, a list of which will appear next week.

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble.	*DOYLEY S. SIMONS .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 9.
HORATIO GUMMER .. 5.	ALFRED B. PECK .. Tenor.

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

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of T. H. Taffender, Hon. Sec. of the above Association, to Miss Sarah E. Norris, at Holy Trinity, Finchley, on this day, the band wishing them success.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, GOSPEL OAK,

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Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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On Tuesday, September 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER* Treble.	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
HARRY E. BALAAM* .. 2.	*JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6.
FREDERICK G. TEGG* .. 3.	*JOHN E. MILLER .. 7.
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1906, 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.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE 7-8.

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

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On Thursday, September 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY T. HOWELL* .. Treble.	*JOHN FLINT 5.
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Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

H. PAGETT Treble.	J. CULWICK 5.
W. PEART 2.	C. GRIFFITHS 6.
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Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss May Jefferson and Mr. Charles E. Perry.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

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HENRY FARLOW 2.	DANIEL JONES 6.
WILLIAM BRANT 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
HENRY BENTLEY 4.	ALFRED MILLS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rang as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Birmingham.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD AUDSLEY* Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	*JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3.	*JOSEPH E. SYKES 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN., and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Real Double Norwich; also first on the bells.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	FREDERICK J. COPE 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	*ALBERT E. YOUNG 6.
JAMES PRATT 3.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY 7.
WILLIAM CHAPMAN 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung to celebrate the 62nd birthday of Mr. William Painter, his fellow ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	JAMES JONES 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	HENRY PORCH 6.
CHARLIE TOMKINS 3.	WILLIAM CAVE 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WALTER APPERLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SAMUEL GROVE Treble.	THOMAS PIGOTT 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
WILFRED MUMFORD* .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs Painter, Pigott, and Dowler.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECEWITH .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 21, 1906, 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.

RICHARD G. RICE Treble.	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN .. 5.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	WALTER HITCHMAN 6.
EDGAR HUMFREY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS SHORT 4.	FREDK. W. WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT HUNTER Treble.	JAMES BAXTER 5.
JOHN APPLETON† 2.	†EDMUND MILBURN 6.
MAURICE B. DALEY 3.	JOSEPH BRETTELL 7.
THOMAS BARBER† 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

*Thir composition is taken from the Clavis. *First peal of Treble Bob.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM JONES Treble.	FRED CURTIS 5.
CHARLES HOARE 2.	JAMES HOARE 6.
EDWARD SERLE 3.	JOHN DAVIS 7.
GEORGE SERLE 4.	EDWIN DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HOARE.

Reference elsewhere.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, 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.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM STONE 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM COLEY* Treble.	*WILLIAM H. WEBB 5.
HARRY WILLIAMS* 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
GEORGE N. COCKIN* 3.	†ALFRED DAVIES 7.
VICTOR WHITE* 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

*First in the method. †First in the method as conductor. V. White was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

"BELL NEWS" WANTED.—Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Matilda-street, Sheffield, is in want of the back numbers of vols. 11 and 12 of "THE BELL NEWS," and cost.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. LOMAX Treble	JAMES CHINERY 5.
HORACE F. MOORE 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
FREDERICK W. FROUDE .. 3.	ROBERT BRETT 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	ROBERT S. LONG Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by C. H. LOMAX.
R. Brett was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED). Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WADE* Treble.	ERNEST H. COPPEN 5.
HARRY BUSH 2.	HENRY F. COOPER 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3.	HARRY RICHELL 7.
HENRY R. DAWSON 4.	GEORGE GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

REIGATE, SURREY.
(THE REIGATE SOCIETY).

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

HENRY REEVES Treble.	ALBERT BARROWS 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 7.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3.	THOMAS SPARKS 8.
WILLIAM ARGENT 4.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 9.
REGINALD H. THORPE .. 5.	HENRY A. HOAD Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven 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.	WILLIAM B. BISS 5.
ALLEN ROWLEY 2.	†CY. SGT. MAJOR S. DAWE .. 6.
HENRY DAY 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER .. 4.	*FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Florence Maud Evans, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, of Elmfield House, Cardiff, to Captain Francis H. Goldthorpe, of the 23rd Cavalry (frontier forces.)

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, September 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two 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.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PRABSON .. 2.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rang with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. J. I. Raven, D.D., Honorary Canon of Norwich, and Rector of Fressingfield, a Vice president, and formerly President of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	WILLIAM HARPER 5.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY* .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
FREDERICK J. RING* .. 3.	JOSEPH SYKES 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

DAVID BRUNNING Treble.	WILLIAM STANNARD 5.
HUBERT DAY 2.	FREDERICK DAY 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	ERNEST POPPY 7.
GEORGE DAY 4.	DAVID WHITING Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Raven, who was for many years President of the above Association.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

EDWIN H. LEWIS Treble.	HERBERT H. BARKER .. 4.
JOHN W. BELL 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
WILLIAM BOOTH* 3.	HENRY HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells, also the first in seven methods on them.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FOX Treble.	GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. 5.
HENRY GEORGE 2.	JOHN SIDDALL 6.
JOHN H. PAULSON 3.	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	BRIAN HILDITCH Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt in F. sharp.

ALBERT GILBERT Treble.	ROBERT WILKERSON .. 4.
WILLIAM L. DARLOW .. 2.	ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 5.
ERNEST BONNETT 3.	ROBERT G. KING Tenor.

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Reference elsewhere.

The late Canon Raven's
last Work.

“THE BELLS OF
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Obituary.

JOHN E. JONES.

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer who passed away on August 17th at the early age of 27 years, of that dread disease, consumption. He had been connected with bells for some years at the east end of London, principally at All Hallows, Bark- ing, and St. Olaves, Hart Street, in call- changes, but having come in contact with half-pull ringers from time to time, he de- termined a few years ago to master the Art, and so well did he succeed that he was looked upon by his brother-ringers as a coming man in the science, not only as a ringer, but as a conductor. But alas! fate ruled it otherwise. He had taken part in two peals—Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich—ringing the treble to both peals. He had also rang inside to several long attempts of Grandsire and

Treble Ten, and at the time he was com- pelled to give up work he was calling Stedman Triples. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London County and Essex Associations, and was also a member of the Bow and West Ham local Societies. On Tuesday evening, August 21st, the following mem- bers representing the above Societies met at All Saints, West Ham, and rang the usual whole pull and stand, finishing with a 579 of Grandsire Caters. W. H. Doran conductor, A. J. Neale, S. Hayes, T. Cran- field, E. Lucas, W. Truss, S. J. Bird, Y. Green, A. C. Hardy, G. Hayden. The funeral took place at West Ham Cemetery on the Thursday following his death, amidst every sign of mourning. Among those who paid their respects were S. Hayes, T. Cranfield, T. Faulkner, W. H. Doran and T. H. Taffender. At the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rang over the grave by the last four of

the above ringers. The parents of de- ceased desire through the medium of this paper, it being his last and earnest request, to return thanks to all who rendered assistance to him during his long illness.

NOTICE.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—Attempts for peals upon the bells of the church of St. Mary-le-Tower in future will be limited to one peal each month, by arrangement with the Rev. Canon William Melville Pigot, M.A., Vicar, and on Saturdays. WM. MOTTS, Sec.
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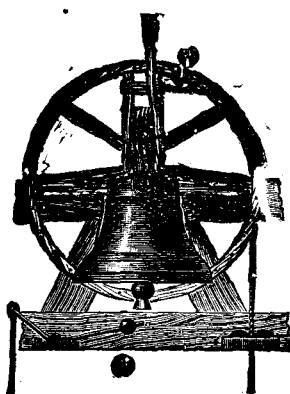
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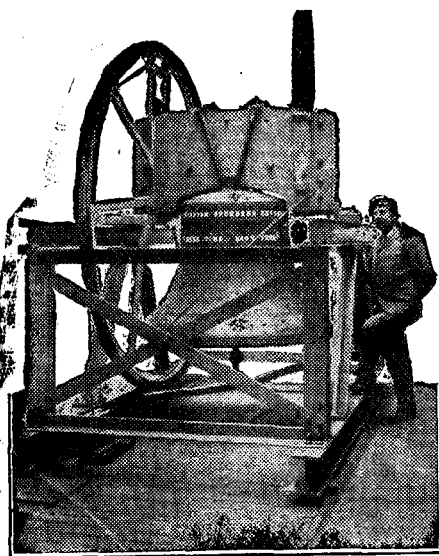
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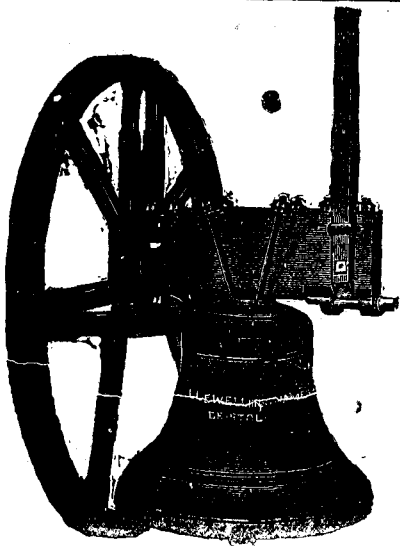
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GAYWOOD, KING'S LYNN.

On Saturday afternoon, September 29th, the new ring of six bells in the church tower of this village, which is barely a mile from King's Lynn, were heard for the first time, and to the delight of every one they proved to be a most melodious ring, and in perfect tune. They are from the Loughborough foundry. Messrs. Taylor removed the three old bells from the tower, and replaced them with six new ones, the tenor of which is 12 cwt. 16 lbs. The present Rector of the parish (the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe), who has been installed in the living but six months, initiated the work, and with the support of the churchwarden, T. E. Bagge, esq., has accomplished what has long been talked about.

It was intended at first that there should be but five bells, which accounts for an apparent anomaly in the inscription on the tenor, but after the work had been placed in progress the Rector's father (Sir David Radcliffe, Lord Mayor of Liverpool) kindly offered another one.

On the afternoon in question, the ringers were provided by Mr. J. W. Sedgley (of King's Lynn) at the express invitation of the Rector. After raising the bells, the following band accomplished the first 720 (Bob Minor): C. Sedgley, C. Crome, J. W. Sedgley (conductor), W. G. Curston, W. Brooke, W. Curston. Following this came a course Kent Treble Bob Minor, G. Holland replacing W. G. Curston. Afterwards the company adjourned to the rectory, where tea was kindly provided. The Rector presided, and Mrs. Radcliffe superintended. At the conclusion of the repast, after grace had been said, Mr. Sedgley, on behalf of the company of ringers, thanked the Rector for giving them the opportunity of ringing the first 720 on the bells, which ringers always felt to be an honour. He himself felt it to be a great honour indeed to be permitted to call the first peal. He congratulated the Rector upon the possession of so harmonious a peal of bells, and the bellfounders on the excellence of their work. He also thanked the Rector and Mrs. Radcliffe for their kind hospitality.

The Rector then addressed a few words to the company, and said it gave him great pleasure to see them present on that occasion, and commenting on the fact that although the list of Rectors of the parish extended back some 600 years, it had been left for himself to be the one to introduce a peal of bells into the tower. He hoped, with the assistance of Mr. Sedgley and others of the Lynn ringers, soon to see a company of skilled ringers connected with the church of Gaywood.

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The half yearly meeting of the northern branch was held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 22nd. The Rector of Caythorpe sent an invitation to each of the towers in union with the branch, asking all the members to give him the pleasure of their company to tea, and well they responded. Representatives were from the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln; Ewerby, Pinchbeck, Gainsborough, Branston, Washingborough, Fulbeck, Ancaster, Leadenham, Selby, and Hough-on-the-Hill.

At 11 a.m. an attempt was made, under the conductor of the Rev. H. Law James, for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing about an hour and a half it was abandoned.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung. The striking throughout was far in advance of what is mostly heard at meetings, which shows that the majority of Lincolnshire ringers are aiming at better striking.

At 4 p.m. a short service, conducted by the Rector, was held in the parish church, when an address quite off the usual beaten track was given by the Rev. M. F. Hall, Rector of Boothby Graffoe. Mr. Hall is obviously a keen observer, and has a thorough knowledge of human nature. He said that from personal observation he had been particularly struck with the earnestness and perseverance of ringers in the practice of their art, and had concluded that change-ringing brought out all the higher and nobler qualities, and greatly helped to form character, which after all, is that by which a man is judged. The address was listened to with rapt attention.

It is hardly necessary to state that the excellent tea provided by the Rector, and to which about fifty-six sat down, was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea the business meeting was held. The Rector presided, and put every one at ease by suggesting that all who cared to do so should light their pipes. The majority quickly availed themselves of this privilege.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Grantham thanking the branch for electing him as patron, and offering to do anything he could to further the interests of the branch.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The general secretary, Mr. P. O. Bixby, in his report for the first six months of the year, drew attention, among other things, to the small number of members who attend the annual business meetings of the branch. He said: "Year after year we find the same members sacrificing time and pleasure to attend, while a few attend only when they have some grievance—real or fancied—to air; and others,

though present at tea, never attend. I would urge upon all members to attend and take their part in the management and business of the branch. Several district meetings have been held, for the success of which we are deeply indebted to the clergy of each tower, and to our tower brethren. Members are requested to pay their subscriptions early in the year. Those who fail to do so cause a great deal of trouble and expense, and often prevent the accounts from being audited early enough for the annual reports to be issued in April. We have often had to regret that the clergy were lukewarm in their support of the Guild, but I am pleased to note that we have now among our members two bishops and twenty-three clergymen. Fifty-six new members and three new towers have joined during the year."

Mr. George Chester gave an interesting account of the work done by the Central Council at its last meeting, and stated that although in Lincolnshire little was heard or known of its proceedings, it is quite a necessary body, and its members are working hard in the interest of ringers and ringing generally; and although one could not agree with all the theories advanced, it was greatly worthy of the support and encouragement of all ringers. He strongly urged them to obtain and study carefully the publications of the Council, especially the work on the "Management of Bells," the existence of which should be brought to the notice of incumbents, churchwardens, and church councils.

Mr. Mardens, of the Cathedral company, ably proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service, the tea, and for presiding; and casually mentioned that next year the Master of the Cathedral company will celebrate his Jubilee as a ringer and as a member of the Cathedral company, he having joined in 1857 at the age of 15. He hoped Mr. Stiles would be spared to celebrate such an unusual event.

The Rector in responding said that he was not a bell-ringer, but he was a fisherman. It had been said that fishing consisted of a rod and line, with a worm at one end and a fool at the other. But it takes a fisherman to know that. The same was probably said of ringing, that it consisted of a rope with a bell at one end and a fool at the other. But it takes a ringer to know that. It had been pleasant and enjoyable to him, and he thanked them for the vote.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Cragg, the organist (who is also a ringer), Mr. J. Griggs, the District Secretary, and the local ringers for the great pains they had taken to secure the comfort of the visitors. The bells were kept going till 8.30, when most made tracks for home.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, September 29th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Loughborough. Ringing commenced shortly after 2 p.m. on the bells of the parish church, and on the ring at Messrs. Taylor's works, where the visitors were entertained by the brothers Pegg, who played some first-class music on the carillon recently erected there. By the kindness of Messrs. Taylor the visitors were entertained to tea in the Fearon Hall, kindly lent by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Pitts, 190 sitting down. At the subsequent general meeting the question of dividing the Derby district was adjourned. The Hon. Secretary made a statement as to the amount of money collected towards the memorial to the late Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Wm. Wakley), and after some short discussion it was decided to continue the work of getting in subscriptions

until the next quarterly meeting, and a sub-committee was appointed to consult with the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and Lord Burton, as to the style and position of the memorial in the church. The vice-president read out particulars of the peals rung during the last quarter, and pointed out that there was a deficiency of ten peals compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Revs. P. H. Bowers (Market Bosworth), Pitts-Tucker (Beeston), and J. W. Player, esq. (Nottingham), were elected hon. members. Twelve ringing members were also admitted. Among those present were the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Pitts, Rev. J. Kerry Williams (Anstey), Rev. Wathen Wigg, Rev. P. H. Bowers (Market Bosworth), Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills) and others.

The Messrs. Taylor were thanked for their hospitality, and the Rector for the use of the bells and hall. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the ladies for their kindness in presiding at the tea tables. At the close of the meeting a move was made to the tower, and ringing carried on until about nine o'clock.

This meeting was the largest in point of numbers ever held by the Association, and was a great success in every way. The next meeting is to be held at South Wigston about the end of January next.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Malvern Link, a district adjoining Great Malvern which has so aptly been called the Garden of England, with its magnificent hills, and beautiful gardens and trees, is indeed worthy of its name, and of the popularity which it is fast acquiring as one of the finest holiday resorts in the Midlands, was on Saturday, September 29th, visited by about fifty members of the above, it having been decided to hold the autumn quarterly meeting there.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. Day, had kindly arranged a most musical service in the parish church, and gave the members present a most useful address on the merits of unselfishness. This church was, quite recently, the scene of a disgraceful act of sacrilege, nearly one hundred pounds' worth of damage having been done to pictures and vestments.

After the service, a move was made to the schoolroom, where the business meeting was arranged to be held, the Vicar kindly consenting to take the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Kidderminster was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting at, and the quarterly peal was decided to be attempted at Malvern Link, to be conducted by Mr. H. T. Knowles. One hon. member and two life members being elected, Messrs. W. H. Johnson and W. C. Jones were re-elected auditors, and the Badsey company was granted the use of a set of the Association's handbells. The Secretary was instructed to obtain, as far as possible, information concerning rings of six bells and upwards, throughout the county, for inclusion in next year's report. At the end of the business the Secretary of the "John Smith Testimonial Fund" (Mr. W. H.

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Johnson), reported that it had been decided to keep open the subscription list until the end of October.

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THE SHIPLAKE SOCIETY, OXON.

On Tuesday, September 4th, the members of the above society had their annual excursion. The place selected this year was Wallingford, and being within easy reach by river, the journey was made on the launch "Starlight." It was a glorious day to the ringers with their sweethearts, wives, and friends, who numbered about thirty, were all on board at 8.40 a.m.

The lovely scenery all along the river banks was a great attraction on the up journey, and several tunes on the gramophone were also greatly enjoyed. Wallingford was reached, and all landed by one o'clock. Then tracks were soon made to The Feathers hotel, where a splendid spread lay waiting to receive us, and justice being done to this, and a few well-given toasts, our company divided, some seeking pleasure in the town, and the ringers visiting the tower of St. Mary. A few attempts for a short touch was made, but finally abandoned, owing to the limit of time.

The return journey commenced at 3.45, and after passing two or three locks, a most splendid tea, prepared by Mrs. Porter and other kind friends, was partaken on board. The rest of the homeward journey was passed by the singing of songs, and a capital recitation from our worthy foreman. Shiplake was reached, and all safely landed by 8 o'clock, and thus a most enjoyable day was brought to a close. The ringers all wish to thank the Vicar of St. Mary's, Wallingford, most kindly for the use of the bells.

W. G. W.

MR. MATTHEW A. WOOD.

In our peal reports of last week was a record of a peal rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, conducted by Challis F. Winney. This peal was rung in honour of the eightieth birthday of the above-named well-known ringer, who we are told rang with his usual characteristic skill right through without a mistake, and handled his bell (like a mother does her baby) as if he loved it. By the way he is very stern to careless handlers. In the words of the poet, the late James Dwight:—

But who's this that rang the ninth
With so much ease and grace;
From the treble to the tenor,
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residence and partook of refreshments kindly provided. It is probably owing to his delightful home circle, that Mr. Wood remains so young and active. The following is a record of his peals rung at St. Matthew's Church:—

Grandsire Triples 50, conducted 25; Stedman 51, conducted 11; Treble Bob Major 32, conducted 5; Grandsire Major 1; Court Bob Major 3; Superlative 2; London Surprise 2; Cambridge Surprise 1.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WESTMINSTER (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—E. PYE'S 602 PEALS.—On tower bells: Grandsire Triples, 7; Grandsire Caters, 3; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 102; Stedman Caters, 87; Stedman Cinques, 28 (including a 11,111); Seven Minor methods, 1; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12 (including a 10,464); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 24; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 52 (including a 15,072); Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1 Superlative Surprise Major, 101; Cambridge Surprise Major, 11; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 60 (including a 14,112); total on tower bells, 525. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 27 (one non-conducted); Stedman Caters, 15; Stedman Cinques, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 7 (one non-conducted); New Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 5; total 77. Total on tower and handbells, 602. Rung in 189 different towers in thirty-two different counties in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In addition to these he has taken part in six false compositions.

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THE PEAL AT YORKTOWN.—This peal was arranged to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. T. W. Fairey, secretary of the local company, and a member of the standing committee of the Winchester Guild. Mr. T. P. Kemp (Yorktown), and Mr. E. Clapshaw (Farnham) were to have rung, but both were taken ill within an hour before the peal, Messrs. Read and Jeffery kindly standing in to make up the band. The ringers wished Mr. Fairey many happy returns.

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

SIR,—In part XII. of the ringing career of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, there is a footnote to the peal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, stating that Nottingham, York, Gloucester and London were the chief centres of bell-founding in mediæval England.

I shall be very glad if those who can will supply you with their views on this point. Of course London has always had bellfounders, and at Gloucester for several generations, the Rudhall's cast good bells, but I did not know that they were mediæval founders. Norwich, which had founders from as early as 1376, is not mentioned, although there are still remaining in Norfolk alone from the line of founders there, more than 170 pre-Reformation bells.

F. R. BORRETT.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

Woman is considered to be man's better half, that she halves his sorrows and doubles his joys (?) It is all a matter of opinion, and I have known men who had put it the other way. Solomon, too, had something to say about it, and from his unique experience he ought to have known a little.

Be that as it may, ringers all around us keeping falling into the arms of Venus, and on September 15th last, Mr. Josiah Morris (Leicester), succumbed to the charms of his bride—Miss Elizabeth Guildford. "Joe" is steeplekeeper at St. Margaret's, and ringers turned up to give him a send-off.

Why is it that the effervescent wedding scribe only dilates on the dress worn by the lady? Let me say then that she looked sweetly pretty in something white and soft. That's all I know about woman's dress and nick-nacks, but the groom! Yes, "Joe" was undoubtedly the hero of the hour. Dressed in coat, waistcoat and trousers, there was no mistaking it. He was by far the best best—the very best man. He also wore a 16 Buller collar, and a 17 smile! Having negotiated the trying ordeal, he came up the aisle like a conquering hero what time the bells up aloft proclaimed that it was all over with him. There were tons of confetti—somewhere—and some got into the cab, and some into Jehu's mouth, which choked his choicest expletives. Well, we rang them away with a touch of 701 Grandsire Caters, rung by J. Jarvis, W. Willson, jun., C. H. Fowler, J. Buttery, W. P. Cooper, J. S. Needham, E. Smith, E. E. Smith, W. Willson, and C. Biddles.

After the ringing we adjourned to The Malt Shovel—a very useful instrument—and toasted the newly-married pair in many a bumper. "Health and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Morris; may they live as long as they want, and never want as long as they live."

That concluded the evening's entertainment, but on the following Monday week we met again and presented Mr. Morris with an enlarged photo of the Wigston long peal tablet (in which performance "Joe" rang the treble.) The tablet was beautifully framed and mounted in carved oak, and at the foot is a brass plate containing this inscription:

"Presented to Josiah Morris, September 24th, 1906. Ring True."

A bell is also engraved with the initials of himself and wife. There were no "pithy speeches." No allusion to "the quiet way in which he goes about doing good," etc., for "Joe" abhors both flattery and bunkum, but one speaker said:—"Joe Morris is a white man all through. There is no Uriah Heap about him. He can look the whole world in the face, and I am proud to call him friend." He had not the slightest inkling of the presentation, and was quite overcome. All the same he is mighty proud of his picture, and so is his good wife. Several courses of Caters were rung on the handbells, and harmony filled up the evening until mine host called "Time! gentlemen, please."

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THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 18th, the members of the above society had the first of what they intend to be an annual summer

outing. There are very few rings of eight in the neighbourhood, so Boroughbridge and Aldborough with six bells each were chosen. Having to change at Knaresborough station, we had just time to have a pipe in the Castle grounds, and enjoy the splendid view of the river Nidd and valley to be had from there. On arrival at Boroughbridge we made straight to the church, and after a short time the fine peal were ringing out in Treble Bob, other methods following. The peal is one of Mears and Stainbank's, hung about fifty years, tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs., and was given by Miss Burdett Coutts. After having had a ring some of the company went outside to listen whilst the others were having a touch, and were accosted at the church gates by two young natives who wanted to know what tim'st funeral coming.

A very pleasant ten minutes walk through the country lanes brought us to Aldborough, where tea was waiting for us at The Aldeburgh Arms. Here everything was Yorkshire of the first quality, from the home fed-bred, fed and cooked on the premises, down to the jam from fruit grown on the premises. All the company were in at this touch and so intent were we all, that very few words were spoken, but when it was finished, one and all voted our hostess a capital cook, and the fare as good as we had ever sat down to.

By the kind permission of Andrew Lawson, Esq., Aldborough Manor and grounds had been thrown open for our inspection. One of the gardeners was waiting to take us through, and a great treat we had in store. The site of an old Roman city, Isurium, the grounds and in fact the whole village are rich in Roman remains; the grounds and gardens of the Manor are full of the ruins of the old Roman walls, baths, etc., and we were allowed to go through the Roman Museum in the grounds which is full of all kinds of rare antiquities, tessellated pavements, potteries, glass-ware, gold, bronze and bone ornaments, etc., found during excavations. Time was passing, and we had to hurry through the vineries, peach and the nectarine houses, flower and kitchen gardens, and on coming to the tennis courts we had a very hearty greeting from the Lord of the manor. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, and a look at the fine old English lawn with its grand old trees, etc., brought this part of the programme to a close, and we made our way to the church. The church is quite in keeping with the manor and village, fine old oak pews, old stained glass, old brasses and six old bells some of which had come from Fountains Abbey were told. A few touches of Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles, and a twenty minutes walk to the station brought a very enjoyable half-day to a close, with only one regret that we had not had more time to spend in this most interesting district.

The company wish to thank the Vicars of the two parishes for the use of the bells, and all who helped to make our visit so successful, and especially A. Lawson, Esq., for his kindness in allowing us to visit Aldborough Manor.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Wednesday, September 12th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Chichester and Arundel. The band included P. Dowden, F. J. Jolliffe, E. Simmonds, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Attrill, R. Pumbley, and M. Squibb. Accompanied by the Rev. J. Parmiter and Mr. Churchwarden Barhym, they left Brading by the 7.45 a.m. train. At Ryde they were joined by H. Jennings, who for some time past has been giving them instruction; and at Portsmouth were met by W. Cooper, another member of the band. On arrival at Chichester a brake was waiting to convey the party to Arundel, via Goodwood Park, the ride being much enjoyed. After dinner at The Norfolk Arms, a visit was paid to the church of St. Nicholas, where some Grandsire Triples were rung. Afterwards the party returned to Chichester Cathedral where they were met by the Dean, who personally conducted them over the sacred building, explaining all points of interest, and who most kindly entertained them at tea at the deanery. After expressing thanks to the Dean for his kindness and generosity, the party set out for home, which was reached shortly after 9 o'clock, after one of the most interesting and enjoyable days spent by the party since their formation.

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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 on October 4th and 18th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 2nd; at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on October 9th; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on October 11th; all at 3 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Southern District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard to-day, Sat., October 6th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

J. NICHOLLS, *Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to take note that the annual general meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the invitation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington. At 3 p.m. members will assemble for ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Christ Church, Spitalfields, and St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, until 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a service at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, at which the sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. At 6 p.m. tea will be provided, and will be followed by a meeting for the transaction of business. If there is time at the conclusion of business, ringing may be resumed. The Hon. Secretary begs that members will give him early notice of their intention to be present, and not later than October 10th, so as to enable the proper provision to be made. There will be accommodation at tea for a considerable number, but as the space at disposal is not unlimited, all applications will be entertained in the order in which the Hon. Secretary receives them.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, on Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each. Reserved seats one shilling each (early application is recommended), to be obtained previous of the officers and committee—Messrs. Fardon, Winney, Daniell, Woodcock, Troughton, Smith, Bevan, Cox, Jacob, Langdon, Peck, Perrin, Pryer, Scambler, Matthews, and

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next

quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the next meeting at Chesterfield is postponed from Saturday, October 6th to the 13th.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The eight-bell contest in connection with the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, October 13th.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, October 13th. Members intending to be present will please inform Mr. J. Lane, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, Rotherham, by October 9th. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Middleton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting after tea. The annual party and concert will also be held in the schoolroom.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, October 20th. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon.

A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cowfold on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 in village hall, 6d. each to those who let me know by Wednesday, October 17th.

ROBERT J. DAWE, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 27th. Draw for ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by October 22nd.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

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Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome.

J. HARDING, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. E. Groves has removed from Wolverhampton to 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, and has entered the employ of Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., as Church Bell Hanger.—Mr. W. E. Garrard has removed from Merton Road to 2, Phillimore Mews, Kensington.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1906.

WE have received the following somewhat curious letter from Mr. E. Weatherby, of Market Drayton, Salop:—

"I have been looking through all my back numbers for a photo. of the late Mr. JASPER SNOWDON, to hang in our belfry, together with the picture of the window erected to his memory."

Our correspondent has been napping. The latter picture was republished only a few weeks ago. With regard to the portrait of our departed friend, we will see what can be done.

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Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

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HERBERT LEWIS 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Minor by all. First in the Bath district, and on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Thursday, September 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE OAKES Treble.	WALTER COATES 6.
SIDNEY F. PALMER 2.	JOHN M. ANDREWS 7.
ALBERT NASH* 3.	GEORGE LEWIS 8.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 9.
CLEMENT GLENN 5.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. GLENN.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters away from the tenor. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

GEORGE GALE Treble.	THOS. ATHERTON 3.
FREDERICK DEBRICK 2.	THOS. BESSANT 4.
THOS. WYATT Tenor.	

Conducted by THOS. WYATT.

BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE ASHMORE* Treble.	JAMES BACKHOUSE 4.
SAMUEL BENNETT 2.	M. G. BENNETT 5.
EGBERT STAMPER 3.	WILLIAM LONGDEN Tenor.

Conducted by M. G. BENNETT.

*First peal.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES HARDING Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
FREDERICK PESTELL 2.	EDWIN R. TODD 6.
WILLIAM A. ABBOTT 3.	DENISON HAYWARD 7.
HARRY WRIGHT 4.	JOHN G. HARWOOD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1906, 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.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
WILLIAM PERVIN 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
ERNEST ABBOTT 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
JOHN SAXBY 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
RICHARD MORGAN* 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
EDWARD AUDSLEY 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal in the method. This is T. Groombridge's 500th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, September 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLEN H. TABER Treble.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 5.
FREDK. G. PERRIN 2.	WILLIAM HARTSHORNE .. 6.
HORATIO GUMMER 3.	ALFRED B. PECK 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the return of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill to Isleworth.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ROBERT BAYLIS Treble.	LOMAS M. BARKER 5.
FREDK. BARRACLOUGH .. 2.	WILLIAM PEARSON 6.
FREDK. W. STOKES 3.	GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	JOHN FRYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HALKSWORTH.

First peal as conductors

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY W. BALDREY .. Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 6.
CHARLES SAMSON 3.	ERNEST LINCOLN 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	*CHARLES BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. BAILEY.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BAETHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SHERLOCK* .. Treble.	*STEPHEN KENWARD 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALFRED D. MILLS 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	*PETER ETHERIDGE 7.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD* .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. W. Carr Stephens, an old and respected parishioner.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM LEAVEY .. Treble.	FREDK. G. WILSON 5.
ALICE WHITE 2.	ALFRED BURGESS 6.
DORA WHITE 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. W. LONG Treble	P. C. LONG 5.
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(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY).

On Wednesday, September 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—S. PECK.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the church of St. Mary Grassendale, on Wednesday, September 19th, 1440 Surprise Minor, in 50 mins., being 240 each of London, Wells and Worcester, and 720 of Chichester. T. J. Morris, E. H. Lewis, G. R. Newton, W. Booth, J. Turner conductor, J. Allen.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Sunday, July 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, O. Smart, W. Butt, E. Mills, E. G. Lampard, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. On Sunday, September 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, O. Smart, W. Butt, P. E. Mills, R. C. Mayo conductor, G. Samway, H. Smart, F. Padwick. On Sunday, September 16th, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, H. Smart, W. Butt, E. Mills, O. Smart, G. Samson, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday evening, September 29th, for practice at the Abbey, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Paskins, R. White, G. Williams conductor, J. Elcombe, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, W. G. Fowler, F. Hand. 608 Bob Major. G. Williams, F. Paskins, C. Hayter, J. Elcombe, W. Tucker, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker, W. H. George conductor.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for afternoon service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. F. Smith, G. Williams, L. Lampard, W. Crute, G. Lampard, W. Andrews, G. Noice, J. W. Elkin, W. C. Lampard conductor, D. Frome.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—At the church of St. Nicholas on Wednesday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. C. Mulford, R. G. Rice, H. Holfield, J. Juggins, H. Humfrey, E. Humfrey conductor. On Wednesday, September 12th, 360 College Single Minor. W. H. Holfield, A. E. Lock, R. G. Rice, J. Juggins, F. Barrett, E. Humfrey conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

OKFORD FITZPAINE (Dorset).—On Saturday, September 15, 720 Plain Bob, in 23 mins. C. Forfiit, T. Green, F. Philips, W. Kerley, E. Waters, C. Goodenough conductor. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Borrett, O. Brock, R. Whiting, J. Tann, E. Borrett, J. Betts, C. Brice, J. Souter. After service, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Canon Ravsn, 576 Superlative Surprise Major by the same band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Sheppard, W. Hart, G. Williams conductor, E. C. Merritt, F. Bennett, A. D. Stone, G. A. King, K. Hart.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO (Somerset).—On Saturday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Doubles. G. Bennett, F. Derrick, T. Wyatt conductor, U. Greenslade, G. Gale, T. Atherton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Saturday, September 29th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. T. Newman, H. J. Tucker composer and conductor, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Tarling, W. T. Prior, P. Springham. Rung on the dedication festival of the church.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 5th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob. A. Jordan, G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. 672 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts, W. T. Prior,

H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. W. T. Prior, H. Little, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, J. Sparrow, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan. On Wednesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, with tenor covering. A. Jordan, G. Gray, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts conductor, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan. On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—Recently, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. D. Coleman, S. Peck, H. Fields, S. J. Coleman, W. J. Goss, E. Chasty conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. J. Coleman, S. Peck, H. Fields, W. J. Goss, G. D. Coleman, conductor, E. Chasty. 720 Plain Bob. E. C. Chasty, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, S. Peck, H. Fields, W. J. Goss conductor. 720 Oxford Bob. L. J. Flint, H. Fields, S. J. Coleman, S. Peck, W. J. Goss conductor, E. C. Chasty. 720 Woodbine. H. Fields, S. Peck, S. J. Coleman, W. J. Goss, G. D. Coleman, E. C. Chasty conductor. All the above were arranged for W. J. Goss, the conductor of the Ramsey company, and formerly a member of the St. Neots Society.

HERNE (Kent).—On a recent Sunday, for evening service at St. Martin's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Holman, C. Harris, W. J. Browning, E. Slingsby, E. Crowther, T. Groombridge conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—On the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 30th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. J. Ross, E. R. Mackrill, G. C. Iles, E. F. Cole, C. C. Cox, W. H. Stevens, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 19th, 1248 Superlative Surprise Major, in 48 mins. J. Neal, F. Withers, A. Chambers, J. Withers, W. Short, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. E. Pegler. First quarter-peal in the method by all except W. Short and A. E. Pegler.

LEWIN (near Hertford).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 45 mins. J. W. New conductor, W. Irons, H. Reeves, A. Lyles, G. Clarke. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all the band.

PORTSEA (Hants).—At the parish church, on Sunday evening September 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. Lebbon, C. Groves, J. Symonds, M. Ellsmore, J. Matthews, J. Harding, J. Harris conductor, S. Thomas. On September 23rd, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symonds, M. Ellsmore, W. Lebbon, J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas. On Wednesday evening, September 26th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symonds, A. Small, J. Harris, M. Ellsmore, J. Harding conductor, S. Thomas. On September 30th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, H. Northfield, C. Groves, A. Small, J. Matthews, J. Harris conductor, J. Harding, S. Thomas. For Divine Service in the evening, 252 Stedman Triples. F. S. Bayley conductor, M. Ellsmore, C. Groves, J. Symonds, J. Harris, W. Lebbon, J. Harding, J. Matthews.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 16th, for the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Pegler, T. Pigott, W. Short, W. Mumford, H. F. Street, S. Grove, J. Dowler, A. Horner.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 23rd, at St. Giles's church, 720 Plain Bob. W. H. Holfield, H. Tucker, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, C. A. Valentine conductor, A. Giles. 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Tucker, E. Yates, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, C. A. Valentine. On Monday, September 24th, 720 Plain Bob. W. H. Holfield, H. Tucker, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, C. A. Valentine.

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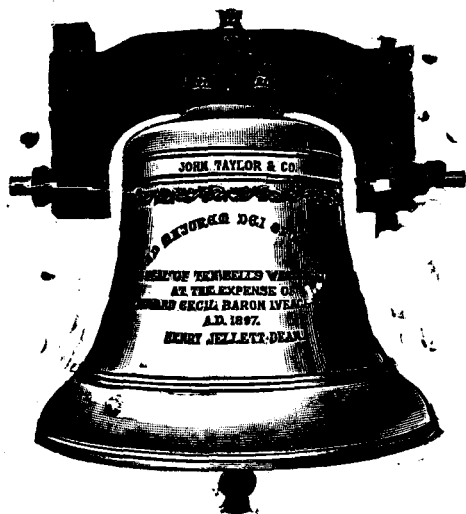
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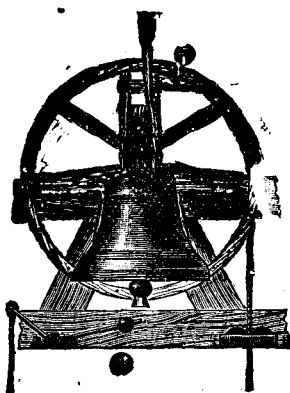
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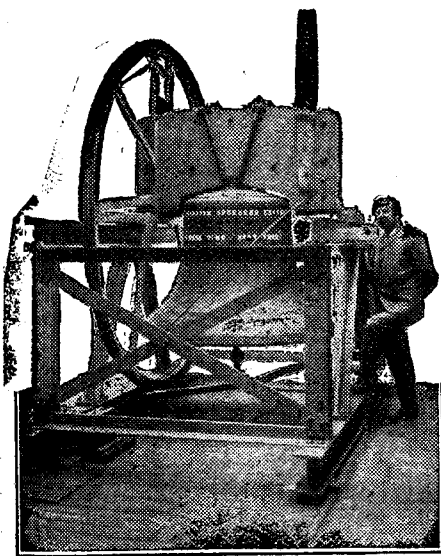
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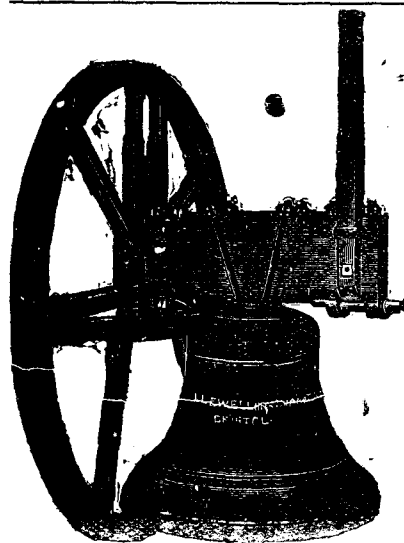
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The Harvest Festival Service was held at the above church on Thursday evening, October 4th, at 7.30. In addition to the above service was included the dedication of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. D. T. Willis, jun., of this town, one in memory of his late uncle, the other a thankoffering for the recovery of his beloved mother after a long and serious illness. After the vast congregation had filled our grand old church, and the Vicar had read the prayer of dedication, the signal was given, and then to the astonished company pealed forth the delightful sound of ten bells, one of the finest peals of many miles round. Only a few rounds were rung, all the local band standing in the first touch, and the service was then continued, after which a number of touches were rang, giving all interested the chance of a pull, among whom was the giver, Mr. D. T. Willis. Loud and long are the thanks we offer him for so grand a gift; may his future be a long and happy one, and we trust he will never tire of coming to ring with us. The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank, who have given every satisfaction.

On Saturday, October 6th, our monthly meeting was held, and well attended by visitors, all declaring ours to be one of the finest peals in Bedfordshire. Several touches were rang, including Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

J. N.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the first time in the history of the above Association, the village of Catterick was visited on a recent Saturday, for the purpose of one of the periodical meetings held by that body. Hopes are entertained that the meeting held on Saturday, which was looked upon somewhat as missionary work, will result in a more lively interest being taken in ringing in the village, and that the ringers will before long be numbered amongst the members of the Association. The day being gloriously fine, an average number of members attended, though the early return train arrangements, the last train leaving Catterick Bridge station shortly after six o'clock, kept some few of the members at home. However representatives were present from Stockton, Darlington, Middleham, Richmond, Shildon, York, etc., the Darlington band journeying by road, and visiting on the way the church at Bolton-le-Swale, where one or two touches were successfully brought round on the handy peal of six which hang there. The belfry at Catterick church, which though somewhat small, is neatly fitted up, and ornamented with framed photographs of some prominent local Church people, framed cards recording various performances of the local band,

and a fine photo of the peal itself was visited by most of the members during the afternoon, and various touches rung, the longest being 1024 of Kent Treble Bob rung in good style by a mixed band.

Tea was partaken of at 5 o'clock at The Angel hotel, and as the train was due to leave at 6.24, and the station a good two-mile walk, the proceedings at the meeting which followed the repast were necessarily very brief.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and Dr. Pauli was the vice-chairman, the Vicar of Catterick being also present.

The chairman formally proposed the loyal toasts, and then went on to propose the "Archbishop and Clergy." In doing so he apologised for the absence that day of their Secretary (Rev. R. Hodgson), who was away from home fulfilling an important engagement, and then in the name of the Association thanked the clergy of the North Yorkshire district for giving leave so freely to ring in the different towers, and noted with pleasure the fact that the clergy were taking a more active interest in the practical side of the ringing art.

The Vicar of Catterick responded. He heartily welcomed the members of the Association to his parish, complimented them on the good work which they were doing throughout the district, and hoped that before very long the band of ringers at his church would be enrolled as members of the Association. He wished the Association every success, and assured the members they would be heartily welcomed whenever they made Catterick their place of meeting.

Two or three new members were proposed, amongst whom were the Rev. E. Wilton, curate of Northallerton. A move was then made to the station, and at Darlington the members separated for their respective destinations.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

The society in connection with the bells of Stockton parish church was formed in 1877 by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, under a commission from the late Canon Falconer, and on June 5th, 1876, rang its first full peal of Minor, the ringers being T. Whitfield, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Stephenson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; W. Stephenson, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. The career of this society as a six-bell company, which came to an end in 1898, when the old peal was dismantled for rehangng with the addition of four larger bells to make ten, was a brilliant one, as many as 1299 peals of Minor having been rung on the bells, of which 335 were in seven Surprise methods. With the enlargement of the ring to ten bells, followed an extension of the company, which now comprises two generations. Exclusive of the late Thomas Whitfield, whose con-

nection with the society ceased in 1883, and W. Stephenson, the present doyen of the company, who now takes only a nominal part in the ringing, five of the senior group have recently passed their fiftieth year, and it was on this account that a 5000 was rung as a Jubilee commemoration, the date selected being the birthday of J. Waller. A result of the way in which this society has held together is that of the officials connected with the parish church, the oldest by many years are to be found in the belfry, where fathers and sons now regularly ring together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

A quarterly meeting of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, September 29th, and was attended by members from Bournemouth, Childe Okeford, Lytchett Minster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shillingstone, Sturminster-Newton, Swanage and Wimborne. The usual service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Minster, and an address given by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. J. Fletcher), towards the close of which he brought in the old, old fact that people are influenced, not so much by what a man says, as by what he does, and so ringers had a more powerful call to their fellow-Christians than by making their bells speak finely—and that call was the example of a holy life.

After the service the party were shown over the old chained library by Mr. Hart, verger, and captain of the home band, and a move was then made to the new Church House, where the general meeting was held, the chairman of the branch (Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell), presiding. After the minutes of the annual meeting at Wareham had been read and passed, the main business of the meeting came on—the presentation to the Rev. H. Drake. The chairman spoke in the warmest terms of all that Mr. Drake had done for the branch by his enthusiasm, his knowledge, and the devotional spirit in which he entered into the work, so that his presence had always been an inspiration to lift bell-ringing in the district to a higher level. He hoped that their little present would serve to sharpen, if ever such sharpening should be needed, some happy associations of his good work in Dorset. He then assisted Mr. Drake in unveiling the contents of the small table in front of him, and there appeared a small model bell, complete in every detail, a truly dainty bit of hanging from the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. Drake, in returning thanks most heartily to the chairman and members for the kind words and gift, spoke somewhat pathetically of his objection on principle to all presentations, and how he had failed on this occasion to circumvent the generous intention of the branch. He then expressed how strongly he felt that the real work in the district had been done by the ringers themselves, whose constant support he gratefully remembered and appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for his address and the arrangements for the meeting; and to the Rev. A. G. Stote and Mr. Score for assisting in the service.

The Vicar, in reply, gave the members a hearty welcome, and spoke in a humorous way of an old custom, known as the "Crowning of the King," which continued in his former parish of Tideswell, in Derbyshire, up to a couple of generations ago. The ringers used to elect a new captain every year, and would then proceed to crown him with a crown remarkably like a dunce's cap, mount him on a horse, and headed by a band, parade him round

the town. The Vicar then followed up his welcome by entertaining the party in the recreation room to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. White.

By the wish of the churchwardens, ringing on the Minster bells were to have been confined to half-an-hour; but even this was unfortunately impossible owing to serious illness just close to the tower; so after tea the whole party went out to Canford, where the tower was open for ringing by kind permission of the Vicar, and the bells were kept going, and several 6-scores brought round till it was time to return to Wimborne for the last train. The Rector of St. James's, Poole, had also given his good leave, but not enough members from the Isle of Purbeck turned up for a party to stop there on their way home.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the above Association was held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 22nd. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and touches in various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung till 5.30. A move was then made to the parish room, where an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. P. T. Andrews), the rev. gentleman being also present and taking the chair. Members were present from Arundel, Brighton, Bosham, Goring, Heene, Lyminster, and West Tarring; also the Secretaries of the Central and Western divisions; Messrs. Dawe and Evans, numbering twenty. After the tea the chairman gave an interesting lecture on "The Origin of Bells, and the uses of the Curfew bell." The minutes of the last meeting were then read and passed, and three new members elected. On the proposition of Mr. Lindup, it was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel, the Secretary to make the usual arrangements.

Mr. Merritt proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea, and granting the use of the bells. The rev. chairman suitably replied, and said he was pleased to give the ringers a welcome to Lyminster. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8.30.

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 LATE MR. JASPER W. SNOWDON.

SIR,—I note your leader promising to see what can be done in reference to a re-publication of the likeness of the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, a dear friend of mine, who flourished twenty to twenty-five years ago. I am one who would be delighted to see his picture reproduced in "THE BELL NEWS." I should also like very much to see a fitting biography published therewith, which I feel confident would be interesting to members of the Exercise at large, both old and young. I remember him telling me amongst the many other items of interest, he kept an account of the cause of peal attempts which failed. Another item of interest which may not be recorded in the peal book. When about two-thirds through a peal of Treble Bob, the hero at the tenor conducting, the 7th man complained and asked how much more there was to ring. The reply was "not much; fancy you are in the last course." The rejoinder was—"fancy you are done up," only not quite so complimentary. "But we got the peal," said he.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—Perhaps our esteemed Mr. Wm. Snowdon would consent to pen a few lines as a biography of his respected brother, expositor, historian and author of change-ringing, to accompany the picture.

C.U.C.G.R. RINGING TOUR IN THE MIDLANDS.

On Monday, August 27th, eight members of the Cambridge University Guild (seven parsons, and one layman to do the talking!) assembled at Loughborough, and were most kindly received and entertained by Mr. Taylor. A peal of Treble Bob was rung on the little ring at the foundry, a success which was all the more pleasant because several members of the band had openly prophesied that we should not be able to manage the bells, the treble weighing only about 1 cwt. In the morning, by the kindness of the local men, we were able to have a pull on the ten at the parish church, and then away to Ripley, where we rang Stedman for two-and-a-half hours or so, without a peal. However, after consultation with the curate and churchwarden we started again next morning and rung a good peal, the first of Stedman by the Guild. The result was telegraphed to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, as representative of the Oxford University Society, who very kindly sent his congratulations. After the peal the following telegram was handed to the conductor: "Bellringers—Ripley church. If any sympathy left for others, stop row immediately. Distracted." The post office had been trying to deliver this for two hours, but the tower door resisted their efforts. "Distracted" seems to be well known to the Ripley ringers, who intend, we believe, to give him something to complain of. Duffield was next visited. Here we unfortunately failed to get ten men together, and attempts for Double Norwich and Bob Major both came to grief. On Thursday morning we inspected the Duffield Bank railway, and then took train to Nottingham, where we were again unsuccessful with Double Norwich, Lenton being the tower. Next day, the hottest day of the hottest week, we rang a peal of Treble Bob on the bells of Southwell cathedral, tenor 28 cwt. The ropes hang two on each side of the tower, round a wooden balcony, with a hole nearly 20 feet square in the middle, through which can be seen the floor of the church, 60 feet below. Finally we attempted a peal of Stedman Triples in hand, but here we have not yet met with success, though we have been very near it.

The Guild has rung twenty-eight peals, as follows: on handbells: Bob Triples 1 (conducted by H. L. James, which is now a standing joke against him), Major 11, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Major 3, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 1 (the first ever rung double-handed). On tower bells: 3 Minor methods 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Major 3, Stedman Triples 1. Our tradition is mainly one of handbell ringing, because it requires only half as many men. For at the University men have only a limited amount of time to spare for such a pursuit as campanology. And further, as the normal period of residence is less than three years, for half of which time the men are away from Cambridge, it is impossible to keep together a band for tower bell ringing. Usually, in the seventeen or eighteen months which alone are available, the learner cannot be advanced beyond Bob Minor on tower bells, for he has to be taught how to handle a rope, and to ring rounds. As a result of all this, though we have a large number of members, very few indeed are available for peal-ringing, not more than two dozen in all; and most of these are clergymen in different parts of England. Under the circumstances, our 28 peals in 27 years may be considered a very fair record. We hope future to have an annual ringing tour, when we can attempt some of the higher methods.

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

Review.

"THE BELLS OF ENGLAND." By J. J. Raven, D.D., F.S.A. London: Methuen and Co.

Last week we announced the publication of this work, which so pathetically appears as the life of its venerable author has drawn to a close. An enthusiast from a boy about bells and all things connected therewith, he has been spared long enough to write this excellent treatise. Books on bells, as our readers have good reason to know, may be divided into two classes, the one consisting of really valuable books, such as county histories, which being published in small editions, are scarce and expensive, and have to a great extent mainly a local interest; the other class consisting of popular books, which are mainly compilations, having little that is original about them, and that little not always to be relied on. Here we have a book which he who runs may read, the result of the life's work in its own line of a scholar and an antiquary.

The volume is divided into twenty chapters, dealing with the history of our church bells all through the Middle Ages and down to our own time, and a good deal of miscellaneous matter such as large bells, carillons, handbells, poetical extracts, and laws and customs.

There are several counties—such as Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire and Herefordshire—whose bells have not yet been fully investigated, but our readers may be interested to learn that the earliest bell bearing a date which has hitherto been discovered is at Claughton in North Lancashire, dated A.D. 1296.

Commencing with handbells long before the Christian era, Dr. Raven conducts us down to the rings of bells of our own day, and the ability with which he has traced groups of bells and their founders throughout the Middle Ages is a monument of the result which may come of the investigations of a thoroughly competent antiquary. The book is well printed and admirably illustrated. The chapter on change-ringing is perhaps as good as one could expect, seeing that it is merely an incident to the main subject, but we all know the difficulty of making people understand what ringing really is, and we think a chance has been missed in not providing some such illustrations, showing a bell at hand and backstroke, as appear in *Rope-Sight*. Perhaps it is owing to an oversight that the account of old ringing books given on page 244 is defective, but as a good deal has been written about them lately, we need not now add more. And there is no evidence to connect the "Schollers of Chepesyde" with the College Youths.

But the book is an excellent one, and all members of the Exercise who may have the opportunity of buying or borrowing it should certainly read it. Dr. Raven acknowledges his indebtedness to the labours of others in the same field, but the lucid arrangement of his materials—whether of his own gathering or theirs—is admirable.

Miscellaneous.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins. J. Purser, A. Smith, R. P. Knight, H. Knight, W. Brant, D. Jones, J. E. Groves, T. Creede.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM.—On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service at the Roman Catholic church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Hardy, E. Chapman, H. Gummer, F. Perrin, W. Hartshorne, W. G. Matthews, W. Hollier, J. Davis conductor. First in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, September 6th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, E. Hughes, E. Haynes, A. W. Osborne conductor, F. Griffin, W. Dormer. Rung after the wedding of Miss Flanagan to Isaac Broad, esq. On Sunday, September 9th, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Goodship, F. Griffin, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, E. Hughes, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess. On Monday, September 10th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, C. Higgs, G. Goodship, E. Haynes, E. Hughes conductor, J. Swain, A. W. Osborne, F. H. Snook. 504 Stedman Triples, 180 Bob Major, conducted by A. W. Osborne. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Swain, C. Cox, N. Cox, C. Moulden, A. W. Webb, F. Whatmore, E. Hughes, A. W. Osborne. On Sunday, September 23rd, being the dedication festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Durman, G. Goodship, A. H. Burgess, E. Haynes, F. Griffin, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, W. Dormer. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. H. Burgess, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, F. Griffin, E. Hughes, E. Denham, A. W. Osborne conductor, G. Goodship. After service 336 Stedman Triples. G. Goodship, P. Hickey, E. Haynes, C. Moulden, N. Cox, C. Cox, A. W. Osborne conductor, A. H. Burgess.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, E. Ham, H. White conductor, C. F. Hansford, G. Paice, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, H. Knight. On Sunday, September 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, E. Ham, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, J. E. Ballard, H. White conductor, A. Burgess. On Tuesday, September 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. White conductor, Alice White, Dora White, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard, H. Knight. On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. Alice White, E. Ham, C. Holdaway, C. F. Hansford, Dora White, J. Ward conductor, H. White, A. Burgess.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Saturday, September 29th, 759 Stedman Caters. S. Wyatt, A. W. Brighton, J. Routley, A. Doble, P. Merson, J. Burge conductor, F. Millard, E. Burgess, W. White, W. Evans. This is the first touch of Stedman Caters on the bells.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *Miss Nellie Gillingham, E. Gouldstone, R. Cottle, E. Knight, *C. Lane, J. Nisbett, W. Gillingham conductor, *H. W. Heywood. *First quarter-peal. It is believed to be the first quarter-peal by a lady in the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 336 Plain Bob Major, in 20 mins. H. Rawding, V. Gosling, A. H. Burnham, W. Peabody, F. Blood, J. Woolley conductor, R. Gee, T. Horton. On Sunday evening, September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Peabody, V. Gosling, A. H. Burnham, E. Hughes, F. Blood, J. Woolley conductor, T. Horton, A. J. Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs is lay reader at All Saints' church.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Michael's church, 1062 Grandsire Caters, in 44 mins. T. Holmes, C. E. Parnell, G. E. Symonds conductor, A. J. Cornish, H. Reynolds, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, W. Spalding, H. Ling, R. Freestone.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, at Christ Church Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Richardson, J. Livermore, jun., S. Saker, R. Ford, J. Livermore, sen., F. Lock conductor, S. F. C. Saker, W. Swain.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 360 Duke of York, 120 Violet, and 60 Double Court H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. For evening service, 720 Grandsire. G. H. Carter conductor. After service 360 Woodbine. On Tuesday, September 4th, 720 Kent. F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence, G. H. Barker, E. L. King, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter conductor. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 Double Oxford. A. Phillips, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence. On Wednesday, September 18th, 720 City Delight. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. 720 Duke of York. On Sunday, September 25rd, for morning service, 720 New London. A. Lawrence, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, September 30th, 720 Kent. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, S. Page, G. H. Carter. On Monday, October 7th, 360 Duke of York. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 13th, at St. George's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Terry, G. Durling, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovett, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin. 588 in the same method. C. Terry, W. Saw, G. Clarke, G. Durling, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin. On Sunday, September 16th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Terry, W. Saw, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, September 29th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Hodson, J. Porter, J. Collett, J. Smallwood, J. Perry, J. White conductor. On Sunday, September 30th (Harvest Festival), 420 Grandsire Triples. B. Docker, J. F. Smallwood, C. Mackenzie, J. Porter, E. Mansell, J. T. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, G. W. Rastall. Two touches of 111 Grandsire Triples, one with J. Hodson on the treble, the other with A. Scrivens.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, September 27th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Johnson, H. Day, H. Lockwood, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Miller, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Day, on the attainment of her 21st birthday, the ringers wishing her many happy returns. On Saturday, September 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, H. Day, H. Lockwood, W. Miller, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Biss conductor, A. Rowley, F. Chamberlain.

DERBY.—On Tuesday evening, September 25th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Plain Bob, with the tenor covering. G. Basson, G. Clark, W. Bidgood, G. Tomlinson, W. Holbrook, J. Pagett, G. Thompson.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis, E. Young, R. Bevan, W. Pickworth, R. G. King, W. Nudds conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On September 30th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. May, G. B. Lucas conductor, H. Rumens, F. J. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, H. F. Hull. First 720 by the ringers of 3, 4, 5.

Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 18th; at 8 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—Members are requested to take note that the annual general meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, October 13th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the invitation of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington. At 3 p.m. members will assemble for ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Christ Church, Spitalfields, and St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, until 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a service at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, at which the sermon will be preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. At 6 p.m. tea will be provided, and will be followed by a meeting for the transaction of business. If there is time at the conclusion of business, ringing may be resumed. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.** 18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Fourth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will be held in the St. George's Hall, Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, City, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission only by programme, price sixpence each.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec. 5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton to-day, Sat., October 13th. Bells ready at 4. **WALTER HUGHES.**

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington to-day, Saturday, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m. **A. RUST, I. HILLS, Hon. Secs.**

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the next meeting at Chesterfield is postponed from Saturday, October 6th till to-day, Saturday, October 13th. **SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The eight-bell contest in connection with the above society will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Saturday, October 13th. **WALTER IDLE, Sec.**

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill to-day, Sat., October 13th. Tea and business meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. **B. DABLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this

district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the vicarage at six o'clock, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 17th. **W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon. **A. E. REEVES, Asst. Sec.**

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cowfold on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 in village hall, 6d. each to those who let me know by Wednesday, October 17th. **ROBERT J. DAWB, Div. Hon. Sec.** 15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Surrey Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Shaftesbury hall, High Street, Sutton, on Saturday, October 20th. Tea at 6 o'clock. The bells at All Saints, Benhilton, will, by kind permission of the Vicar, be available from 4 o'clock. **CHARLES DEAN, Hon. Sec.**

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 27th. Draw for ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order some by October 22nd. **J. COTTERELL, Hon. Sec.** 302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Kent County Association.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Selling on Saturday, October 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. **G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Swaffham Priors on Saturday, October 27th. **J. M. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), on Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8), available for ringing at 2.30. Peal to be attempted. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m. **FEED R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.**

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 27th, in the Iron Room. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members. Members intending to be present at the tea kindly notify me not later than the 24th inst. The towers of Great Bandon, Widford, and Writtle, will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. Chelmsford 7.30 to 9 p.m. **HENRY F. COOPER, Dis. Sec.** County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Further particulars next week. **T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 29th. The following bells will be open: Cathedral, all day, except during services; St. George's, Jesmond (morning); Gosforth, Gateshead (St. John's), Benwell, all day; All Saints, after 5 p.m. Committee meets at Hotel Metropole at 12 noon. Festival service in Lady Chapel of the Cath-

dral at 1 p.m.; address by the Rector of Allendale. Dinner and meeting at Hotel Metropole at 2 o'clock, 1s. 6d. members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Intending diners please notify by Thursday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, Hon. Sec. 24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Earlsheaton to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Meeting to commence at 6.30. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. The eight-bell contest is postponed until Easter 1907. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced. **C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.**

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned. **ALBERT WALKER, Ringing-Master.** 106, Avondale Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome. **J. HARDING, Hon. Sec.**

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1906.

THERE is a small village in the county of Hertford, with not more than 300 inhabitants, Little Munden by name, and which is several miles from any railway station. Our readers who carefully peruse the various records week by week will have seen the name of this village frequently. In such a small place it is necessary that constant and pertinacious endeavours must be made to keep practice up to the mark; not very easy where many of the inhabitants have to be employed early and late in agricultural pursuits. The Little Munden company have been more than anxious for some time past to achieve seven 700s in as many methods. This week's records inform us that their perseverance to this end has culminated

in success, for on the 9th instant seven 700s of Treble Bob were obtained, and one who heard the ringing mentions it as being "magnificent," so far as the striking was concerned. It is worthy of remark that this company have broken the county's record four or five times. It needs continual supervision on the part of Mr. W. H. LAWRENCE and his ringing brethren to attain to such a position, and no doubt they will be complimented by many who have experienced the difficulties of keeping a company together, especially in a small place like Little Munden.

Perhaps some wealthy local Churchman in the neighbourhood may be induced, on hearing of the prowess of our friends, to make enquiry if an augmentation of the bells to eight would not be desirable.

The Analysis for the year 1905 has been received, and will be published very shortly. Every ringer should be provided with the knowledge which such an important compilation embraces, and no reason now exists why all who are concerned should not become practically acquainted with it.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH 2.	GEORGE CHARGE 7.
ERNEST G. FENN† 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the 28th birthday of R. Charge, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WANTED. Superintendent for Cheshunt Cemetery. Under 45 years of age. No family. Previous experience. Application on forms provided. Copies of three testimonials to be delivered by noon on October 18th to Mr. CHARLES W. COOK, Clerk and Registrar, Manor House, Cheshunt, Herts.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.—For these goods send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.* .. Treble.	*GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
GEORGE RADLEY 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
ERNEST S. POLL 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	J. WALLER 6.
W. H. STEPHENSON 2.	J. W. NEWTON 7.
J. CLARKSON 3.	W. NEWTON 8.
F. P. HOWCROFT 4.	T. METCALFE 9.
J. MUMFORD 5.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

First 5000 of Royal by J. Mumford, who took the place of R. Alcock, who was not well enough to stand in.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE FLOYD Treble.	JAMES FLOYD 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 2.	CHARLES GOLDING 6.
BERNARD CLARKE 3.	HARRY GOLDING 7.
WILLIAM FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

Rung to commemorate the recovery of Mrs. Laurance Gee from a dangerous illness

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble.	FRANK NAISBY 5.
GEORGE T. POTTER 2.	THOMAS H. NAISBY 6.
RALPH A. LOVIE 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4.	JOHN HAWES Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

This composition is without bobs at quick, and is believed to be the first peal rung on this plan with two singles only, and never more than four consecutive bobs.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

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

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES J. HOLE Treble.	THOMAS E. ELLIOTT .. 5.
GEORGE STACEY 2.	JAMES R. JONES 6.
R. ALFRED G. DADDS* .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHORN .. 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 4.	CHARLES W. THRUSH .. Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late James Grabham. Further reference elsewhere.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
REUBEN HALL 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Godden, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM E. HOLLOWAY .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYN .. 5.
EDGAR HUMFREY 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
ALBERT E. LOCK 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	FREDERICK WOODWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector, the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	JESSE RUSHWORTH 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
JOHN LAWSON 3.	THOMAS H. GELDAR .. 7.
GEORGE NAYLOR† 4.	*ELI BARBER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ELI BARBER.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Firth.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST DAVIS† Treble.	JOHN BRAGG 5.
WILLIAM MEEKS 2.	*ROLAND BRAGG 6.
GEOFFREY MARTINEAU .. 3.	SAMUEL BRAGG 7.
STANLEY BRAGG 4.	ROBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ROLAND BRAGG.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. RUMBLE Treble.	W. GREENSLADE 4.
G. BENNETT 2.	E. ANDREWS 5.
G. H. GALE 3.	A. T. ATHERTON Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST ANDREWS.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH)

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four 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.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells; also the quickest.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN WOODBERRY Treble.	GORDON CHECETTS 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
JAMES R. NEWMAN 4.	WALTER BRETHERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT MATTHEWS.

This is the 200th peal by T. J. Salter for the above Association; also J. Bass' 50th peal. Reference elsewhere.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by CHARLES SAMSON.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BELL 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE 2.	HERBERT E. HOLDER 6.
FREDK. A. SKUSE 3.	THOMAS F. KING 7.
CHARLES COLLIER 4.	WALTER E. APPERLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and Conducted by WM. J. PRESCOTT.

Rung in honour of the eleventh anniversary of the wedding of G. Temple.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.

First peal of Treble Bob by the Association.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROWNING* .. Treble.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	ISAAC EMERY 7.
GEORGE FRENCH 4.	GEORGE HEAD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal on eight bells. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, City Delight, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung in the county, and first by the above Association, and was rung by an entirely resident band.

Handbell Peal,

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM DAVIES 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3-4.	THOMAS HAMMOND, SEN. 7-8.

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

Umpires—E. Counce and W. H. Davies.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Harvest Festival, 896 Double Norwich Court Bob. G. Bester, H. E. Balaam, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, M. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

MALDON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Cranmer, A. Mansfield, W. Brinkley, H. Mansfield, T. Gozzett, A. Gozzett conductor.

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A VISIT TO A BELL FOUNDRY.

By IMPRESSIONIST.

It had been found necessary to recast the bells of St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, Manchester, and so it happened that at 7.30 a.m. September 22nd, 1906, a representative party of ringers and friends, including the Rev. J. Edward Rees, Vicar of the above church, took train to Loughborough to witness the interesting ceremony, the birth of the new bells. By the early morning light might have been seen a crowd, who in accordance with tradition, were laden with a miscellaneous collection of ironmongery. Messrs. Chapman and R. Newton, who doubtless had a few copper kettles, Mr. S. Greenhalgh, who for the nonce took the part of conductor, and busied himself collecting the fares, possibly to have enough coppers for a bell of his own, and last, but not least, the Imp, with his swollen cheeks and bulging pockets. Through an oversight there was no saloon reserved, but several nice parties were made up in separate carriages, and although the train had as passengers a party who are adept at "ringing the changes," no one complained of missing anything. On arriving at Loughborough the train was met by Mr. E. D. Taylor, who conducted the party to the Foundry. Here the most interesting sight of the day was seen, where in the moulding shop the life of the new bell is started, and it may not be out of place if I attempt to explain in language unadorned with technicalities how a bell is made. The molten metal is run from the furnace down a channel into a ladle, from this into a receptacle composed of black sand leading to the mould that is partially buried. This comes in contact with the central or rather the invisible core, between the core and the outside iron mould, the shape which the bell will assume on being cast. The molten metal filling up the space and cooling and hardening forms the bell. While the metal was being melted the party, at the invitation of Mr. Taylor, made a tour of the Foundry, and in this way spent a very instructive and interesting time, and on the way saw a new peal of bells, temporarily set up for sounding, which had been made for St. John's, Bournemouth; also during the course of inspection another peal was discovered ready for shipping to New Zealand.

Before returning to the moulding shop we were privileged to ring upon the foundry peal, weight of tenor 6½ cwt., and succeeded in touches of Treble Bob Major and Stedman. The following took part: W. C. Hunt, F. Smith, A. E. Wreaks, S. Greenhalgh, H. Chapman, W. H. Shuker, R. Newton, and R. Ridyard. At the conclusion of this Mr. Taylor informed the party that the new bells were about to be cast, and this proved to be the feature of the day, when about 5½ tons of white hot metal was poured into the ladle and then into the various moulds as before described.

After this an adjournment was made to The Great Central hotel for dinner, and after refreshing the inner man the Rev. J. E. Rees (truly a ringers' friend—were there many more of a like calibre) in passing a very hearty vote of thanks, entered into a stirring speech, in which he spoke of the vast enterprise of the firm who had so kindly provided the entertainment, and for their brothers from Manchester, and said that he had observed the diligence of the men who had left not the most minor detail neglected, during the absence of their employers.

In seconding this Mr. Blaycoe, organist of St. Thomas's church, remarked on the excellent minor tone effect which is attained on the foundry peal.

Mr. John Taylor, in replying, said he could not explain the phenomenon; it was one of the unexplained things, and could only be acquired probably by constant practice, but would remain a technical mystery, adding that it gave him very great pleasure at having been able to entertain the ladies and gentlemen present.

After a short rest for pipes and conversation, the party then made for the parish church, which possesses a beautiful ring of ten, equal, in the writer's opinion, to any of the best in the country. A return to Mr. Taylor's residence for tea was then made, after which Mr. and Miss Taylor gave a selection on the carillon bells, and this made a fitting end to a most enjoyable and instructive day.

In conclusion I must mention the admirable manner in which the whole excursion and catering was carried out by the Great Central Railway, and again to our kind hosts, who had enabled us to see the bells in embryo.

The late Canon Raven's
last Work.

**"THE BELLS OF
ENGLAND."**

Look for advertisement on central page.

Obituary.

LISTER CAWOOD.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of the above-named ringer of Otley, Yorks., which occurred after a prolonged illness on September 27th, at the age of 61 years. He was one of the originators of the Yorkshire Association, and was well-known as a composer of no mean order, also as a conductor. He started his ringing career over forty years ago, and rang his first peal in the year 1868. He was interred at Otley cemetery on September 29th, the funeral being attended by his brother-ringers and ringers from other towers. At the conclusion of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside. The ringers afterwards ascended the tower and rang a few touches with the bells muffled.

THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL.

Amount previously acknowledged	£	s.	d.
J. W. Watson	8	0	6
C. H. Hattersley	0	1	0
W. Newell	0	2	6
F. Knibb... ..	0	2	6
Bulwell Society... ..	0	2	6
Beeston Society	0	6	0
Total	£8	17	6

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT KIDDERMINSTER. — John Bass's 50 Peals.—Five Minor methods 3: Seven ditto 2; Grandsire Triples 9; Caters 2; Stedman Triples 10; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 8; Royal 1; Canterbury Major 2; Double Norwich Major 4; Kent Major 8; total—50.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Members of the Guild in the Basingstoke district had an enjoyable meeting for business and combined practice at Shirfield-on-Loddon on Thursday, October 4th. Twenty-five members, including one lady, were present from Basingstoke, Bramley, Oakley, and Shirfield. The Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Barker welcomed and hospitably entertained the party to a meat tea and supper in the comfortable club-room. A short touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells was given by the Basingstoke band. The business meeting was held, Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), in the chair, and all adjourned to the belfry, where the handy ring of six were set swinging to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor, in which every member present took some part. A very enjoyable and useful evening was spent. The next meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at Andover.

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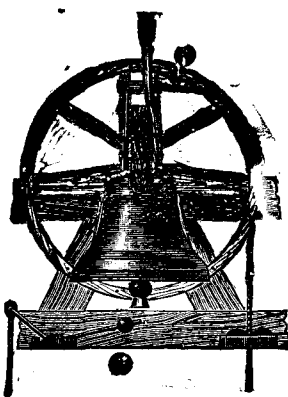
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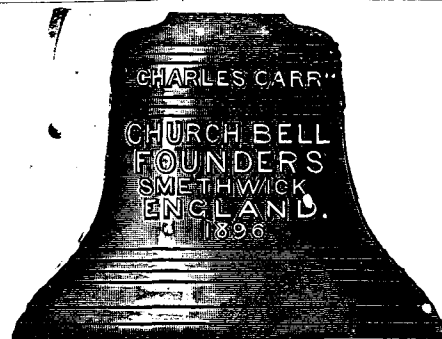
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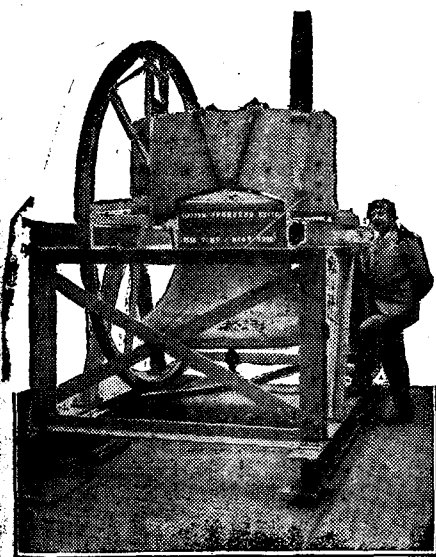
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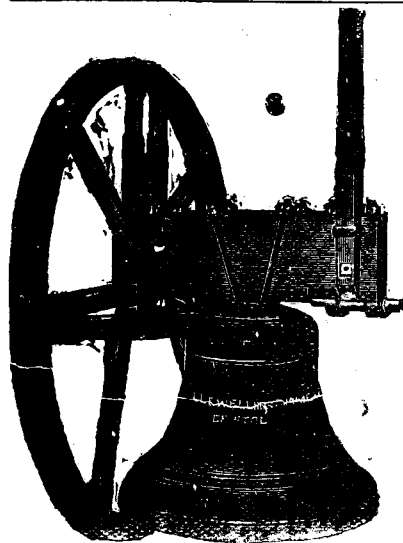
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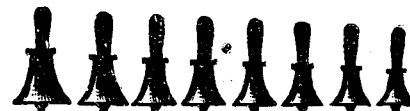
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ST. LEONARD'S, STREATHAM, SURREY.

For some time past it has been apparent that the ring of six in this tower required attention, and in the early part of the summer an examination was made which resulted in a decision being arrived at by the Rector and churchwardens to have the bells rehung in a new iron frame. This provided the long wished for opportunity to increase the peal to the octave by the addition of two small bells, and this part of the work was taken in hand specially by the ringers themselves, who threw themselves into the work with such vigour that over £100 was soon collected. The work of casting the new bells, rehanging, etc., was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Son, who may be congratulated upon having made an excellent finish of the whole of the work. When the bells had been lowered to allow of taking down the old frame it was found that the tenor was cracked across the crown, and this consequently had to be put into the melting-pot. Thanks to the business-like methods of all concerned, and in this connection one would like to specially name Mr. G. W. Lloyd, the parish warden, the bells were soon "en suite," and Tuesday, September 25th, was fixed for the dedication. Festal evensong was sung at 8 p.m., and at the close of the office the Bishop of Woolwich, with several of the local clergy, including the Rev. H. H. Jebb, Rector, and the Rev. T. Bates, rural dean, and the choir proceeded to the west end of the church, took their stand under the tower, where the Bishop pronounced the dedication prayers, immediately upon the conclusion of which the bells were rung in Grandsire Triples for a few minutes. S. Greenwood, J. C. Mitchell, J. Waldock, G. Freeman, J. North, L. Attwater, R. Blanchard, G. Barrington.

The Bishop then preached a brief but eminently practical sermon upon the use of the bells and the duties and privileges of the ringers as workers with God.

Upon the conclusion of the service the bells were of course again set in motion to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Ringers were present from Croydon, Mitcham, Clapham, etc., and in addition to the above-mentioned we noticed Messrs. Shepherd, Langford, Smith, Fayers, Lambert, Calver and Dunk, and several others. Before leaving, the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector, ascended the tower to congratulate the ringers on the accomplishment of their desires.

The old six were cast and erected by Mears in 1785, being paid for by public subscription. The cost of rehanging the six new bells, adding the two new trebles, and recasting the tenor bell has been £300, and a considerable improvement has been effected in the lighting and ventilation of the ringing chamber.

EAST PECKHAM OLD CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of this parish have just been rehung by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, with all the latest improved fittings, and the old frame strengthened, and the bells were tried for the first time on Monday evening last. The worthy captain, Mr. W. Pope, brought his band of ringers to the church at 7 o'clock, and made a start with some of his brother-ringers from the parish of Hadlow, and they kept the bells on the go till 9 o'clock. The Vicar and churchwardens were present and expressed themselves very pleased with the way the work had been carried out, and the ringers unanimously agreed that the "go" of the bells was excellent.

The contractors, it will be remembered, treated the Mereworth church bells in the same manner some time ago with great success, and are now engaged upon those at Chelsfield church.

WIVELSFIELD CHURCH.

The bells at this church have just been taken in hand by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and have now been put into first-class ringing order. The cracked bell has been recast, the old inscription being reproduced, and all the fittings have been put into thorough order and the framework levelled up. When tried for the first time on Monday evening last they gave great satisfaction to the ringers.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Norwich on Thursday, September 27th, and was largely attended by ringers from all parts of the diocese. Most of the city towers were open throughout the day, and in spite of the heavy going of one or two of the rings, were well patronised. The special service at St. Peter Mancroft brought together a large number of members, and as usual the hearty singing was quite a feature. The Vicar (Rev. F. J. Meyrick), gave a very helpful address, and at the outset of his remarks said that whilst it was a joy for them to meet together that day, they could not help feeling that a cloud rested over their joy. Many of them had been looking forward to seeing one who had lately passed away. He was endeared to many present, and he had largely helped to forward their work. They could ill afford to lose Canon Raven, and it was touching to know that all the places of worship in his village were closed on the Sunday after his death, so that everyone might take part in the memorial services in the parish church.

At the close of the service the members adjourned to the Mancroft Memorial Hall, where luncheon was served. The chair was occupied by the President (Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes), who was supported by the Revs. F. J. Meyrick,

C. [L. Kennaway, C. F. Blyth, E. C. Hopper, E. C. J. Bowen, and W. C. Pearson; Messrs. J. W. Spratt, J. George, R. F. Ladell, W. L. Duffield, and C. E. Borrett (Secretary). Among others present were Messrs. H. Hopson, F. Day, J. W. Sedgley, T. Fitzjohn, A. J. Naunton, F. R. Borrett, and D. Hayward (District Secretaries), and 130 members from many places in the diocese.

After luncheon the health of "The King" having been honoured, the chairman said that before proceeding to the business of the meeting he should like to refer to the two very notable losses which the Association had sustained during the past year. When he mentioned the name of Gervas Holmes, he would be mentioning a name familiar to a good many of the older ringers. Mr. Holmes died in Japan on June 10th, and from 1854 until he left England in 1886, he did yeoman service for the advancement of change-ringing. In conjunction with the late Captain Moore he started the Redenhall Bell Foundry in 1878, which lasted until 1885, and during this period they casted thirty-nine bells. They would deeply regret the loss of Gervas Holmes, and he would suggest that it should be recorded on the minutes that they felt they had lost a valuable ringer and friend.

The chairman then went on to refer to the death of Canon Raven, the President of the Association from 1891 to 1900. To refer to Canon Raven was no light task, because he was a man of extraordinary versatile parts. As clergyman, educationalist, author, archæologist, antiquary, and campanologist, he was conspicuous, and by his death they had lost a very remarkable character indeed. The chairman concluded by moving the adoption of a resolution recording their sense of the great loss the Association had sustained.

Mr. H. Hopson (Beccles), seconded the resolution, and the Revs. C. F. Blyth and E. C. Hopper having supported, it was carried in silence. The usual business was then proceeded with. The chairman proposed the health of "The Bishop and Clergy," and the Rev. F. J. Meyrick responded, concluding by giving the toast of "Success to the Association," to which the Rev. C. L. Kennaway replied.

The Secretary then read the annual report, which gave a very encouraging account of the state of the finances, number of members, bell and belfry restorations, and peal performances. In 1905 they occupied the premier place in the Analysis published under the authority of the Central Council, both for total point value, and total number of peals rung. For six years in succession too their peal list had included peals on all number of bells, from Doubles to Maximus, and Royal and Maximus were only necessary to add a seventh year. The officers of the Association were then re-elected, with the addition to the vice-presidents list of the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, and the Rev. R. W. Pitt, and the meeting concluded with the election of many new members of all grades.

THE LATE CANON RAVEN.

Mrs. Raven and family, being unable to procure a complete list of those churches in which muffled touches were rung in memory of the late Canon Raven, desire to thank most gratefully the members of those companies who took part in such kindly and graceful acts of regard for his memory and work.

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THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this association was held at Arlecdon on Saturday week, when the twelfth competition for the challenge shield took place on the bells of the parish church. Five companies entered, and all turned up, the result being declared by Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, as follows: Aspatria rung 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins., with 156 faults, and carried off the shield and medals; Cleator Moor rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor for 23 mins. with 234 faults; Workington, London Surprise Minor for 8 mins. with 310 faults; Cockermouth, Plain Bob Minor for 3 mins. with 147 faults; and Keswick, ditto, for 1 min. with 41 faults.

After the competition, which terminated about 4 o'clock, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent repast was provided by Mrs. Turner, who was very ably assisted by Miss Jones and several other ladies. The Rev. S. P. Curwen, Rector of Workington, in the absence of the Vicar, took the chair. There were a large number of ringers present from the districts above-named, and also from Egremont and Irton, in addition to the Arlecdon members, and the Rev. W. R. Burnett (Keswick); and Messrs. J. D. Baxter and J. R. McAvoy, hon. secretaries. The chairman expressed his pleasure at meeting so many enthusiastic ringers, and congratulated the winning band, the conductor of which proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman for his services in adjudicating, which was carried with acclamation.

The annual report was then read by Mr. R. McAvoy, and adopted. It stated that though a short time ago, through lack of funds and enthusiasm, the Association was in what might be described as rather low water, the past year's working had been such that the committee had cause for congratulation. Their ranks had been swelled with new ringers, whose enthusiasm seemed to have inspired the older members to renewed vigour. The latest recruits were Arlecdon and Irton. The finances of the Association were in a fairly healthy state, and there was practically £5 more in the bank now than at the beginning of the year. As they would see from the letter of the President of the Association, next year promised to be one of the best in their history, but the fulfilment of the promise rested with the members. and an appeal was made to the members of every band to pull together and help each other.

The President (Rev. F. L. H. Millard, Carlisle), in his letter, which was addressed to Mr. Baxter, expressed his extreme regret at being unable to attend the annual meeting of the Association. He spoke very hopefully and encouragingly with regard to the future, and said that next year he hoped to be able to put new life and vigour into the Association.

It was unanimously decided to retain Mr. Millard's services in the capacity of President; the Dean of Carlisle, the Rev. T. Hackworth (Aspatria), and the chairman being added to the list of vice-presidents. Messrs. Bates and McAvoy were elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. P. Clough, of Yeathouse, a great supporter of the Arlecdon ringers, was made an hon. member. The chairman in moving that Mr. Chapman be elected a life member, said that the Association to a great extent owed its present position to that gentleman's unswerving kindness, courtesy, and devotion to the interest of the art of change-ringing in Cumberland, this being the sixth time he had come into the district at no small amount of trouble and expense. The members enthusiastically, and with-

out waiting for a seconder, carried the chairman's proposition.

It was decided to hold next year's competition on or about Easter Monday, it being thought better to have it at the end instead of the commencement of the winter months, and Irton was selected as the place where it should be held, the conditions being unaltered, that is the bands being allowed to ring a touch of 720 in what Minor method they might select.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Rowland Baxter, who had acted as marker, and the chairman, brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the Association since its inception.

FESTIVITY.

A pleasant little gathering took place on Saturday last at the residence of the newly-appointed general Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, Mr. F. Wilford, Lutterworth Road, Northampton. The occasion was a supper to celebrate the ringing of Mr. Wilford's one hundredth peal. In the afternoon a band essayed to ring a peal of Stedman Caters at the church of St. Giles, but after 2½ hours of splendid ringing a change-course occurred, bringing the peal to an untimely end. A move was then made to Lutterworth Road, where Mr. Wilford had generously provided a bountiful cold collation, to which about thirty ringers sat down. The repast was washed down by copious draughts of a nut-brown beverage, the name of which need not be mentioned, but which appeared to be greatly relished by the company. All Northampton belfries were represented, also the veteran verger (and beekeeper) of St. Giles. After the good things were demolished the host opened the proceedings with an excellent song. Other songs followed, and handbells were rung in tunes and changes. A friend of the host's contributed some splendid piano-forte solos, and a thoroughly harmonious evening was spent. "The health of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford" was drunk with enthusiasm, to the strains of "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Wilford made a suitable reply, and a very sociable and pleasant evening was terminated at midnight.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, September 1st, the members of this society had their annual ringing day, the places selected being Halstead, Braintree, and Bocking. Leaving Bury St. Edmunds at 6.15 a.m., Sudbury was reached about 9 o'clock. After having breakfast and changing horses, a start was then made for Halstead. Here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a course of Oxford Major was rung. A move was then made for Braintree, being met there by some of the local ringers. After ringing touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, we then made tracks for Bocking, reaching there at two o'clock, where a capital repast had been provided by host Carter, of The Black Boy hotel, and after satisfying the inner man, we adjourned to the church, where we were kindly welcomed by the Dean. Here touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, and after a friendly chat with the local ringers, and a few touches on the handbells, we bid our friends good-bye, and a start was made for home which was reached about 11.30, having spent a most enjoyable day. A. E. M.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Peter's, East Tytherley, was lost after ringing thirty-two courses in 1½ hrs. G. Williams conductor, J. Elcombe, G. Noice, F. Paskins, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, W. G. Fowler, J. Walker. An adjournment to the vicarage for supper was the next order, and this, needless to say, went off without any tripping about in the slow. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. F. S. Bourdillon for his hospitality, and after the usual glasses and cigars had passed freely round, all were on the road early to their various destinations, it being a most lovely moonlight night, which is wanted when visiting East Tytherley. This visit was the keeping of an appointment in response to an invitation by the Vicar at the quarterly meeting held there in August to the few members who turned up on that occasion.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Coigrove, Notts.

ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM.

The ring of ten bells at the pro-Cathedral of Birmingham (St. Philip's) are to ring no more for the present. The building inspector of the city has declared the church tower unsafe. To the least practical eye the crumbling away of the stonework has been apparent for some time, and there have been numerous instances of small portions of the masonry falling. These, however, have usually dropped on to the roof, and in no case has a passer-by been injured. This gradual disintegration has been largely assisted, it is considered, by the vibration of the bells, and hence the stoppage.

The stonework of St. Philip's tower, solid as it may at one time have appeared, is merely a shell or veneer over substantial bricks and mortar. In some places the stone has worn right down to the brickwork, and the decay is still going on. The tower itself, however, is not in the least degree unstable, for the brickwork is 7 ft. 6 in-thick for half its height, and 4 ft. 6 in. thick for the remainder.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

TAYLOR-WOLFE.—On Tuesday, October 14th, 1856, at the church of St. Margaret, Leiston, Suffolk, by the Rev. J. C. Blathwayt, M.A., Vicar, William, eldest son of the late William Taylor, to Maria, youngest daughter of the late William Wolfe, all of Leiston, now of Babbington House, Southwold.

SILVER WEDDING.

WILLIAMS-WITHERS.—On October 15th, 1881, at the parish church, Soberton, Hants., George Williams, of Soberton, to Martha Emma, daughter of Charles Withers, of Meonstoke.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano; "The Bell News" taken.—A good, half-pull neighbourhood,

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON-LE-SWALE.—On Saturday, September 29th, at the parish church, 720 Surprise Minor. W. Mountford, W. Wookey, W. H. Porter, G. Park, C. Todd, G. W. Park conductor. 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. D. Lister, W. Wookey, G. J. Lungley, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, C. W. Todd conductor. 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Lungley, R. Moncaster, W. Wookey, W. D. Lister, G. W. Park, W. H. Porter.

CATTERICK.—On Saturday, September 29th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. Dr. Pauli, W. H. Stephenson, R. Robinson, G. Worth, G. Handley, J. W. Newton, R. Burrows, G. J. Clarkson conductor. 672 Stedman Triples. C. Todd, G. J. Lungley, W. D. Lister, G. Park, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter conductor, G. W. Park, W. Wookey. 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Dr. Pauli, W. Mountford, A. Peacock, G. Handley, G. Clarkson, R. Burrows conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 29th, at the Norman tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1278 changes, in 51 mins. H. V. Moore, H. F. Moore, A. E. Moore conductor, G. Debenham, J. Chinery, W. Radley, A. Bridges, H. R. Moore, H. A. Turner, R. Moore. Composed by G. Farrants. Rang as a birthday compliment to the composer, it being his 63rd birthday, and the 35th anniversary of his being Secretary to the St. James's Society. On Monday, October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. F. Moore, J. Chinery, F. Coulton, A. E. Moore conductor, F. Froude, H. R. Moore, R. Long, R. Moore.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON (Herts).—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow conductor, R. King. On July 3rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, R. King, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On Sunday, July 8th, for morning service, 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, R. King, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor. On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett conductor. On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 720 Woodbine. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On July 24th, for practice, 720 Double Court. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On July 29th, for evening service, 720 Merchant's Return. A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On July 31st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Griffin, E. Bonnett, R. King, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. Wilkerson conductor. And 720 Duke of York. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On August 14th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Wilkerson, W. Darlow conductor, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, S. E. Roberts, R. King. 720 Violet Treble Bob. S. E. Roberts, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On August 19th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, W. Darlow conductor, R. King. For evening service, 720 Double Oxford. F. Bowtell, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On August 21st, for practice, 720 New London. S. E. Roberts, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor. On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, R. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson conductor. On Thursday, September 27th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, R. King conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PORT SUNLIGHT (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 840 Bob Triples. A. Toft, W. Toft, R. Pearl, J. Aspinwall, W. Farrel, F. Jones, E. Breeze conductor, W. Barnes. 672 Bob Major. A. Toft, W. Toft, R. Pearl, W. Farrel, J. As-

pinwall, F. Jones, F. Small, E. Breeze conductor. On Tuesday, September 11th, 864 Bob Major. A. Toft, E. Breeze, R. Pearl, F. Jones, G. Hyslop, J. Aspinwall, E. Caunce, J. Martin conductor. On Tuesday, September 18th, 504 Bob Triples. F. Jones, W. Farrel, R. Pearl, F. C. Jones, G. Hyslop, F. Ellis, E. Breeze conductor, F. Small. On Sunday, September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, 588 Bob Triples. W. Toft, W. Farrel, R. Pearl, A. Toft, J. Orme, F. Ellis, E. Breeze conductor, W. Baines. For evening service, 756 Bob Triples. A. Toft, W. Toft, R. Pearl, W. Farrel, F. Small, F. Ellis, E. Breeze conductor, W. Baines. On Tuesday, October 2nd, on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. W. Toft, F. Jones, R. Pearl, J. Orme, F. Ellis, E. Breeze conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—Recently, at St. Paul's church, a touch of Grandsire Caters. A. Armstrong, M. Smith, A. Barker, H. Tysoe, F. Webb, C. Chasty, W. Barker, W. Finedon, C. W. Clarke conductor, A. Clapham. A course of Superlative Surprise. A. Barker, F. Webb, W. Finedon, M. Smith, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, W. J. Barker. A course of Double Norwich Major. M. Smith, J. Church, W. Finedon, H. Tysoe, W. Davidson, C. Chasty, W. Barker, C. W. Clarke. A touch of Stedman Triples. A. Barker, H. Tysoe, W. Finedon, M. Smith, C. W. Clarke, F. Webb, J. W. Barker conductor, A. Armstrong.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 7th, being Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints church, in 40 mins. J. Merrick, J. Basden, E. V. Harvey, W. E. Judd, T. Beadle, J. Taber, E. Cassell, G. Spencer. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Webb, G. Ransom, J. Merrick, C. Dell, W. Liddbetter, T. Beadle, F. G. Goddard, G. Spencer.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

BRATHAY (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 24th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure. J. Backhouse conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Sharp, G. Purdon, J. Holme, F. Woodend.

FENTON (Staffordshire).—On the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday evening, October 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. Hill, J. Nicklin, J. Beech, H. Hough, B. Snow, Rev. E. V. Cox conductor, E. Sherratt, J. Roden. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. A. Moul, S. W. West, J. Moore, B. West, T. Belcher, J. Rawson, W. Fern conductor, F. Boam.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHWOLD.—This peal was rang in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, of Babington House, Southwold. Mr. Taylor is, and has been for many years past, a much-respected member of the Leiston society of ringers. On the completion of the peal the band was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, amid the hearty congratulations of their many friends and the company assembled.

Much indignation was again expressed by the band at the unwarrantable high-handed action of the sexton—George Thompson—in refusing to allow the visitors to enter the tower, notwithstanding that permission had been kindly granted by the Vicar—the Rev. C. H. Sutton—to ring the peal. However, thanks to the kindness of the churchwarden—Mr. S. W. Reynolds—the lock was picked, and the door opened by the vergers, Mr. Hill, and thus access was gained to the ringing-room.

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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 on October 18th; at 3 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.
Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 23rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on November 1st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on November 6th: all at 8 p.m.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst to-day, Sat., October 20th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the vicarage at six o'clock, followed by business meeting.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 4 in St. Mary's church. Address by the Rev. J. B. Kirby. Meat tea in Assembly Room at 4.45, at 1s. per head. Bells available all the afternoon.

A. E. REEVES, *Asst. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Cowfold to-day, Sat., October 20th. Tower open at 3.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

The Surrey Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Shaftesbury hall, High Street, Sutton, to-day Sat., October 20th.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 27th. Draw for ringing at 3.15 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by October 22nd.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Kent County Association.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Selling on Saturday, October 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Swaffham Priors on Saturday, October 27th.

J. M. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), on Saturday, October 27th. Bells (8), available for ringing at 2.30. Peal to be attempted. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October

27th, in the Iron Room. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to members. Members intending to be present at the tea kindly notify me not later than the 24th inst. The towers of Great Bandow, Widford, and Writtle, will be open for ringing after 3 p.m., Chelmsford 7.30 to 9 p.m.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a short service in the parish church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after at the Parish Institute. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by October 23rd.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Fareham.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at The White Lion at 5.30. Will intending visitors please send their names to Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, by Thursday previous to the meeting.

J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Swaffham Prior on Saturday, October 27th. Tea at 4 o'clock.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 27th, at High Littleton. Tea at 5 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Wrentham on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Bells have been rehung and tenor added. Motor busses pass through from Southwold and Lowestoft.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea in the Boys' School at 5.30 p.m. The business meeting follows the tea, the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), presiding. Names of members who wish for tea must reach me not later than the 24th.

T. GROOMBIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

6, Alexandra Terrace, Chislehurst.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 29th. The following bells will be open: Cathedral, all day, except during services; St. George's, Jesmond (morning); Gosforth, Gateshead (St. John's), Benwell, all day; All Saints, after 5 p.m. Committee meets at Hotel Metropole at 12 noon. Festival service in Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 1 p.m.; address by the Rector of Allendale. Dinner and meeting at Hotel Metropole at 2 o'clock, 1s. 6d. members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Intending diners please notify by Thursday, October 25th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*

24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, on Saturday, November 3rd. All intending to be present please send in their names to me not later than the 26th.

S. SLATER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, November 3rd, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

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Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome.

J. HARDING, *Hon. Sec.*

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES Treble.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	JOHN MOULE 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	YORK GREEN 8.
THOMAS CRANFIELD 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER 9.
SAMUEL J. BIRD 5.	HENRY TOREBLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal of Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH 5.
FRED MASTON 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
WILLIAM WADDINGTON 3.	JAMES HORNER 7.
ARTHUR SNOWBALL 4.	FRED W. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by the late LISTER CAWOOD, and Conducted by J. NELSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Lister Cawood, a member of the company.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN H. SHOLICAR 5.
PETER H. HARVEY 2.	*JOHN W. PILKINGTON 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	JAMES R. PARK 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	THOMAS MARLAND Tenor.
	RICHARD LEA

Conducted by JAMES R. PARK.

*First peal with a bob bell.

TEWIN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. WARD* Treble.	†J. W. NEW 3.
H. J. GREVES* 2.	*A. LYLES 4.
	G. CLARK* Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. NEW.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor; and on the bells.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS Treble.	FREDERICK STEDMAN 5.
WILLIAM EVANS* 2.	WILLIAM HARGEST 6.
GEORGE GIBLIN 3.	GEORGE HARDWICK 7.
SAMUEL BROOKS 4.	DAVID PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

*First peal as conductor. First peal by an entirely local band.

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

On Thursday, October 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY .. 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM EDWARD WHITE 4.	GEORGE BULL Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, October 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES COUPE Treble.	*FREDERICK E. PARSONS .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 2.	THOMAS RILEY 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
HARRY MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

This peal is taken from the Central Council's Collection, No. 225. *First peal.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 14 cwt.

H. KIRTON Treble.	T. BARLOW 5.
R. DUCKWORTH 2.	R. WALLWORK 6.
T. PEERS 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
JOHN DENNER 4.	WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

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

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. Treble.	EDMUND WILLIS 5.
LEONARD BULLOCK 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
FREDERICK JAMES COPE .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	JAMES HENRY GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 11 cwt.

ALFRED TAILBY* Treble.	†CHARLES W. BIRD 4.
WILLIAM DEACON† 2.	HARRY DAVIS 5.
HERBERT J. JULIAN 3.	MORRIS A. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS A. TURNER.

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

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON 5.
NORMAN BAILEY 2.	CHARLES WHITING 6.
SIDNEY BAILEY 3.	CHARLES BAILEY 7.
EDGAR BAILEY 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALBERT J. LINCOLN.

Reference elsewhere.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CAPEL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise. Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

GEORGE WALES* Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
JOHN AKKHURST 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR, JUN. .. 5.
EDWIN JORDAN 3.	FREDERICK R. TULETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. R. TULLETT.

*First peal.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT .. 5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	ALBERT J. DAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

BERNARD FISHER .. Treble.	FREDK. W. BOOTH .. 5
FRANK BOSWELL .. 2.	SIDNEY W. H. SMITH .. 6
JOHN LOVELL .. 3.	FREDK. J. MYNARD .. 7.
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DURHAM

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. J. MITCHELL† .. Treble.	*E. BUBNETT .. 5.
O. ARKLESS* .. 2.	*R. POUNDER .. 6.
R. STEPHENSON .. 3.	S. T. WRIGHT .. 7.
W. NEAL* .. 4.	T. METCALFE .. Tenor.

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

E. Burnett was proposed a member of the Association before starting. †First peal in any method. *First peal of Major.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM HOWELL* .. Treble.	*JOHN SADLER .. 5.
ERNEST NEWMAN* .. 2.	*CHARLES NORFOLK .. 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM* 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM* 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

*First peal in the method.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

FRED TROTH* .. Treble.	JESSE SCREEN .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES .. 2.	REUBEN HALL .. 7.
JOSEPH WALKER .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 8.
THOMAS HORTON .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 9.
ERNEST PARISH† .. 5.	JAMES HARES .. Tenor.

Composed by W. KENT, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS* .. Treble.	JOHN BASS .. 5.
WILLIAM R. MASON* .. 2.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 3.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	THOMAS PIGOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Stedman.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT .. 4.
JOHN AKEHURST .. 2.	FREDERICK R. TULLETT .. 5.
ARTHUR TULLETT .. 3.	FREDERICK TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK TULLETT, SEN.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1906, 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.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED PALMER* .. Treble.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM MARTIN .. 2.	†FRANK WILCOX .. 5.
WILLIAM BOWEN .. 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE .. 7.
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 8.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 9.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT* .. 5.	*HORACE G. STUBBS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. J. PITTS, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Arranged for the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley, Suffolk.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES* .. Treble.	WILLIAM FRYER .. 4.
FREDERICK BRACE .. 2.	JOHN BASS .. 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. 3.	*HARRY JONES .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor.

The following peals were rung during a tour in the Potteries district under the auspices of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR A. CLAY Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE A. SMITH 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	JOHN JOHNSON 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a home coming to the Rev. G. H. Briggs from his wedding tour.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, October 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

On Monday, October 8, 1906, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method in the county, and by the Association.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method in the county.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1906, 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 8½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
GEORGE A. SMITH 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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CREWE, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. The above is the conductor's 700th peal.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

On Thursday, October 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE DENT Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method by the Association, and in the county.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. E. V. COX Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
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"Members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers will give a series of changes on the bells in the afternoon between 1 and 4 p.m."

So run a paragraph on the bills announcing the Harvest Festival services to be held at this church on Sunday, October 6th, 1906. Dibden being a very rural spot on the New Forest side of Southampton Water, arrangements for the above were made, "weather permitting cycling." Strange to say, for the first Sunday for—I cannot say how many—the weather did not permit two of the intended band to cycle thither. However, your humble turned up in time to ring three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (4-6-8 covering), with the local band. At the service which followed (a very bright and hearty one), the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Robinson, Vicar of Chard, Somersetshire.

At one o'clock we were six visitors, all told, the weather still remaining showery, and no hopes of the two absent ones putting in an appearance, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. A well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was also rung; also 120s of Doubles by the local ringers, who had turned up in force, anticipating to hear something out of the usual routine in this neighbourhood.

At 4 p.m. all adjourned to the school-room, where an excellent tea had been provided by the Rev. —. Berry (Vicar), and which was thoroughly appreciated, especially by those having over a thirty-mile ride in front of them, and still raining.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (who had joined us during tea) for his welcomed hospitality. The Vicar in reply said he only hoped we should come again soon, when he hoped we should have fine weather. Dibden is one

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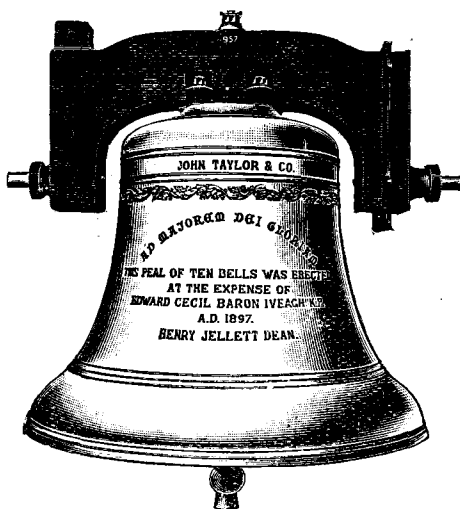
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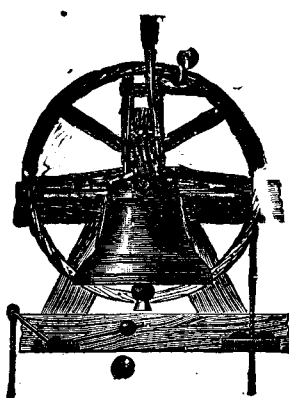
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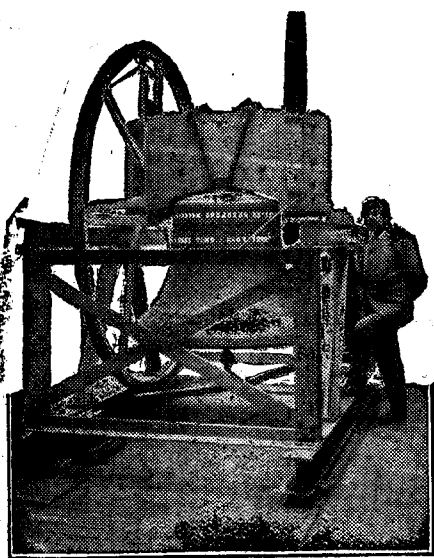
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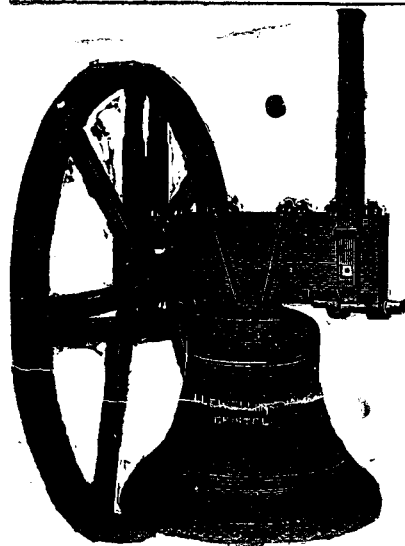
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, on Saturday, October 13th, on the invitation of the Bishop of Kensington. By the kindness of the neighbouring clergy some of the city steeples were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and were well patronised by the members, who came from almost every part of the county. The service at 5 p.m. brought together a large congregation of ringers, who joined heartily in the singing, rendered bright and attractive by the valuable help of the organist and choir. The Archdeacon of Middlesex preached an eloquent sermon from St. Matthew xxvi. 8. "To what purpose is this waste?" He recapitulated a story, by a well-known writer, setting forth two common and opposite views of life. There were two men, intimate friends, whose characters were widely different. One was completely absorbed by the practical view of life. He spent it in active effort, in visiting the sick and afflicted, in endeavouring to raise those who were fallen, in rendering the houses of the poor brighter and more sanitary: and all that he did, he did well. The other was devoted to Art, and all that was beautiful. His mission in life was to brighten and refine the hearts of men. He wrote well, and he spoke well; but he did nothing else. As far as active work among the poor was concerned he did nothing. In a conversation between the two friends, the first bubbled over with indignation. He taxed his friend with doing nothing practical for the relief of pain and poverty. "What was the good," he asked, "of going about dreaming of the beautiful in life,"? and in effect he put the question of the text. "To what purpose is this waste?" The spirit of the man he addressed was moved by this indignant outburst to make some active effort in the direction indicated by his friend; but with his refined and delicate texture, he found that he could not do his friend's work, and in trying to do it, he ceased to be able to do his own.

The conclusion drawn by the preacher was that each life had its special value. One person may be exclusively practical, while another may exercise an unseen and subtle influence in expounding the beautiful, and the work of both may be good; for assuredly it is in the power of the latter to elevate, to inspire, to soothe, and to purify. History is busy in giving prominence to men of active temperament, and yet General Wolfe is reported to have said that he would rather have written "Gray's Elegy" than taken the City of Quebec; and when he said this, he was giving utterance to no mere pleasantry, but to sound sober sense.

It is the part of religion to inspire the souls of men, as well as to lead them to shew active sympathy with the sick and afflicted. Christ said: "Ye have the poor with you always," and he was constantly drawing his hearers by parables to lead a higher spiritual life. Here then is the reply to those whose views of life are confined to the active practical side, that man does not live by bread alone, but by subtle ennobling influences, he is led to feel

all that may be summed up in the words—gladness, pathos, peace and solemnity. Bells have their message and their influence too, as any one with historic sensibility feels. They are the gifts of those from whom we are descended, and to which we owe so much; and they are our lasting heritage. They express the hope of the new born year; they send forth messages alike of joy and sadness; and in the daily and weekly calls to prayer, they are serious reminders to us of higher things.

In conclusion, the preacher exhorted his hearers to remember the sacred side of their calling, and to go about their duties with that sense of self consecration which belongs to all, whether engaged in the service of man, or the worship of God.

At the close of the service tea was provided in the parish hall in Spital Square, at which the Bishop of Kensington, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, with the Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and President of the Association, in addition to many sympathisers, both clerical and lay, were present. In offering a welcome to Bishopsgate, the Bishop said how pleased he was to see so many there in response to his invitation held out to them two years ago. He felt sure that they were with him in tendering their hearty thanks to the Archdeacon for coming among them that evening, and especially for the eloquent address they had heard. Nothing could possibly have been more fitting than that the bellringers of Middlesex should have been addressed by the Archdeacon of Middlesex. He thanked him in their names.

Tea was then partaken of, at the close of which the Archdeacon of Middlesex upon rising, took the opportunity of thanking the Bishop for the repast which they had all so much enjoyed, and went on to say that he was very fond of bells, and was one of those who considered that the bells of a parish church could not ring too much. He had a magnificent ring of ten bells at Chelsea, which he should like to hear a good deal more than he did, but they were surrounded by hospitals, and some of the inmates could not endure any noise at all; but if anything could soothe them, he thought it would be the bells. With regard to the kind words spoken by the Bishop, he regarded his visit there as a great privilege, and it was a pleasure to him to have been given the opportunity of saying the few words he had. He felt grateful to the Bishop for the way they had been entertained. He also felt that he ought to thank the organist and the choir for their services in the church; and while on the subject of assistance, he thought they would all agree that they owed a great debt of gratitude to the Rev. P. C. Webb, the Rev. W. F. Duckworth, and the army of kind ladies who were present, for having so kindly ministered to their needs. He thanked them all very much.

The Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and President of the Association, joined in the expression of thanks, and called upon the ringers to give three cheers to the Bishop for all he had done for them. While the tables were being cleared, five members of the Fulham society, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Driver, rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

with faultless precision, the performance being listened to with wrapt attention.

The Bishop thanked them very much, and hoped they would all come again on another occasion. He would suggest that some day they should pay him a visit to his country home at Heston, where there was a nice old village church, and no hospitals, and ring out their music across the fields without any dissentient views to disturb them. If they could arrange it some time between April and October, he should be extremely pleased to meet them, after which the Bishop and the Archdeacon retired amid long and continued applause.

The business then proceeded under the guidance of the President. Officers were elected for the ensuing year; several members were elected, including three lady ringers; and the report for the past year was read, and ordered to be printed along with a notice of the bells of St. Giles, Cripplegate, which has been prepared by the Hon. Secretary. The report was one of the most encouraging yet presented. During the year eighty-six peals had been rung:—

Minor (4 methods)	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Grandsire Triples	7
Stedman Triples	25
Bob Major	3
Double Norwich	2
Superlative Surprise	13
London Surprise	12
Bristol Surprise	2
Stedman Caters	17
Stedman Cinques	3

and of these no less than nine were rung on handbells:—

Stedman Triples	4
Stedman Caters	4
Stedman Cinques	1

As regards performances on tower bells, no fewer than forty-eight rang their first peal in a new method; three, their first peal of Caters; four, their first peal of Cinques; seventeen, their first peal in any method; and three, their first peals as conductors. No fewer than 158 individual members took part in peals since the date of the last annual meeting. Sixty members had joined in the course of the year. Against these there would have to be set those "whose silence in the matter of their subscriptions caused them to be treated as lapsed members," so that the total number of members would be about 580, as compared with 550 last year. The closing observations of the report were confined to the sacred aspect of a ringer's work, and to the message of the bells, that is to say, the truths to which the bells can bear witness.

After the meeting ringing was resumed, and carried on without interruption till 9.30 p.m. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable ever held, and was attended by considerably over 100 members.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. A. Moul, S. W. West, J. Moore, B. West, T. Belcher, J. Rawson, W. Fern conductor, F. Boam.

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THE DESTRUCTION OF SELBY ABBEY.

Many of our readers must have been horrified on reading of the destruction of the above-named glorious relic by fire. The particulars of the sad affair has been published broadcast, so we need not go into details. Our old friend Henry Dains in sending us an account adds:

"I believe the last peal on the bells of this abbey to be the first peal ever rung by a band all being members of the Central Council; therefore it may be termed a Councillors' peal."

It is remarkable that we received a touch this week rung upon the Abbey bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.

The band of ringers connected with the church of SS. Peter and Paul, have recently become affiliated with the Devonshire Guild. On a recent Saturday, one of the Guild's instructors—Mr. E. Shepherd—a well-known ringer in Exeter and district, journeyed to Holsworthy, and initiated about twenty-four members of the band into the mysteries of the method. Mr. Shepherd's happy mode of imparting the necessary instruction, enabled the majority of his pupils to obtain a very fair grasp of the main principles of scientific ringing, and there was a fair promise that two-thirds of the band would endeavour to master the method. W. Jordan, of Stratton, a proficient scientific ringer, kindly assisted Mr. Shepherd.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

A large clock with chimes, showing time on two large dials, has just been erected on the tower of the church here. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and is guaranteed by the makers to keep perfectly accurate time. The whole of the work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

A DEVONSHIRE RECORD.

The peals published in this number of our paper include a series of five Stedman Triples conducted in Devon by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The series was arranged in connection with the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club section of the Devonshire Guild, and the visit of the Rev. F. Robinson was secured by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Guild), with the object of enabling as many novices as possible to score their first peal in the method. The Honorary Secretary of the club (Mr. Frank Davey) had considerable difficulty in obtaining towers in the city of Exeter, owing to illness in their vicinity, and the result was that drives of from five to eight miles had to be undertaken on four out of the five evenings. This involved late starts, and the impossibility of returning to the city until about midnight. Some of the men cycled as many as twenty miles in getting to and from their destination, and most of them had to be back at work

early in the morning. The weather, too, was very inclement, but Devonshire grit overcame all difficulties, and the efforts of the ringers were amply rewarded.

The veteran conductor was in splendid form throughout the week, and had the satisfaction of carrying through all the peals. The striking was not at times so good as could have been wished, but considering the number of young hands it was on the whole very fair, an excellent peal being rung at Broadclyst. There are good reasons for leniency in criticism, for no less than ten out of the sixteen ringers taking part in the series had never previously rung a peal of Stedman. The peals at Broadclyst, Honiton Clyst and Heavitree were the first in the method on the bells. The whole series form a record for Devon, and will it is hoped stimulate the study and practice of Stedman ringing. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was the guest at Exeter for the week of the Vicar of St. David's, the Rev. C. J. Valpy French. The veteran's list of peals now totals 1110. Our best thanks are due to the various Incumbents for the use of their bells and for providing welcome refreshment at the finish of the ringing; also to the local ringers of the different places visited for having everything ready for the use of the visitors on their arrival.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, EDMONTON.

This society had its annual excursion on Saturday, September 15th, Windsor and its environs being chosen. At Windsor we were met by W. Wilder (of Slough), and conducted to the Castle, one of the king's coachmen, and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted us over the mews. Then to the Curfew tower, and the keeper took us through the garden and over the state apartments. Then to the tea-table, where we were met by Messrs. W. H. Fussell, J. J. Parker (of Farnham Royal), and several other well-known ringers. The curfew tower was next visited, and at 7 o'clock we had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Andrews, of the Castle, and several other local ringers, in a touch of Stedman Triples. Concluding our ringing here with the first touch of London Surprise on the bells, we adjourned to the parish church, where about twenty ringers had assembled to welcome us, an honour which we greatly appreciated. We rang touches of Stedman Triples, London Surprise, and the first course of Bristol Surprise on the bells. A pleasant hour was spent, a vote of thanks being accorded to our Windsor friends. Slough, our destination for the night, was reached soon after ten o'clock. On Sunday morning we met at the parish church at 9.30. Several of the local band were there to meet us, and after a touch of Stedman Triples Mr. Fussell asked the Master, Mr. J. Parker, in the presence of the churchwardens, to unveil a peal tablet erected to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Parker congratulated the band, and urged them on to further success in peal-ringing. Mr. Churchwarden Parker welcomed the band to Slough, and wished them a pleasant time. Mr. T. Card, Secretary of the Cumberland Youths, returned thanks on behalf of the band, saying how pleased they were to meet one of the church officials. Then followed touches of Stedman Triples, and we then rung the first touch of Bristol Surprise on the bells. Our next destination was Beaconsfield, where we dined, but were not able to ring. Then to Farnham Royal, to visit our friend Mr. J. J. Parker, the well-known composer, who had ordered a nice tea for us at Burnham Beeches. We commenced ringing for service at 5.30, and rang London and Bristol Surprise, the first on the bells, and finished up our ringing with a 500 of Stedman Triples. We attended the evening service, prior to riding to Slough to catch the 8.18 to Paddington, reaching Edmonton at 10.30 p.m.

We tender our hearty thanks to Messrs. Wilder, Wellbelove, Andrews, J. J. Parker, and all the kind friends who met us, and last, but not least, to our esteemed friend W. H. Fussell, who acted as guide and arranged the entire programme, which was carried out so well.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH'S 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano, "THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good half-pull neighbourhood,

THE BECKENHAM (KENT) SOCIETY.

That long-talked of day, Wednesday, August 25th, arrived at last, and 6 a.m. sharp saw us starting in a brake for Croydon, to catch the train for Brighton, where we arrived at 8 a.m. The first thing was breakfast at Booth's hotel, and after arrangements had been made for dinner at the same establishment, a move was made to St. Peter's tower, where we met the genial verger, Mr. Reecks, who showed us over the belfry, and the general exclamation was—"I wish ours was like this." (I cannot refrain from expressing a wish at this point to say I should be glad if the many clergy and churchwardens who stay at Brighton during the year would pay a visit to this belfry. It is a place of which the authorities may well be proud.) After having spent the morning in various ways, bathing, driving, boating we could not, the sea being too rough, we again met at the festive board, Mr. Reecks joining us. Mr. Reecks made it known that we could ring at 5 o'clock, and at that hour we again mounted the stairs, and with the assistance of Mr. Keith Hart and his brother, rang some touches of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Hart complimented us (we are only a young band) on our fine striking. 7.30 p.m. saw us in the train bound for Croydon, and at 9.30 we were seated in the Cafe Royal for supper. Then the brake was re-entered for the drive to Beckenham, which was reached in due course, after a very happy day had been spent. D.

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 AT MARKET DRAYTON.

SIR,—I notice in your issue for last week the record of the above peal (rung on the 9th instant), wherein the ringers of same claim it to be "the first peal in the method in the county." I wish to point out that the above is by no means the first peal in the method in the county of Shropshire, and I should therefore be glad to see them withdraw their claim to the peal as such.

JOHN BRADNEY.

DEFECTIVE TOPOGRAPHICAL KNOWLEDGE.

SIR,—While congratulating the several bands who took part in the Potteries tour on their success, the sender of the report to your paper surely must know that Burton-on-Trent is in Staffordshire, and that there was a "Stone" who rang in the first peal of London in the county. The composer of these peals rung could not have been consulted, or this week's "B.N." would not have been spoiled with such footnotes.

J. JAGGAR.

[We have received a characteristic letter from W. Pye, having his usual childish reference to the College Youths, and the elegant expression, "tommy rot," more than once. He complains that his copy was not followed with regard to the phrase, "first peal in the county," alluded to above by Mr. Jaggar. We say he is wrong; he wrote those words as they are printed. He objects with reason to the omission of a footnote concerning the Fenton peal. That we willingly rectify on another page.]

WILLIAM SHIPWAY.

SIR,—It will be of some interest to ringers in Kent to know the date of the death of William Shipway, which I think was sometime in 1843; and also where he was buried; and if any member of the Exercise could give any particulars relating to him I should be very much obliged.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

Headcorn, Kent.

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Miscellaneous.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, October 14th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Evans, E. C. Sweet, C. Tottle, H. Boobier, A. O. Major, A. Burn, A. E. Coles conductor, F. B. Parsons.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO (Somersetshire).—On Sunday evening, October 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. H. England, N. Greenslade, T. Wyatt T. Bessant, G. H. Gale, H. Porter. Rung on the 63rd birthday of H. Porter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 26th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice. 720 Double Norwich Major. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, A. Phillips, W. Lawrence, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. 360 Stedman Triples. G. Jordan, A. Phillips, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Lawrence, T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 704 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 640 London Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, A. F. James, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. N. Smith, E. Newman, S. Hayes, W. Moore, T. Faulkner conductor, H. J. Tucker, G. Faulkner, W. Grimwade. 252 Stedman Triples. S. Hayes, G. Faulkner, E. Newman, T. Faulkner conductor, G. Sentance, S. Roper, C. H. Howard, W. Grimwade. On Tuesday, October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. N. Smith, F. Radley, S. Hayes conductor, W. Moore, A. Shufflebotham, C. Bearman, E. Newman, W. Grimwade.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, October 2nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Bates, E. Collins, W. C. Parker, E. W. Butler, A. Wicks, A. J. Redman conductor, J. Phillips, A. Buller.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On September 28th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 350 College Exercise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wales J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, A. Lintott, A. Tullett, F. Tullett conductor. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Cheesman, J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, A. Lintott, A. Tullett, F. Tullett conductor. Before evening service 720 College Pleasure. G. Cheesman, J. Akehurst, C. Taylor, A. Lintott, A. Tullett, E. Jordan conductor. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wales, G. Cheesman, J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, A. Tullett, F. Tullett conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Tuesday, October 9th, at St. Woollo's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Brown, J. Bullen, A. Morgan, F. Atwell, A. Selwyn, J. Pippin, J. W. Jones conductor, J. Goddard.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTBURY (Somerset).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Knight, T. Wyatt, F. Derrick, J. Nisbett, E. Knight conductor, W. Gillingham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLINGFORD (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Humfrey, A. R. Bosley, A. E. Lock, R. G. Rice, E. A. Butler conductor, W. Hutton, J. E. Butler, F. W. Woodward. Composed by J. George.

SUTTON COURTNEY (Berks).—On Monday, September 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. C. Mulford, H. Holfield, A. E. Lock, R. G. Rice, J. E. Butler, E. Humfrey conductor.

DORCHESTER (Oxon).—On Tuesday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Greenaway, W. Hutton, H. Cobb, E. Bannister, R. G. Rice conductor, R. Davis, E. Humfrey, F. Davis.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On October 16th, for practice at St. Barnabas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Underwood, W. Jeffs, A. Cheshire, E. Field, A. Vickers, F. Vickers conductor, C. Rollings, W. Neale. First quarter-peal on the bells and by all the band.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, 160 College Single Major. C. Coupe, F. R. Barraclough, E. Robbins. H. Moss, G. W. Bemrose, T. Riley, F. E. Parsons, G. Flint conductor. 160 Forward Major. G. W. Bemrose, F. R. Barraclough, E. Robbins, G. W. Moss, T. Bettison, W. Lambert, H. Moss, G. Flint conductor. 336 Stedman Triples. W. Lambert, F. R. Barraclough, E. Robbins, G. W. Moss, G. W. Bemrose, G. Flint, T. Bettison conductor, H. Moss.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 13th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Phyne, A. Gill, J. Palframan, H. Sugden, B. E. Howe conductor, S. Palframan.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. W. Sharp, H. Harlow, C. R. Lilley conductor, F. Pratt, C. Pratt, A. Pratt. On Saturday, October 6th, 720 Minor, being 240 each of Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob. W. Sharp, F. Pratt, C. Pratt, H. Harlow, A. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. A. Young, A. Bassett, D. Snelling, A. Brown conductor, T. Self, A. Shrubbs, W. Gearing, A. Coleman.

HENLOW (Beds).—On Tuesday, October 9th, 360 Doubles, being a 6-score each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. W. Sharp, H. Harlow, A. Pratt, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor.

FINEDON (Northants).—On a recent Sunday, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. Tompkins, A. Smeather, J. Main, J. Packwood, S. Abbott, P. Manning, W. Perkins conductor, W. Smith. On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 4410 changes. F. Sturman, A. Smeathers, H. Ette, W. B. Meadows, T. Abbott, G. Lines, W. Perkins conductor, J. Main.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On a recent Sunday evening, for service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Taylor, H. G. Williams, W. Oliver, C. Leigh, B. Marchant, L. Page conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 21st, at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. D. Smith conductor, A. Hughes, jun. first quarter-peal with a bob bell, R. Elliott, S. W. Rice, W. Manning, A. Coles, H. C. Alford, Albert Coles. Rung in commemoration of the 23rd birthday of Mr. J. E. Smith, son of Mr. W. D. Smith, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SELBY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 7th, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Cobbhurst, J. Jackson, A. Cryer, A. Hall, F. Cryer, F. W. Stokes conductor, H. Fairlam, A. Dobson.

SIDCUP (Kent).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. W. Evitt, Rev. L. A. Williams, W. J. Browning, H. Wilks, F. Fraser, T. Groombridge conductor.

SHOREHAM.—On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. J. Browning, T. Groombridge conductor, R. Hims, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, F. Fraser.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 6th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques came to grief after ringing 3600 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins., through the 11th rope breaking. J. Holman, G. Hollis, W. Lomas composer and conductor, J. Thorpe, C. Glenn, A. Knights, S. F. Palmer, E. Bishop, G. O. Dixon, S. Seed, S. Thomas, W. Biggin.

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).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 18th; at 3 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

P.S.—The tower of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 23rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on November 1st; and St. Paul's Cathedral on November 6th: all at 8 p.m.

Halifax and District Association.—The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Kirkheaton to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Draw for ringing at 3.15 p.m.
J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*
302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

The Kent County Association.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Selling to-day, Sat., October 27th. Belfry open at 3 p.m.
G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Swaffham Priors to-day, Sat., October 27th. J. M. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), to-day, Sat., October 27th. Bells (8), available for ringing at 2.30. Peal to be attempted. Business meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m.
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Writtle to-day, Sat., October 27th, in the Iron Room. The towers of Great Baddow, Widford, and Writtle, will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. Chelmsford 7.30 to 9 p.m.
HENRY F. COOPER, *Dis. Sec.*
County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea to-day, Sat., October 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a short service in the parish church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after at the Parish Institute. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*
Fareham.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Baldock to-day, Sat., October 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at The White Lion at 5.30. J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Swaffham Prior to-day, Sat., October 27th. Tea at 4 o'clock. P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, to-day, Saturday, October 27th, at High Littleton. Tea at 5 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m.
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Wrentham to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Bells have been rehung and tenor added. Motor busses pass through from Southwold and Lowestoft.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley to-day, Sat., October 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea in the Boys' School at 5.30 p.m. The business meeting follows the tea, the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), presiding.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

6, Alexandra Terrace, Chislehurst.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dallington to-day, Sat., October 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.
F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Annual Festival at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 29th. The following bells will be open: Cathedral, all day, except during services; St. George's, Jesmond (morning); Gosforth, Gateshead (St. John's), Benwell, all day; All Saints, after 5 p.m. Committee meets at Hotel Metropole at 12 noon. Festival service in Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 1 p.m.; address by the Rector of Allendale. Dinner and meeting at Hotel Metropole at 2 o'clock, rs. 6d. members, 2s. 6d. non-members. Wm. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*
24, Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, on Saturday, November 3rd. All intending to be present please send in their names to me not later than the 26th.
S. SLATER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, November 3rd, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock.
W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, November 3rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. Tea as usual. It is hoped that members will try and make the meeting a success.
JOHN B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea, for which a charge will be made, at 5.30. Members intending to be present at tea please notify Mr. W. Fitchford, 30, Orchard Street, Wolstanton, not later than Thursday, November 1st.
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (six bells), on Saturday, November 10th.
W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, November 10th, a ringers' meeting and social evening will be held at Penn. The church bells will be available for touches from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at The Rose and Crown at 6 o'clock, for all those sending in their names not later than November 7th to Mr. H. Roden,

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S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Members of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 10th. The cathedral belfry will be open at 2 p.m. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4. Tea at Dumpers' restaurant, Market Street, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. At the close of the business meeting the cathedral belfry will be re-opened.
JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.
ALBERT WALKER, *Ringings-Master.*
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J. HARDING, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1906.

A very extraordinary Note to a Peal, rung at Southwold in Suffolk, appeared in last week's number. The peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of one well-known and beloved as a ringer throughout the whole diocese—Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR—at one time resident at Leiston, now at Southwold. The usual arrangements had been made for the peal, and the ringing company were about entering the belfry, when the sexton (the sexton again) interfered, and refused to open the door. The Vicar had previously given permission for the peal, yet a local Bumble intervenes, refusing admittance to the belfry.

What can we say of the condition of affairs which allows an ignorant sexton, puffed up with conceit of his high and majestic office, to take upon himself such authority? That such conduct is the height of impudence. A respectable band of ringers, after having sought the necessary permission from those who only had the right to give it or refuse, to be then encountered by an ignorant sexton! Shall we have the satisfaction of knowing that such an underbred person has been reprimanded at the least? We hope he will be told, as others filling similar positions have been told, that he must keep his place in the future, and not presume to aspire even to that little brief authority which drives light-brained sextons and others to play such fantastic tricks before high heaven that make even angels weep.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6.
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
HARRY E. BALAAM 4.	*SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL* Treble.	FREDK. G. PERBIN 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
ALFRED B. PECK 3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.. 7.
HORATIO GUMMER 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

LOUIS ATTWATER Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 6.
ARTHUR JONES 2.	JOHN W. KELLEY 7.
JAMES W. DRIVER 3.	*JOSEPH HERBERT 8.
EDMUND V. HARVEY.. .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN ANSELL Treble.	JOHN H. BENSTEAD 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE RADLEY 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

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

Messrs. Kentish and Ansell were elected members of the society before starting for the peal.

The Provinces.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

GEORGE A. KING Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
EDMUND H. LINDUP 3.	KEITH HART 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	ALBERT D. STONE Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LEICESTER.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON 5.
JOHN MAWBY 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN.. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER.. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

First attempt at Superlative by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, who were elected members before starting

CLEVEDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores Tenor 9½ cwt.

U. GREENSLADE Treble.	T. WYATT 3.
F. DERRICK.. .. 2.	T. BESSANT 4.
G. GALE Tenor.	

Conducted by T. WYATT.

First peal in Clevedon, and first peal on the bells.

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, October 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

HENRY J. COOK.. .. Treble.	FRANK COOK 4.
THOMAS EDWIN 2.	FREDERICK C. JORDAN .. 5.
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Conducted by FRANK COOK.

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On Tuesday, October 16, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	*WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD HUMFREY Treble.	JOHN JUGGINS 6.
FRANK BARRATT 2.	HARRY HOLIFIELD 7.
AMOS FAWDRY 3.	EDGAR HUMFREY 8.
FRED JUGGINS 4.	JOHN BROWN 9.
GILBERT BLAY 5.	WILLIAM ABSALOM Tenor.
	EDWARD LANGFORD..

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

Taken from the Clavis. First peal of Caters by a local band.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY ENGLAND† Treble.	URCH GREENSLADE 4.
FREDERICK DERRICK.. .. 2.	GEORGE H. GALE 5.
THOMAS WYATT 3.	†JOSEPH CAPLE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WYATT.

J. Caple was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal. First peal on the bells. *First peal. Rung in honour of the opening of new vestries.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH).

On Friday, October 19, 1906, 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.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble.	JOHN RICHARDS 5.
JOHN MONK 2.	WILLIAM STONE 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	*ERNEST PEASE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 1111th peal. Rung on the eve of the autumn meeting of the Guild. *First peal.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD MANNERS† Treble.	GEORGE BLANCHARD 5.
FREDERIC ROWLEY† 2.	ALFRED PARKER 6.
GEORGE CLARK 3.	JOHN STIRLAND 7.
PERCY WALKER 4.	*JOHN THOMAS POLLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PARKER.

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

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	*CECIL VALENTINE 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	FREDERICK WILFORD .. 8.
MARK WOODCOCK 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 9.
FRANK SMITH 5.	*JOSEPH NICHOLLS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Further reference elsewhere.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	JOHN FLINT 5.
JAMES THOMPSON 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 3.	WM. LAMBERT 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	JOHN P. TARLTON .. Tenor.

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

This is J. P. Tarlton's 50th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	*HENRY A. TURNER 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK THOMAS.. Treble.	JOHN W. DAVIES 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	JAMES MORGAN 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	WALTER THOMAS 7.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	JAMES V. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT RENMANT† .. Treble.	*THOMAS MACK 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL 3.	*FRED BENNETT 7.
THOMAS BURDOCK 4.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Attwell.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG 2.	OLIVER NORMAN 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE* .. 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	HARRY ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by HARRY ROBERTS.

*First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, 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.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWITT .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED H. MARTIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
ALFRED EVERITT* .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
FRED CAUSEY† 3.	*ARTHUR E. CHAPMAN .. 7.
WALTER GRAY† 4.	†WILLIAM GROOME Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. MARTIN.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob ball. †First peal in the method,

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
PERCY J. PAINE 4.	FREDERICK DAVISON Tenor.

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

Handbell Peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

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

JAMES PAGETT 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

Umpire—Charles Hart.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson under the auspices of the Devonshire Guild and the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club Branch.

SOWTON, DEVON.

On Monday, October 8, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. Treble.	*WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	*FRANK MURPHY 6.
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ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 4.	*JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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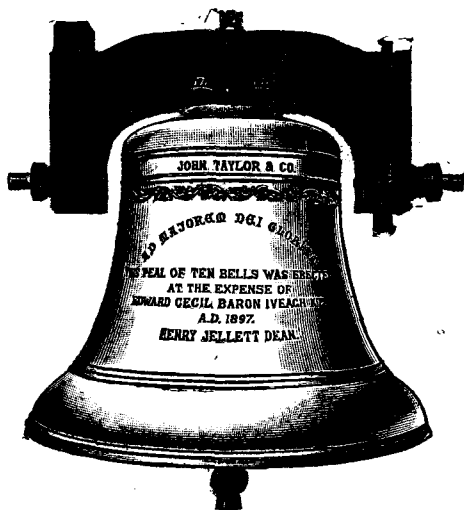
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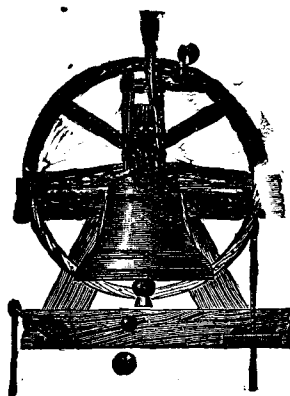
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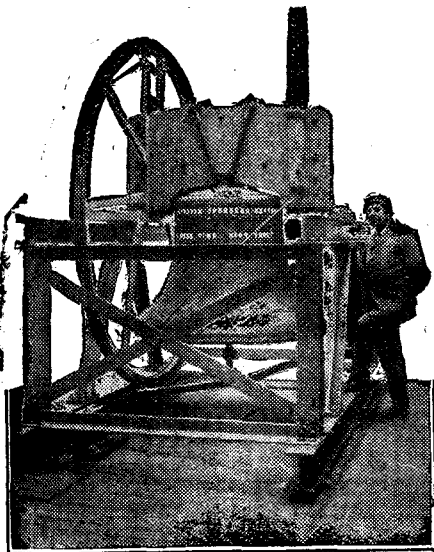
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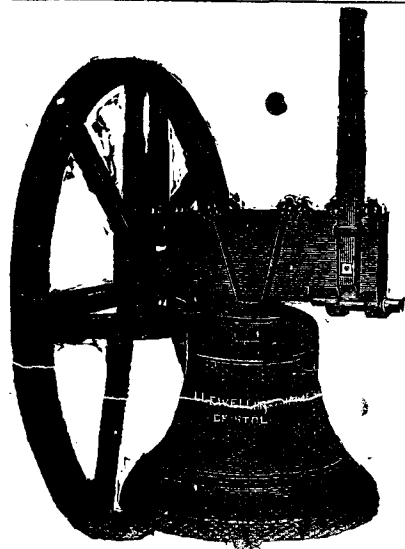
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S AUTUMN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29TH.

"They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters; These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep."

So sang the Psalmist of old, and then gave us his realistic description of a storm, ending with the joyful verse, "Then were they glad," etc., etc.

We cannot but feel thankful that the true poet never gives us dimension in feet and inches; for it is reserved for some of us poor land-lubbers of the twentieth century to wade through and endeavour to realise the following for ourselves:—

Length over all, 785 feet (80 feet longer than the "Great Eastern"); extreme breadth 88 feet; maximum draught 37 feet; maximum displacement 43,000 tons; trial speed to be 25½ knots (29 miles) per hour; indicated horsepower 68,000; and the giant is to have 192 mouths, yclept furnaces, to supply her with food.

Such are the leading features of one of the coming "Greyhounds of the Atlantic," by name the "Mauretania," whose special duty will be to fly the British ensign at the quickest speed on the sea, and possibly make the Kaiser weep.

But returning to our more poetic beginning, does not this modern leviathan appear to us one of man's wonders of the deep? And may it not be that a kind and ever-watchful Providence answers the prayers of the sailor, not by miracles, but by guiding man's mind in a scientific development that produces such ships, with such enormous power and resources behind them? At any rate this is a line of thought that meets with wide acceptance, and where motives are good the blessing of an ever-helpful Providence will not be far to seek.

This maritime outburst is all due to the fact that when the Goole branch of this Association sent out its invitation to Yorkshire it chose a day when their high tide would fall in the afternoon, so that members might see the ships leaving and entering their port. All this happening just as the "greyhound" was launched, we have tried to look at the picture as a whole, for it is a mind-expanding subject.

At any rate it was very thoughtful of our Goole friends, and it made a stroll, round by the docks, to the river, quite one of the features of the day. If the data before us of their entrance-dock is correct, they can offer an accommodation of 200 feet long, by 58 feet broad. This would hardly suit our Atlantic friends, but for all that the shipping at Goole is serving a good purpose in that it brings food daily from the continent to feed the many mouths (not "furnaces" this time) of the West Riding. That this is so, and that it is to be made more so, may be gathered from the action of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co., who, wishing to possess steamers of their own for continental trade, applied for parliamentary powers, and finding themselves opposed by the local steam shipping company, ended the matter by buying up the entire fleet. May their venture prove a success. We are wishful to say kindly things of the railway company, for they ran us two trips, one from the Halifax district and

another from Leeds, so all members are requested to order their provisions forward via Goole, per L. and Y., in shiploads if possible.

The sea-level flatness of the country round about plays into the hands of the church—

"Whose silent spire points to heaven,"

whilst the tones of her bells spread themselves afar, and make themselves heard with great clearness. We were particularly struck with this when our train was drawn up outside the station, and we heard what proved to be the closing cadences of a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples, already reported in the columns of the "B.N." The tenor runs to some 16 cwt., not quite up to the modern peal, which should weigh at least a ton we think, but a very pleasing ring notwithstanding. [We note that we are again giving away our claim for poetic effusions, by quoting our knowledge of "weights and measures," and offer our apologies.]

After wandering about the docks we happened to look in at the schools, where great preparations were in hand for the tea, and witnessed a pleasing scene in the committee-room, where with business-like attention, our representatives were discussing their affairs of state. The door opens, and the Vicar of Goole enters, wreathed in genial smiles, hoping they had been comfortably provided for; and with a kindly "No thank you, I will not stay, as I am only stopping business," he was gone; but it was easy to see that his bright and courteous appearance had been warmly appreciated by the officers.

Tea was served later, in two rooms, to nearly 300 visitors, after which a very important business meeting was held. The minutes of the previous meeting (Kirkburton) having been read and passed, the President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon Carr) for the use of his bells and schools. This was promptly seconded by Mr. C. Jackson, as it was known that the Vicar, who had been busy looking after the visitors, was now obliged to leave. The vote being passed very heartily, the Vicar in reply extended a warm welcome to the assembled members. Complimenting them on their skill as change-ringers, he went on to say he loved a man who had a hobby, every man should have one, though few could boast of such an interesting one as theirs. As a practical example of what he meant, and how a hobby tended to keep a man out of mischief, he said that he had that afternoon, stopped a fight, and that on remonstrating with the two men on the foolishness of such a proceeding, they both gave a s their excuse the fact that they had nothing else to do! Surely, continued the Canon, if society is to be placed on a sound footing, everyone should have a hobby for his spare time, and well it was that they, as an Association, had theirs so well organised. A bright speech was concluded with a hope that they at Goole might see the association again on a future occasion.

The alteration in the society's rules to raise the subscription of life members to a total of 12s. 6d. (previously 11s. 6d.) was moved by the president on behalf of the committee, and seconded by the hon. sec., Mr. Holgate. The president, quoting much statistical matter, held that

almost everything in the way of success had attended the society, and that the present committee had done everything they could to avoid making any further appeal. At the end of the first ten years life membership was instituted "so far as the income from the surplus funds will allow" (see reports of the committee for the fifth year), and for the next twenty years the committee had managed by dint of great care to make no call on such members. Now after thirty years' experience it had amply proved itself an impossibility to leave the matter at 11s. 6d., more especially now that so many more peals were being rung, with the consequent increase in the size and cost of each annual report. The crux of the whole question was the cost of the reports, due to this increased number of peals. At the end of the first ten years a report cost a little over 4½d., whilst at the end of the second ten years the cost had risen to more than 6d. per copy. Now at the end of the third ten-years the price was very nearly 8½d., in fact their very success in peals had brought about a financial crisis, as it were. The agreement to the extra shilling was passed by an overwhelming majority, and the alteration in the regulations, bringing this extra shilling to bear all round (on old and new alike), was passed *unanimously*. Hence, an existing life member will be called upon next January to pay an extra shilling to bring his contribution up to the 12s. 6d., failing this, although he may continue a member, he will receive no reports, so the Association will gain in either case.

Coming to the "Place of next Meeting" a kind letter of invitation was read by the Rev. T. R. Sale, Vicar of Huddersfield, whereupon Mr. J. Barraclough, of that town, moved that Huddersfield be visited. This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and carried unanimously. In the matter of auditors, Messrs. Tom Haigh (Huddersfield) and F. Schofield (Lindley) were chosen, on the motion of Mr. J. Barraclough, seconded by Mr. T. Lockwood.

A hearty 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 on a motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Potter of Barnsley.

The president, referring to the proposed testimonial to Mr. Stainthorpe—who had retired from the office of hon-treasurer after 19 years' work—apologised for the absence of the new Treasurer, Mr. James Cotterell, of Halifax, who would have been in attendance had the date of the meeting not been altered to a day on which he had an important engagement.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, then warmly thanked the members present for the liberal subscription to their member at Barnsley, Mr. Arthur Rackham, the amount of which, as kindly stated by "THE BELL NEWS," had reached £20.

A vote to the President for his services in the chair, on the motion of Mr. Lawson, of Lightcliffe, seconded by Mr. Charles Hattersley, brought a very important meeting to a very satisfactory close, the President specially thanking the meeting for their support of the Committee.

The following towers were represented: Askern, Bradford, Bramley, Burley (Leeds), Birstall, Brighouse, Barnsley, Doncaster, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Hemingborough, Holbeck (St. Francis), Horbury, Hull, Beverley, Cottingham, Sutton, Hessle, Holbeck parish church, Huddersfield, Keighley, Knaresborough, Leeds (St. Chad's), Leeds (St. Michael's), Leeds parish church, Low Moor, Lightcliffe, Lightcliffe parish church, Ossett, Pudsey, Pontefract parish church, Pontefract (All Saints), Rothwell, Sheffield parish church, Snaith, Skipton, Selby,

Shipley, Sandal, Sowerby Bridge (St. Peter's), Tong, Darfield, Woodlesford, and Wragby.

The local committee had Canon Carr as its chairman, and it is pleasing to note that Miss Carr was at the head of the ladies who presided at the tea. The local Hon. Sec. was Mr. J. T. Walsh, a member who has done much to stir up greater interest in ringing at Goole, and to whom many of us are indebted for interesting photolithos of the church and docks. The thanks of the Association have been well earned by those who have thus assisted in recording another success for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth district of this Guild was held at Portsea on Saturday, October 27th, when members attended from Fareham, Wickham, Havat, Swanmore, Brading, Ryde, and the Portsea band. The bells at the parish church were placed at the disposal of of the ringers during the afternoon and evening. At 5 o'clock the ringers attended a special service in the church. The Rev. C. W. Scott read the prayers, and the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Matthews) gave an address, basing his remarks from the Epistle for the week, Ephesians iv.

Tea was served at the Institute at 5.30, when upwards of thirty members sat down. The Rev. C. E. Matthews occupied the chair, and the Rev. C. W. Scott the vice-chair. Before tea commenced the Rev. C. M. Scott thanked the Master for so kindly honouring them with his presence. In reply Mr. Matthews said he was delighted to be present, and was only too sorry he could not stop for the meeting, he having another engagement at 7.30, but he wished the meeting every success.

After tea the business meeting followed, the Rev. C. W. Scott presiding. The election of officers then took place, all the old ones being unanimously re-elected, viz.: Rev. C. W. Scott (chairman); J. W. Whiting (Secretary); G. E. Chappell (Assistant-Secretary); Mr. J. Harper and Mr. O. C. Coombs members on the Central Committee. Eight full and four probationary members were elected. The quarterly meetings to take place during the coming year will be at Titchfield in January; Havant, on Easter Monday; and Newport, Isle of Wight, on August Bank Holiday, subject to the approval of the Central Committee. The November meeting for representatives will be held at Fareham for passing the accounts, etc.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. B. Wilson, Vicar of Portsea, and the Rev. C. W. Scott for presiding, thus terminating a very pleasant meeting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, October 27th, was the day set apart for the annual meeting of the South-Eastern district of the above Association, and as the venue was headquarters, via Writtle, ringers journeyed from Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Maldon, Springfield, Bentley, and South Weald, with a good number of the local company. The Master of the Association (Rev. T. L. Papillon), Rector of Writtle, with the Secretary (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), of Great Totham, were in waiting to receive them. The bells, a nice ring of eight, hung in a substantial red brick cornered tower, were soon set going to the tunes of Standard Methods. At 5.30 the Rector who had been joined by that well-known gentleman, R. A. Daniell, led the way to the tea-room, and grace having been said, the

tune was altered to the rattle of knives and forks, cups and saucers, etc., this being brought round in capital style by all standing, while the Rector again said grace. Here the Rector vacated the chair for the District Master, and the business was proceeded with by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary. These were duly confirmed, and the election of officers proceeded with, the Rector proposing that Mr. Judd be again elected as District Master. This proposal was seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Judd replied by saying he wished some one else would take over the job, as there was no salary and nothing to do. This gentleman then proposed that Mr. Cooper be again elected District Secretary, which was also carried unanimously. One Life and one Ringing member were added to the rolls, and Boreham selected for the next meeting place. This ended the business, and Mr. Judd moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given the Rev. T. L. Papillon for the use of the room, and for the way in which he always welcomed members to Writtle. This was carried with applause.

In reply the rev. gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to see such a number of ringers around him, and assured them they were always welcome at Writtle.

A vote of thanks was given the officers of the Association for their past services, which was acknowledged by both. A little discussion on various matters took place, and this being ended, all took leave to visit the towers of Widford and Chelmsford, thus bringing a very pleasant gathering to a close.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the above Association was held at High Littleton, on Saturday, October 27th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Foster. The weather being delightful, the attendance was very good, about twenty-five members being present from Camerton, Paulton, High Littleton, Midsomer Norton and Leigh-on-Mendip towers. At 5 p.m. all sat down to a bountiful tea, most generously provided by the popular Vicar and Mrs. Foster, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated by the participants.

Tea ended business was next discussed, and it is most encouraging to find the members taking such lively interest in the work of the Association in general and the branch in particular. Evensong followed at 6.30. The service was bright, and nicely rendered by the choir. The Master of the Association, the Rev. C. Parker, of Corston, gave a very helpful and appropriate address. The evening was spent in ringing short touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and the High Littleton men, quite a young band, are to be heartily congratulated on their really very creditable ringing.

The thanks of the meeting are due to the Rev. A. M. Foster for his warm welcome and hospitality; to the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywell for his kind services as chairman; and to the Rev. C. Parker (Master) for honouring the meeting with his presence.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ashton, on Saturday, September 29th. Nineteen years have elapsed since the last meeting of the Association at Ashton, the annual meetings during that time having been held in various Lancashire towns. The proceedings throughout the afternoon and evening were attended by

100 ringers from cathedrals and churches in Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Ashton, Stalybridge, Milnrow, Rochdale, Furness, Swinton, Pendleton, Eccles, etc. By kind permission of the various authorities the bells of the following churches were at liberty for the use of members throughout the afternoon and evening: St. Michael's, 12 bells; St. Peter's, 8 bells; Holy Trinity (Stalybridge), 8 bells. The proceedings commenced with service in the Ashton parish church, conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. A. Pugh, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association). The Rev. Canon J. Davenport Kelly, M.A., preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm cxlviii. 12: "Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord."

After the service tea was served in the parish church central schools, where the annual meeting of the Association was held during the evening, there being a large attendance of members, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President), supported by the Rector (Rev. G. A. Pugh), and Messrs. J. Eachus (vice-president), H. W. Jackson (Treasurer), A. E. Wreaks, J. H. Banks (hon. secretaries), D. Hall and others.

The Chairman said it was a long time since the Association held its annual meeting in Ashton—some nineteen or twenty years ago. In Ashton there were some most excellent towers to ring in, and some most excellent ringers to welcome them. The last great meeting of ringers that he attended in Ashton was when the parish church bells were re-opened at Easter, 1890. It was not by any means the last time he had rung in the tower, but it was the last great meeting of ringers.

Mr. J. H. Banks read the annual report, which stated that the year's work was the most encouraging for some years past. The membership had now reached the large total of 1210. During the past year 124 new members were added, and eleven names had been removed from the books, five of them through death. The most encouraging part of the report had to do with the peals rung during the year, which in number and variety constituted a new record. The highest in any previous year was eighty-three, while this year they had eighty-five to record.

Mr. Jackson read the Treasurer's statement, which shewed that the income for the year amounted to £42 is., expenditure £35 4s. 3d., balance in the fund £6 16s. 9d., and total worth of the Association £97 os. 4d.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and treasurer's statement, congratulated them on the excellent position of the Association, and said that the peal list, both in number and quality, was the best they had ever presented. Some of it they owed to well-known ringers from different parts of the country, but the effect had been to stir up their members. It was in Ashton that they completed the first peal of Stedman Cinques. They ought not to be content until such a peal had been completed by local members of the Association. To improve their ringing they must exercise care in connection with the practices, and encourage the young members. The Ashton parish church was one of the only three twelve-bell towers in the county.

Mr. J. Eachus seconded, and the report and Treasurer's statement were adopted.

It was resolved that the Rector (Rev. G. A. Pugh) be made a honorary member of the Association.

The Rector, in response, said he had no idea that the parish church was so distinguished as to have one of only three twelve-bell towers in Lancashire. Since coming to Lancashire he had never heard a chime of bells. In

Staffordshire the ringers were very fond of chiming. There was a set of bells in Ashton which always puzzled him. At Holy Trinity church there were three bells, but he had never heard more than one rung. It was considered unsafe to ring the three bells at one time. Bellringing required much skill, and he felt that bellringers were a sort of superior beings, living in a different world to himself. They were quite as enthusiastic as people who went in for golf. Referring to the number of changes possible on twelve bells, he said they might be able to go on a week and then survive. Referring to the noise of the bells he said they had the shopkeepers to consider. Sometimes they were very busy, and did not wish to hear the bells, and he tried to hold the scales fairly between the town and the bell ringers. It was by being quite fair to their friends around them that they felt an interest in the bells.

The following officers were re-elected: Rev. H. J. Elsee (President), Messrs. H. W. Jackson (Treasurer), and A. E. Wrecks (General Secretary). Several alterations were made in the rules, and it was resolved that Blackburn be the place of the next annual meeting. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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."

BELL MUFFLERS.

SIR,—Can any reader of "THE BELL NEWS" inform me what a set of mufflers for eight bells would cost, and are they made so as to fit any clapper, or would they have to be measured when ordering them?

L. JOHNSON.

THE LAST PEAL ON SELBY ABBEY BELLS.

SIR,—I have to inform Mr. Henry Dains that since the Central Council peal mentioned by him at least 3 more peals have been rung on the bells of the famous Abbey, as follows: Mr. W. H. Thompson's noted composition of Grandsire Triples, on June 10th, 1905, conducted by Charles Jackson; Stedman Triples on May 19th, 1906, conducted by Bertram Prewett; and Stedman Triples on September 8th, 1906 (this being the last peal rung on the bells), conducted by myself.

CLEMENT GLENN.

Mr. Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, and Mr. T. Hodgson, of York, write to the same effect.

THE LEIGHTON BUZZARD PEAL.

SIR,—I wish to inform the company that the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in Bedfordshire was at St. Paul's, Bedford, on January 28th, 1902, by members of the Bedfordshire Association, conducted by your humble servant,

C. W. CLARKE.

SIR,—Mr. Sharman writes me that a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Tuesday, January 28th, by members of the Bedfordshire Association, conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke. I have not heard this ring, so cannot endorse the footnote to the peal rung at Leighton.

C. F. WINNEY.

THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Bradney, I am sorry that we should have made a false claim in regard to the peal of Superlative rung at Market Drayton on the 9th inst., but we were informed by those who should know that no Surprise peal had been rung in the county. We should be glad if Mr. Bradney will furnish us with particulars of the other Surprise peals rung in the county of Shropshire.

BERTRAM PREWETT.

THE PEALS AT FENTON AND STONE.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue a note to above peals, supposed to be the shortest time for two peals rung by a mixed company. If the band refer to "THE BELL NEWS" for October

8th, 1892, they will find reported two peals of Double Norwich, Court Bob Major, one rung at Tunbridge Wells, and one at Tonbridge, on Saturday, October 1st, 1892. In a short account of this trip by some members of the Royal Cumberland Society, published the following week, it will be seen that the time occupied in ringing these peals and travelling from one tower to the other, was 7 hours and fourteen minutes.

THOMAS CARD.

THE TOUR IN THE POTTERIES AND DISTRICT.

On Saturday, October 6th, Messrs. W. and E. Pye, Dent, Shade, Prewett, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston commenced their annual ringing tour at Christ Church, Tunstall, and assisted by the local company a peal of Double Norwich was rung. On Sunday morning the order was ringing for Divine Service at St. John's church, Hanley, the above being augmented by the arrival of G. Lindoff (Dublin) and T. Hammond (Liverpool). After returning from Hanley we were joined by J. George, of Rugby. Sunday afternoon, at Lawton church, a peal of Superlative was brought to a successful issue, afterwards being entertained to tea by Mr. Rigby. On Monday morning Stoke-on-Trent parish church was the next on the list, but here the visitors and friends were disappointed, as a peal of New Cambridge was lost after 1½ hrs. ringing. In the evening Alsager was to have been visited, but owing to illness of the Vicar, who has since died, we were placed in an awkward position. Telephone and telegraph were quickly at work, and Sandbach (Cheshire) parish church was secured for an evening peal, Cambridge Surprise being a success this time. On Tuesday the party journeyed to Market Drayton, Salop, escorted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Fenton, Superlative Surprise being the method rung here, which was much appreciated by people of Market Drayton. For the evening peal another disappointment awaited the ringers, as they could not ring at Wolstanton owing to the Vicar's wife being ill. Telegraph and telephone again worked the oracle, and Lawton (All Saints) was again visited and an excellent peal of Stedman Triples was rung. On Wednesday Christ Church, Crewe, was visited, and the first peal of Superlative on the bells was rung. No tower being available for the evening, Mr. H. Lawton, of Messrs. Lea and Boulter's Tileries, Tunstall, came to our aid and quickly secured a tower at St. Peter's, Congleton. We set out for the church in a brake accompanied by Mr. Lawton, who is an admirable exponent of the places of interest that abound round about the borders of Cheshire. That fine old church at Astbury was visited, the bells being inspected by the party. 'Tis a pity such a grand church should be without a full octave. The bells number four, the tenor weighing about 13 cwt. After leaving Astbury we soon arrived at Congleton, and partook of a substantial tea at The Lion and Swan. The party then adjourned to the tower, where the local ringers had everything in readiness, and here the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells was rung. On Thursday Prestbury and Macclesfield was visited, the party being joined by Wm. Keeble. London Surprise was rung at Prestbury, and Stedman Caters attempted at Macclesfield, but was unfortunately lost. On Friday, still another case of sickness. After ringing at Newcastle-under-Lyme for a little over an hour the Rector suddenly appeared in the ringing-chamber and requested the ringers to stop. In the evening St. John's, Hanley, was next on the list, where disappointment again confronted us, a change-course occurring in Caters after ringing nearly two hours. Saturday, the last day of the tour, was more fortunate, scoring a couple of peals, Bristol Surprise being rung at Christ Church, Fenton, and London Surprise at Stone, this making a grand total of ten peals for the week, which were reported in their proper place. We wish to tender our sincerest thanks to the respective Vicars and Rectors of the various churches for the use of the bells, not forgetting the tower-keepers; also to the Secretary of Christ Church, Tunstall, for the admirable manner in which everything connected with the tour was arranged.

BLACKPOOL.

RINGERS and their friends will find good accommodation at Mr. JOHN SMITH's 3, Livingstone Road (off Hornby Road), Blackpool (late of Rawtenstall).—Near Central Station and Sea.—Piano. "THE BELL NEWS" taken.—A good half-pull neighbourhood,

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).—The annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, E.C., on Saturday, November 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, H. P. Harman, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. P. O'Meara, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, J. Pettit, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.

P.S.—The tower of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 6th at 8 p.m.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, to-day, Sat., November 3rd. S. SLATER, *Dis. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Sat., November 3rd, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough to-day, Sat., November 3rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. Tea as usual. It is hoped that members will try and make the meeting a success.

JOHN B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Wolstanton to-day, Sat., November 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea, for which a charge will be made, at 5.30. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, November 10th, a ringers' meeting and social evening will be held at Penn. The church bells will be available for touches from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at The Rose and Crown at 6 o'clock, for all those sending in their names not later than November 7th to Mr. H. Roden, Church Hill, Penn. Brakes and omnibuses leave Wolverhampton for Penn every half-hour. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Members of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 10th. The cathedral belfry will be open at 2 p.m. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4. Tea at Dumpers' restaurant, Market Street, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. At the close of the business meeting the cathedral belfry will be re-opened.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting (six bells), on Saturday, November 10th. Bells ready at 4. Business at 6.30. Members intending to be present, write Mr. J. E. Gilchrist, 18, Park Grove, Levenshulme, before Wednesday, November 7th. W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave on Saturday, November 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, November 10th. Bells ready at 4.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Wednesday, November 14th. Service at St. Nicolas church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher—the Hon. Chaplain—the Rev. A. R. Wiseman, Rector of Seale. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at The Star hotel at 6.15 p.m. Members free; Visitors 1s., to be followed by business and a social evening.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea followed by meeting at 6 p.m. Will members kindly forward their subscription before this meeting, so that the accounts can be made up.

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

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The monthly practice usually held at Dudley will be postponed on account of illness near the church. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

ALBERT WALKER, *Ringin'-Master.*

106, Avondale Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome.

J. HARDING, *Hon. Sec.*

THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	9	18	0
J. Waghorn, sen.	0	1	0
Rev. G. F. Coleridge	0	2	6
Charles Hounslow	0	2	0
John Jagger	0	2	6
St. Andrew's society, Derby ..	0	9	0
St. Peter's society, Derby ..	0	4	0
Stanton-by-Dale society ..	0	4	9

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—This peal was arranged for H. George, of Ripley, it being his first peal of Treble Bob; also as a

birthday peal for H. Allsopp, his brother, ringers wishing him many happy returns. The band were very much indebted to Mr. Goslin, sec. for standing in at the last moment, as one of the band failed to turn up. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Mr. Christian, the ringers shewing their appreciation by doing justice to the good things provided.

THE PEAL AT CHELSEA.—Mr. C. Charge's 100 Peals.—On tower bells—Oxford Bob Triples 1; Grandsire Triples 4; Caters 13, conducted 3; Bob Major 11, conducted 2; Royal 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 3, conducted 1; Treble Bob Major 3; Royal 9, conducted 4; Stedman Triples 8; Caters 35, conducted 14; Cinques 2; Superlative Major 6. On handbells—Stedman Triples 2; Caters 1; total—100; conducted 25. This is supposed to be the first 100 peals ever rung by a policeman whilst a member of the force.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Christ Church, Epsom, to celebrate the forty-seventh anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffiths, who has been leader of the band since 1890, and is now in his seventy-fifth year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Griffiths, E. Fisher, A. Mann, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, R. Etherington.

RECEIVED (for next week).—W. Motts, A. Goodyear, W. Taylor, and others. "Exhausted" will find that the matter has been dealt with.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1906.

THE observations which comprised our short comment last week, relative to the unseemly interference of a low-grade church official, have been received with a remarkable amount of satisfaction, and, let us add, commendation. Those affected by the occurrence at Southwold have written to express their gratification that "THE BELL NEWS" never shrinks from strongly animadverting upon such behaviour by any official. We have held it to be a duty to make such conduct public in order to bring it into contempt, and thus minimise or abolish it for ever.

One of our correspondents writes: "I have just read

your article in this week's 'BELL NEWS' as regards Southwold. We have a similar Mr. 'Bumble' in this diocese at Abergavenny (Monmouthshire), where it is impossible to introduce change-ringing as long as he is there. We have held several meetings there but to no purpose, as he is always absent, although he is leader of the ringers in addition to being sexton, and won't have anything but call-changes, he being too thick-headed to learn himself, and won't let anyone else, and also does his utmost to keep a change-ringer out of the tower."

It is feared that more cases of the kind are to be found throughout the country, and it is necessary that some crusade should be entered upon. To attain the results aimed at, the church authorities should be educated to the necessity of establishing their local ringing companies as arbiters and controllers of the towers and their appurtenances, responsible, under congruous regulations, to the Clergy and Wardens only, without the slightest interference from any one, be he sexton or gravedigger. Until this plan, or something like it, is adopted, ringers will frequently be at the mercy of ignorant and pragmatical officials.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
CHARLES POTHECARY 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON .. 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	JOHN W. KELLEY 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 3.	GEORGE CHARGE 8.
REUBEN CHARGE 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
HENRY G. MILES 5.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

This is the conductor's 100th peal; reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 19, OLD JEWRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 9-10.
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.	REUBEN CHARGE 11-12.

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

Umpire—A. T. King.

The Provinces.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. LEONARD S. CLARK .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 2.	WILLIAM FLOYD 6.
BENJAMIN JARMAN* 3.	HARRY GOLDING 7.
BERNARD CLARKE 4.	*DAVID DELLER Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

*First peal.

ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN.* .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN.* .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. This is W. H. Fussell's 200th peal. Messrs. Williams, Gifford, Price, and Truss were elected members of the Association in the tower previous to starting.

ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
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JOHN C. TRUSS 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

ARKLOW, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
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JOHN C. TRUSS 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN .. Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' (No. 3). Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM BANNISTER .. Treble.	JOHN HOUGH 5.
THOMAS WHITTLE 2.	JOHN ASCROFT 6.
THOMAS BANNISTER 3.	PHILIP ASCROFT 7.
THOMAS DALTON 4.	WILLIAM DALTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-score each of Plain Bob, April Day, Morning Star, Dream St. Simon's, and eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LOUIS CARTER Treble.	EDWARD E. EVERETT .. 3.
ARTHUR CARTER 2.	CHARLES D. HUNT .. 4
WILLIAM G. STANNARD Tenor.	

Conducted by E. E. EVERETT.

Rung in celebration of the marriage of the Rector of the parish (Rev. E. S. King), to Miss Gwendolen R. Price, second daughter of Captain Price, R.N., at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, London, on this date.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

CORNELIUS BOWEN Treble.	ABSALOM THOMAS 5.
JOHN BULLEN 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
MELBOURNE LEWIS 3.	FRANK CHARLES 7.
BENSON W. MILLARD .. 4.	SAMUEL BAISSE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal by all with the exception of the conductor. First peal as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES .. Treble.	JOHN HOLMAN 5.
CHARLES SCOTT 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
GEORGE LEWIS 3.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7.
GEORGE HALKSORTH .. 4.	GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of C. Scott, the ringers wishing him much happiness. It was also his first peal in the method.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN* .. Treble.	HARRY JUDGE 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM STONE 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 5.
WILLIAM H. PEABODY* .. 2.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. 6.
JAMES THOMPSON 3.	JOHN P. TARLTON 7.
REV. R. P. FARROW .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES WILDBLOOD† .. Treble.	JOHN DARLINGTON 5.
WM. RIGBY† 2.	ARTHUR A. CLAY 6.
G. A. SMITH 3.	WM. THOMPSON 7.
WM. CARTER 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by J. JOHNSON.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. WAITS.

H. Hodgetts was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. 7.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CARR .. Treble.	HERBERT ALLSOFF 5.
WILLIAM GOSLIN, SEN. .. 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM GOSLIN 3.	FRANK MAY 7.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS BETTISON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Reference elsewhere.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
GEORGE W. MOSS 2.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
RICHARD S. STAINES .. 2.	CHARLES E. SMITH .. 6.
ALBERT J. DAY .. 3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT).

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Kent, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, and Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER* .. Treble.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. 4.
ALFRED H. WINCH* .. 2.	ARTHUR TULLETT .. 5.
EDWIN JORDAN .. 3.	FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by F. R. TULLETT.

Rang as a quarterly peal of the above district; also the first quarterly peal since the district has been formed. *First peal of Minor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(MELTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

RICHARD MOUNT* .. Treble.	WALTER JAMES .. 5.
CHARLES DALBY .. 2.	THOMAS H. MORRIS .. 6.
GEORGE W. MEAKINS .. 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
WILLIAM ALLISON .. 4.	RICHARD YOUNG .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

*First peal. R. Young was re-elected a member before starting.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS PIGOTT .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 5.
JOHN BASS .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
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On Monday, October 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE .. Treble.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 5.
FREDK. A. SKUSE .. 2.	CHARLES W. BELL .. 6.
WALTER EAMES .. 3.	THOMAS F. KING .. 7.
WILLIAM J. PRSCOTT .. 4.	EDMUND KING .. Tenor.

Umpires—Herbert E. Holder and Richard Cousins. First silent peal by all the band, in the Bath district, and by the Association.

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On Monday, October 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. J. HATCHWELL .. Treble.	T. E. HUGHES .. 5.
R. SPERRING .. 2.	J. W. DAVIES .. 6.
G. JONES .. 3.	J. MORGAN .. 7.
H. W. WILDE .. 4.	T. ROWLANDS .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned).

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Fredk. Weston, a ringer at the above church, to Miss Catherine Davies.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ROSE .. Treble.	GEORGE KEMP .. 4.
WILLIAM ROSE .. 2.	HARRY DAVY .. 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On a recent Tuesday evening, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples had to be brought round after ringing 2016 changes, in 1 hr. 25 mins. owing to the bad go of the tenor. J. Hirst, G. W. Newton, C. R. Lilley conductor, F. York, J. Hare, W. J. Mayes, F. Wells, J. Braybrook. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Hillier, who was interred that day.

OLD WARDEN (Beds).—On Sunday, October 21st, '360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Webb, C. R. Lilley, G. W. Newton, F. York, W. J. Mayes, F. Wells conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 21st (Nelson Day), at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires, S. Bird, J. B. Marks. On Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Bodger, W. Smith, G. Cornell, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires, E. A. Lebbon. And 180 Bob Minor. H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires, G. Cornell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Harvest Festival at St. Saviour's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Little, G. B. Lucas, sen., G. W. Ayres, G. B. Lucas, jun., E. D. Lillywhite conductor, H. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, F. J. Rumens. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. J. Rumens, G. B. Lucas, sen., H. Rumens, W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, G. B. Lucas, jun., H. F. Hull conductor, W. Joyce. On Monday, October 15th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. B. Lucas, sen., H. Rumens, R. G. Rice, F. J. Rumens, E. D. Lillywhite, W. Benstead, H. F. Hull conductor, O. L. Twist.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Giles's church, 792 Grandsire Caters. J. Freeman, F. Hopper, T. Harris, jun., T. Harris, J. Metherell, H. Key, H. Lawrence, S. Lawrence, F. Wilford conductor, E. James. On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters was lost through a change-course after ringing 3900 changes. H. Rainbow, F. Hopper, T. Hensher, S. Lawrence, J. Metherell, A. Hensman, W. Farey, A. Stewart

F. Wilford conductor, E. James. On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 804 Stedman Caters. T. Harris, F. Hopper, T. Harris, jun., S. Lawrence, H. Blundell, H. Key, W. Farey, W. Allen, F. Wilford conductor.

KEETERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob. A. Inns. E. Chapman, A. Payne, R. Turner, F. Sawfoot, J. Shatford, M. A. Turner, D. J. Nichols conductor. On Sunday, October 28th, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Nichols (age 14), F. Bridgman, R. Turner, M. A. Turner, W. Horden, F. Manning, D. J. Nichols conductor, A. Inns. On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Turner, C. Bird, E. Chapman, M. A. Turner conductor, W. Horden, D. J. Nichols, F. Sawfoot, W. Day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 of Plain Bob H. Fawcett, C. Tansley, E. Gobey conductor, T. Fawcett, E. Scattergood, A. Fawcett. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Fawcett, E. Gobey conductor, C. Tansley, W. Morral, E. Scattergood, A. Fawcett. For evening service 720 and 360 Plain Bob. H. Fawcett, E. Scattergood, F. Tansley, J. Hall, C. Tansley, E. Gobey conductor. On Saturday, October 13th, 4300 Bob Minor. E. Scattergood, C. Tansley, F. Tansley, J. Hall, T. D. Thompson, E. Gobey conductor. This was an attempt for a peal, but it came to grief in the last course of the sixth part.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 13th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Halford, E. Scattergood, J. Hall, A. Freeman, R. Drage, E. Gobey conductor. And several courses of Kent Treble Bob.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. P. Rooke, G. Smith conductor, T. Spratt, G. S. Aslett, A. Ashford, W. Vinson, J. Ashford, C. Abrahams. On Saturday, October 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. W. Whiting, A. Millard, W. T. Tucker, G. Smith, H. White, E. J. Harding, W. H. George, G. Williams conductor. This was rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER.—On Saturday, October 20th, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief through a change course after ringing 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Great credit is due to the three local ringers, Messrs. Kynnersley, Smith and Green, for the excellent manner in which they rang their respective bells. In addition to the above-mentioned ringers the following took part in this and two other previous attempts: Messrs. Churton, Page, Fitchford, Rev. E. V. Cox, R. T. Holding, sen., R. T. Holding, jun, King, and D. Preston, who wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the local ringers for having everything in readiness: Mr. Richardson for his kind offer of a peal board, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, for the use of the bells, and his hospitality in entertaining the ringers to tea after each of the three attempts.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Phillip's Cathedral, a 1008 of Darlaston Bob Triples. A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry composer and conductor, E. Mansell, S. Coley. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. S. Coley, J. Smallwood, J. Hyland, W. F. Webb, J. Parter, J. Collett, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry composer and conductor, G. Hitchman, G. Ellis. And a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Scrivens, G. Hitchman, W. H. Keps, W. F. Webb, J. Porter, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Cotlett, G. Ellis. After service 879 Grandsire Caters. A. J. Scrivens, W. F. Webb, C. Sparkes, J. Collett, J. Porter, G. Hitchman, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, A. T. Hyland, G. Rastall.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 14th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, C. Terry,

W. Saw, G. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austin. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 4 and 6, and first quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

CLEWER (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving. T. Smith, A. Webb, S. Covenry, G. Ashley, J. Nicholls conductor, A. Pether. After partaking of tea at The Duke of Edinburgh the ringers visited Windsor, rung 360 Grandsire Doubles, and returned to Pangbourne by the 7.50 train, after a most enjoyable day.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On October 14th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, conducted by H. Sone. And 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Hodgkin, D. Hodgkin, F. Sharp, H. Brown, E. C. Lambert conductor, H. Sone.

LONDON.—On August 23rd, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. Rev. A. W. Poyndon, W. Weatherstone, W. Hartshorne, A. Darvil, F. Perrin, R. Edwards, G. H. Daynes composer and conductor, J. E. Davis.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On August 24th, 1248 Double Norwich Major. C. Walker, H. Warnett, W. Weatherstone, E. Price, F. Perrin, R. Edwards, G. H. Daynes conductor, J. E. Davis composer.

LEE (Kent).—On October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Simmonds, C. Walker, J. Crowder, T. G. Deal, A. Darvil, J. Law, G. H. Daynes conductor, A. Payne,

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On the 11th inst. the Guild of ringers at the parish church scored a triumph in ringing a 720 of Plain Bob Minor with a lady, Mrs. Pauli. She is the first lady in the North of England who has mastered the Art on tower bells, and is an active member of the local Guild and of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. She can also take two handbells in Grandsire Caters. The 720 was conducted by her husband. Mrs. H. Pauli, H. Parrish, T. Sarginson, G. Handley, C. Clarkson, H. Pauli.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Taylor, J. Taylor, sen., P. H. Harvey, J. Pilkington, J. R. Pilkington, J. R. Park conductor, A. Halton, T. Martland. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sholicar, on returning from their honeymoon, which has been spent in the Isle of Man. The ringers wish them every happiness.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On a recent Wednesday, at the parish church, on the occasion of the 73rd birthday of their late conductor, Mr. John Woods, 720 Bob Minor. Owing to failing health he is now unable to take part in any change-ringing.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 30th, for afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, S. W. Shoesmith, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, G. Richardson. Another 504. E. J. Pannett, S. W. Shoesmith, G. H. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor, G. Richardson. On Wednesday, October 3rd, Holt's ten-part peal came to grief at the half-way single, in 1 hr. 30 mins. E. J. Pannett, E. C. Merritt, G. H. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, F. Bennett conductor, R. J. Dawe, A. J. Turner. On Monday, October 8th, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, A. S. Langridge, F. S. Sturt, A. J. Turner, B. Hobbs, R. J. Dawe, conductor, G. Richardson. Rang in honour of Mr. and Mrs. C. Errey's silver wedding. Mr. C. Errey is a member of the local company.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1280 changes. G. Bester, H. Miller, E. G. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong, F. G. Tegg, N. G. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. J. Johnson, W. Bryant, F. Bywater, H. Smith, W. J. Smith, W. R. Small, A. Rowley conductor, H. Smith.

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RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On October 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alcock, late of South Bank, but now of Thornaby-on-Tees, celebrated their silver wedding, and to mark the occasion the Stockton company (with whom Mr. Alcock is now connected), were invited to his residence on Friday, the 19th inst., to spend the evening in harmony, etc. Ringers invariably do justice to the etc. and this occasion proved no exception.

During the evening courses of Triples and Caters on handbells were brought round, songs were indulged in by various members present, who thank Miss Alcock for kindly providing the music. "Pa" also, in a very short speech, hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Alcock would have better health than recently, and would be spared for many years to come amongst them, and wished them every happiness and prosperity, to which "Bobbie" suitably

responded, trusting to meet again on future occasions. And so say all of us.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of this Division was held at Cowfold, on October 20th. Ringing commenced soon after 3, and continued till 5.30, when tea was partaken of in the village hall, the Curate, the Rev. Maurice Berkley presiding. After tea the usual meeting followed, the minutes of the last meeting being passed as read.

Mr. E. C. Merrett proposed, and Mr. J. W. Cripps seconded, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Crawley, the method to be Treble Bob, which was carried. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, and also to the curate for presiding. After this the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Bob, and Treble Bob and

Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung till 8.30. These bells have recently been rehung and a treble added, and they make a very good ring of six, and go well. During the afternoon and evening representatives from the following towers put in an appearance: Bolney, Burgess Hill, Brighton, Steyning, Lower Beeding, Burstow, West Grinstead and Shipley; also Mr. Evans, the Hon. Sec. for the Western Division.

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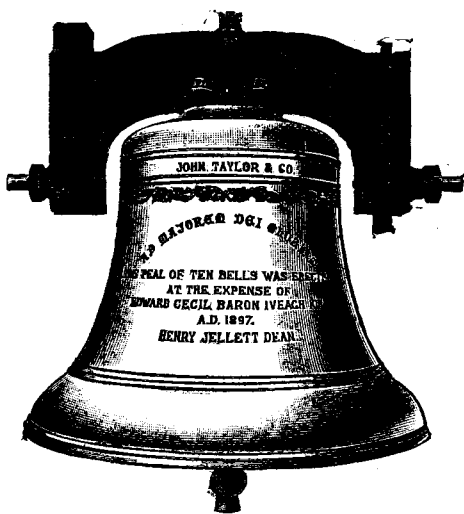
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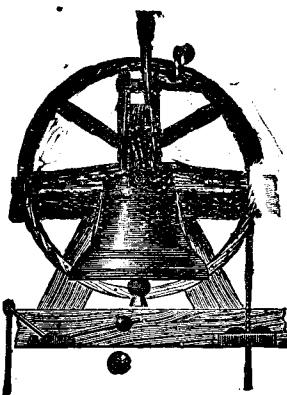
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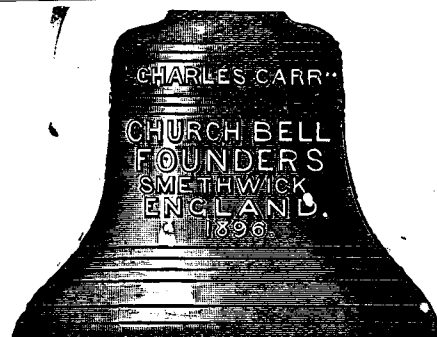
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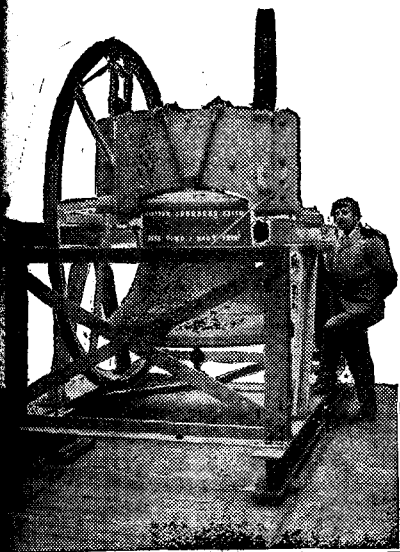
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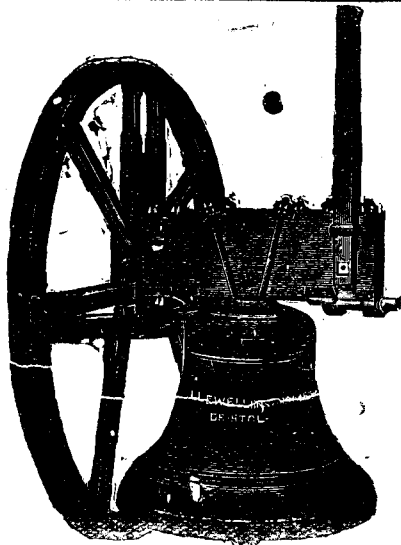
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BISHOP HALL.

"Thus could I, all day (as ringers use) make myself music with changes and complain sooner of the day for shortness than of the business for toil."

JOSEPH HALL was born at Bristow Park, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in the year 1574. He received his early education at the Grammar School of that town, and in 1589 proceeded to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he obtained a high reputation for scholarship, and became in due course a fellow of that college. He is an interesting person. A voluminous writer on a variety of subjects, he is described by Fuller in the "Worthies" as "not ill at Controversies, more happy at Comments, very good in his Characters, better in his Sermons, best of all in his Meditations." Of course his controversial works have lost most of their interest now, and indeed theological and ecclesiastical squabbling is at all times a shocking waste of time and energy, but much that he has left behind him is of enduring value. I ought candidly to confess that I know very little about his writings, and that I stumbled upon the above quotation by accident.

Hall was ordained in due course, and held the living of Halstead, in Suffolk, and afterwards was presented by Lord Denny to that of Waltham Abbey, in Essex. He travelled abroad a good deal, and once acted as Chaplain to an embassy to France. He was also one of the persons sent to represent James I. at the Synod of Dort. He became successively a Prebendary of Wolverhampton, Dean of Worcester, Bishop—first of Exeter, next of Norwich, and then, in Fuller's quaint words, "Bishop of no place; surviving to see his sacred function buried before his eyes." In other words those sweet and charming people, the Puritans, ejected him out of his bishopric, commandeered his private property, and left the old man to shift for himself as best he could. He bore his privations with cheerfulness and dignity, and in 1656 he passed to his rest.

The interest of the words heading these lines lies in the fact that they are, so far as I know, the earliest literary notice of change-ringing that has yet come to light. I do not know whether any of your learned readers can give the exact date of them. They occur in an Epistle to Lord Denny (6th Decade Ep. 1) entitled: "A particular account how our days are or should be spent, both common and holy;" and inasmuch as Lord Denny was raised to the Earldom of Norwich in 1626 the Epistle must be of earlier date than this, or of course it would have been addressed to his lordship by the higher title. Thus, then, so far as at present appears the words illustrate the beginning of change-ringing at the period to which Stedman assigns it, and when the company of the Schollers of Chepesyde was in full swing.

R. A. DANIELL,

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Autumn General Meeting of this Guild was held at Witney on Saturday, October 27th, in conjunction with the autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries branch. The proceedings commenced with service, which was held in the parish church and well attended. Prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. S. C. Austen, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rector of Witney (Rev. J. B. Kirby) from II. Cor. vi. 1—"Workers together with God," and Ephesians iv. 16—"That which every joint supplieth." Tea was served at the conclusion of the service at The Fleece hotel assembly room, under the presidency of the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson). Among others present were the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, deputy master of the Guild, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (president of the branch), Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. sec. of the general guild), and Rev. J. B. Kirby. Altogether the company numbered about fifty.

The general guild meeting followed, under the presidency of the Master, who explained that the only business before them was the financial statement, which he would ask the hon. secretary to give them.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said it was always a pleasure to come to Witney and see their beautiful church and the green and the town, which he understood was flourishing, and especially to find himself in the company of his dear friends, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Jenkyn, both of whom he had known for many years. Roughly speaking they began the year with a balance in hand of £61 16s. 6d., and they expected the balance at the end of the year would be about £59, which he thought would be satisfactory, inasmuch as a large portion of their expenses had been an increased amount for instruction, and he did not think the money could be spent in any better way. Travelling outside finances, it might interest them to know that fifty peals had been rung during the past year. Replying to the Master, Mr. Hart-Davis explained that the £61 16s. 6d. included the sum of £2 3s. 6d. carried to the reserve fund.

The Master expressed his gratification at having such a flourishing account of the finances, and said they hoped they had now turned the corner, and escaped the bankruptcy with which they were threatened a year or two ago. He would now call upon the president for the year to take the chair for the deaneries branch meeting.

The Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn then assumed the presidency, and the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn presented his report.

The minutes of the Clanfield meeting held on June 2nd were read and confirmed, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presented the balance-sheet. This showed they started the year with a balance in hand of £4 19s. 11d. The receipts amounted to £15 7s. 11d., and they closed the year with a balance of £5 9s. 11d. The accounts were adopted.

The election of officers followed. On the proposition of Mr. T. Jones, of Yarnton, seconded by Mr. Monk, of Witney, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn was unanimously re-

elected President, and on again taking the chair, which he had temporarily vacated, expressed his pleasure at attending every possible meeting, and doing all he could for the Guild.

Mr. H. Judge (Kidlington), proposed, and Mr. T. Edgington (Freeland), seconded the re-election of the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn as hon. secretary. This was carried with acclamation. In consenting to continue his services, Mr. Jenkyn said the Guild seemed to be making good progress in the objects for which it was formed, but asked that members would send in their subscriptions as early in the year as they possibly could.

On the proposition of Mr. Knapp (Clanfield), seconded by Mr. John Monk (Witney), the hon. secretary was asked to write to each branch and invite them to nominate a member for the branch committee, in accordance with the rules.

It having been explained that the only representative of the branch on the Guild committee was the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, who was a member of that committee as deputy-master of the Guild, Mr. Jenkyn proposed the election of Mr. Judge (Kidlington), and Mr. John Monk (Witney), to represent this branch on the Guild Committee. Mr. Edgington seconded, and this was agreed to.

Bladon was provisionally decided upon as the place of the spring meeting, on the motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. T. Bull (Witney).

There being no other business before the meeting, the President said he hoped the branch would continue as flourishing as it was at present. He was sure they were all deeply grateful to Mr. Kirby for his kindness in making it possible for them to meet there that day, and also for the very excellent address he had given them in the church that afternoon.

The Rector said he was deeply obliged to the President for the very kind words he had spoken, and also for their appreciation of the service. It was always a pleasure to see them at Witney for any purpose in connection with the branch or the general Diocesan Guild, and they were always happy to work with the utmost cordiality and perfect harmony with all that was going on throughout the diocese in connection with bell-ringing. The arrangements made had been chiefly due to their able secretary and deputy-master, Mr. Jenkyn, whose interest in bell-ringing was known to them all, but he might say his work in connection with that afternoon's meeting must have been a somewhat greater effort than usual. And he would like in their name to offer to Mr. Jenkyn their sincere sympathy in the bereavement he had recently suffered. They might be sure that as long as Mr. Jenkyn remained with them, and he hoped it might be long, for none knew the value of his work more than those who had the privilege of sharing with him in the work here as his colleagues, the Guild would always get a warm welcome at Witney.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Owens (the organist), and the choir of St. Mary's for their help in that afternoon's service was accorded.

The President expressed the pleasure which the members all felt at having the Master of the Guild with them that day, and thanked Mr. Robinson for coming.

The Master, who was warmly applauded, said he could only repeat what he had so often said before, that it was his duty to attend these meetings, and do what he could to forward the interests of the Guild, but it was also a very great pleasure to be there. With reference to the peal-ringing in the Guild, he regretted to say there seemed

to be a general spirit of something like indifference. He did not think they need trouble themselves so much about their position in the analysis which was being revived in "THE BELL NEWS," although for the credit of the Guild he would do his utmost in that respect, so that they might present a respectable appearance. The primary object of the Guild was to undertake church bell-ringing in a proper spirit, and to the glory of God, and he trusted that this good work was really being carried on. As he went about the country he was called upon on many occasions to help their brother-ringers, and he was very hopeful from what he saw; and if they found at the end of the year that their Master had taken part in more peals for other societies than their own, they must not blame him, but be thankful that he had been able to go about and help others.

During the day two touches of half-muffled Stedman Triples were rung, the first of 252 changes being conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the second of 504 by the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn. Some Grandsire Triples were also conducted by John Monk.

The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. O. Jenkyn, of Witney, father of the deputy-master of the Guild. A peal was rung at Woodstock on Friday evening, notice of which has already appeared.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-ninth annual gathering was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, 29th, and was attended by ringers from both dioceses. The bells of St. John's, All Saints, St. George's, and St. Stephen's, Newcastle; All Saints, Gosport; St. Mary's, Gateshead; and St. James's Benwell were available for ringing at different times during the day, and touches of Minor, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major were rung.

At 1 o'clock a special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Southwell. Miss Wilkinson kindly presided at the organ. The Rev. H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Allendale, gave a very able and helpful address from 1 Chron. xxix. 5: "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

The annual dinner was held at The Metropole at 2 p.m. when some 64 members sat down to an excellent meal.

Afterwards at the annual meeting the chair was taken by Mr. G. T. Potter, president, supported by the Revs. Canon Southwell, Stephenson, Allwork, Drummond, Ainger, Barff, and Jealous, and the officers of the society. After the usual loyal toasts, letters of regret were read from the Bishop of Newcastle and several clergy. Mr. T. Hudson then proposed "The Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses." Mr. Robinson seconded. Canon Southwell and the Rev. P. Denny replied.

The Secretary (Mr. Robson) presented the annual report and balance-sheet. The latter showed that the financial position of the Association had not improved, there being a debit balance due to the treasurer. This was entirely due to the laxity of members in payment of their subscriptions, over £20 being due to the Association in this respect.

Continuing, the Secretary said that the four meetings held during the past year had been successful, especially the annual at Durham, and that held at Bishop Auckland on Whit-Monday, when the quality of the ringing was excellent. A visit through the castle and grounds, and a kindly welcome from Bishop Moule, added considerably to the enjoyment of the meeting.

One of the chief events of the year was the opening of

a new ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) at Allendale, on July 28th. Twelve members were present, and several 720s were brought round, the go of the bells being pronounced excellent.

Another interesting event was the visit of the Rev. F. T. Robinson to the district. Ten peals were arranged under the Association, and of these only one was lost, through a rope breaking. Coming to "Ferry's List" for Sunday Service ringing, the certificates were awarded as follows: 1st, Darlington, Holy Trinity, 1801.77 points; 2nd, North Shields 1745.44 points; Whitley, St. Paul's, 1404.18 points.

The peal list this year was numerically disappointing, there being only thirty-one peals against forty-seven last year. The quality however is better, this year's average being 21.64 as against 19.63 last year, an increase of two points over the previous record.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. C. L. Routledge, seconded by Mr. E. Ferry.

Mr. Porter's motion that the vice-presidents be increased to four, three of whom should be elected from the three districts was carried.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, in which sincere regret was expressed at the resignation of Mr. W. T. Robson from the Secretaryship, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. G. T. Potter; Vice-president (general) Mr. T. Hudson; Vice-president northern district, Mr. W. Story; Vice-president central district, Mr. H. Peverell; Vice-president southern district, Mr. W. H. Porter; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. M. C. Field; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge.

The President announced that the meetings for 1907 were as follows: Pre-Lent meeting, Shotley Bridge; Whit-Monday meeting, West Hartlepool; August meeting, Hurworth.

Messrs. R. S. Story, C. L. Routledge, and W. T. Robson were elected representatives on the Central Council for 1907, and Messrs R. S. Story, T. T. Gofton, W. T. Robson, W. H. Barber and J. W. Parker were appointed peal referees and adjudicators of "Ferry's List." Forty-seven new members were elected.

During the evening touches of Stedman Caters and Forward Royal were rung on the Cathedral bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Bromley in glorious weather, and was well attended, fifteen out of eighteen towers being represented, besides members from Bearsted, Beddington, Gillingham, Rochester, and Lyminge. The bells were available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m., and were kept going in the following methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise, also "Real" Double Norwich.

At 5.30 an adjournment was made to the Boys' School, in West Street, for tea, where over seventy sat down, and after grace was said by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait), short work was made of the courses provided. At the conclusion of the tea, while the tables were being cleared, the Chislehurst Camden handbell ringers gave a few selections, which were greatly appreciated. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rang by Messrs. Harman, Easter, Barnett, and Haigh; and later a course of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Barnett, Harman, and Haigh.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar in the chair,

who extended to all a hearty welcome to Bromley, and hoped they would enjoy the ringing. He himself was delighted to hear the bells ringing, and said it did not seem like Sunday if he did not hear them; also he was pleased to see so many young men taking an interest in ringing, for when the day's labour was over, it was a recreation, and something to occupy the mind.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read and confirmed. Three new members were made, and five elections in towers, previous to peal attempts, were confirmed. St. Nicholas, Deptford, was selected for the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 12th, 1907. The District Secretary then read his annual report, and no questions arising, it was adopted.

The District Secretary and District Representative were both re-elected to their respective offices. No other business arising, Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar for his kindness in meeting them at tea, and presiding; also for granting the use of the bells and schoolroom. This was seconded by Mr. H. Warnett, and carried with applause.

The rev. gentleman thanked the members, and said it had been a great pleasure to him, and he had enjoyed it very much. The members again returned to the tower, and ringing was kept up with vigour till 9 p.m.

THE PARISH CHURCH, STRETFORD, LANCS.

For some time past the bells at this church have been in a very bad condition, and as a result of frequent agitation on the part of the ringers, Messrs. Warner were called in and advised rehanging and fitting with new gudgeons, bushes, stays, sliders, pulleys, etc. This has now been done, and on Friday, October 26th, at the request of Mr. Frost, the "official hangman," the ringers assembled to try the bells. After they had been raised and ropes adjusted, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by W. Birchall, J. J. Moss, W. J. Moss conductor, C. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, T. Birchall. At the conclusion the ringers expressed their entire satisfaction at the go and steadiness of the bells, and heartily congratulated Mr. Frost and his assistant on the excellent manner in which he had accomplished his task. They also expressed the hope that he would be visiting them again before long with two new trebles to complete the octave. On November 1st, on the occasion of the dedication of a new pulpit, choir stalls and other improvements, by the Bishop of Manchester, another 720 was rung by H. Chapman, W. J. Moss conductor, the rest as before.

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

THE LEIGHTON BUZZARD PEAL.

SIR,—It would have been far better if the reporter of the above performance had stated outright that it was the first True peal of Stedman Caters in the county of Bedford. I am sorry to say I rang the 3rd in the attempt at Bedford on January 28th, 1902. The peal was fairly well struck until within some fifteen changes of the end, when the ringer of the 2nd failed to hear the last bob but one called; see figures below. This seemed to upset everything. After leading the right way of my first whole turn, I called for a bell to come in and out quick (this should have been the 4th, and I think the conductor will bear me out that this work was not done). At the end of this six we were informed that there were only three more changes to ring, these were scrambled through somehow, but not struck. However, the attempt was published, and a tablet placed in the ringing-room recording the same. Nothing was said for some time (although some ringers outside who heard the finish said it was very rough) until it leaked out that the ringer of the 4th had been saying that he was in 6-7 when "This is all" was called (if he now denies this I hope the company who heard the remark and circulated it will have the courage to acknowledge the correctness of what I say). After this I did everything to get the peal (?) withdrawn, but without any effect, although I crossed it out of my book, and when I rang a peal of Stedman at Drayton in September last year it was published as my first peal of Stedman. I might mention that the ringer of the 2nd in the Bedford attempt said it ought never to have been published, because when "This is all" was called he had to jump from about 4ths place, at any rate he never came in slow, etc., as shown in the figures below. Again, the ringer of the 6th told me that he could not get the 7th to dodge with him at the end (meaning in the last three changes). Surely this is enough to show that the attempt ought never to have appeared in print, but unfortunately the majority of the band seem quite satisfied with it; that they do not intend withdrawing it; the excuses are that the bells were in their proper coursing order—this remark is all very well when speaking of bells above 3rds, but what is Stedman without bells coming in quick or slow?

Again: that the peal (?) ought to have been contradicted at once, instead of waiting more than four years. Does time make a false peal true? and lastly, that plenty of worse peals are published. Do two blacks make one white?

In conclusion, I wish to say that this has been a most unpleasant task to me, as possibly it will make me very unpopular for speaking the truth; certainly I deserve to be blamed for not writing this letter long ago.

The following are the last four six-ends and three changes as they ought to have been rung:—

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6 1 5 8 2 3 4 7 9
6 1 8 3 5 4 2 7 9
1 3 6 4 8 2 5 7 9
1 3 4 2 6 5 8 7 9

3 1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Bedford.

A. NUNNELEY-WOOD.

THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON.

SIR,—Mr. Prewett seems rather to doubt my correction of the assertion that the above was the first peal of Superlative in the county of Shropshire, and wishes me to give "particulars of the other Surprise peals" rung in that county. If Mr. P. will refer to peal No. 810 of the Midland Counties' Association Reports he will find that on Saturday, October 15th, 1898, the Burton branch of this Society rang a peal of 5088 Superlative Surprise Major at the parish church, Shifnal, Shropshire, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., weight of tenor 20 cwt., changes per minute 25.69. The ringers on that occasion were John Benstead, 1; Roland Cawwright, 2; Harry Wakley, 3; George Robinson, 4; Edward

I. Stone, 5; Arthur Wakley, 6; Joseph Griffin, 7; William Wakley, tenor. The peal was composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by William Wakley, and the calling will be found under No. 78 of the above Society's performances. This peal having been rung years before the one at Market Drayton is, I think, quite sufficient (without my having to quote other peals) to prove that what I have stated in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 27th ult. is correct, and that those who should know evidently did not know of the inaccuracy of the statement they were so ready to affirm.

JOHN BRADNEY.

SIR,—In case Mr. Bradney should not be able to supply Mr. Prewett with particulars of Surprise peals rung in the county of Shropshire, I have pleasure in doing so, being one of the band who took part in them. The first peal of Superlative Surprise in the county was rung at Coalbrookdale, on August 6th, 1894, and another peal in the same method was rung at Bridgnorth on October 23rd, 1897. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the county was rung at Bridgnorth on September 24th, 1898. These peals were rung by members of the Worcestershire Association.

T. J. SALTER.

THE PEAL AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

SIR,—In last week's "BELL NEWS" I saw a report of a peal of Grandsire Triples rang at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, October 27th last, and as I understand that all the peals published in your columns are true peals, consisting of the succession of the 5040 true changes, commencing from and finishing with rounds. If this definition is correct, the peal I refer to is not a true peal. My reasons for objecting to it are: Having heard the last 3 hrs. ringing the striking at any of that time was very ragged, and at times was nothing but a mere jumble, and at one time the bells were fired for a space of fully two minutes, sufficient in my opinion to condemn any performance, and for these reasons I now ask Mr. Bartram to recall it. I wrote Mr. Bartram before the peal appeared in print, asking him to recall it, but not having received any reply I feel bound to ask him through the medium of your paper. I enclose copy of the letter sent to Mr. Bartram for your perusal and publication, if you think proper, and on which you will see the name of another ringer who you will admit is fully qualified to judge on the merits of the performance. Thanking you for allowing me to trespass on your space.

E. C. HUNT.

[COPY OF LETTER.]

"11, Brook Crescent, Ashfordby Valley, Melton Mowbray, November 2nd, 1906.

"DEAR SIR,—Having heard that the peal you were supposed to have rung at Melton on Saturday last has been published as a true peal of Grandsire Triples, and as you well know that it was not a true peal, we, the undersigned, hereby call upon you to withdraw it from publication. We are rather surprised to know that you have sent it to 'THE BELL NEWS' after your conversation with Mr. Craven on Saturday after the ringing. As you well know it has been the ambition of Mr. Craven and myself to improve the standard of ringing at Melton, and it is in the interests of change-ringing and the Midland Counties Association in particular that we request you to withdraw the so-called peal. Trusting that you will allow your better knowledge to prevail, and awaiting your acknowledgment of this letter, we are, yours respectfully,

"ERNEST C. HUNT.

"ARTHUR CRAVEN."

BELL MUFFLERS.—Mr. E. Wallage, of 59, Rounton Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex; or Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, 18 Scott Street, York, are willing to give every information about these articles to any one who write to them.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on November 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 20th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—To-day, Sat., November 10th, a ringers' meeting and social evening will be held at Penn. The church bells will be available for touches from 3 o'clock. Tea at rs. per head will be provided at The Rose and Crown at 6 o'clock. Brakes and omnibuses leave Wolverhampton for Penn every half-hour. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Members of the above district will be held at Winchester to-day, Sat., November 10th. The cathedral belfry will be open at 2 p.m. Evensong in the choir of the cathedral at 4. Tea at Dumpers' restaurant, Market Street, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. At the close of the business meeting the cathedral belfry will be re-opened. JAMES W. ELKINS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave to-day, Sat., November 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Wednesday, November 14th. Service at St. Nicolas church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher—the Hon. Chaplain—the Rev. A. R. Wiseman, Rector of Seale. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at The Star hotel at 6.15 p.m. Members free; Visitors rs., to be followed by business and a social evening. JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Will members kindly forward any outstanding subscriptions at once, to allow the accounts to be made up. 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, November 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Business—election of committee-man for the next two years. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. A. KING, *Local Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea (free) at 5.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m. Notice to be given to Mr. G. A. Smith, 23, King William Street, Tunstall, not later than Thursday, November 15th. D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Will visitors and friends kindly note that the bells at St. Martin's church are now in course of repair by the firm of James Barwell, Ltd., so that there will be no ringing for some weeks, either on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. Notice of resumption of ringing will appear in due course. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned. ALBERT WALKER, *Ringmaster.*

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THE PEAL AT WEST BROMWICH.—This composition is now rung for the first time, and has the 5th fifteen times behind the 7th in the titlums, and the 6th twenty-three times behind the 8th in the handstroke position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions, and was rung on the fifty-ninth anniversary of the bells.

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It only comes of my perverse

Indulgence.

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Who would not win the ladies' favour,
With photograph go through the mill,
Arrange his tie, and study his

Behaviour?

Let's take the ladies, then, to see
Our belfry with its walls adorning—
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Not scorning.

Fair ladies, take this group in view;
'Twas taken on a day's excursion;
You know that ringers don't eschew

Diversion.

Here is a friend of mine, but then
His age won't 'scape your penetration;
If you withhold your love, give ven-

eration.

Now here's a gem of purest ray;
He's poor and p'raps not too refining;
His genius no one can gainsay;
To him you don't appear to be

Inclining.

Here's one both to admire and please
I'm glad to see you not forsaking;
He's lots of cash; you'll say that he's

Quite taking.

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My photo might be worth a booking;
But then the damsels say I'm not

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1906.

THE letter which we publish this week from a prominent member of the Bedfordshire Association is painful reading. If what the writer says is correct, and he is one amongst men to be depended on, the position of some members of the Bedford company is far from being an enviable one. Mr. Wood's silence for so long a time upon the matter carries not a vestige or shadow of excuse. Knowing what he did and smothering the affair for so long a period is conduct, the very reverse of commendable. But he is aware of this himself.

The circumstances of the case are curious. A peal of

Stedman Caters rung at Leighton is claimed as the first peal of the kind in the county. This claim is pounced upon at once by several people, who all solemnly aver that the first peal belongs to St. Paul's, Bedford: the conductor of the latter performance among them. Yet all these protesters against the Leighton peal must have been fully aware of the Bedford fiasco.

We presume that the statements by Mr. Wood cannot be set aside or explained away. If so, we counsel our Bedford friends to acknowledge the fact at once. Withdraw the peal, and remove the tablet. This will be better than a war of correspondence which is so apt to provoke lasting bitterness and ill-feeling.

A party of ringers have recently rung three peals at Arklow, in Ireland. Next week a sketch of Arklow ringing-chamber will be given. This will be interesting to our readers, as being the spot where for the first time, a ringer rang two bells in a peal.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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On Saturday, October 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY 2.	HARRY PRICE 6.
FREDERICK BYWATER* 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
WILLIAM HINTON 4.	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method.

EARLSHEATON YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

STANHOPE RIGG Treble.	*JOHN ROLLINSON 5.
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY 6.
WILLIAM H. SENIOR† 3.	JOSEPH RANGELY 7.
EDWIN R. ARMITAGE* 4.	JOSEPH HEWITT Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by W. H. SENIOR.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
HERBERT RANN 4.	GEORGE A. KING 9
RICHARD HOATHER 5.	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was G. Gatland's 150th peal, and W. Palmer's 100th, lists of which appear elsewhere.

BRISTOL.

(THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	SAMUEL PHILIPS 5.
HENRY HOWELL 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
PERCY WILLIAMS 4.	FRED G. MAY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Daltry, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

SWINDON, WILTS.

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JAMES TAZWELL Treble.	GEORGE LAWRENCE 4.
ERNEST BOULTON* 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
HENRY HATTON 3.	*ARCHIE DOBSON Tenor.

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

*First peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1906, in Three Hours,

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Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

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On Saturday, October 27, 1906, in Three Hours,

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E. CAUNCETreble.	J. GARDNER5.
J. ASPINWALL2.	W. DAVIES6.
W. RIMMER*3.	J. MARSH7.
A. LOVELL4.	H. J. MORLEYTenor.

Conducted by J. MARSH.

*First peal in the method †First peal as conductor.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN P. FOULDS .. .. .Treble.	HARRY FOULDS .. .. .5.
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. .2.	ABRAHAM LANE .. .. .6.
EDWARD MALLINSON .. .. .3.	ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. .. .7.
WILLIAM MALLINSON .. .. .4.	WILLIAM HEATON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by R. FOULDS, JUN.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1906, in Three Hours Ten and a ½ Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. .. .Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. .5.
FRANK SHEPHERD* .. .. .2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .6.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. .3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. .7.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. .. .4.	*THOMAS SMITH .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. .5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. .2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. .6.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. .3.	JOHN T. BUTLER .. .. .7.
JOHN P. TARLTON .. .. .4.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. .. .Treble.	FRANCIS WARD .. .. .5.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY* .. .. .2.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .6.
JOHN HOLMAN .. .. .3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. .7.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. .4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal in the method.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES E. JOYNES .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS SPURE .. .. .5.
GEORGE R. WINTER .. .. .2.	HARRY WAREURTON .. .. .6.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE .. .. .3.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. .. .7.
ARTHUR T. WINTER .. .. .4.	ROBERT MILES .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 32 cwt.

H. KNIGHT* .. .. .Treble.	*HENRY BROWNJOHN .. .. .5.
ERNEST KNIGHT .. .. .2.	LEWIS MOORE .. .. .6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .3.	WALTER APPEBLEY .. .. .7.
GEORGE YEO .. .. .4.	HENRY BRIDLE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal of Triples.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. .Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. .. .5.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. .. .2.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. .6.
HARRY LOCKWOOD .. .. .3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. .7.
GEORGE BAERACLOUGH .. .. .4.	DAVID YORK .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. BarracloUGH.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE SHIPP .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. .5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .2.	RUBEN CHARGE .. .. .6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. .4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. .Tenor.

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

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. SMITHSON* .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE O. DIXON .. .. .5.
J. H. BOWER .. .. .2.	*JOHN W. SMITHSON .. .. .6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. .3.	*FRANK WILLEY .. .. .7.
ALBERT GLEDSTONE .. .. .4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Smithson, and has never been previously performed. *First peal in the method.

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

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHBERT,

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

G. J. LUNGLEY Treble.	CHARLES TODD 5.
ALFRED HILLIER 2.	GEORGE W. PARK 6.
JAMES BAXTER 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 7.
THOMAS METCALFE 4.	WILLIAM AULD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of W. Auld as a ringer at the above church
First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALF PADDON SMITH .. Treble.	*FREDERICK J. COPE .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	HERBERT KNIGHTS .. 8.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	SAMUEL GROVE 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	JOHN NEAL 10.
THOMAS MILLER 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
THOMAS REEVES 6.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Further reference elsewhere.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasre, and
three of Plain Bob. Tenor about 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BANNER* .. Treble.	*F. M. NEWMAN 4.
WILLIAM RANFORD* .. 2.	*JOHN WORMAN 5.
JOHN HOWELL* 3.	†J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor and first peal as conductor. First peal on the
bells.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College 'Treble, London Scholars', Arnold's
Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure and Duke of York.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 4.
JOHN FLINT 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOYCE 5.
ERNEST MURGATROYD .. 2.	THOMAS H. GELDER .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 7.
JOHN BODDY 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.

Rung to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt.

BEN REED Treble.	ALBERT H. SAYER .. 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
ERNEST H. NEWMAN .. 3.	HARRY BARTON 7.
WILLIAM J. COLLISON .. 4.	CHARLES GAMBRILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughters of Messrs. Foreman, Reed, and
Willshire.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST COULSON* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN* .. 2.	*HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 6.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH* .. 3.	*JAMES L. WELLS .. 7.
HARRY WHITTLE* 4.	EDWARD READER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by E. READER.

First peal of Superlative in the county. *First peal in the method, First in the
method as conductor.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Treble.	GEORGE WOODIS .. 5.
GEORGE MARRINER 2.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 6.
FREDK. G. WOODISS* .. 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	WILLIAM SHEPPARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALLRED H. PULLING.

*First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

ERNEST MCWILLIAMS* .. Treble.	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL .. 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY .. 7.
VILLIERS STACEY 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

*First peal.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM SHARP* .. Treble.	*CHARLES V. HARE .. 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW† .. 2.	*CHARLES A. PRATT .. 6.
FREDERICK PRATT* .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
JOHN HARE 4.	*JAMES BLOTT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

C. V. Hare was elected a member previous to starting. *First peal on eight bells.
†First with a bob bell. First on the bells since overhauling by Messrs. Bowell and
SonSILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS.—For these goods
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Handbell Peal.**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,**AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,***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—H. Fields.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On October 20th, in honour of W. Howard's 63rd birthday, who has been a ringer for forty-three years, a date touch of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. R. Bayes, C. Scott, A. E. Ashe, G. Clow, H. Brock, H. G. Wilson, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

RHYL (North Wales).—On Wednesday, October 17th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. G. Sheffield and Miss Florence J. Mills, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Newman, G. Bell, W. Gunner, W. Bell, F. Wallis, C. Egerton, M. J. Morris composer and conductor, J. Ellis.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABBOTTS LEIGH (Near Bristol).—On a recent Sunday, for Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. H. Knight, W. Frampton, G. Bennett, L. Moore, E. Knight, J. Thomas conductor. A 6-score of Stedman. H. Knight, E. Frampton, L. Moore, J. Thomas conductor, W. Frampton, G. Bennet.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANFRECHFA (Mon).—On October 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Ford, R. Hillier, G. Ford, W. Powell, E. Ford, N. Ford. First 720 by all.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Thursday, October 18th, for practice, 1050 Grandsire Triples. M. Selby, C. Bowen, A. Morgan, B. Millard, M. Lewis, J. W. Jones conductor, F. Charles, F. Atwell. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, C. Bowen, A. Morgan, J. Bullen, A. Thomas, J. W. Jones, F. Charles, S. Baiss.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury, E. Gibbs, W. Ricketts, G. Checketts, J. R. Newman conductor.

PERSHORE (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, October 25th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Godfrey, G. Dolphin, H. Godfrey, G. Bozzard, C. Annis, E. Gibbs conductor.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, E. G. Stibbons, J. Judd, T. W. F. Bonnick, F. G. Symonds, S. A. Wright, W. E. Garrard, conductor, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles, C. H. Phipps.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Monday, October 22nd, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Phipps, Witham, R. Coles, F. Biggs, E. Markham G. Twitchen, J. W. Wilkins, G. White, B. Page, R. Wheeler. On Sunday, October 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. White, W. Phipps, E. Markham, G. Twitcher, R.

Coles, B. Page, J. W. Wilkins, F. Boxall. Rung on the wedding day of Mr. F. Hayes, secretary of the local ringers.

CHALFONT ST. PETER'S.—On Saturday, October 8th, several members of the Farnham Royal company with R. Flaxman, of Slough, and E. Gutteridge, of Fulmer, visited this place, and rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bovington, J. J. Parker, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, C. Clarke conductor, R. Flaxman. Touches of Grandsire, Court Bob, College Single, and Kent Treble Bob were also rung, F. Reid, and J. Blackmore ringing the treble. Grandsire Doubles were rung by the local band.

HORTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 27th, 360s in the following methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Kent, and several 120s of Doubles were rung. J. Barnes, G. Basden conductor, J. Bovington, C. Clarke conductor, W. Cross, J. Elderfield, R. Flaxman conductor, G. Gutteridge, J. Gutteridge, J. J. Parker.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 47 mins. A. Jones, R. Charge, H. Langdou conductor, W. Meaton, J. W. Kelley, E. J. Webb, F. Skevington, A. Jones, C. Charge, C. F. W. Hunt.

LEAMINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, October 17th, at St. Peter's (R.C.) church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Brassington, E. H. Adams, J. Stanley, W. T. Pinfold, G. Warr, W. Collett, S. L. Wells, I. Pinfold.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, October 21st, at the church of All Saints Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. J. Eldridge, J. Little, W. Walker, H. Cox, G. Martin, F. Hayes, A. Martin, T. Price.

OLD WINDSOR (Bucks).—On October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. F. J. Gutteridge, J. Gutteridge, G. Williams, W. Welling, T. W. Gosling, E. Harwood conductor, W. Ralph, A. W. G. Blake. First quarter-peal by a local band.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, J. E. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, J. Armstrong conductor, F. J. Budd. On Sunday morning, October 28th, 1264 Double Norwich, in 46 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, H. Balaam, N. A. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong conductor, E. G. Tomlinson, H. Miller, W. Pickworth.

WARWICK.—On Thursday, October 18th, at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Tibbits, of Warwick, to the Rev. R. Howes, of Bedford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. H. Salt, W. Male, I. L. Wells, H. Mengeny, T. Male, W. G. Dickens, E. Brassington, W. Collett, E. Adams conductor, I. Stanley.

LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on September 23rd, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Potheary, G. Gains, H. W. May, R. Charge, G. F. Williams, H. Hills, R. F. Deal conductor, A. Riley. Sept. 5, at St. James's church, Islington 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Turner, G. Gains, E. J. Woolley, R. F. Deal, H. W. May, jun., C. Potheary conductor. On September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. May, jun., G. Gains, R. Theobald, R. F. Deal, C. Potheary conductor, R. Charge. On October 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. May, sen., H. W. May, jun., R. Theobald, R. F. Deal, W. Weatherstone conductor, E. J. Woolley. On October 10th, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. May, jun., G. Gains, W. Hewitt, E. J. Woolley, R. F. Deal, W. Weatherstone conductor. On October 28th, at St. James's church, Clerkenwell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. R. Theobald, A. Turner, H. W. May, G. F. Williams conductor, C. Potheary, R. F. Deal, R. Charge, A. Riley.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung for morning service. W. G. Trewin, P. Worsfold, T. Streeter, G. W. Challice, R. Crowhurst, J. Hunt conductor. After evening service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. R. Crowhurst, E. Lucas, T. Streeter, E. Worsfold, P. Worsfold, W. G. Trewin conductor.

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

BLETCHLEY.

The funeral of Mr. Redan Sear, of Bletchley, who passed away on Friday, the 12th ult. at University College Hospital, London, after a severe and unhappily fatal illness, took place in the old churchyard of St. Mary's parish, Bletchley, on Tuesday afternoon the 16th ult. The burial service was read by the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Bennitt), assisted by the Rev. A. C. Webber, of Fenny Stratford, and the Rev. Barrington Philpotts, Rector of Wavendon, and formerly curate of Fenny Stratford. Mr. Sear was the youngest brother of a large and very old Bletchley family, and was very greatly respected, as was shown by the number of wreaths which completely covered the grave, including one from his fellow-ringers, "with sincere remembrance."

The deceased was a member of the St. Mary's band, and along with his brothers

and nephews formed one of probably the best well-known family of church bell-ringers. In the evening the whole pull and stand, and a couple of touches were rung in commemoration of long association

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, November 3rd, when by the kindness of the Vicar (who paid a visit to the belfry and welcomed the Association), the bells were open for ringing from 3 until 9 p.m. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major were brought round. At 5.30 tea was partaken of, after which the business was held, the Rev. H. W. Parker being unanimously voted to the chair. Several new members were elected, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Members were present from Camberwell, Harlow, Hoddesdon, Little Munden, Ware, and Walthamstow, besides the local band, who were well represented. A very gratifying feature of the meeting was the very good striking throughout all the ringing.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

6096.

	23456	M	W	H
B	52364	2	2	2
	64235	1	2	2
	45236	1	2	2
	32546	2	2	
4ths & in	43265	2	2	2
	65324	1	2	2
	54326	1	2	
	23456	2	2	

This peal has the first half in the tittums, and the second part in the usual order. It has the 6th its extent home without the 2nd and 3rd being in 6th place, and is practically in two parts.

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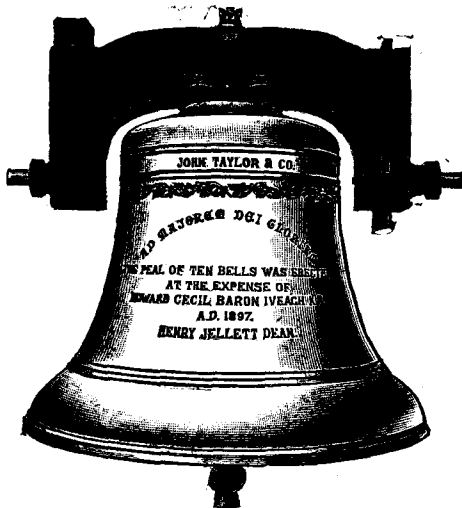
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Also the bells of Dundalk r.c. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Also for the town halls of Manchester, Preston, Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

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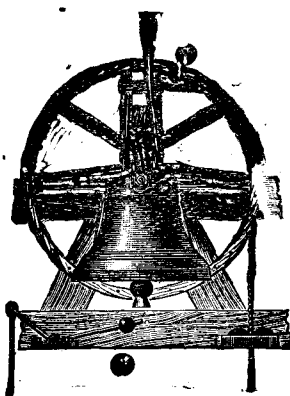
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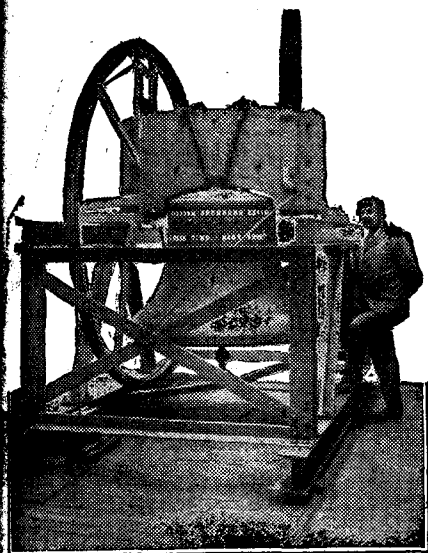
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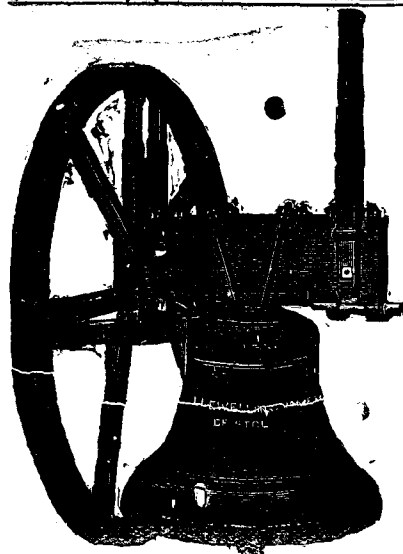
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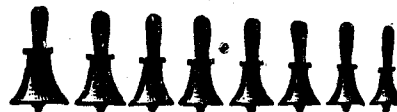
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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely archdeaconry was held at Swaffham Prior on Saturday, October 27th, which was well attended. A tea was provided at 4 o'clock, the Vicar (Rev. H. Fisher) kindly presiding. The Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Vicar of Brington, was present, also members from Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket, Ickleton, Shelford, Swaffham-Bulbeck, Bottisham, and the locals. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. W. Taylor (Newmarket) urged upon all young ringers the wisdom of becoming members of the Association, at the same time strongly recommending them to constantly read "THE BELL NEWS," and they would then see what ringing was going on all over the country.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding. The rev. gentleman said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Swaffham Prior. That had indeed been a special week. On the Tuesday their squire's eldest son was married, the bells rung out merrily on that day; it was nine years that very day since he was instituted Vicar of Swaffham Prior, and he felt the bells rung for him personally; and on the Sunday they were keeping the fourth anniversary of the re-opening of the church of St. Mary, which had been in ruins for many years, but was now a beautiful church. He was very sorry they were losing the Rev. T. Normandale, Vicar of Over, who was leaving England for the Cape, as he was a ringing member and a friend all round. He would like to propose that the secretary be instructed to write to him expressing their regret at losing him, at the same time wishing him much happiness in his new sphere of life. This was cordially agreed to.

The place and date of the next meeting was left for the secretary to arrange. During the afternoon touches were rung on the bells of St. Cyriac's church. Unfortunately there was not much time for ringing, as the last train left about six o'clock.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district of the above was held at Winchester on Saturday, November 10th. The cathedral bells were started at 2 p.m., evening song was attended in the choir of the cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, at which the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, was served at 5 o'clock, after which the annual meeting was held. The minutes of the last annual meeting were confirmed, and the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £3 19s. 4d., was adopted. Mr. Wilfrid Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) was re-elected the representative for the district on the central committee, and Mr. J. W. Elkins was re-elected hon. sec. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester in November, 1907. Mr. George Smith (Twyford) was elected auditor for the ensuing year.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, and to the hon. sec. Canon Braithwaite (who had previously visited the members in the belfry) said it gave him great

pleasure to meet them as brother-ringers, and although he could not find much time for ringing now, yet he was always glad to give encouragement to ringing. Great progress had been made in matters connected with church bell ringing, and the ringers were now taking their place as true church workers, and he felt the cathedral choir-stalls had never been better filled than they had been that afternoon. He was glad they had decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester again, and trusted many more such pleasant and harmonious gatherings of ringers would be held in the old cathedral city.

Members attended from Romsey, Twyford, Hursley, N. Stoneham, Upham, Alton, Kingsworthy, Southampton, Sherfield English, and Farnham. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, and Treble Bob Major were rung. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) was unavoidably prevented from attending. Expressions of regret at being unable to attend were also received from the Dean of Winchester and Canon Valpy.

At a committee meeting held after the general meeting, Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman, and it was decided, subject to the approval of the central committee, to hold three quarterly meetings in 1907, one at Alton in February, one at Sherfield English in May, and another at Cheriton in September. Sparsholt, where there is a ring of five bells, recently restored, has become affiliated to the Guild, and eight new members from that tower were admitted as probationers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Miles Platting on Saturday, November 10th, which was represented by twelve towers. Touches of Plain and Treble Bob were rung till six o'clock, when the local ringers informed the company that tea was awaiting them in the school, to which repast a company of about twenty-five soon sat down. The Rector being absent, grace was said by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The tea being over, the best thanks of the company were accorded the Rector for his kind hospitality, the local ringers for looking after things, and the ladies for their attendance. The visitors were sorry to hear of the illness of the local leader, Mr. Gilchrist, whom they hope to hear very soon that he is well again. Another visit to the church, and a 700 of Treble Bob was pulled off, then the visitors attended Divine Service in the church. Afterwards the Rector conducted the party round the interior of the church, of which he is so justly proud. Then some more ringing, which ceased about nine o'clock.

This is the first meeting which has been held by the branch. The bells, six in number, do not go so well as they might, owing to the great rocking of the tower, but the Rector hopes that it may be rebuilt. Then at the same time the bells may be increased to eight, a number very scarce on this side of Manchester.

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CENTENARY OF WALTHAM ABBEY BELLS,
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On Thursday evening, November 1st, the nineteenth anniversary of the Abbey clock, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Abbey church. In the presence of the ringers and a few friends, including the Rev. J. H. Stamp, Mr. Churchwarden Chapman, Mr. Bentley (representing his father, Mr. Churchwarden Bentley), and Mr. Stephenson Cox, Mr. J. Parnell, J.P., unveiled a mural tablet in wood, commemorating the centenary of the Abbey bells, which were recast in 1806. The tablet, which is hung immediately beneath that recording the occasion of the first peal on what a century ago were the new bells, bears a record of a peal of Grand-sire Triples, rung on Saturday, July 21st, 1906. The tablet was prepared by Mr. Churchwarden Bentley.

In performing the unveiling ceremony, Mr. Parnell acknowledged the compliment paid him by the ringers in asking him to officiate on that interesting occasion. He regretted the absence through illness of a leading member of the Society, who had sent a message to Mr. Parnell asking him, in the absence of the Vicar, to perform the ceremony. He (Mr. Parnell) had great pleasure in attending at that venerable Abbey, which had been associated with his life for sixty years, and had been known to his ancestors for 103 years. In fact, three generations of his family had lived under its shadow, and admired its grandeur. With regard to the bells, which had been so delicately rehung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, little was wanting. They were always excellently rung, and the only omission he had to notice was that their number had not been increased from eight to ten or twelve. If only that could be done, the seventh bell would no longer be objectionable, as, of course, the whole number would have to be recast. A complete ring of twelve bells would be the admiration of the county. He still hoped to see the full ring established, but at the present time he supposed the price of copper was too prohibitive to allow of this being done. He must heartily congratulate the ringers upon the peal rung in honour of the centenary of the bells. He hoped they would long continue to ring the Abbey bells. Of this he was sure: they would live long in history, and that occasion would serve to remind those who in future years might visit the belfry of what took place there in 1906.

The Rev. J. H. Stamp said he was desired on behalf of the ringers to thank the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Parnell for presenting them with that handsome new ringing-board. Their best thanks were due to Mr. Churchwarden Bentley for his liberality in providing and preparing the board, and to the Vicar, to Mr. Churchwarden A. Chapman and W. Salmon, and to Mr. Parnell, for so kindly uniting to defray the expense incurred in painting the board and writing the inscription. Thanks also were due to Mr. Parnell, both for his kindness in coming among them to unveil the board, and for his kind words, which they all appreciated. Mr. Parnell also provided sufficient cocoa-nut matting to cover the floor of the ringing-chamber, and that had added much to the comfort of the ringers. He had now presented the two pairs of thick elegant curtains which adorned the windows, for the first time that night, rendering the chamber even more cosy, and for which Mr. Parnell deserved their best thanks. The belfry was now second to none in the kingdom in this respect, and already had excited the envy and admiration of visitors and ringers from other parishes. Indeed it was so comfortable that he would not be sur-

prised to hear in the near future that on a rough wintry night the ringers preferred to stay in their cosy nook all night rather than face the contending elements outside; thus following the example of one of their remote predecessors, of whom it was said that he was accustomed to make up his bed on the roomy inner ledge of the west window of the belfry, and so used the ringing-chamber as his dormitory. Concluding, Mr. Stamp said he hoped that some kind friend would take up Mr. Parnell's suggestion, and fill the vacant spaces in the bell-chamber.

Mr. Parnell, in response, thanked Mr. Stamp for his kind words, and the company for the hearty reception accorded him. He said that more than once he had heard the remark: "As a rule, things are not done very well in Waltham Abbey, except the ringing of the Abbey bells." He added to the historical incidents in his career by ringing one of the bells under the tuition of the Rev. J. H. Stamp, who showed that he has not yet lost his cunning in the art of "pulling the long string."

After leaving the belfry, the ringers and one or two friends reassembled at the Abbey Farm, where they were right royally entertained at the hospitable board by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chapman. A very ample and excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed, and under the genial and happy chairmanship of the esteemed host, the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant harmony.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Mr. Frank Carter, a former Secretary of the Society, and Mr. W. A. Alps (Master), who wrote on behalf of himself and Mr. G. E. Peace.

RINGER'S PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, November 10th, at the church of St. Peter, Colchester, the wedding took place of Mr. A. Burch, a member of the St. Peter's company, and in honour of the event several touches of Triples and Major were rung, and the bells fired, during the evening. On the previous evening, a special meeting was held to present the bridegroom with a set of fire brasses, and silver-mounted pipe and pouch, which had been subscribed for by all the members of the company, including the Vicar and Mr. A. Polley, churchwarden, the latter of whom, in the absence of the Vicar through ill-health, kindly made the presentation. All joined in wishing him and his future wife long life and happiness.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
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ANCIENT OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.-ANNUAL DINNER.

(Specially and exclusively reported for The Bell News.)

The 26th Anniversary Dinner of the above was held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday evening, November 3rd. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr E. P. O'Meara), the vice-chairman being Mr. Arthur Hughes. Miss Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst, was present as usual, and the large company of over 200 included ringers from all parts of England.

From Mr. Cockerill's report we find that during the year twenty-five peals have been rung by the society, including Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques; Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus; Double Norwich Major, Caters and Royal, and London Surprise. The most noteworthy peal is that rung at Bethnal Green on Mr. M. A. Wood's eightieth birthday, and in which he took part. The society is in a better financial position than for many years past. Thirty new members have been enrolled during the past year. Practices have been held at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Michael's, St. Giles, St. Magnus, and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, where owing to the kindness of the Rev. H. A. Redpath, regular practices are held on the Thursday following the meeting at St. Paul's.

The Master announced that letters regretting inability to be present had been received from the Bishops of London and Croydon, the Archdeacon of London, the Archdeacon of Southwark, the Rectors of Bow, Cripplegate, St. Michael's, Speldhurst, General Mackinnon, Mr. Potter (Newcastle), Mr. Phillott (Cheltenham), Mr. Chapple (Axminster), Mr. Breed (York), and telegrams from the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon (Speldhurst), George Mackinnon (R.N., H.M.S. Forte, Cape Station), Lachland Mackinnon (King Edward's Hospital), H. L. Buckingham, and one from Liverpool, which read as follows: "College Youths dining at Liverpool, wish London members pleasant evening.—Aspinwall, Davies, E. H. Lewis, G. R. Newton."

The Master in proposing the toast "Church, King, and State," was in excellent form, and made a decided hit in expressing their gratitude at having a House of Lords to overlook what had been done in the Commons, and to put matters in relation to the Education Bill a little bit in order.

The toast was received with musical and vocal honours.

In the absence of the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Dr. Redpath responded, and in the course of a very happy speech, said if it were not for the fabric of the church there would be no bell-ringing. When joy or sorrow happened to the reigning monarch, the ringers immediately set the bells swinging. They looked to the State to treat each portion of the community fairly. All they wanted as churchmen was that the State should be fair to them.

On rising to propose the toast of the evening—"The Ancient Society of College Youths," Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was enthusiastically greeted. He said: Mr. Master, Miss Leny, and Gentlemen: As a country member I consider that I am very greatly honoured by being asked to propose this toast, for although it was unfortunately owing to many engagements which press on me at this time of year, some time since I have had the pleasure of attending one of these gatherings, yet I have attended them not seldom in days gone by, and I cannot call to mind that this toast—really the important toast of the evening, has ever been committed to any hands but those of a London College Youth, so I feel the honour, and I thank you for it. It is interesting to look on the program, and to read that this is the 26th anniversary dinner, and it causes one to throw one's thoughts back to the time when those Ancients formed this society, which has lasted for upwards of two centuries and a half, and you will observe that the wording on the program is the 26th anniversary dinner. That seems to take it for granted that the College Youths have always dined every year for 269 years, and when I read that, I couldn't help wondering, assuming that that is the truth, what really was the dinner to which the College Youths sat down in the year 1637. We may be curious as to their dress—that is a small detail—there is one lady we are proud to think of in our assembly, and I have no doubt that that interests ladies more than ourselves. It is a vulgar thought, but I venture to say that we men are more interested in what they had to eat than in what they had on. I do not know of course how able they were as ringers. Probably we

should think that the five-bell ringing, or whatever was effected in those days, was a small matter, but then we have to remember that they were at the beginning, and it is quite possible that their abilities were greater than ours, and we may be sure that whatever their abilities were, their physical constitutions were very much the same, and we may be sure that Englishmen of that day were very much like Englishmen of this day in that whenever they meet together in social gathering they like to have something good to eat, and thoroughly enjoy it when they get it. Now gentlemen, it seems to me that in looking back upon these gatherings for all this great number of years, there is a very great and very proud credit in thinking that this society has carried on without break or intermission for all that long number of years. And when you come to think what it was—that it was an art—a peculiar art that at one time was fashionable amongst what are called Aristocracy, but which to-day the aristocracy have not to any very great extent the great advantage of partaking in. When you think that that art grew up bit by bit, that scientific men and practical ringers side by side evolved from the early single changes to wonderful combinations and results that we have to-day. I think there is really something to be very proud of in the thought that the Ancient Society of College Youths has throughout all those years practically acted as the bond of all those ringers throughout the only ringing country in the world, and kept that art together. We may look as I said upon the feasts that they had had in those days. I don't know of course how much importance was attached to them. No doubt eating and drinking, particularly drinking, was a more important matter at that time than it is now. We are a little bit in the dark perhaps as to how much ringing there was at their annual dinners, and how much eating and drinking. We are perhaps in the position of the Scotch servant who had absented himself one evening, and when his master asked him the next morning where he was the last night, he said, "Well, I was at a gathering, I don't know rightly whether it was a wedding or a funeral, but anyways it was a great success" and I have no doubt that whether the College Youths in those days at their anniversary dinner were mainly occupied with talking and thinking about ringing, or whether they were mainly occupied in eating and drinking; still the fact remains that it all helped to bring it on to the present day. It is I think a matter for congratulation to-day that certainly within the last, what shall I say, thirty or forty years, there has been found a very increased material recognition of the position of ringers, brought about, as I have always said, by themselves, not by the clergy, not by anybody but themselves. Ringers at one time—I say it with regret—were rather a bad lot. We have reformed ourselves, we have improved ourselves what we are to-day through nobody's instrumentality but our own. We have had very little encouragement from the clergy, and I think it is a very great credit to us, and I think it is very largely owing to this Society and to other Societies of the kind that have drawn men together to meetings where those who are really honest good fellows have met with encouragement and have set a good example which has been followed, and has inspired the societies of which they were members. And so to-day we see ringers throughout the country increasing in numbers, increasing in ability, absolutely respectable in position, and I am glad to say with a much more ready control of bells than has been the case in years gone by. It is all very well to tell me of those who object. We hear from time to time of persons who cavil at bells. I admit that if you want to write a sermon, or if you want to write some important business communications, and you have a peal of Stedman Cinques going on within fifty yards of your office it is a serious matter, but of course those are exceptional cases, and nobody in this wide world can enjoy themselves without making somebody suffer. The only question is how much you make other people suffer in proportion to how much you enjoy yourselves. I contend that it is a very small proportion of people in this world who suffer, compared to the very large enjoyment that ringers give themselves, and mind you, to a very large number of people in this country who love bells, and who love ringing. Mr. John Taylor is here, and there are representatives of other bell foundries in the room. I do not think I need ask them, I know enough to be able to say that they would tell us at once that there is no falling off in the number of bells that are ordered, in the number of

bells that are hung. Then where are your objectors? The English public loves bells, and loves bellringing. There are a certain number of cantankerous old fogies, or young fogies for anything I know, who do object to ringing, and undoubtedly they may have a certain amount of reason in their objections, but they may be put on one side. I think we may fairly say that we do not hear as much of it now-a-days as we did some years ago. It is not very long ago since I was told that there was a peal of Stedman Caters or Cinques going on in one of the towers in London, and two persons were outside, one asked the other, "What are those fellows doing? they are ringing on and on; are they never going to stop?" "Oh," he said, "it is a demonstration of the unemployed." Well, gentlemen, you know people sometimes make a mistake, they attribute wrong purposes to people. They do not quite see through the thing. There is a very pretty story of a little girl who was walking with her mother in one of the streets of London. There was a lot of straw laid down, and the child said to her mother, "What is all this straw in the street for?" and the mother said, "Oh, the lady who lives in that house there has had a little daughter sent her." The child looked at all the straw, and thought for a while, and then said, "Mother, how carefully they must have packed her." Well, gentlemen, that is simply one instance of attributing wrong purposes, and a singular instance of it, and perhaps one more to the point is the case of the Irishman. His employer was exceedingly annoyed with him for some very stupid thing that he had done, and said to him, "Pat, what do you suppose your head was given you for?" "To keep my collar on," he said. Of course if the general public are going to take it that when a peal is being rung, it is a demonstration of the unemployed, I am afraid it will be rather difficult to undeceive them. But at the same time you may take it that they are only the exception, and the larger number of our auditors, if they have not a very real appreciation of the science of ringing, yet love to hear bells, and love to hear them well rung. And so I feel it a very proud position to have the honour of proposing this toast to-day, because doubtless this society has done a very great work, and I would say this—and there are clergy present, and I would say it with the certainty that it is true—that the Church has amongst ringers very strong sound loyal supporters. I do not think we all go to church as much as we might. We are rather a weak lot in that way, but we are sound on Church principles, and we do not want our Church disestablished. We do not want our money taken away, not only because we do not want to see our clergy starving, but because we do not want to have our bells in worse repair than they are. And we feel very strongly that if the Church was disestablished, it is exceedingly probable, according to the extraordinary curious ideas of the present day, that things that have been for long given and used for certain purposes, should be sold and got rid of, and the money put to some other purpose—an extraordinary fallacy of the present day that is. We do not want to see our bells taken down and melted up, and therefore if for no other reason we are strong Church supporters. And mind you this is a time when the Church wants all the support it can get. I am not going to talk about politics, but mind this that the Education Bill is a Bill for the disestablishment of the Church of England. Don't make any mistake about that. If the Church was disestablished people would come forward and find the income for the clergy and the money to carry on church work, but if you take away from the Church, from Roman Catholics, from Nonconformists, the religious education of their children, you cannot buy it back for money. And therefore I say that this Education Bill as at present before the country is a distinct measure for injuring the Church. Therefore we as ringers, if we want to save our church and bells, must in every way that we can oppose that Bill being carried in the way that it is now before us. And I want just to emphasize this one point, that more of the clergy might recognise what a valuable asset they have in a body of men like the ringers of this country, who are bound together with the tie of common sympathy, and who are all prepared to act together, not as most bodies in the country with differences of opinion and quarrels amongst them, but absolutely as one man, to preserve our Church as she is. And I say to-day, and I hope there is a reporter present that it may be put down, that we, the College Youths, consider our-

selves a very distinct and valuable portion of the Church of England. I feel that in proposing a long, long, long existence to this old and noble society, that, if God willing, that hope is carried out, I shall thereby be adding no mean link in the strength of the chain which binds together the Church of England and our own country.

Sir Arthur's speech was greeted with loud applause.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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

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

THE PEALS AT FENTON, STONE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND TONBRIDGE.

SIR,—As I did not see "THE BELL NEWS" of November 3rd until too late to make any reply regarding the record supposed to have been made by the ringing of two peals in one day in a certain time, I beg to point out that on Saturday, February 8th, 1902, a mixed band of Gloucester and Bristol members rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Bath, in 2 hrs. 24 mins., and a peal of Bob Triples in 2 hrs. 36 mins. at Twerton-on-Avon. It will be observed the actual time of ringing these two peals was exactly 5 hrs. (surely this is a record) and from the time of beginning the first peal to the completion of the second peal only 6½ hours was occupied together with having tea, and going the distance as between Christ Church, Bath, and Twerton-on-Avon. Both peals were duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." Probably this information will once for all decide who the credit belongs (if any) of having rung two peals in the shortest time to date.

F. G. MAY.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—By kind permission may I ask if any of your readers can inform me if a tune named "The Brides of Enderby" is chimed on church bells, and if so where? I would be glad also to know the location of Enderby.

WILLIAM STORY.

Obituary.

JOSEPH YOUNG, OF BOREHAM, ESSEX.

On Wednesday, November 7th, we laid the above-named ringer to rest in the quiet little churchyard of Boreham. Old Joe, as he was known by all, had a long and honourable career as a six-bell ringer. He was, I believe, the oldest ringer in the county. He assisted in the ringing at Boreham on the Coronation Day of Queen Victoria, and also at her two Jubilees, and up till rather more than two years ago kept up his ringing for Sunday services and practice nights. When health began to fail him he often remarked his heart was good enough, but he could not get his breath. I think his last course was on his 83rd birthday, in which he rang the 2nd, but for upwards of forty years he was to be seen on the box at the rope of the tenor, especially when a bit of good striking was wanted. In fact he was one of the old school who believed in doing things well. I am afraid his good humour and open disposition will not be replaced in our belfry for some years to come, for a man to ring in sixty-five new years is something to be proud of. He was in his 86th year, and was only confined to his bed the last few weeks of his life, which illness he bore like a Christian should. With the assistance of Mr. H. F. Cooper we rang his remains to the church with the bells deeply-muffled. May he rest in peace.

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GLoucester.—On Sunday, November 5th, at St. Werburgh's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. R. Chemmins, W. Tyley, E. Guise, W. T. Apperley, H. Brownjohn, E. Andrews.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on November 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, to-day, Sat., November 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.
J. J. PRATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Sat., November 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.
A. KING, Local Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall to-day, Sat., November 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea (free) at 5.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.
D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Hersham on Saturday, November 24th. Bells available from service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room at 6. Those intending to be present should inform Mr. Emery, Hersham, by Wednesday, November 21st, or
C. H. PEARCE, Dis. Sec.

Vale Road, Yorktown.
East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 6d. per head. Meeting afterwards. Those intending to partake of tea are requested to notify Mr. George Goodwin, Hammersmith House, Pentrick, Derby, on or before November 28th.
T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The Hettfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, December 1st. Tea, 6d. per head in the Church Room at 5.30. The recently appointed Vicar will preside at the tea, and it is hoped as many as possible will be there to meet him. The bells have just been rehung. Information as to the number from each tower will be thankfully received by
H. EDEN, Hon. Sec.
8, Highfield Road, Bushey, Herts.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30 p.m. 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Will those who intend to be present, please let me know by November 28th, to enable me to make proper arrangements. Business meeting for the election of Master and Secretary for ensuing year will follow the tea.
GEO. A. BLACK, Hon. Dis. Sec.
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Owing to the illness of the Hon. Secretary, the issue of the annual report has been unavoidably delayed. It is proposed to

issue a combined report for the years 1905 and 1906 early in the new year. The Hon. Sec. is exceedingly sorry for the delay, and hopes members may not be seriously inconvenienced.
C. E. D. BOUFFLOWER, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Visitors and friends are hereby notified that the bells at St. Martin's will again be in use after December 1st. Ringing for service at 10 on Sunday mornings, and for practice at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings, when ringing friends will be welcome. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.
ALBERT WALKER, Ringing-Master.
106, Avondale Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Portsea Parish Church.—The usual Tuesday evening practice at this church will be discontinued during the winter months, and in future practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 8 o'clock, when any ringing friends will be made welcome.
J. HARDING, Hon. Sec.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—This was the first peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, the gift of Standfield Nicholson, Esq., in memory of his father, who was for forty-two years Vicar of this parish. The old 3rd bell has been recast, and the other bells put in thorough order by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich. On the completion of the peal, the ringers pronounced the "go" of the bells as being excellent, and great credit is due to Messrs. Bowell for the satisfactory way in which they have carried out the work.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. Condrick has removed to 49, Holly Road, Chiswick, London, W.

Situations Wanted.

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On September 2nd, the death occurred of Elizabeth Wright, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, wife of James Story Wright, aged 77 years. After several weeks illness she was buried in Spalding cemetery on September 5th, and the same evening a muffled peal was rung at the parish church by Gordon Mackman, George Mackman, R. Creasy, W. Bennett, R. Mackman, H. Eley, J. W. Jarvis, H. Atkinson. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Wright, who is captain of the Spalding ringers. They had been married 54 years and 4 months. Mr. Wright, who is in his 80th year, has been a ringer at the parish church for 66 years.

SYMBOL OF STRENGTH.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1906.

THE accusation made against the Bedford peal, referred to last week, has drawn more than one protest against the assertions contained in the letter of Mr. WOOD. Of course this was to be expected. Unfortunately in such cases the belligerents cannot strictly confine themselves to the points at issue, but enter upon topics not of the slightest use toward a peaceful settlement of the dispute. We think it best not to publish anything further upon the matter, for the present at any rate. Let us offer a suggestion to the parties concerned. The Rev. B. JEALOUS, now located in the diocese of Durham, rang the 6th in this disputed peal. Can he throw any new light upon the matter? Is the statement made by Mr. WOOD that the 6th ringer could not get the 7th to dodge true or otherwise? We feel that if Mr. JEALOUS would state plainly his views upon this performance it would prevent that great unpleasantness which a lengthy correspondence in public upon a performance of this sort invariably begets. In the meantime we shall await the result of the action of the reverend gentleman.

Concerning the dispute about a peal of Grandsire

Triples at Melton Mowbray, it is thought the wisest plan to leave the matter for those concerned to settle it among themselves. Some of these disputes come under the definition of "local squabbles," which interest no one but those concerned, and their details are very often repugnant to many.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

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Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

The second anniversary of the rededication of the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Thornton, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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HAROLD BOARDMAN* .. Treble.	JAMES MARSDEN 4.
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JOHN CHAPMAN 3.	ROBERT PARKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

*First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT* .. Treble.	*FRANK S. STURT 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
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FRANK BENNETT 4.	ROBERT J. DAVE 9.
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE† .. 5.	*GEORGE RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This is the conductor's 450th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

P. B. WRIGHT* Treble.	J. W. DERBYSHIRE 5.
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HENRY GREGORY 3.	J. SIDDAL 7.
F. TRAVIS 4.	*F. DOBSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

*First peal.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY RYDER* Treble.	WALTER BROWN 5.
WILFRID J. MOSS† 2.	RICHARD NEWTON 6.
JOE MORGAN 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
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*First peal. †First peal in the method.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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Rung on the dedication festival of the church.

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HARRY COOMBS Treble.	HENRY MILES 5.
ALFRED MILES 2.	ROBERT MILES 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	FRANK COLLIE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. ROBINSON.

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On Friday, November 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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JAMES MERRICK 3.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM G. MATTHEWS .. 4.	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHEPHERD.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to His Majesty the King.

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Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

†First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

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EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	CHARLES NUNN 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

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Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Berry.

GARDENERS' PEAL.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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JESSE PUPLETT 2.	ALBERT PHILLIPS 6.
WILLIAM IRONS 3.	HENRY S. REEVES 7.
WILLIAM J. NEW 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by HENRY S. REEVES.

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IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT FOULDS, SEN. .. Treble.	JOHN FOULDS 5.
TOM REDMAN 2.	WM. HY. HARRISON 6.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 3.	ABRAHAM LANE 7.
HARRY ENTWISTLE 4.	RENNIE HARTLEY Tenor.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

A. CLEGG* Treble.	*S. HOLT 5.
G. H. BEEVER* 2.	E. SCHOFIELD 6.
J. LEES* 3.	†G. HOYLE 7.
E. B. SHAW 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by GEORGE HOYLE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob by the above branch.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BETTS† Treble.	OLIVER BROCK 5.
FREDERICK KEELEY† .. 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 3.	*RUSSELL RICHES 7.
WALTER MOBBS 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by H. HALEY, and Conducted by J. BETTS.

†First as conductor in the method. †First peal in the method. *First peal.

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On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6656 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	JOHN P. TARTLTON 5.
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R. WILFRID COLLIER .. 3.	JOHN T. BUTLER 7.
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HARRY HOWARD* 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
FRANK L. WHITEMAN .. 4.	FREDERICK MALING Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

*First peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN NEAL Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and by the above society.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CAPEL BRANCH.)**

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Treble Bob, Violet,
London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise, and
Oxford.

GEORGE CHEESEMAN Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
CHARLES TAYLOR 2.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT 5.
FREDERICK R. TULLETT, SEN. 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

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On Monday, November 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HDLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.**

ALFRED TRAPPIST Treble.	EDWARD J. DUNK 5.
WILLIAM STATES 2.	CHARLES GORDON 6.
HENRY BROOKER, JUN.* .. 3.	GEORGE BURT 7.
HENRY BROOKER 4.	*JOHN CALCUTT Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER, SEN.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Brooker, jun.

Handbell Peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

**AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART.**

LOUIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	HERBERT FIELDS 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Umpire—Lewis Watson.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

**IN THE PARISH ROOM,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES'S ONE-PART.**

HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 5-6.
HUBERT EDEN 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, November 31st, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, being 106 Oxford, and 360 each of London, Wells, Superlative, Woodbine and Violet. T. J. Morris, E. H. Lewis, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Booth, J. Turner, J. Allen.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, November 3rd, at Carlton Villa, Aigburth, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples, 96 Kent, 224 Bob Major, and a course of Stedman Triples. W. Davies, E. H. Lewis conductor, J. Aspinwall, G. R. Newton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—Recently, for service at St. John's church, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Harrison, F. C. Naisbitt, T. Clark A. Hunter, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter conductor, T. Sellick, J. Paxter. On Sunday, October 28th, for Mattins, 672 Stedman Triples. F. C. Naisbitt, A. Hunter, W. Patton, T. Clark, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter, J. Baxter conductor, J. W. Moscrop. For evensong 1008 Stedman Triples. R. Moncaster, M. B. Dalby, W. D. Lister, A. Hunter, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter conductor, T. Clark, J. W. Moscrop.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On November 1st, All Saints' Day, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Hill, J. F. Mallingley, T. Huckings, S. Paice, A. H. Jones, F. Lush, W. J. Paice conductor, A. Price.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 960 Canterbury Pleasure Major. A. Jordan, G. Gray, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. T. Jordan, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, November 12th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, J. Rudkin, H. E. Hammond, E. Claydon, J. T. Barker, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and in the neighbourhood, and first by all except the conductor.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, twelve courses of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. S. Wyatt, S. Adams, E. Lloyd, E. Poole, J. Routley, J. Burge conductor, P. Merson, E. Wyatt, W. White, J. Fowler. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Justice Kennedy and the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service on the above date.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, November 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Routley, E. Cox, J. Harris, E. Counsell, J. Dunn, G. Chamberlain conductor, G. H. Pruett, W. Crandon. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Crandon, captain of the band, all wishing him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABBOTS LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, 730 Bob Minor. G. Bennett, E. Frampton, W. Frampton, U. Greenslade, L. Moore, E. Knight conductor.

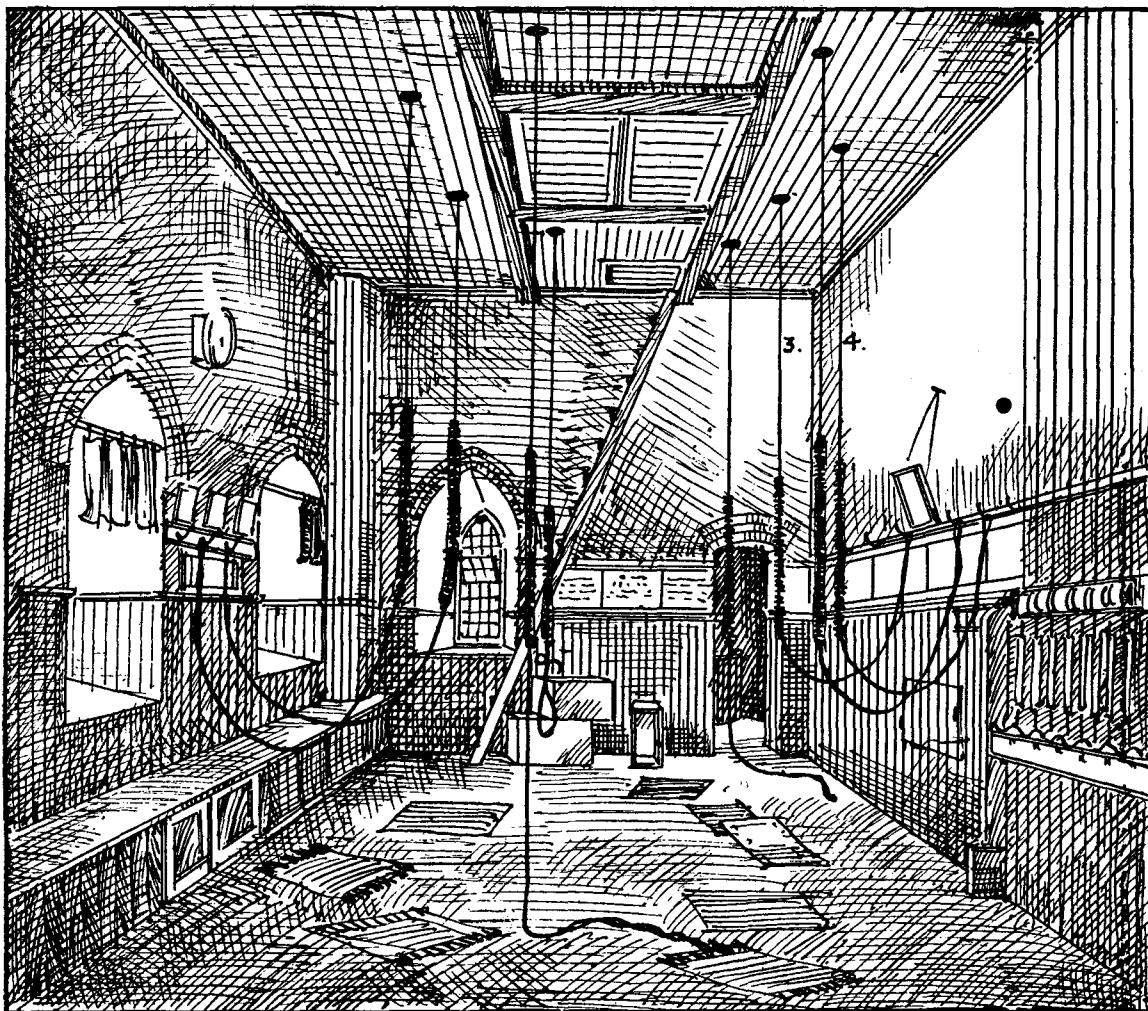
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LUTON (Beds).—On Sunday, October 12th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and to commemorate the 56th birthday of Thomas Gutteridge, who has been a ringer in the ancient tower for upwards of twenty years, two touches of Bob Major, consisting of 464 and 336 changes, was rung for the morning service. B. Gutteridge, J. Hare, J. Davies, C. Wing, F. Bonner, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, A. King conductor. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Gutteridge, C. Wing, J. Davies, A. King, J. Rookwood, B. Wilson, F. Boorer conductor, T. Gutteridge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Friday, September 21st, on the occasion of the wedding of Captain Armitage, R.G.A., to Miss Ramsay, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Barry, H. Dicker, A. Cummings, G. Privett, S. Churcher conductor, G. G. Grant, J. W. Whiting, C. Churcher. On Sunday, October 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Churcher, H. Dicker, A. Cummings, G. Privett, G. Grant, S. Churcher conductor, J. W. Whiting, C. Churcher. On Monday, October 22nd, 240 Grandsire Major. J. Churcher, H. Dicker, A. Cummings, Rev. W. H.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service, 1257 Stedman Caters. A. Knights, A. Craven, W. Nuttall, B. A. Knights conductor, W. J. Thyng, S. Price, G. Davies, G. Hollis, W. Collier, G. Mee. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Hollis.

BIRMINGHAM.—For evening service at Bishop Ryder's church, on November 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 5-6-8 covering. J. Bluck, F. Finch, A. T. Scrivens, W. H. Carrod, G. Rastall, O. Warwick, J. Smallwood conductor, A. Hodson.

BERKSWELL (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. W. Whitehead, F. Viles, J. Smallwood, A. James, J. H. White conductor, E. Johnson. This is the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 4, and the first on the bells.

COVENTRY.—On Friday, September 21st, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. J. Smallwood, J. H. White con-

ductor, Mrs. J. H. White. And two courses of Stedman Doubles. J. H. White, J. Smallwood, Mrs. J. H. White.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. T. White, B. Miller, V. Pavier, A. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, C. D. Letzer.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 17th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Bowkett, W. Rouse, S. Jones, T. Bullock, W. Page, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton conductor, J. Oakey. Longest length with a bob bell by S. Jones, for whom it was arranged. On Sunday, October 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples, in which J. Hurlstone took part, being his longest touch with a bob bell.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. J. Johnson, W. Bryant, F. Bywater, W. Hinton, W. J. Smith, W. R. Small, A. Rowley conductor, H. Smith.

UTTOXETER (Staffordshire).—On a recent practice night, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Richardson, P. Cope, T. Ball, F. Richardson, P. Cope, T. Ball, F. Richardson, W. Lunn, C. Smith conductor, S. J. Kynnersley, W. Walters. First 504 by a local band.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 20th, a party of twenty members of the above Guild left New Street Station, Birmingham, the object in view being a peal of Stedman Cinques on the fine ring of twelve at the parish church, Sheffield. On arrival at the Cutlery City, a number of Sheffield ringers met the Birmingham men, and gave them a cordial reception. A move was made to headquarters at The Yellow Lion hotel, where a room was placed at the visitors' disposal, having been very thoughtfully engaged by Mr. S. F. Palmer. After depositing coats, etc., here, the band made their way to the church to attempt the peal. Those visitors who were not engaged in the peal were escorted to the famous peal of eight at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, where Mr. Palmer had kindly obtained permission to ring. These bells

were soon set going to touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Forward Major (conducted by its composer), and London Surprise. Meanwhile Stedman Cinques was being rolled off at St. Peter's, but came to grief after 2 hrs. 35 mins. excellent ringing, much to the disappointment of all concerned.

The next item on the programme was refreshments, which had been very kindly provided by the Yorkshiremen, and were much enjoyed. Mr. Rew having been elected chairman, a musical programme was indulged in, including a course of Grandsire Cinques in hand by six Birmingham men, and the same by three Sheffield and three Birmingham men together, while a touch of Double Norwich Major was tapped on his dulcimer by Mr. Hardy Withers. Messrs. Grove and Miller contributed songs, and tune-playing by the local men was much appreciated.

Messrs. Rew and Willey expressed the pleasure it gave them to see the visitors, and gave them a hearty welcome.

Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), in replying, said that although the main object of the visit had not been attained, no one was discouraged, and he intended to make another attempt at the first opportunity. He wished to thank all the Sheffield ringers for the exceptionally hearty welcome extended to the "Brums," and hoped to have an opportunity to reciprocate at an early date when no effort would be spared to return the compliment in as hearty a manner as had been shown that day. The best thanks of all the visitors must again be expressed to their Sheffield friends for the kind and thoughtful arrangements made for their pleasure and comfort, not forgetting the extra hour obtained at The Yellow Lion hotel. As the return train did not leave until 12.30 a.m., a possibly weary wait was thus pleasantly obviated.

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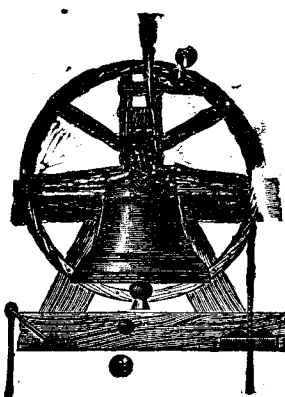
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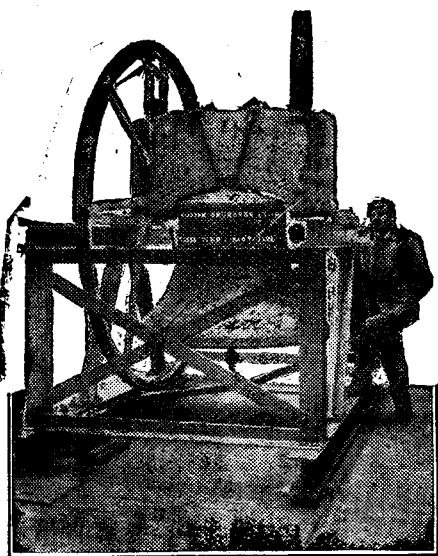
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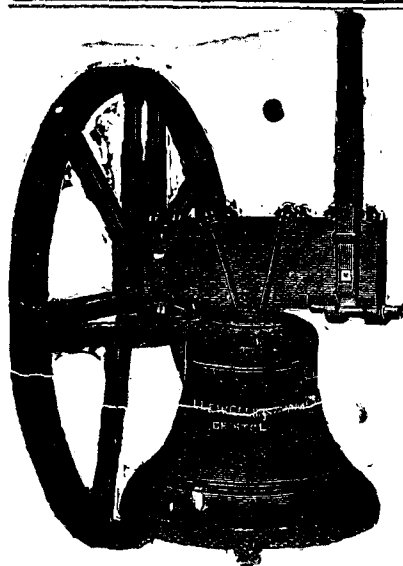
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ALL SAINTS, NORTHAMPTON.

Shortly after seven o'clock on a recent Thursday evening the bells of All Saints, Northampton, after some months of silence, sent forth once again their melodious message to the good old town and its inhabitants. As their notes fell upon the ears of passers by in the busy streets encircling the noble edifice, many gazed upward at the ancient and weatherbeaten tower, and saw that light was streaming brightly through its windows. Work of an extensive character has been carried out in the Church tower during the last few months. In order to provide funds for the work a very successful bazaar was held in the Corn Exchange, and over £400 raised. Messrs. Webb and Bennett, church bell hangers, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire, were entrusted with the work, the estimated price being £236. They have accomplished it to the satisfaction of all concerned. The old wood beams and frame were removed, and the bells turned, and rehung on steel girders in iron and wood frames. A good deal of masonry work had to be done to the tower, and this was carried out by Mr. Beardmore, of Northampton. The woodwork of the windows has been repaired and painted. Something like six tons of metal and wood were hoisted into the tower to carry out the rehung of the bells. The combined weight of the eight bells is about five tons. Although the bells were ringing on Thursday all is not yet finished. New floors are to be laid down in the belfry and ringing-chamber, and there is much clearing up to be done.

On All Saints' day special services were held. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and morning prayer later. In the evening the rehung bells rang merrily to call worshippers to church. There was a large congregation, the service being conducted by the Vicar. At the conclusion of the service the organist played the "Hallelujah Chorus."

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The four bells in the tower of St. James's church, Kimbolton, have been rehung, and two trebles added. On Thursday, the 15th instant, the latter were dedicated to the service of God by the Right Rev. Bishop Mather, and formerly opened by the Weobley ringers. The go of the bells was pronounced as excellent, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, bellhangers, of Hereford, who carried out the work.

The following rung six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles: G. Burton, J. H. Griffiths (conductor), W. Greenleaf, C. L. Sadler, C. Davis, G. Price.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3rd, the autumn meeting of this Association (Sudbury Archdeaconry branch) was held at All Saints, Sudbury. During the afternoon Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major were rung on All Saints' bells. At 4.20 twenty-eight members sat down to an excellent tea, the company including the Rev. C. F.

Stower (in the chair), Councillor Maurice Making (mayor-elect), and Captain Russell Stower. After tea, the minutes of the spring meeting held at Clare were read by the district secretary, Mr. S. Slater (of Glemsford), which were confirmed, and duly signed by the chairman. Several new members (honorary and ringing) were then elected, including Mr. Robert Brett, of South Darenth, as hon. life member. Letters were read from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (of Trinity College, Cambridge; Master of the Cambridge University Guild), Mr. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex; and Messrs. E. Beckwith and D. Elliott, of Coggeshall, apologising for their unavoidable absence, the two last-named being at the College Youths' dinner.

The Chairman thanked them all for the invitation to preside, and said it gave him great pleasure to do so over so many enthusiastic church bell ringers. He complimented them on their skill in bellringing, and hoped that that would not be the last time by many that they would visit his tower. Councillor Making and Captain Stower both expressed their pleasure at being present.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. F. Stower for presiding, and for the use of his bells, and to the Rev. F. J. Jones, of St. Gregory and St. Peter, for the use of his bells. The towers represented were All Saints, St. Gregory, and St. Peter, Sudbury; St. James, Bury St. Edmunds; and Lavenham, Glemsford, Stanstead, Felsham, Great Waldingfield, and Thetford.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guildford district was held on Wednesday, November 14th, at Guildford.

The festival service was held in the church of St. Nicolas at 5.30, the sermon being preached by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. A. R. Wiseman (Rector of Seale), whose text was: "Do all to the glory of God."

After the service the members, to the number of ninety, sat down to tea, Mr. Lunn, churchwarden of Holy Trinity, Guildford, presiding. Afterwards the business meeting was held, Mr. Lunn in the chair. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £7. 10s., as compared with a deficit last year of 15s. The strength of the district, according to the last report, was 7 life members, 13 honorary members, and 194 ordinary members, with 18 towers in union. The following officers were re-elected: Chairman of Committee, Mr. C. Willshire; representatives on the central committee, Messrs. R. Whittington and J. Hunt; peal secretary, Mr. A. Pulling; district secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones. It was unanimously decided to erect in the belfry of St. Andrew's, Farnham, a tablet in memory of the late Mr. H. Garfath, formerly captain of the Farnham band. Sympathetic reference was made to the loss which the district had sustained by the deaths of Archdeacon Sapte and Canon Musgrave. Several new members were elected, including the ten members of the Woking company.

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

DEATH OF MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR, SEN., OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

[From the *Leicester Daily Post*.]

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John W. Taylor, head of the firm of Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, the well-known bell founders, of Loughborough, which sad event took place very unexpectedly on Tuesday at his residence, Shelthorpe, Leicester road. Mr. Taylor, who was nearly eighty years of age, had been in poor health for some time past, although still able to attend to business, and was at his office so late as Monday evening. After a disturbed night he was not so well on on Tuesday morning, and Dr. Paul, his medical attendant, was called in. Mr. Taylor recovered somewhat during the morning, and was able to come downstairs. About noon he seemed rather better, but shortly before one o'clock Mrs. Taylor noticed a change in his appearance, and her husband passed away in a few minutes, and before the doctor could be summoned.

The deceased gentleman was highly respected in the town, and the unexpected news of his death occasioned widespread sympathy for his widow and family. A staunch Churchman and a steadfast supporter of the Conservative cause, Mr. Taylor took no prominent part in town affairs. He leaves a widow, six sons, and one daughter.

The name of Taylor now enters upon the fifth generation of its connection with the business of bell-founding. That connection commenced in the latter half of the 18th century, when Robert Taylor took over the business of Mr. Arnold, at St. Neots. His son John Taylor succeeded him, and the business was removed to Oxford in 1821. The late Mr. J. W. Taylor was born on April 6th, at Buckland Brewer, near Bideford, Devon. In those days it was the practice of bell-founders to move about the country, executing their orders and casting bells on the spot where they were required. This practice was continued by the Taylors until the year 1840, when the development of our railway systems was rendering this method of business less necessary or desirable. In that year the firm visited Loughborough to cast the bell for the parish church, and decided to settle down in the town. The business was established in Packhorse lane, and was carried on for nearly twenty years before its removal to the present premises in Freehold street. At the time of the settlement in Loughborough Mr. J. W. Taylor was a lad of thirteen, and after spending two years with an uncle at the business in Oxford he came back to his father in Loughborough. On the latter's death, about 1860, he took the concern into his own hands, and has managed it ever since. In spite of advancing years, and though the assistance of his sons, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and Mr. E. D. Taylor, whom he took into partnership, rendered his presence at the office less necessary in recent years, he continued to take an active part in the business, and rarely missed daily attendance at the foundry.

During his successful career some of the principal bell-founding work in the country was entrusted to Mr. Taylor. The casting of Great Paul was an event which gave Loughborough historic fame. The founding of the peal at Worcester was another important undertaking which he carried through, and in very many towns of the land the peals which ring out day by day had their birth at Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry. To all parts of the world, their bells have been shipped.

The deceased gentleman was an enthusiastic and ardent change-ringer in his younger days, and he was proud of

one unique accomplishment in which he took part. In only one instance has a peal of 5000 changes been rung by ten ringers engaged at the same establishment, and this record was made in February, 1888, at Loughborough parish church, in 3 hrs. 36 min., by Mr. Taylor, his two sons, and seven of his employes.

The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at 2.30.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

Stockton parish church, although only provided with a light ring of six bells up to the year 1899, can claim to possess a highly organised society of ringers for many years before that, the first step towards the establishment of which was taken on January 9th, 1873, when a weekly practice was held for the first time, with the result that as time moved on, the art of ringing became gradually established, and the first 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells by a local band was accomplished in June of 1878, the ringers who took part in it being all but one still associated together in the present company. As several of these have recently passed their fiftieth year, a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal was recently rung on the bells as a Jubilee peal, and on the 9th inst. after the usual ceremony of ringing for the Mayor's day, the members, nineteen in number, sat down to an excellent repast at The Royal Oak. The evening was a convivial one, commencing with the toast of "The King." The chairman (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), then proposed "The Vicar and Churchwardens," and expressed regret at the absence of the Vicar on account of his health, of whom it might be said that he had never unduly interfered with the ringing of the bells, but had afforded the ringers his support and appreciation.

The Rev. A. W. Lister, who occupied the vice-chair, and is himself an ardent practitioner in the art, in responding, expressed his regret at the Vicar's absence, and assured the company that their expression of regard would be conveyed by him to Canon Martin, who took great interest in their proceedings.

Mr. J. Mnmford, who is a member of both the choir and the ringers, responded for the churchwardens.

Mr. J. Clarkson, oblivious of the fact that he had once done a bit that way himself, then proposed "The Conductors," in reply to which Mr. G. J. Clarkson, regarding the occasion as both exceptional and historical, gave a retrospect of the proceedings of the Society as extracted from the records, which have been carefully preserved all the way through, and naturally contain many incidents of a striking character. Reference was made to a presentation to the Rev. W. Venables, formerly curate of the parish church, on his leaving Stockton in 1879, of an illuminated record of his first 720 of Minor in that year, being the first in which a clergyman had taken part in the district covered by the Durham Association. Reference was also made to a three-method date touch in 1880; and also to the ringing for the late Queen's birthday in 1881, and ever afterwards as long as she lived, and it was suggested that the time had now arrived for reviving the Royal ringing day on the accession day of the present reign. Rising from Plain Methods came those of Treble Bob and Surprise, including four seven-method 5040s, that rung on May 24th, 1887, being the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods in the country within the century. In 1897 the ten-bell scheme was successfully launched, and was heartily supported by the town. The band was now enlarged by younger members, and much good ringing has

been accomplished upon them, including five 5000s of Kent Treble Bob Royal, three of Grandsire Caters and one of Stedman Triples.

At the conclusion of the retrospect, Mr. T. Stephenson suitably responded to the toast, and stated that many of the happiest hours of his life had been spent in ringing the parish church bells. Various other toasts were proposed and responded to, the programme being interspersed with songs and handbell ringing.

During the evening Mr. G. J. Clarke drew attention to the fact that the clock in the church tower dated from 1832, and was therefore devoid of all those improvements now recognised as essential to a good timekeeper, the antiquated character of the clock being evidenced by the fact that it requires winding up every day. With a new clock the striking of the hours could be transferred from the old tenor bell weighing less than half a ton, to the new tenor, four notes deeper, and weighing nearly a ton and a half; that is a bell on a par with that of Darlington, and not much short of the hour bell of Middlesbrough Town Hall, whereas the quarters would be chimed on heavier and deeper toned bells than either at Darlington or Middlesbrough, and more nearly resembling what would be heard at the cathedrals of Durham and Newcastle. As such a clock with four illuminated 6-foot dials could be installed for about £400, he commended this suggestion to the town with the hearty approval of Mr. T. Parkinson. A thoroughly enjoyable evening soon after came to a close.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Crewkerne branch of the above Association was held at Winsham on Saturday, November 10th, when twenty-six members were present from the following towers: Chard, Ilminster, Taunton (St. Mary and St. James). Service was held in the parish church at 4.30, when the Vicar (Rev. —. Spence), gave a very interesting and instructive address. Tea was served in the reading room at five o'clock, after which the business meeting was held. In the absence of the chairman of the branch (Rev. J. Hanlet, of Barrington), the Vicar occupied the chair. After the usual business was over, the Secretary of the branch proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the address, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung. At present this is an eight-bell tower with only round-ringers, but it is hoped at no very distant date to have a band of change-ringers.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 10th, this society held a ringers' meeting and social evening at Penn. Mustering up at the parish church in the afternoon, the bells were raised in peal, and some very good touches were arranged by the ringing-master, and were successfully brought round. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to The Rose and Crown, where a substantial tea was found to be in readiness. After the tables were cleared, Mr. S. Reeves was voted to the chair, and the handbells brought into requisition, and a very pleasant evening was spent till the time arrived for the return journey.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT KIDDERMINSTER.—MR. SALTER'S 100 PEALS ON THE BELLS.—Grandsire Triples 13, conducted 6; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples 1, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Double Oxford 1; Stedman Triples 35, conducted 1; Double Norwich 15, conducted 1; Duffield Major 1; Shipway Major 1; Superlative Surprise 15, conducted 2; Cambridge Surprise 7, conducted 1; London Surprise 5, conducted 1. Total rung 100; conducted 14.

THE PEAL AT WALTHAM ABBEY.—BERTRAM PREWETT'S 400 PEALS.—Treble Bob Maximus 1; Stedman Cinques 21; New Cambridge Surprise Royal 3; Treble Bob Royal 7; Stedman Caters 68, conducted 2; Bristol Surprise Major 3; London Surprise Major 33; New Cambridge Surprise Major 5, conducted 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 87, conducted 12; Double Norwich Major 16; Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Bob Major 2; Stedman Triples 127, conducted 19; Grandsire Triples 8, conducted 1. On handbells. Stedman Cinques 4; Stedman Caters 7; Stedman Triples 5, conducted 2; total rung 400; conducted 39. Rung in 110 towers in nineteen counties.

THE PEAL AT LONG EATON.—MR. WESLEY'S 100 PEALS.—Bob Minor 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Oxford Bob Triples 2; Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 4; Stedman Triples 41; Bob Major 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, including a 6656 and 7328, 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Double Norwich 4; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman Caters 6; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; total 100. Rung in 45 different towers.

THE PEAL AT BOLTON.—The object of this peal was to commemorate the centenary of the last three bells, upon which are the following inscriptions: Treble and 2nd: "John Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect 1806." 3; "The Rev. T. Bancroft, Vicar, 1806. J. Rudhall Fect." It is interesting to note that the remaining five bells were cast in 1699, the inscription on each of the bells being—"Henry Bagley of Ecton by Northampton made mee 1699." The tenor bell is inscribed—"I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summons all. Henry Bagley made mee 1699." The diameter of the tenor bell is 3-ft. 8½ inches. From an entry dated 18 November, 1802, the wardens' accounts of Burnley Parochial Church the sum of £97 5s. 2d. appears to have been paid by the churchwarden of Bolton for one of the old bells belonging to Burnley church, and a bell they were disposing of prior to purchasing a new peal. The weight of this bell was 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs., and was cast in 1712 at York by Mr. Samuel Smith.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT STRATFORD.—This was the first peal of Treble Bob Major on handbells by all except the conductor, and by the Association. All the band are also named John, and it is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on handbells by a John band.

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ANCIENT OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—ANNUAL DINNER.

(Specially and exclusively reported for The Bell News.)

(Continued from page 388.)

The toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths," given by Sir Arthur Heywood, was received with vocal honours sung with gusto by the assembly, led by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

At this stage Mr. E. P. O'Meara stated that the safes in the custody of the society for keeping its property were not sufficient, and that Sir Arthur Heywood had offered to give £20 towards the cost of a new safe. This announcement was received with cheers, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge's vocal powers were again requisitioned in the uproarious rendering of "For he's a jolly good fellow," ending with cheers loud and long.

Sir Arthur Heywood said that it gave him the opportunity of indicating that his sympathies were with the College Youths, although his many engagements would not allow him to be with them as much as in the old days.

The response to the toast was in the hands of Mr. A. Hughes, who ably did the needful, and stated that the demand for bells was increasing. He thought people justly objected to bells when one only was rung for five minutes before each service. No one could take the least exception to bells rung in an half-pull method well-struck.

"The London and Provincial Ringing Societies" was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. A. Hughes.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge on rising to respond, was heartily greeted. The rev. gentleman, as usual, was most humorous in his reply. He joked about the programme, the dinner, Sir Arthur Heywood's speech, and the "mean machinations" of his being called upon to reply. When he was a boy there were few provincial societies. In the south of England they only heard about the London men, the Bristol men and the Oxford men. The first 6-score ever rung in the far west of England was rung by the President of the Devonshire Guild—the Rev. Maitland Kelly—with his brother and other relatives at his home in little Kelly church in Devon. The Devonshire Guild was the first of the county societies, and then came Bristol and Gloucester, and then the Oxford Guild. Things had since come on, and all the many provincial societies were doing their utmost to promote good ringing, and helping ringers to become good churchmen. They were ruled by most excellent Presidents, Patrons and Masters, and he was delighted that they had various idiosyncracies of character among them. One great Master only cared to ring one peal in one method, and then to go on to another method, while another great Master preferred to ring one method only. This was a very good thing. When members of the provincial societies came to London, they were always welcomed. If a man was a ringer he was a true friend, and ever ready to help his brother in necessity. He had to catch a tram shortly after 10 o'clock. One of his parishioners had told him that the South Eastern was mentioned in the first page of the Bible. He quite admitted that the rolling stock was as old. "Yes," said the parishioner, "it was mentioned among all things that were created, especially among all creeping things. Although his home was but thirty-eight miles from London, yet he would not get home till two o'clock next morning. He would therefore sit down and rest a little.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, the well-known and genial representative of the Cumberland Society, also replied. In the course of an amusing speech, he said that he had that morning received some wedding-cake from their old friend Henry Dains. He knew that they all wished him every happiness. He also referred to the recent wedding of Mr. Thomas Taffender, who had done so much for the St. James's Society. Their best wishes he was sure went with this Benedict also. He hoped to attend very many more annual dinners of the College Youths.

The Master in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," heartily thanked the St. George's Glee Union for their entertainment, and said that he was delighted to see so many visitors from all parts of the country.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell in replying, testified his unbounded gratitude to the ringers of his parish of Barking for the whole-heartedness of their work. A bellringer's enthusiasm was to be marvelled at. He thought that all true men liked to hear good bells rung. A peal of scientific ringing was like life—everything goes smoothly until the hurly-burly is reached, and at last home is reached—the longest day rings to its evening.

"The Officers of the Society" was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who spoke highly of their Secretary, and Mr. William T. Cockerill happily replied.

The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Parts-songs and glees were excellently rendered by the members of the St. George's Glee Union, under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Monday. A course of Stedman Caters was well rung on the handbells by Messrs. C. F. Winney, H. Hodgetts, G. N. Price, J. W. Golding, and H. Langdon. The vocalists of the evening were Messrs. L. E. Stanley, G. H. Cleveland, W. Chamberlain, H. G. Flint, W. H. Judd, and S. Blackmore. Recitations were given by Lieutenant-Colonel H. Everitt, and the pianoforte accompanists were Messrs. H. Howell, W. Murdock, and T. E. Johns.

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."

THE PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD.

SIR,—I am writing this letter not because I think it really necessary that I should do so, but because my silence after your leading article might be misconstrued.

I must acknowledge your courtesy in asking me as a clergyman to try and do what I can with my opinion to allay the trouble that has arisen with regard to this performance, but at the same time I feel that there are others whose views are more important than mine.

With reference to my own words as to the 6-7 dodge, I admit that an interpretation of a character serious for the peal might possibly be placed upon them; and unfortunately this is the way in which they have been looked at. But there is also another meaning, the one I had in my mind when I spoke to Mr. Wood. I never meant that the 7th bell was hopelessly astray or even out of the 6-7 couplet. The remark was simply relative to the exact striking of those bells at the finish, and means that the bells jarred rather than dodged evenly; had there been further work to do we should very soon have struck with precision. The matter is really trivial, and is constantly occurring, especially during anxious moments. When I made the remark I was not arranging for its introduction into a public letter, or I should have measured my language rather more accurately. I am sorry my friend Mr. Wood did not write to me first, before almost rushing into print. [I have since had an undertaking from Mr. Wood that he accepts my explanation.]

I have good authority for saying that the 4th went on the front in the six referred to; and I think I may say positively that he was not in 6-7 when the finish was called. I must have noticed it if he had been there.

I remember the conductor guiding the 1-2-3 at the end, and as far as I know it was correctly done. The striking of the bells at the end of the peal certainly was rough, and was most regrettable as being so. I think we all grant this; it is no doubt this roughness that has been the basis from which the dispute has arisen, but I do not think for a moment that invalidated the performance. A certain allowance I believe may be made for unevenness at the end of Stedman Caters peals, when some irregular calling follows a long period of regular work.

In my opinion the peal should stand. But while I say this I wish it to be understood that if it can be proved that a block or blocks of changes were left out, or that we went beyond the number, or the home position was forced up as a consequence, I would not stand by the performance. But I feel sure this cannot be shown. The conductor knew his composition thoroughly, and I have confidence in his ability to direct us throughout.

If I am not going beyond my subject I should like to say also that I know something of the wind that is fanning this agitation, and I would appeal to the parties concerned to make some effort to rise above it all; not only because it is distracting to Christian love, but also because it is lowering immeasurably our position as church-workers.

BERNARD JEALOUS.

Shadforth, Co. Durham, November 20th, 1906.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 29th; at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Hershaw to-day, Sat., November 24th. Bells available from service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room at 6.

C. H. PEARCE, Dis. Sec.

Vale Road Yorktown.

Leeds and District Society.—The monthly will be held at St. Chad, Far Headingley, to-day, Saturday, November 24. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Woodman inn at 7 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 6d. per head. Meeting afterwards. Those intending to partake of tea are requested to notify Mr. George Goodwin, Hammersmith House, Pentrick, Derby, on or before November 28th.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, December 1st. Tea, 6d. per head in the Church Room at 5.30. The recently appointed Vicar will preside at the tea, and it is hoped as many as possible will be there to meet him. The bells have just been rehung. Information as to the number from each tower will be thankfully received by **H. EDEN, Hon. Sec.**
8, Highfield Road, Bushey, Herts.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30 p.m., 6d. to members, rs. 6d. to non-members. Will those who intend to be present, please let me know by November 28th, to enable me to make proper arrangements. Business meeting for the election of Master and Secretary for ensuing year will follow the tea.

Geo. A. BLACK, Hon. Dis. Sec.

5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5.30, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector will preside. Service at 7.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present at tea, please notify Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, November 29th.

D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, December 1st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea by kind permission of the Vicar, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All members intending to be present please inform the undersigned not

later than Thursday, November 29th. The Secretary hopes that all bands that have not paid their subscriptions will do so by the end of the year, as the accounts are then made up and sent to the auditors.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, December 1st. Should there be funerals the tower will not be open before the service.

A. T. BRESTON, Hon. Br. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hanslope on Saturday, December 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—In accordance with Rule xvii. a special general meeting will be held on Monday, December 3rd, 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 from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present please send word on or before December 6th to **WALTER HUGHES,**
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—A business meeting of the above society will be held in St. Martin's Crypt on Monday, December 10th, at 9.15 p.m. after the usual practice, for the purpose of electing auditors and transacting other important business.

T. CARD, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Visitors and friends are hereby notified that the bells at St. Martin's will again be in use after December 1st. Ringing for service at 10 on Sunday mornings, and for practice at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings, when ringing friends will be welcome. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1906.

It may now be considered, after the letter of the Rev. B. JEALOUS, respecting the peal of Stedman Caters at Bedford, that the parties interested are called upon to settle the question among themselves. There is no objection to any one airing his grievance when he has reason for complaint; but in such a matter as a doubtful peal, those concerned in it should first of all discuss its claims to truth. In the case before us the band evidently cannot agree, and now it has gone so far, some competent person should be asked to adjudicate upon it, after weighing the pros and cons of the matter. Unless something of this kind is done, the peal's credit will be blighted.

Circumstances of this kind accentuate the necessity there exists for good and truthful peal-ringing. It is feared that performances are too often recorded as peals which actually are not peals at all. Many of our best ringers during the ringing of a peal entirely set themselves against not only really bad, but indifferent striking, and firmly refuse to continue if the ringing is not up to their standard of excellence. With such as these the slightest approach to a clash means an immediate stand. Getting

the bells into coursing order after a scramble or two may be all very well in its way, but it is not peal ringing. In a trouble of this sort the changes are not, and cannot be rung, and the record of the affair becomes worthless, so far as truth is concerned. We see no remedy for these defective (shall we say deceptive?) peals but the honour of those concerned in them. It is hoped that the desire to obtain a peal anyhow, will in the future be overcome by the determination to have a true and well-struck peal, or none at all. When clashing happens, whether in the coming-home course, or even at the change immediately preceding rounds, the company ought to be courageous enough, and honest enough, to say—"No peal."

Lastly, in connection with unworthy peals there is this important feature. Sooner or later the fact that a wrong peal has been recorded is, from various causes, divulged. And as long as human nature remains what it is, there will ever be this danger of exposure.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.† .. Treble	FREDERICK RUMENS 6.
FRED C. MAYNARD* 2.	HERBERT F. HULL 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	*HENRY J. MAYNARD 8.
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Composed by H. HALEY, and Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Rumens and Watson.

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

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

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

JOHN PRYER Treble	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. 5.
HERBERT TURNER 2.	EDWARD CASSELL 6.
WILLIAM J. BARBER 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
WILLIAM J. DEAN 4.	GEORGE T. CHESTERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN† .. Treble	*FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2.	JOHN MOULE 7.
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AT 26, ELLINGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, E.,

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

SAMUEL BIRD 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
ARTHUR NEALE 3-4.	JOHN MOULE 7-8.

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

Umpires—W. H. Doran and T. Cranfield. Further reference elsewhere.

The Provinces.

LINCOLN.

On Saturday, October 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM PANNELL* .. Treble	WILLIAM CLARKE 4.
GEORGE FLINTHAM 2.	JAMES S. BETTS 5.
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Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

*First peal. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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On Monday, October 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES PICKEN .. Treble	GEO. PICKEN 5.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN BRADNEY.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble	*JOHN SINDEN 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD 2.	WILLIAM THOMAS 6.
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ERNEST GOWER* 4.	WILLIAM ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHEIST CHURCH,

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

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 5.
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On Saturday, November 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
GEORGE PIGOTT 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN BASS 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7.
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Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
PETER H. HARVEY 2.	JOHN W. PILKINGTON 6.
JOHN H. SHOLICAR 3.	JAMES R. PARK 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	THOMAS MAITLAND Tenor.
	RICHARD LEA

Composed and Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	PETER NUTTALL 5.
FRED HOUGHTON 2.	FRED MORRIS 6.
ANDREW NUTTALL, JUN 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT 7.
THOMAS BLEAKLEY 4.	PETER CROOK Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Reference elsewhere.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

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On Tuesday, November 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. THOMPSON Treble.	W. LATTES 5.
E. C. LAMBERT 2.	F. BUTCHERS 6.
E. LAMBERT 3.	J. BEACH 7.
S. PERKINS 4.	F. J. LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GILL Treble.	JOSEPH MELLOR 6.
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GEORGE LONGDEN 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
JAMES BOOTH 5.	WILLIAM BOOTH Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LONGDEN, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONG EATON, DBRBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS HUTCHINSON* .. Treble.	*NEVIL WIDDOWSON 5.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 2.	FREDERICK S. PRICE 6.
WILLIAM HEXTER 3.	SAMUEL WESLEY 7.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 4.	*T. H. EDINBOROUGH Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN CLIFFORD.

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Tenor 20½ cwt

WILLIAM G. STONE† .. Treble.	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5.
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HARRY F. ELLIOTT 3.	GEORGE PRESTON 7.
CHARLES HUGHES 4.	BERT KERLEY Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND C. ELLIOTT.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER 5.
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FREDERICK PALMER 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

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

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. SLANFORD Treble.	H. TULETT 4.
G. J. SKINNER 2.	C. GOLDRING 5.
C. L. STREET 3.	H. PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

*First peal by all. First peal ever rung by a local band.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOHN W. WHITING Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS,

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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REUBEN CHARGE 2.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. This is the conductor's 400th peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
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On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDWARD EVANS 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN MARVEN, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung at Lavenham in 1813.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY BROOKER Treble.	FRANK HOLDER 5.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3.	†ALFRED CLAYTON 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	FREDERICK BOULTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

†First peal in the method as conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble.	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5.
HARRY MEETENS 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WALTER WEBB Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS 5.
GEORGE IRVINE 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS 7.
THOMAS GWYNNE 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble.	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5.
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ROBERT F. TURNER 4.	DAVID J. NICHOLS .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY 5.
GEORGE HUGHES 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
WILLIAM HINTON 4.	*WILLIAM BAYLISS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JOSIAH SIMONS Treble.	JOSEPH KETTLE 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDING 2.	THOMAS CARTWRIGHT 6.
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 4.	ALBERT PEGG Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS BURDOCK Treble.	HENRY MULLARD 5.
ALFRED H. PULLING 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH 6.
FREDERICK BENNETT* 3.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE 7.
THOMAS MACK 4.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Burdock and Mack, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

The following five peals have been rung by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

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On Monday, November 12, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH* 2.	ARTHUR HOLMES 6.
CHARLES NEVESON* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
GEORGE LADD 4.	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5.
JOHN P. PALEY SEN.* 2.	*JOHN CRAGG 6.
GEORGE CHESTER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.	G. M. MORTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, November 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY'S,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM DICKINSON 5.
JOHN HOYES* 2.	JOHN R. GREEN 6.
JOHN P. PALEY, JUN.* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Friday, November 16, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 5.
C. WILLIAM SMITH 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6.
GEORGE LADD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble.	T. L. BAINBRIDGE 5.
GEORGE LADD 2.	ARTHUR HOLMES 6.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the 600th peal of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. Robinson.

** A few peal reports are unavoidably left over until next week.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT.—On October 21st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service. B. Clark, E. Reynolds, H. Reynolds, A. Clark, M. Ellsmore, H. Ford, F. Burnett conductor, E. Brown.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW COMMON (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 30th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. I. Cavill, G. F. Margetson, Rev. W. S. Willett, F. Palmer, G. Dent, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts conductor, H. Hobbs. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 31st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 400 Double Norwich. W. T. Prior, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, E. Claydon, J. T. Barker, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. 360 Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker, H. Little, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, E. Claydon, J. T. Barker, T. J. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan conductor. 576 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Jordan, H. Little, J. Luckey, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts conductor, T. J. Watts.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIDCUP (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 5th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Murless first 720, F. Dorrington first 720, J. Webb, G. W. Evitt, E. Crowther, W. J. Browning conductor. On Wednesday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hill first 720, F. Dorrington, J. Webb, G. W. Evitt, E. Crowther, W. J. Browning conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, November 4th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51½ mins. T. R. Thorpe, C. Hill, W. Alcock, A. B. Bennett, F. Bennett conductor, F. A. Kennett, W. Franks, H. Denman.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday evening, November 11th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Double Court Minor, in 23 mins. H. S. Ellis, J. Nixon, A. Brightman, R. Bevan, W. Pickworth, W. Nudds conductor.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 720 Kent. J. Hancock, E. Harper, D. Booth, J. Massey, J. Wildblood, W. Rigby conductor, W. Leeson, S. Dinnewell. On Sunday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Hancock, E. Harper, W. F. Hartshorne conductor, D. Booth, J. Wildblood, J. Massey, W. Rigby, W. Leeson.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. J. Johnson, W. Bryant, F. Bywater, W. Hinton, W. J. Smith, W. R. Small, A. Rowley conductor, H. Smith.

UTTOXETER (Staffordshire).—On a recent practice night, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Richardson, P. Cope, T. Ball, F. Richardson, P. Cope, T. Ball, F. Richardson, W. Lunn, C. Smith conductor, S. J. Kynnersley, W. Walters. First 504 by a local band.

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THE BOLSOVER SOCIETY.

Saturday, October 6th, will be a day long to be remembered by the whole of the Bolsover ringers, it being their annual outing. Derby was the place selected. Thanks to our genial secretary and Messrs. Wallace and Co., of Derby, the arrangements left nothing undone to make the outing a success. Starting from Bolsover at 8 a.m. in two Midland Railway reserved compartments, we had got nicely on the road when our Secretary started doling out £ s. d., the small silver coins being very prominent. On the way various touches were rang on the handbells. Arriving at Derby Mr. Walker was there to welcome us on behalf of the Derby ringers, and escorted us to headquarters for the day, viz. The George hotel. A touch or two on the handbells with Mr. Wallace, and then a quiet stroll in the town, when Mr. Wallace had to resume his daily duty. We had a stroll round, and

wended our way back to The George hotel, where dinner was ordered for 12.30. All turned up in fine form to a "four course touch," which came up in true form.

Meet at All Saints at two o'clock. After a poor raise we were joined by Messrs. Clarke, Thompson, and Ward. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Descending we found Mr. Draper awaiting us. Then a walk to St. Peter's, where Mr. Pagett joined us, and we rang various touches. 5.15 p.m. being set for tea, and had the pleasure of the above-named with us at tea. 7 p.m. St. Andrew's, when Mr. Wallace again joined us, and also Mr. Willis, when more touches were rang, the ringing on the whole of the first order. We then adjourned to headquarters to have a (fiver), when the handbells had very little rest. Train time drawing on, G. W. Bemrose proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wallace and the Derby ringers for

having tried, and not without fail, to make our outing a success, and hoped that the Derby contingent would make an early visit to Bolsover, when we would try and make them as welcome as they had made us that day. Mr. J. Flint very ably seconded this.

Mr. Wallace on behalf of the Derby ringers replied. We were accompanied to the station by our Derby friends, and a fare thee well shake hand, we steamed out of Derby about 9.50 p.m., arriving at Bolsover to hear our beautiful tenor strike the hour of 12 (midnight). In conclusion we wish to thank the Rectors and steeple-keepers for having everything in readiness, and for the use of the bells. W.B.G.

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY, CAMBRIDGE.

On Saturday, October 27th, the Ickleton ringers had their annual outing, the place visited this year being Burwell, where the Rev. B. Barton had kindly placed his bells at the disposal of the visitors. The curate had also raised the bells ready for ringing. After a short touch unfortunately one of the ropes broke. The sexton said the village harness maker always spliced their ropes, but one of our members soon took the job on, while the others were busy with the oilbottle. The curate ran off to the carpenter for a saw and wood to make some wedges, as we found the tenor bearings were loose, as well as several nuts,

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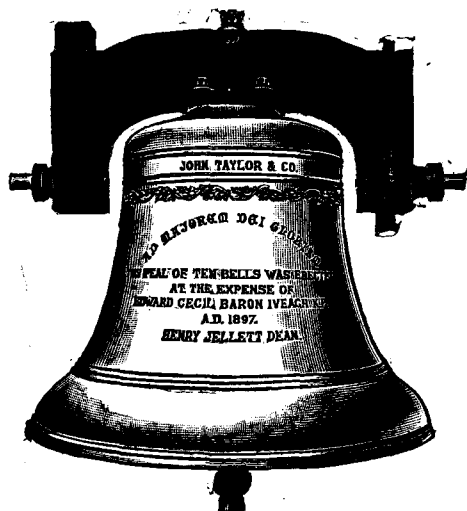
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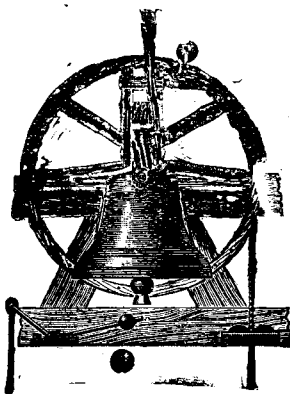
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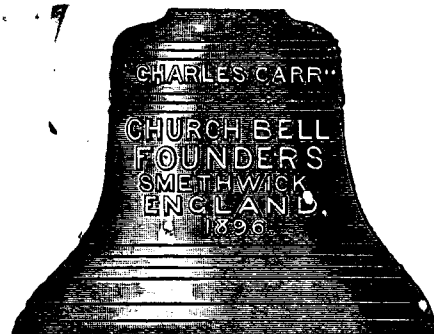
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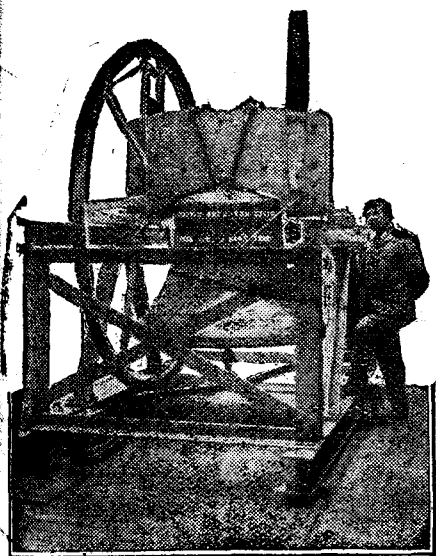
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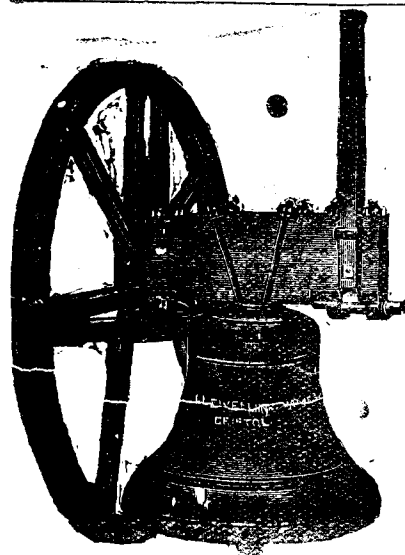
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A PLAN FOR COMPOSING EXTENTS IN PLAIN METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

By Plain Methods I mean all even-bell Methods with one Hunt on the Plain Principle such as Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, etc.; all Treble Bob and Alliance Methods with a clean proof-scale and no lengthening leads, such as Albion, Burton Variation of Superlative, etc.; Duffield with the sixth fixed; and the interior part of peals of Stedman Cinques and Caters, with the big bells in one position and a fixed 2nds. I have used the word "plain" comprehensively and somewhat loosely, but it will serve. All these Methods have five working bells, the smallest five, which are affected by three kinds of bobs. These bobs are the w. m. r. of Bob Major, Double Oxford, and Burton Superlative; the l. b. o. of Duffield; the 1 4 6 of Double Norwich, etc. All other bobs affect the bells larger than these five, and are outside our present discussion. We shall also rule out all Singles. With these limitations the extent of each and all the above Methods consists of sixty full courses, and the sixty course-ends are the different ways you can write down the five working bells. These are all "in-course" or "even." I propose to shew how extents can be composed, and to do so I shall take a particular plan in a particular method, a three-part extent of Bob Major, and shew how to do that. In similar way extents can be got in any plan of any of the above methods.

If the reader will turn to an article I published in "THE BELL NEWS" two years or so ago on the Sixty In-Course course-ends, he will see that I there shewed that the actual extent of any method is one course short in each part of the available number. A one-part extent is fifty-nine courses out of sixty; each part of a two-part is twenty-nine courses out of thirty; each part of a three-part is nineteen courses out of twenty; and so on. And I also shewed that if in any extent you call a bob—w m r—in any one course, you must also call a similar bob in two other courses; and the effect of these three bobs is to join into one round-block the three courses. With these preliminaries we may turn to our example case, which is to compose an in-course extent of Bob Major by bobs w m r only, in three parts. We have sixty courses to select from, twenty in each part, and our finished peal will consist of fifty-seven courses, nineteen in each part. A three-part peal has two bells at home at the part-end, and during each part these two bells may never occupy twice the same relative position. If you have 35264 and 5-6 be your "part bells," you must not have in the same part 45362 or 25463. Each part, so far as these "part bells" are concerned, is exactly alike, the difference between the parts being supplied by the other three bells. Consequently we may for the present ignore those three bells altogether, and the twenty courses from which we

may select our nineteen for the first part of the peal will consist of the twenty positions our "part bells" (which shall be 5-6) can fall into. We will write them out as follows:—

TABLE A.

1.	0 0 0 5 6
2.	0 0 5 0 6
3.	0 5 0 0 6
4.	5 0 0 0 6
5.	0 0 0 6 5
6.	0 0 6 0 5
7.	0 6 0 0 5
8.	6 0 0 0 5
9.	0 0 5 6 0
10.	0 5 0 6 0
11.	5 0 0 6 0
12.	0 0 6 5 0
13.	0 6 0 5 0
14.	6 0 0 5 0
15.	0 5 6 0 0
16.	6 0 5 0 0
17.	5 6 0 0 0
18.	6 6 5 0 0
19.	5 0 6 0 0
20.	6 5 0 0 0

Number these courses on the left hand side from 1 to 20, and on the right hand side write the letters w m r just as we do when we write out the figures or a peal. Now take the first course 00056. Transpose this by 52436, the natural course-end produced by a Bob at w. This gives 50006, which is course No. 4 of Table A. Transpose 50006 by 52436; that will give 05006 No. 3 of Table A. And 05006 transposed by 52436 will bring us back again to 00056. Along side each of these courses—Nos. 1 4 3—write under the letter w, wa.

		w	m	r
1.	0 0 0 5 6	WA		
2.	0 0 5 0 6			
3.	0 5 0 0 6	WA		
4.	5 0 0 0 6	WA		

Next transpose 00056 by 43652, the course-end produced by calling a bob at m. This gives 00650, No. 12 of Table A. 00650 transposed by 43652 gives 60050, No. 14. Against these three courses—Nos. 1, 12, 14—write under the letter m, the letters mb.

		w	m	r
1.	0 0 0 5 6	WA	MB	
2.	0 0 5 0 6			
3.	0 5 0 0 6	WA		
4.	5 0 0 0 6	WA		
12.	0 0 6 5 0		MB	
14.	6 0 0 5 0		MB	

(To be continued.)

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FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR.

The remains of Mr. John William Taylor, of Shelthorpe House, Loughborough, were interred in Loughborough Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, November 24th, in the presence of a large gathering which included, in addition to members and friends of the family, representatives of the town, employees of the firm of which for so many years the deceased had been the respected head; his tenants, and the Change-Ringers' Association with which he was so intimately connected. The private mourners were the six sons, Mr. John W. Taylor, Mr. Pryce-Thomas Taylor (Shaftesbury), Mr. C. Stuart Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. Horace N. Taylor, Mr. Owen J. Taylor; the grand-children, Rev. P. Sidney-Pryce Jones (Vicar of Scraftoft, cousin), Dr. Paul, and Mr. W. Moss.

At the cemetery these were joined by the Mayor of Loughborough (Alderman T. Mayo), Mr. H. Perkins (Town Clerk), Mr. W. Moss, Rev. M. B. Bird (Walton-on-the-Wolds), Councillor J. Cartwright, Messrs. J. T. Judges, G. H. Barrowcliff, R. S. Clifford, jun., J. Paget, T. J. Webb, J. Newman, Edwin Cook, Ernest Cook, T. H. Simpson, F. Stubbs, J. Leeson, W. Armstrong, and Councillor J. Bennett.

The employees followed from Shelthorpe with Messrs. P. Kaye and S. Moore. Representing the Midland Counties Association were Messrs. W. Willson, J. O. Lancashire, J. Morris, and A. Millis (Leicester) H. and W. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent); W. White (Cotgrave); Hickman (Nottingham); and J. Smith (Derby). A large number of the tenants were also present.

The service was taken by the Rev. Canon Pitts, assisted by the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg (Vicar of Holy Trinity), and the Rev. R. H. Fuller (Rector of Emmanuel). The coffin was of plain oak with brass mounts, with the inscription: "John W. Taylor, born April 6th, 1827, died Nov. 20th, 1906," and was borne by Messrs. W. Street, S. Wheatley, E. Limbert, W. Clarke, J. Smith, and H. Mowbray, six of the firm's employees. Wreaths were sent by the widow, Miss Taylor (daughter), the sons, the grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Pryce Taylor (Shaftesbury), Mrs. Tebbutt and Mr. John Tebbutt (cousins), Rev. Canon and Mrs. Pitts, Sir R. and Lady Lucas-Tooth, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cartwright, Mr. W. Starmer (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Moss, Mr. J. Jones and family, Miss Macalpine Leny (College Youth, Speldhurst Rectory), Mr. and Mrs. J. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Marriott, the Loughborough tradesmen, the employees of the firm, and the servants at Shelthorpe.

After the ceremony handbells were rung over the coffin by a company of Leicester ringers. The bells of the foundry tower were rung muffled for an hour, and at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Caters (5021 changes), was rung in 3 hrs. and 36 mins. with the bells muffled. W. C. Hunt (Manchester), treble; F. G. Burleigh (Loughborough), 2; T. H. Colburn, 3; W. C. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent), 4; J. Morris (Leicester), 5; J. Wells (Loughborough), 6; J. Hickman (Nottingham), 7; H. W. Abbott (Loughborough), 8; W. Willson (Leicester, composer and conductor), 9; F. Stubbs, tenor. The flag on the church tower floated at half-mast throughout the day.

At St. Saviour's church, Leicester, on Saturday, a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Taylor. J. Vernon, A. Vernon, A. Moss, G. Burrows conductor, E. Smith, H. B. Bell, J. Tomlinson, J. Vernon.

ST. MARY'S, BALDERSTONE.

After having been silent for over twelve months, the bells of the above church are again sending forth their melodious tones to the parishioners and inhabitants of the parish. The bells have not been in ringing condition for a long time, so the ringers and members of the congregation decided that such a state of things should not exist any longer if possible, so they set to work, and it was decided to hold a bazaar to raise the necessary funds. Mr. Toylor, of Loughborough, having been consulted, it was decided to have the bells recast and made lighter, and to be hung in an iron frame instead of a wood one as formerly. The weight of the tenor has been reduced from 18 cwt. to 14 cwt. The bellhanger having completed his work, the ringers from St. James's church, Milnrow, having been invited to open the bells, they visited the tower on November 17th, and rang 504 Grandsire Triples as time would not allow of any more owing to the bazaar being on at the time. The ringers all agreed that Messrs. Taylor had done their work in a very creditable manner, the bells having a beautiful tone. The bellhanger has also done his work very well, the "go" of the bells being excellent. The bazaar has been held with very gratifying results.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Dorking on Saturday, November 17th. The bells of the parish church were available from 3.30 p.m., and during the afternoon touches of Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, and Stedman Triples were rung. At six o'clock a service was held in church, a very practical and helpful address being given by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Chichester). At 6.30 came tea, followed by the business meeting. After the previous minutes had been read and confirmed, the two retiring officers were re-elected, the Rev. T. G. Devitt as District Secretary, and Mr. W. Marks as representative on the central committee. The Secretary then made a report on the doings of the past year, showing steady progress in interest throughout the district. Two more towers had rejoined the Guild, together with thirty-one additional ringing members. Three very successful quarterly meetings had been held at Leatherhead, Ashstead, Ockley and Capel. Four peals had been rung at Capel. The balance-sheet showed a small balance on the right side. At the conclusion of the meeting two touches on the handbells, and some Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the church bells, brought an enjoyable day to a close.

Correspondence.

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

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

A COMPLIMENT.

SIR,—May I be allowed to thank the writer of the Yorkshire Association meeting's report in "THE BELL NEWS." I think I voice the feelings of hundreds of ringers in doing so. It is always a pleasure to read a Yorkshire Association meeting report; they always seem to me to be so very interesting, and beautifully worded, quite different to the ordinary humdrum report one generally gets of ringers' meetings.

The enthusiasm of Yorkshiremen for whatever they go in for is well known, and it is grand to read of their hearty meetings. Other reporters might perhaps take a leaf out of our Yorkshire friend's book.

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MEMORIAL WINDOW AT ICKLETON, CAMBS.

A memorial window has been erected in Ickleton church to the memory of the late Sir Robert Herbert. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ely. The first part of the service consisted of the order for morning prayer, with special psalms and lessons. After unveiling the window the Bishop gave an impressive address from the pulpit, recalling the many acts of the late Sir Robert Herbert, which were those of a truly Christian gentleman, and begged the congregation when they entered into the ancient church and looked at the beautiful window, to try and follow Sir Robert's good example.

The theme of the window is the Adoration of the Risen Christ by saints and angels. The central figure of Christ is represented a King, holding the Resurrection banner in His left hand. He is represented standing on the world, and from His feet flow the four streams of the Gospel. Behind is a halo of cherubs, above and on either side are groups of angels holding a scroll, on which is inscribed the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Above the main lights the Holy Spirit is descending, and on either side the letters Alpha and Omega. In the left hand light the Evangelist St. John stands writing the Apocalypse, by his side his emblem the Eagle, and a copy of his Gospel. Behind St. John are figures suggesting Benevolence—Moses, Joseph, and Daniel. In the right hand light St. Paul is the principal figure, and behind his companions in travel, Luke, Timothy, and Barnabas. At St. Paul's feet is an open book, suggestive of his writings. This group of figures is to suggest learning as well as travel. In a panel below the central figure of Christ is St. Michael warring against Satan, suggesting Sir Robert's connection with the Order of St. Michael. The window bears the inscription: "In memory of Sir Robert Herbert, 1906." On the wall on the right hand side of the west door is a beautiful marble tablet, with a description of Sir Robert's offices and titles.

Sir Robert Herbert was a friend to the ringers, and his memory is cherished by them.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer, Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknowledged from time to time in this paper and in the *Nottingham Weekly Express*. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec. Cotgrave, Notts.

I. A. C. R.,

Hark the evening bells are low,
Sounding sweetly o'er the town and sea,
The modern bells of Arklow.

Who said Ireland? and who said Washbrook? is a question appertaining to the Sussex year of 1905, but the spokesman then, and others, I hope, will read with interest now, a few notes of our ringing tour of 1906. Originally it was intended that one or two only should go together, thinking that late October and the autumn rains in Ireland, were not desirable features for ordinary holiday folk, but the gang was too small for the writer, who, on his own, invited several well-known peal hands to go for Irish, and the most Irish member of the half-dozen who promised

failed to respond at the last minute through a miscarriage of the post.

The G.W.R. company has recently (August 30th last) started a new service of turbine steamers via Fishguard and Rosslare (the shortest sea passage) a fast comfortable route from Paddington, which in time will encourage valuable inter-communication between the south of England and Ireland, and this route was considered in conjunction with the old one via Holyhead by the N.W.R. Mr. Hart (G.W. divisional superintendent) very kindly quoted us most reasonable terms for a party of eight, which could not be accepted, viz.: tourist to Dublin, via Waterford (where the first peal in Ireland was rung December 9th, 1873) and Maryborough, returning by Bray, Arklow and Rosslare, third class available three months for less than 40s. each, terms tempting enough for the poet, who sang—

"I've lately took the notion, for to cross the briny ocean,
And I'm off to Tipperary in the morning."

Eventually our party of five met at Euston at 8 o'clock on Saturday, October 20th, and after much inquiry as to—

"Where and oh where, has our Ted O'Meara gone,"

took our seats in the Irish mail at 8.45 p.m. A reserved compartment, an attentive guard, one bottle of Irish, and a good peal of handbells by Shaw, of Bradford, enabled us to pass the time in comfort, and ringing touches in the standard methods "D.H." till the morning. Our train pulled up alongside Holyhead harbour to time, and we were soon aboard the steam ship "Hibernia," lying in waiting with open funnels, preparing for our bit of rough across the St. George's Channel, a 3 hrs. run, safely accomplished with sundry eruptions of the inner man, out-of-course rows, etc., while my own mind wandered back to the first peal on the high seas rung over this same crossing on handbells, conducted by that young wizard of the North, Bill Barber, and then all at once eight bells chimed, and the Hibernia rolled, and then I made another whole turn, my last, thank Stedman. We were all glad to see the Irish Coast dawning upon us, the Hill of Howth grew larger, till at 7.30 a.m. "Hibernia's" starboard bumped the North wall, and we were at Dublin, three of the five of us landing on Irish soil for the first "toime" by stepping on to a stone landing. Our egress from the docks railway station brought friend Gabriel Lindoff, a veritable angel in disguise, to view, and hardly had our first Irish greeting been exchanged before we were surrounded by a crowd of unshaven ill-clad drivers, who were all clamouring and anxious to hire us for their miscellaneous jaunting cars and cabs. I have never seen such a nondescript gathering except at a race meeting, and as an instance of the order maintained our Jehu piloted our party and baggage through the maze of vehicles some sixty yards to the rear before his own car was reached. We were comforted with the news that our fares had been doubled by this persistent cabby, after being set down at The Central hotel, Manager Mr. E. Mason, a Bucks. boy from Wycombe, where we breakfasted, amply and well, and so relieved an aching Irish void.

It was soon found that our watches had failed in accuracy. We Englishers were not quite quick enough, or else our Emerald sister was too slow. We know she's green, but the difference between Greenwich and Irish time being nearly thirty minutes, had to be allowed for. Watches and clocks in Dublin "dear, dirthy Dublin" on a day are scarcely needed, not even for Treble Ten, for nearly every public building or principal business house displays a large clock dial, convincing us that life is longer over there, to hear one good lady of over 107 summers thought well to pass away during our brief stay.

Resuming our journey by the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway from Harcourt Street Station at 9.30 a.m., we duly reached our destination in 2 hrs. We were met by Master Shepherd and escorted to The Railway hotel and the tower of St. Saviour's church, where old and new friends, dads and lads, joined in the friendly exchanges between the Anglow-Arklow change-ringers. The watchful Shepherd cared for our Sabbath wants during the day, and converted his house, situated in the grounds of Glenart Castle, into a Devonshire fold; and here Mrs. Shepherd proved that she had not lost the art of Exeter cookery—homely kindness much appreciated by us after the sleepless and tiring going over. Handbells were used during the afternoon, and touches rung on the tower bells for Divine

Service from 5 to 6 o'clock, to which we all stayed, hearing an excellent sermon, "full of joy," by the Rector, the Rev. R. Hallowes, M.A. St. Saviour's church is thoroughly lighted by gas made on the spot, has a full grand organ and good choir, very comfortable seating and efficient warming. The whole of the interior is built with pure white Bath stone, and gives a wonderful light and bright appearance, adding much to the enjoyment of the services. The design of the church is in the Early English Gothic, with a tendency to the geometrical period, and erected from designs by Sir A. Bloomfield, A.B.A., and consists of chancel, spacious nave, north and south aisles, with oak panelled ceilings, organ chamber, vestry, south porch and western tower, surmounted by a lofty spire. The external facings are of dark grey granite, hard and durable, and although of only recent erection has a well weathered tone of color, and will be greatly relieved of a rather bare effect now, when young trees and shrubs around have grown up. The site is a most suitable one, a hilly promontory overlooking the town and harbour, on the main thoroughfare through Arklow, the tower forming a landmark at sea for many miles. Needless to add, the site, church, and its contents were given by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carysfort, who resides at Glenart Castle near by, and who has further supplemented his noble gift by providing an endowment fund for the choir and vergers.

(To be continued.)

VISIT OF THE SHIFNAL SOCIETY TO N. WALES.

The origin of this highly successful and instructive tour was the preconception of Mr. John Bradney (leader of the band) who is always on the alert for some fresh move to keep his men thoroughly interested in their work, and he was on the present occasion able to accomplish his original idea of securing a peal in the principality of Wales, the ringers being composed entirely of the young members of his band, they also being members of the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop. Departing from Shifnal on a recent Friday morning by train at 7.0 a.m., Welshpool, the first venue, was reached just before 9 o'clock, but owing to the serious illness of the Rector (Rev. G. Davies) it was not possible to set this handy ring of eight going, however, after the inner man had been attended to, a move was made to Leighton, about two miles westward of the old borough. This fine church is situated amid most picturesque scenery, was built by the late E. Naylor, esq. of Leighton, and contains a very good ring of six bells, which by the permission of the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Beattie) were soon set going in spite of a broken stay. After about an hour's ringing in various methods the Vicar conducted the company through the church, and pointed out its architectural beauties, including the mausoleum of the Naylor family, which contains a fine piece of sculpture in marble executed by one of the Misses Naylor. He then invited the visitors to partake of some light refreshment at the vicarage, congratulated them on their excellent ringing, and wished them a successful and pleasant journey. Wending their way back to Welshpool, Aberystwith was reached at 5.30 p.m. Here they were met by a party of ringers from Llanbadarn Fawr, who kindly offered to act as hosts for the week-end. After partaking of a good tea, the visitors, accompanied by the local talent, repaired to the "Bob Major" ringing-chamber at the fine church of St. Padarn, where the local band received a lengthy course of instruction in the art of change-ringing, at the same time their instructors were introduced to the Welsh language, some of the lengthy words of which almost made the "grub killers'" hair stand on end. All this being over, before parting for their several temporary homes for the night, the captain produced the next day's programme, which included a meeting on the promenade at Aberystwith at 10 a.m. The band, on assembling at the time stated, found themselves one "wedge" short. After roaming about the harbour works and the castle till about noon, and while all were enjoying the invigorating sea air, a well-known form suddenly appeared on the promenade, slowly and solemnly trudging his lonely way he knew not whither, when after much signalling and shouting his attention happily became attracted, and he at once flew into the presence of his wondering pals. Many and anxious were the enquiries as to the state of his health, and as to where he had been till that time of the day, but great was the laughter when, rubbing his eyes, seriously announced that

he had only just woke up! a fine recommendation to the soothing effect of the air of Aberystwith, and the careful provision that had been made for his comfort by his worthy host Michael.

At two o'clock p.m. the locals attended at the church of St. Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, for the purpose of paying their respects to a prominent member of the congregation, when at their invitation took their places at the ropes, and rang the whole pull and stand, together with several touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, which gave solemnity to the burial service, and gave satisfaction to the large number of local residents who attended the funeral. At 6 p.m. the visitors again assembled in the belfry, this time to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after about an hour's ringing one of those curious little accidents which nobody can foresee occurred, and brought the ringing to a close for the day. However, some of the party not being yet tired, again rambled off to Aberystwith, where one of the number was strutting haughtily down a street (all too narrow for a man of such consequence) when, to lend greater eclat to his importance, he was heedlessly swinging round a huge walking-stick, which, to his unexpected surprise, fell upon the head of some one who turned out to be no less a person than His Worship the Mayor of the borough. Of course he was at once most profound in his apologies for his carelessness, which were most gracefully accepted, but if the weight and size of the erring string's stick counts for anything, the topmost extremity of the chief citizen's body must have felt none the better for the collision.

Sunday morning again saw the visitors in the belfry at 9 a.m., when a well-struck quarter-peal for the Welsh service was rung. A short touch was rung for the English service at 11.30 a.m., which was also attended, and considerable help rendered to the Llanbadarn choir. Rain fell rather heavily in the afternoon, which damped the spirits of the few who ventured for a ramble on the sea-shore, but at 5.30 p.m. all were again very much alive, and rang for the Welsh evening service that musical touch of Grandsire Triples known as Johnson's 1008.

Up betimes on Monday morning, and starting at 9 o'clock, a reverse variation of John Carter's twelve-part of Grandsire Triples was rung, as recorded in this paper, conducted by John Bradney, who was much congratulated by the local people and ringers on the excellent ringing of his young company. In the evening (by invitation) the visitors met the local band and a few enthusiastic friends for a social evening at The Lion hotel (next door to the church), where a first-class substantial dinner was served in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on the host and hostess. When full justice had been done thereto, Mr. Bradney was unanimously voted to the chair. After a few words from him as to the excellence of the repast, the kindness of the local people, and the enjoyment of the visitors, the usual toasts were proposed and heartily received. The remainder of the evening, till a late hour, was spent in social harmony, together with a few courses of change-ringing and simple tunes on the handbells. Some very good songs were rendered in excellent style, a very enjoyable evening's entertainment being brought to a close by the singing of Auld lang syne and the National Anthem.

On Tuesday morning the visitors bade a good-bye to all their hospitable Llanbadarn friends, and left Aberystwith by the 8 a.m. train for Barmouth, where on arrival they were met by Mr. Stone, the genial steeplekeeper and captain of the local ringers, who conducted them to the spacious belfry of the fine comparatively new church of St. John, where the bells had already been raised for their use. After about two hours' miscellaneous ringing here the train was again taken on the homeward journey, Wellington (Salop) being reached about 5.45 p.m. Here a break of the journey was again made, and in company with the local band, rung several good touches. The journey was again renewed, Shifnal being reached at night, where one and all were ready to testify to the fact that this had been one of the best and most enjoyable five-day outings they had ever experienced.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, December 4th; St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on Thursday the 6th; and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday the 13th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley to-day, Sat., December 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 6d. per head. Meeting afterwards. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at King's Langley to-day, Sat., December 1st. Tea, 6d. per head in the Church Room at 5.30. The recently appointed Vicar will preside at the tea, and it is hoped as many as possible will be there to meet him. The bells have just been rehung. H. EDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
8, Highfield Road, Bushey, Herts.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at Barking to-day, Sat., December 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Red Lion at 5.30 p.m., 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Business meeting for election of Master and Secretary for ensuing year will follow the tea.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Sat., December 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5.30, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector will preside. Service at 7.30 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning to-day, Sat., December 1st. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea by kind permission of the Vicar, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Secretary hopes that all bands that have not paid their subscriptions will do so by the end of the year, as the accounts are then made up and sent to the auditors. H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybr'dge, to-day, Sat., December 1st. Should there be funerals the tower will not be open before the service.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hanslope to-day, Sat., December 1st. Bells open at 2 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—In accordance with Rule xvii. a special general meeting will be held on Monday, December 3rd, 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 from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending to be present please send word on or before December 6th to WALTER HUGHES,

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, December 8th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea in parish room at 4.30, with meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon. E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, December 8th. JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, December 8th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Swan with Two Necks. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—A business meeting of the above society will be held in St. Martin's Crypt on Monday, December 10th, at 9.15 p.m. after the usual practice, for the purpose of electing auditors and transacting other important business.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member who can make it convenient is 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 Pendleton on Saturday, December 15th.

W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, December 15th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Fares over 1s. will be refunded to members attending the meeting, and whose subscriptions are paid for the present year.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Visitors and friends are hereby notified that the bells at St. Martin's will again be in use after December 1st. Ringing for service at 10 on Sunday mornings, and for practice at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings, when ringing friends will be welcome. Applications respecting any ringing arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1906.

It was thought that the Bedford peal of Stedman Caters, which has been brought into question, was done with so far as this paper was concerned. Whether the County Association is concerned or not, we have no means of knowing; but we left the question to be settled by whatever parties were concerned, and suggested the manner by which a decision could be arrived at. A flow of correspondence it was thought best to prevent, and this was made plain. Mr. WOOD has however penned some further comments on the affair, but having declined to print other letters, we must, to be fair, refuse to insert that gentleman's latest one. Our old friend Mr. LILLEY has now entered the fray, but his caligraphy is of much too complicated a nature to be dealt with under any circumstances. Some disappointment may be caused to the writers of these rejected letters, but we have been complimented and thanked by more than one distinguished ringer upon the course we have taken. And now it is hoped that no more will be heard of this peal until it has been decided, upon competent authority, that it may be accepted as a worthy performance, or rejected as unworthy.

The Metropolis.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.**

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman.

EMEBRTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 15, 1906, 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 New London Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

Conducted by F. T. MYNARD.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. F. Sams, Rector of the parish, who has gone to Egypt for five months.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED STURMAN† Treble.	*GEORGE LINES 5.
MATTHIAS HOBBS* 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS 7.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS* .. 4.	JOHN R. MAIN Tenor.
	ARTHUR SMEATERS

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. B. Meadows.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN Treble.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 5.
FENTON G. THOMPSON .. 2.	EDGAR BAILEY 6.
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
NORMAN BAILEY 4.	CHARLES BAILEY Tenor.

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 19, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BRUNNING Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 5.
HUBERT DAY 2.	WILLIAM STANNARD 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON .. 7.
ALPHABUS BERRY 4.	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Treble.	ALPHABUS PERKINS 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON 6.
CHARLES KELLER 3.	HARRY STUBBS 7.
HERBERT HORN 4.	JOHN MAWBY Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by A. TYLER.

Credit is due to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, who are new members of the Irlthlingborough company.

HORLEY, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

A. JENNINGS Treble.	P. ETHERIDGE 5.
T. WHITMORE 2.	J. SHERLOCK 6.
J. KENWARD 3.	S. KENWARD 7.
A. SONGHURST 4.	R. CAWTE Tenor.

Conducted by S. KENWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Whitmore and Sherlock, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT MATTHEWS .. Treble.	FREDERICK BORRETT 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	FREDERICK R. SURRIDGE .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
ARTHUR ROOPE 4.	† WILLIAM STEELE Tenor.

Conducted by F. DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

† First peal in the method as conductor.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

ARTHUR HOLMAN Treble.	ALBERT E. BARROW 5.
GEORGE F. HOAD 2.	JOHN CAFF 6.
HENRY A. HOAD 3.	REGINALD H. THORPE .. 7.
HENRY F. EWINS 4.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis T. Hoad, sen.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
SAMUEL BIRD 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
HARRY HEAD 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
ALFRED J. CARTER 4.	FREDERICK SQUIRES Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY F. DAWKINS.

† First peal in the method.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN PALING Treble.	EDWARD J. BOOT 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2.	FREDERICK S. PRICE 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	PERCIVAL PRICE 7.
REUBEN CLIFFORD 4.	* ISAAC LOWE Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WESLEY.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

On Thursday, November 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

F. MUSTOW Treble.	G. HAWKINS 5.
W. BOYLES 2.	J. ELDRIDGE 6.
G. MILES 3.	B. HAWKINS 7.
J. RICHARDSON 4.	* T. P. KEMP Tenor.

Conducted by B. HAWKINS.

* First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six 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.
FREDERICK BORRETT 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

FREDERICK ATWELL .. Treble.	JOHN BUTLER 5.
JOHN BULLEN 2.	JOHN W. JONES 6.
ARTHUR E. MORGAN* .. 3.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 7.
BENSON W. MILLARD .. 4.	JAMES PIPPIN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY 2.	EDMUND WILLIS 6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3.	CHARLES E. HART 7.
WALTER WALLACE 4.	* STANLEY HAZLEHURST .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. HART.

* First peal.

BARNLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lbs.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5.
SAM THOMAS 2.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
JAMES EVINSON 3.	GEORGE S. TYAS 7.
GEORGE LEWIS 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 6.
WILLIAM TILLET 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough. This is the Vicar's 100th peal, and 57th of the 71 rung upon the bells since their dedication as a ring of eight May 15th, 1902. It was also a birthday compliment to C. H. Clarke.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	THOMAS DAVY 4.
WILLIAM ROSE 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
ALPHAUS BEERY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. LOMAX .. Treble.	ARTHUR HAMMOND 5.
JAMES CHINERY 2.	HORACE F. MOORE 6.
MAURICE COBB 3.	HARRY R. MOORE 7.
HARRY FROST* 4.	ROBERT T. LONG Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by C. H. LOMAX.

*First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs, in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 2.	*ALFRED THOMAS JONES .. 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	JOHN S. DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED THOMAS JONES.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Wyatt, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

HUBERT DAY* Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
ARTHUR LEEDER 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
WILLIAM STANNARD† .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WM. RUMSEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob †First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

AUSTIN GREGORY* .. Treble.	FRANK MILTON 5.
ROBERT SPERRING 2.	WILLIAM C. LAMPARD .. 6.
ERNEST G. LAMPARD .. 3.	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7.
JOHN ROBERTS† 4.	THOMAS ROWLAND Tenor.

Conducted by W. C. LAMPARD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th are members of the Winchester Cathedral band, and were elected members of the above Guild before starting, and for whom the peal was arranged.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS 2.	JAMES WILKINS 6.
J. S. HAWKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE WHITE 4.	*SIDNEY CHILD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	ALBERT MILLARD 5.
JOHN W. WHITING 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING 7.
HENRY W. WILKES* .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. H. Wilkes was elected a member in the tower previous to starting.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

THOMAS H. REEVES* .. Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH 6.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	*FREDERICK J. COPE 8.
JOHN NEAL 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
HORACE F. STREET 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

*First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON Treble.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	WM. T. BILLINGHURST .. 6.
JAMES L. WELLS 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
HARRY WHITTLE 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late J. W. Taylor, sen

Handbell Peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT 14, WELLGATE,

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

SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 1-2.	WALTER COATES .. 5-6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. 3-4.	*JAMES EVINSON .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Ump re—Leonard Berrisford. *First peal on handbells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
NUNEATON SOCIETY.

On Friday, November 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT 19, GLOBE ROAD,

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

HERBERT CURE* .. 1-2.	HARRY ARGYLE .. 5-6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	*TIMOTHY CURE .. 7-8.

Conducted by H. ARGYLE.

Umpire—W. Cure. *First peal on handbells.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bir-
chington, Kent, has been sent without any conductor being mentioned.

*. A few peal reports are unavoidably left over till next week.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HESSLE (Yorks).—On Saturday, November 17th, at the parish
church, a date touch of Minor (1906 changes), being 466 Oxford,
720 Kent, 720 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 13 mins. T. Stockdale, H.
Rodmell, A. Naylor, W. Middleton, L. Rodmell, C. Jackson.
Arranged and conducted by C. Jackson.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Monday, November 12th, at the
parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.
with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late
R. B. Evered, esq., who for a number of years acted as sides-
man at the parish church, and was much respected. A. Ether-
idge, T. Whitmore, J. Kenward, N. Wakefield, A. Songhurst, S.
Kenward, P. Etheridge conductor, J. Sherlock.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday, October 28th, for Divine Service, 504

Stedman Triples. J. Harper, M. Ellsmore, C. Groves, E. J.
Harding, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris conductor, E.
Thomas. On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service, a
quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Burnett, M.
Ellsmore, C. Groves, A. Small, J. Matthews, E. J. Harding, W.
Lebbon, S. Thomas.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Sunday, October 21st, 504 Grandsire
Triples. W. Povey, O. Smart, W. Butt, E. Mills, H. Smart, G.
Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor F. Padwick. On Tuesday,
October 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, O. Smart, E.
Mills, W. Butt, G. Samway, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor,
A. Barber. On Sunday, November 4th, 350 Grandsire Triples.
W. Povey, E. Mills, O. Smart, W. Butt, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo
conductor, G. Samway, F. Padwick.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLASTONBURY (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 17th, at
the church of St. John the Baptist, an attempt for a peal of
Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 4354 changes, in 2
hrs. 33 mins. S. R. B. Hawkins, H. J. Trim conductor, F.
Masters, H. Edwards, A. J. Barnes, H. Parish, Rev. E. T. C.
Locke, H. Brass.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Friday, November 9th, 503 Grandsire
Caters was rung in honour of the King's birthday. In the
evening 1024 Stedman Caters was rung to celebrate Sir Edward
Wood undertaking the responsibilities of the civic chair for the
fourth time. G. Cleal, T. L. Allen, S. Cotton, F. H. Dexter
conductor, G. Burrows, A. Millis, E. E. Smith, J. S. Needham,
A. Martin, T. Taylor.

LUTTERWORTH (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, November
10th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but
it was abandoned after ringing twenty-four courses, owing to
the bad go of the bells, which sadly need a good scraping and
oiling. G. Cleal conductor, J. O. Lancashire, A. Millis, F. H.
Dexter, E. E. Smith, J. S. Needham, A. Martin, T. Taylor.

DERBY.—On November 4th, at the residence of Mr. Wallace,
on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Pagett
1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; C. W. Clarke conduc-
tor, 7-8. Also 240 Bob Major and a course of Double Norwich
standing as above. On Thursday, November 8th, at St
Andrew's church, 192 Double Norwich. H. Inkle, C. Hart, J.
Pagett, W. Wallace, C. Draper, S. Maskery, E. Willis, C. W.
Clarke conductor.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, August 26th,
for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Neal, M. Norton, J.
Pettit, W. Meadows, F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. On
Sunday, September 16th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Meadows, J. Pettit,
M. Norton, J. Neal, F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. On
Thursday, October 4th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Double
Court. J. Neal, J. Pettit, G. Lines, M. Norton, F. Sturman, W.
Meadows conductor. On Sunday, October 7th, 720 Oxford
Treble Bob. J. Saddington, W. Meadows, J. Pettit, M. Norton,
F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. On Sunday, October 28th,
720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Neal, M. Norton, W. Meadows, J.
Pettit, F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. On Sunday, November
4th, 720 Double Court. H. Meadows, J. Pettit, M. Norton, W.
Meadows, F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor. On Friday, Nov.
9th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Treble
Bob (1272 changes), in 47 mins., being 720 Woodbine, 720 Ox-
ford, and 240 Kent. J. Neal, J. Pettit, W. Meadows, M. Morton,
F. Sturman, G. Lines conductor.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Friday, November 9th, at the parish
church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H.
Wallace, E. Bridges, H. Baker, S. R. Garner, A. Biggs, F. Hunt
conductor, W. Holdstock, G. Wood.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, November 8th, 384
Superlative Surprise Major. W. Pickworth, F. G. Tegg, H. E.
Balaam, E. G. Tomlinson, J. Armstrong, J. E. Miller, S. Wade
conductor. First touch in this method by a purely local band.
On Sunday morning, November 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob
Minor, in 26 mins. F. G. Tegg, H. E. Balaam, J. E. Miller, J.
Armstrong, W. Pickworth, S. Wade conductor.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HENLEY. — THE REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON'S 100 PEALS.—Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 11; Kent Treble Bob Major, 36; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7; Forward Major, 1; Bob Major, 11; Stedman Triples, 14; Grandsire Triples, 9; in three methods on six bells, 4; in four methods on five bells, 1; total 100. Rung in thirty-one different towers, in eight different counties.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE. — MR. J. ARMSTRONG'S 100 PEALS.—Bob Major 22, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 9; Bob Triples 9, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise 9; Double Norwich 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 9, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 3; London Surprise 14; on six bells in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 methods 12; total rung 100; conducted 7. Also taken

part in two false peals of Superlative. Rung in twenty-eight different towers in six counties.

A NOTE ON THE BELLS.

When first the bells were hung on high,
To sound their notes 'twixt earth and sky,
No doubt you said (and so did I)—
What lovely bells.

Then when the first bright peal was rung,
Their praises were on every tongue,
And this was said by old and young—
What charming bells.

The tenor bell is rich and sweet,
And all the rest a perfect treat,
As different as chaff and wheat,
From other bells.

The ringers came from far and near,
And triple bobs rang true and clear,
And some of us were half in fear
They'd spoil our bells.

The days rolled on, new ringers came,
And carried on the same old game,
And we began, but half in shame,
To loathe the bells.

Those ringers then did others fetch,
Who rang three hours at one full stretch,
And caused full many a groaning wretch
To hate the bells.

Still others came and rang for hours,
Then left, and oh by all the powers,
The bells were straightway rung by ours,
Those awful bells.

Now parsons in their studies sit,
To polish epigram and wit,
And say in language most unfit—
Oh d—ash those bells.

They ring betimes when we're in bed,
And nearly split the aching head,
We'll soon be numbered with the dead,
All through the bells.

We sometimes wish they'd never come,
Or else the Lord would strike them dumb,
Or take right into Kingdom come—
Those wretched bells.

We most of us from time to time,
Would like to hear their merry chime,
But there's no reason and no rhyme
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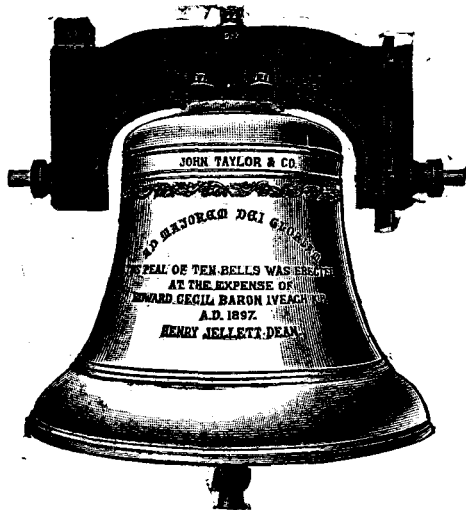
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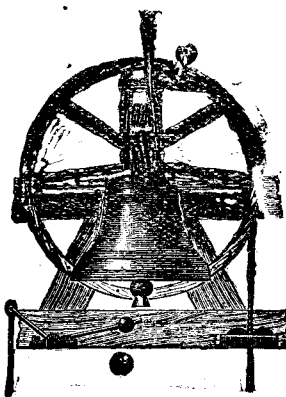
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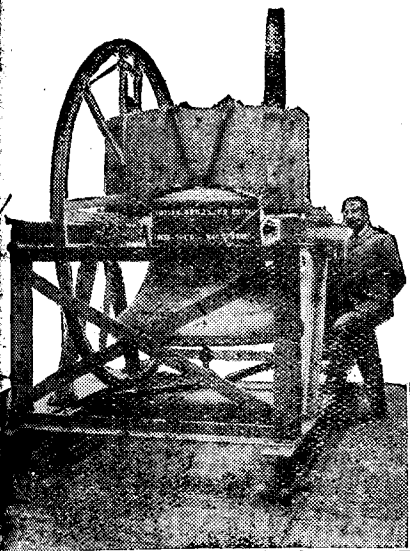
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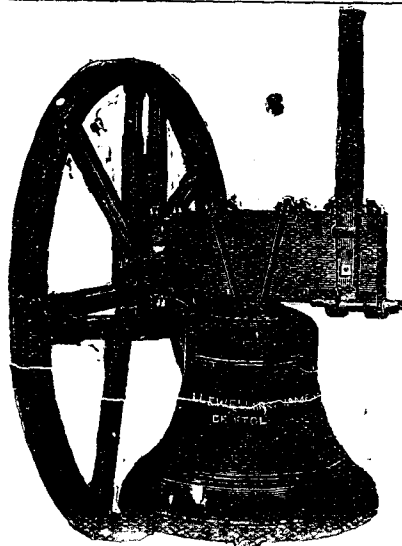
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Again turn up 00605 in Table B. If the letters against it under w occur in Table C, transpose it by 52436, and enter the result in column "Wrong." If they do not enter 00605 in column "Wrong" unaltered. Continue this process and you will find that you will get 00056 at the

nineteenth course-end, and the figures in the column headed "Right," and the dashes under w m r will be the course-ends and bobs of the first part of your peal.

WRONG.	MIDDLE.	RIGHT.	W	M	R
50006	00605	00605	-	-	-
00605	60500	60500	-	-	-
60500	50006	50006	-	-	-
05006	05600	05600	-	-	-
05600	65000	65000	-	-	-
06050	06050	06050	-	-	-
50060	00065	00065	-	-	-
60005	00506	00506	-	-	-
00506	50600	50600	-	-	-
50600	60005	60005	-	-	-
06005	06500	06500	-	-	-
06500	56000	56000	-	-	-
56000	06005	06005	-	-	-
00065	00560	30560	-	-	-
00560	50060	50060	-	-	-
65000	05006	05006	-	-	-
00056	00650	00650	-	-	-
00650	60050	60050	-	-	-
60050	00056	00056	-	-	-

If you write down these nineteen courses in full with 2-3-4 in, you will find that they will come round at the nineteenth course. To extend this touch to a peal, all that is required is to call one or more bobs on 2-3-4. This may be done at any place in Table B where a blank occurs under either w, m or r. You may call as many or as few as you please, but of course each part of the peal must be called alike, and the part-end must be either 42356 or 34256. One in each part is sufficient, and the r at the part-end is as good a place as anywhere. This gives us our complete peal.

6384.					
23456	W	M	R		
42635	-	-	-		
62534	-	-	-		
52436	-	-	-		
45623	-	-	-		
65324	-	-	-		
26354	-	-	-		
32465	-	-	-		
43526	-	-	-		
53624	-	-	-		
63425	-	-	-		
46532	-	-	-		
56234	-	-	-		
26435	-	-	-		
42503	-	-	-		
52364	-	-	-		
35426	-	-	-		
43652	-	-	-		
63254	-	-	-		
42356	-	-	-		

Here is another similar peal from Table B.

WR, WG, WP.
MB, MC.
RW, RD, RN, RT.

These peals fulfil the conditions we laid down, viz., the in-course extent of Bob Major in three parts by bobs w m r only. As a matter of fact the actual extent is three leads longer, for it is possible to add by means of Bobs Before a part of the missing three courses. And the three-part extent of Double Norwich is not 6384 but 6624, which is obtained by Bobs 5. But you must note that these extents are peculiar to particular methods; the plan I have illustrated is common to all the methods I enumerated at starting.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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The Rev. E. T. Pegg, Vicar of Ripley, presided, and gave the Association (on behalf of himself and ringers) a hearty welcome to Ripley, and promised a donation to the funds of the Association, for which he was duly thanked.

Mr. Goodwin and Mr. George received thanks for making all arrangements for tea and ringing. The bells, are a beautiful ring of eight, in F their surroundings being all that could be desired. The belfry is a credit to the local band, who have beautified it at their own expense.

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What a dinging, and jonging, and hauling,
Oh! the changes they "rhung" of it,
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Ringing a peal down at old Tipperary.

At our headquarters—The Railway Temperance hotel—we received every attention in real Irish style from Mrs. L. Byrne the proprietress, and her visitors book was duly inscribed: "We come as we like; we go as we like; we pay as we like," a literal truth due to the lady having only recently started the business, a long-felt need in the town. The want of thrift in the southern counties of Ireland is the sole cause of so many towns and villages not being visited by tourists more frequently, winter and summer. You find, but seldom, a suitable place for a bed or board, excepting an occasional Commercial hotel, while many of the inns, or rather "portner shops," do not cater in this line at any season of the year.

Arklow town consists mostly of one thoroughfare, and rightly called Main Street, leading from the harbour inland N.W. direction, with three off-streets, one to the station, one to Glenart Castle and Wicklow, and another over an old stone bridge crossing the Avoca towards the factories of Messrs. Kynochs, Limited. The chief support of the inhabitants is the fishing industry, alas, now falling off in its "catches," and the number of boats employed; the red ochre works, the cordite factories (a considerable quantity of which marvellous explosive

the writer has used this year and last with some success on the Bisley and Runnymede ranges), and a huge granite quarry. The proximity of this quarry to the town would at once lead an English seaside public body to construct a sea front and parade. Arklow is immediately across the channel opposite Aberystwith, and has a splendid southerly aspect, and should attain a maximum share of sunshine daily.

Monday. The afternoon interval between our two peals rung on the 22nd, we spent in seeing the town, the coast and the people, and discovering a "porther house." The morning peal was concluded at 2 p.m., and completed the 250th by the 4th man, and by a coincidence his first peal was with Washbrook twenty-five years ago, a modest average of ten per annum. The evening was finished at 9 p.m., and then followed—P.S.—I'd better confine my postscript to one word—"conviviality."

Tuesday. We were shown over the grounds and park of Glenart Castle, seeing beautiful woodland scenery, fern-clad dells, timbered recesses, and obtained fine views of the Wicklow Hills, Lug Naquilla (the highest but one on the island), the sea coast and coast line in either direction, and the harbour and town of Arklow. We were again received by kind mother "Exeter" for dinner, and called on Mrs. Washbrook with her family of seven (two now in Oxford), a fine group of bonnie children, which led the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop to personally offer congratulations to friend Washbrook on the occasion of his last visitation. And so say all of us.

"Blessed is the man that hath his quiver full."

Our evening peal was another success, and rung equally as well as the first, the youthful umpires outside informing us on completion that the last part of both compositions had the same "coming home" course. What do you think of that, Mr. Dains? Now be wary of your "coming home" courses, Henry; we have heard of your wedding, and we may hear yet that you've produced a composition far surpassing those of friend Washbrook.

Our headquarters was converted into a dining-hall for the rest of the night, with imported porter and time extension; it so happened that the hand lantern was none too sure a guide through the heart of Glenart woods, to enable the Shepherd and his mates to get home.

Referring to the view of the ringing-room, (a twenty minutes sketch), it will be seen the ropes 2-3, 3-4, and 4-5 are all close and convenient for double-handed work. The walls are match-boarded, from the top of which to the hat and coat rails, is a space panelled for peals to be recorded. The side of the room not seen has two lancet windows and seat with sliding doors and a convenient cupboard under the same as shewn on the left of the view. The bells were supplied and hung by Messrs. Taylor, and the "go" of the bells, the "draft" circle of the ropes are each in favour of boys not out of their "teens" ringing a peal, and their father taking a couple of bells. Here is a recent case, where the architect has again proved himself to be the reverse of infallible. There was no need to economise, and the spiral stairs may just as well have gone up a stage higher, and what would be the gain? Less noise and inconvenience, and fire danger to the ringers in the belfry, with no ladder or trapway. Safe and sure access to the bells when "set" or down, at any time, for the many and various purposes that necessitates handiwork among the bells and fittings.

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct your correspondent of the Irish tour *re* the peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells on board s.s. Cambria while crossing St. George's Channel. The conductor of the peal was Mr. William Short, not

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THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

"There was a sound of revelry by night" on November 3rd at Waltham Abbey, for there had been gathered together ringers from Wanstead, Woodford, Loughton, and Bishops Stortford to meet the above society, who had arranged a half-day's outing to this once famous and historical place. The ringing appeared to awaken this old and sleepy town, and people were seeking an explanation of this sudden bursting into joy. Some of the lads in the street attributed it to the advent of Guy Fawkes while others of an advanced age thought the ringing was to commemorate their lost rights of the Forest, when at this season they were allowed for two days to strike their axes into the boughs of the trees of the dense Epping Forest. As the sun cast its last dying rays upon the ruins of this venerable pile at Waltham, the bells were set in motion, their tones echoing among the ghostly avenues of departed glory, as if chasing the evil spirit of old Nimrod. In the belfry all was bright and warm with illumination and comfort, as our worthy Master (Mr. S. Hayes), welcomed the arrival of each visitor. The Loughton friends who had travelled on foot several miles through the bramble, darkness and mud of the forest, came into the belfry smilingly, their eyes flashing like meteors on a frosty night, and their faces as rosy and ruddy as cherries. Another—an old stager from Woodford—who had tramped the whole distance of nine miles, looked as cool as a cucumber, and as saucy as a rooster. The newly appointed Secretary—Mr. G. Dawson—was beaming with satisfaction to find so many members had responded to his invitation, and Mr. Miller lent grace and charm to the assembly.

Touchees of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double were rung, the conducting being divided Messrs. Doran, Torble and Wightman.

An interval for tea and refreshments at The Green Dragon followed, at the end of which another movement to the tower was made. Several touchees of the above methods, with a course of Superlative, were rung. Two old friends of Waltham (Tarling and Thurgood) also took a rope.

At nine o'clock the bells ceased, and the old Abbey again resumed its wonted peacefulness. Rain was now falling fast, and in the ancient market place housewives were busily plying and bargaining for provisions as their forefathers had done centuries ago.

Just one more peep into The Green Dragon to wish the landlord goodnight, and our pleasures at Waltham were brought to an end. As we separated kindness and goodwill were visible upon the faces of all.

Into the darkness of the night and the gloom of Epping Forest again plunged our gallant men of Loughton, looking as fearless as Robin Hood and Little John as we bade them God-speed, trusting they might not encounter the ghost of the old forester, Pigbones, on their way. On the railway and in their carriage the London men soon found themselves, where they beguiled the tedium of travelling with a song from Mr. Doran—"The bonnie bunch of Roses," in striking contrast to the weather outside on a chill November night, thus bringing to an end a most enjoyable outing.

It may be interesting to some to mention that originally, in the golden days of the Abbey, there were but five bells, which were sold at the dissolution of the monasteries. In later times the maids and bachelors of Waltham, by voluntary contribution, purchased a ring of six bells, which were, in 1656, augmented to eight. One or two items in the parish accounts are particularly curious. We read: "1542. Paid to the ringers at the coming of the King's Grace, Sixpence." Another: "Paid for ringing at the Prince's coming, One Penny;" evidently showing that money had then more purchasing power and value, and certainly that the ringers of that period must have been rather ill-paid servants, and poor "home-bringers." When the penny became divided between them, they must have lamented their labours, and declared that ringing, though ever so pleasurable, was a poor business at its best.

G. F. M.

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Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Thursday, November 29th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1906 changes in the following methods: 10 of Plain Doubles, 360 Double Oxford, 360 Double Court, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, 216 Kent, 240 Oxford, and 360 Plain Bob. A. Barker, E. Hynds, J. T. Barker, H. P. Emery, E. Claydon conductor, H. C. Young.

WHITFIELD (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1906 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Buckley, T. Jackson, F. Garside, J. Marsden, W. Marsden, E. Garside, E. O. Rostron, J. Lawton. Composed by S. Knott, and conducted by E. O. Rostron.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAMPTON (Middlesex).—On November 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Merrick, F. J. Shepherd, W. Wicks, W. Shepherd, W. H. Fussell conductor, E. Butler, W. Squire, W. Nightingale longest length.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, November 11th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; G. H. Carter, F. Elliott, A. Phillips conductor, A. Phillips. On Sunday, November 18th, 360 Grandsire Minor, non-conducted. A. Phillips, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence. On the 21st, 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells, non-conducted. W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter. On the 25th, 720 Grandsire, non-conducted. A. Phillips, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence. On the 27th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Elliott conductor, A. Phillips. On Monday, December 3rd, on handbells, three different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles non-conducted. W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, F. Elliott. On the 4th, on tower bells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; A. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Elliott conductor, A. Phillips. 360 Bob Minor. A. Phillips, A. Carter first 360, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, F. Elliott conductor, W. H. Lawrence. And 720 Oxford Bob, non-conducted. Arthur Phillips, A. Phillips, G. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, C. Gale, F. Elliott. First non-conducted 720 in the method by all.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 15th, 1371 Stedman Caters. F. Coates, A. Hague, C. Glenn conductor, J. W. Cottam longest length in the method, J. Evinson, T. Lee, J. M. Andrews, W. Coates, S. F. Palmer, G. Dakes. On handbells, 909 Grandsire Triples. S. F. Palmer, C. Glenn conductor, W. Coates, J. Evinson, longest length on handbells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON (Beds).—On November 11th, at the parish church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the Rev. E. Dakin's second son. J. Shaw, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, J. Davies, F. Bonner, C. Wing, A. King conductor, H. Shaw.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Saturday, November 17th, being the 60th birthday of Mr. C. Dalby, one of the local ringers, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3024 changes in 2 hrs. in came to grief. W. Spiby, W. Allison, G. W. Meakins, C. Dalby, W. James, T. H. Morris, R. H. Bartram, R. Young.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Friday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. J. J. Peake, J. J. Phillips, J. T. Frenchum, T. Thirkill, R. J. Todd, A. Morton conductor, J. J. Kinchin, G.

Holmes. Rung to commemorate the completion of three years' Mayoralty by Alderman Nash, and to celebrate the election of Alderman Close as Mayor.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. H. J. Poole conductor, W. Cordiug, J. Maddock, A. Evans, F. Millard, G. H. Yendall, E. E. Burgess, W. Evans.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, November 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Richards, G. Bull, L. Fidler, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, J. Monk. On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples. A. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Richards, J. Monk, L. Fidler, J. Brooks, H. Brooks conductor, G. Bull. For evening service, 336 in the same method. H. Brooks, A. Brooks, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Richards, J. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, G. Bull.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 18th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Reynolds, A. Tomlins, B. Clark, A. Clark, M. Ellsmore composer and conductor, H. Ford, F. Burnett, E. Brown.

BIRMINGHAM. — Recently, for practice at Bishop Ryder's church, 1344 Bob Major. W. H. Carrod, J. F. Smallwood, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, T. Collinson, J. H. White, G. A. Taylor, W. Ellis conductor. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Scriven, R. Ducker, W. Ellis, G. H. Hopkins, T. Collinson, J. H. White conductor, J. F. Smallwood, S. J. Coley.

FARNINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service, 480 Bob Doubles, being four 6-scores, each called differently. E. Bates, J. Couchman, A. Bailey conductor, S. Mason, A. Bates, E. Wainwright. First by an entirely local band.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, November 21st, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Stow, schoolmaster, and formerly one of the ringers at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal in seven methods, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, and 400 Cambridge Surprise. A 720 London Surprise Minor was also rung. H. Read, J. Lake, C. Neaverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. First 720 of London on the bells, by all the band, and in the county of Lincoln.

SHIPLAKE (Oxon).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Sheppard, W. G. Wicks, E. Miles, P. Bartholomew, G. Irvine conductor, W. Cook, C. W. Porter, J. Goodyer. Rung as a thanksgiving for the return to health of Sir Walter Phillimore. On Thursday, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Hinstead, W. G. Wicks, E. Miles, W. Cook, G. Irvine, E. W. Wenman, O. W. Porter conductor, A. Sheppard. Rung to welcome the Rev. Parker Jones who was paying a short visit to his old parish. Both quarter-peals were rung by local men.

SOUTHWARK.—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, a half-muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Walden, who was a prominent member of the church for forty years, and father of three local ringers. He was interred at Nunhead on the above date. T. H. Taffender, W. Berry, A. T. Gardner, A. Riley, E. Clements, W. Cobbett, E. J. Woolley, G. F. Wilson. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. G. F. Woodage, W. H. Taffender, F. Smith, F. Hares, E. J. Woolley, T. H. Taffender conductor, W. Berry, A. T. Gardner. On Thursday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. *A. T. Gardner, T. H. Taffender, †M. Melia, *G. F. Woodage, *W. H. Taffender, †R. F. Deal, †E. J. Woolley, *H. May, jun. Conducted by T. H. Taffender. *First quarter-peal. †First in the method.

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 the 13th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association — Liverpool Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Port Sunlight to-day Sat., December 8th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES.
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Crewkerne to-day, Sat., December 8th. Service in the parish church at 4 p.m. Tea in parish room at 4.30, with meeting to follow. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland parish church to-day, Sat., December 8th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Sat., December 8th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Swan with Two Necks.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—A business meeting of the above society will be held in St. Martin's Crypt on Monday, December 10th, at 9.15 p.m. after the usual practice, for the purpose of electing auditors and transacting other important business.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Every member who can make it convenient is requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
The Devonshire Guild.—Exeter Cathedral.—Cater practice, Wednesday, December 12th, 7 p.m.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The new bells at Pendleton will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester on Friday, December 14th. The monthly meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, December 15th. Members intending being present, send their names to Mr. J. Smith, 11, Lisadel Street, Pendleton, not later than Wednesday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

W. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, December 15th. Ringing

at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Fares over 1s. will be refunded to members attending the meeting, and whose subscriptions are paid for the present year.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Llandaff on Boxing-Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting for the election of Officers. Vice-presidents, and Committee will be held at Gloucester on Thursday, December 27th. Address in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at noon by Archdeacon Hayward. Dinner at 1 o'clock at Garrett's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Mr. S. Moore will call attention to Rule 4. and move an alteration therein. Half price allowed for dinner to members sending notice on or before December 20th to

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CORNHILL.—E. Barnett's 311 Peals.—Minor in 4 methods 1; Grandsire Triples 59, conducted 19; Stedman Triples 45, conducted 10; Union Triples 13, conducted 5; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 3, conducted 1; Plain Bob Triples 2 conducted 1; Court Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples 1, conducted 1; Plain Bob Major 13, conducted 6; Canterbury Major (including a 10,080) 17, conducted 12; Kent Major 50, conducted 26; Oxford Major 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major (including a 13,440) 51, conducted 20; "Real" Double Norwich Major 2, conducted 1; Double Oxford Major 3, conducted 3; Superlative Major 9; Cambridge Major 2; London Major 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Stedman Caters 8; Kent Royal 10, conducted 1; Oxford 1; Stedman Cinques 7; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2 Total, 311; conducted 110.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.)—On Sunday, November 11th, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor. H. Tucker, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, R. Plumb, C. Valentine conductor. On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, G. Cowley, H. Tucker, W. Bonham, R. Plumb, C. Valentine conductor.

HANSLOPE (Bucks.)—On Saturday, November 17th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Tucker, E. Yates, R. Plumb, F. Booth, C. Valentine, G. Cowley conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, H. Tucker, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, C. Valentine conductor, E. Yates. Another 720 in the same method. J. Smith, R. Plumb, W. Bonham, G. Cowley conductor, E. Yates, C. Valentine.

CALVERTON (Bucks.)—On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, R. Plumb, E. Yates, C. Valentine conductor, W. Bonham, A. Giles.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1906.

THERE was no small commotion in the fore part of the year concerning a movement for the benefit of necessitous ringers, owing to non-employment and other causes. The Central Council was invoked to take some steps in the matter, and as a preparatory measure, a Ringers' Employment Register was determined on. Full particulars were given concerning this, and it is not easy to see, therefore, why up to the present it has not been a success. An employment register should not be a one-sided affair; it is not only for the benefit of the unemployed, but for the convenience of employers also. Many of the Exercise are employers who must sometimes be wanting workpeople. We ask them to remember that a labour bureau, or register, controlled by practical hands, is at their service. If they continue to neglect so useful an agency, beneficial to themselves as preventing trouble and inconvenience, then it will be their fault if the Register earns the definition which is conveyed by the last word of Mr. DANIELL's letter below.

RINGERS' EMPLOYMENT REGISTER.

SIR,—In your issue of the 7th July last you were good

ough to place in your central page a letter from me explaining in what way I proposed to carry out what I undertook to do under the above heading at the last meeting of the Central Council.

It seems to me that I have reached a time when I may inform your readers of the response I have received to that letter.

I have had six applications from ringers desirous of a situation, which have been duly entered in the Register, but I have had no application whatever from any single person offering any employment.

I submit this to the members of the Exercise through your columns, in order that persons able to give employment or knowing of vacant berths, may be reminded of the existence of this Register in case they choose between now and next Council Meeting to assist it to become anything but a farce.

R. A. DANIELL.

3rd December, 1906.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY Treble.	REUBEN CHARGE 5.
BERTHAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN E. BAKER 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER 5.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2.	BERTHAM PREWETT 6.
C. CAREW COX* 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	SIDNEY HEYWARD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Lewis (2) and J. E. Baker hail from Cirencester and Ottery St. Mary respectively, for whom the peal was arranged.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES. Tenor 41 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 2.	*HARRY LAST 8.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
BERTHAM PREWETT 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN. Rung on the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra. *First peal on twelve bells. This is Edwin Barnett's 310th peal.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Treble.	SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 6.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
THOMAS F. W. BONNICK* .. 3.	ALBERT V. SELBY 8.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS .. 4.	HENRY G. MILES 9.
ARTHUR CUTMORE 5.	FREDEBICK J. REDKNAP .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. G. MILES.

*First peal. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. Treble.	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	HARRY E. BALAAM 6.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
FREDERICK G. TEGG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART. and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	*DOYLE S. SIMONS 6.
HORATIO GUMMER 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.	*JAMES C. F. BAYLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra. *First peal of Stedman Caters.

The Provinces.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

F. REEVES* Treble.	E. L. BURGESS 5.
G. WILLSHIRE 2.	J. BLYTHMAN 6.
W. J. TRUSLER 3.	W. J. COLLISON 7.
S. G. TWYMAN 4.	*G. ENDERBY Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLSHIRE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Messrs. Reeves and Burgess, the ringers wishing them many happy returns. *First peal.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY WALLIS Treble.	EDWIN E. BRIDGES 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
RICHARD STAINES 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 23, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOULDEN* .. Treble.	THOMAS HESSEL.. .. 5.
CHRISTOPHER WARD.. .. 2.	JOHN H. CLARK.. .. 6.
WILLIAM WILKINSON† .. 3.	JOHN T. HOLMES .. 7.
HERBERT P. NASH 4.	WILLIAM DICKINSON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. DICKINSON.
*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

CLAUDE GIBBS* Treble.	OLIVER JAMES 5.
ERNEST GIBBS† 2.	HERBERT KNOWLES .. 6.
JAMES R. NEWMAN 3.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 4.	†GORDON CHECKETTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by GORDON CHECKETTS.
*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal of Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

WALTER C. HUNT Treble.	JAMES L. WELLS 6.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH.. .. 2.	JOHN HICKMAN 7.
THOMAS H. COLBOURN .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 8.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
JOSIAH MORRIS 5.	HORACE F. STUBBS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung after the funeral of the late Mr. John Taylor, Bellfounder, as a last tribute of respect.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

S. J. JESSOP Treble.	F. J. MYNARD 5.
J. A. BRAGG† 2.	S. SMITH 6.
T. WRIGHT.. .. 3.	†STANLEY BRAGG 7.
F. BOSWELL 4.	W. FREEMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. FREEMAN.
†First peal of Bob Major. Arranged for Messrs. Jessop and Bragg (2), who were elected members of the branch previous to starting.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM HOWARD* .. Treble.	*PERCY BACON 4.
WILLIAM BACON.. .. 2.	ARTHUR FRIEND.. .. 5.
HORACE PEPPER* 3.	WILLIAM NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NICHOLS.

*First peal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER.. Treble.	GEO. W. DIX 5.
MATTHEW ANDERSON* .. 2.	*WILLIAM BASKILL .. 6.
JOHN FOREMAN* 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 7.
JOSEPH ROWELL* 4.	†JAMES KEMP Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. R. KEEN,

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED CLARKE* .. Treble.	†JOSEPH CADLE 5.
WALTER FERN 2.	THOMAS BELCHER .. 6.
JOHN MOORE 3.	JOHN A. MOULT 7.
STORER W. WEST 4.	FRED BOAM Tenor.

Conducted by W. FERN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HARRY PRICE* Treble.	GEORGE MARRINER .. 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	JOHN WYATT 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
DANIEL SNELLING* 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal. Rang as a farewell compliment to the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas who is leaving the parish after many years Rector, and a really true ringers' friend.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHARLES HARDING .. Treble.	HARRY WRIGHT 5.
WILLIAM A. ARNOTT.. .. 2.	DENISON HAYWARD .. 6.
FREDERICK PESTELL.. .. 3.	GEORGE ORFORD.. .. 7.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 4.	JOHN G. W. HARWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM C. FOX .. Treble.	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 4.
CHARLES V. HARE 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
JOHN HARE 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal by W. C. COX, who is a member of the local company.

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SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE W. EVITT* .. Treble.	FRANCIS FRASER .. 4.
WILLIAM J. BROWNING† .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5.
HENRY WILKES.. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rang to celebrate the birthday of R. Brett Smith, the band wishing him many happy returns.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH.. .. 5.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY .. 2.	JOHN WOODBERRY 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	JAMES BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor on eight bells. W. Smith was proposed a member of the above Association before starting.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s and a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s and a 360 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN SARGUINSON .. Treble.	ANTHONY PEACOCK .. 4.
GEO. HANDLEY 2.	HENRY JONES 5.
HENRY PARRISH.. .. 3.	HENRY PAULI Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PAULI.

First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1821, and first by any of the above.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

HENRY BOWER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
RALPH A. LOVIE 2.	FRANK NAISBY 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. 4.	THOMAS H. NAISBY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

H. Bower was elected a member of the Association before starting. This composition now rung for the first time has the least sets of four bobs yet produced in a six part.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 30, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

CYRIL HERBERT .. Treble.	*SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 5.
ERNEST HERBERT .. 2.	RICHARD NICHOLS .. 6.
FRED WILFORD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY SEAR 4.	HARRY HOPKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*His 50th peal. First peal of Stedman by the North Bucks. Branch. Rang on the eve of the quarterly meeting of the branch to welcome the new Rector.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXMIUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM TILLET .. 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 2.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 8.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. JUDD .. 9.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM* .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. 10.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS.. .. 6.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the Queen's 62nd birthday. *First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. This peal was arranged for W. H. Judd, of Pittlewell. William C. Gillingham recently attained his 17th birthday.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES TRAPPITT* .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT .. 6.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
ALFRED BOXALL.. .. 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON 8.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.. 4.	†FRANK HOLDER.. .. 9.
CHARLES DEAN 5.	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters as conductor.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS KING .. Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS* .. 2.	*ERNEST SIMPSON 6.
FREDERICK PARKER .. 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
BERTIE MAXIM*.. .. 4.	LOUIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS PREECE .. Treble.	DAVID HORNE 4.
HENRY FRITCHARD .. 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT FOULDS .. Treble.	ABRAHAM LANE 5.
ROBERT FOULDS, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN P. FOULDS 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER 3.	ROBERT WALLWORK 7.
WILLIAM MALLINSON .. 4.	WILLIAM HEATON Tenor.

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

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(MELTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WM. SPIBY Treble.	WALTER JAMES 5.
THOS. H. GILLET† .. 2.	THOMAS H. MORRIS .. 6.
WM. ALLISON 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
CHARLES DALBY 4.	RICHARD YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

†First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 58th birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. T. H. Gillett was elected a member before starting.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

ARTHUR SMEATHERS .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS .. 4.
FRED WILFORD 2.	GEORGE LINES 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JAMES W. HOUGHTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. — Atkins, for use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM RUMSEY .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
PETER LAFLIN* 2.	GEORGE WIGBTMAN .. 6.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. Rang in honour of the Queen's birthday.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST TIPPER .. Treble.	ERNEST SLINGSBY .. 4.
HARRISON SMITH .. 2.	JABEZ WALTER 5.
STANLEY WHITE 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

Rung in honour of the return of Richard Hyde Smith, Esq. (son of the Rector), from South Africa.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BANNER .. Treble.	WILLIAM RANFORD .. 4.
F. M. NEWMAN 2.	JOHN WORMAN 5.
JOHN HOWELL 3.	J. R. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. R. NEWMAN.

First peal in five methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRED TROTH Treble.	JAMES HARES 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	WILLIAM A. COOPER .. 6.
ERNEST A. PARISH* .. 3.	THOMAS H. REEVES .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	JESSE SCREEN Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Mr. J. S. Mould, licensed lay reader for the diocese of Lichfield, who had been connected with Christ Church for a number of years.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 2, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS PREECE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 2.	*HERBERT T. KNOWLES .. 5.
J. R. NEWMAN* 3.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in seven methods. First on the bells. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Being 720 of New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, Kent, College Exercise and Oxford.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN. Treble.	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4.
EDWIN JORDAN 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	ARTHUR W. TULLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. C. TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

HORACE STUBBS* .. Treble.	EDWARD READER 5.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 2.	THOMAS BELCHER 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
WILLIAM PERRIN 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal away from the tenor.

** Next week the Analysis for the year 1905 will appear. Mr. Trollope's interesting and valuable article is now concluded, and this will be followed shortly by a contribution by Mr. William Snowdon, entitled: "Seven Minor Surprise Peals."

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Obituary.**WILLIAM DOWNS.**

The death of the above ringer took place on Saturday, November 17th. Deceased had been a member of St. Peter's belfry, Petersfield, for just over forty years, and last attempted to ring on September 17th. He was interred in Petersfield Cemetery on November 22nd. Six of his brother-ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. Butler (2), Arthur, Read, Mells, and Sopp. Among those present at the graveside were the Rev. C. T. Edwards (Rector of Mottisfont, late captain of St. Peter's belfry), and Mr. W. Wilkinson (Stubbington, late conductor of St. Peter's belfry). After the funeral 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled (except the tenor, which the deceased used to ring, left open), by Messrs. Wilkins, Butler (2), Wilkinson, Garrett, Barnes, Read conductor, and J. Arthur. Other members

also took part in short touches, viz., W. H. Perrin, Rev. C. T. Edwards, C. Reeves, H. Mells, and W. Sopp. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. L. Bashford, and the wreath from the belfry was made by an old ringer (W. Bailey), and was inscribed "A tribute of respect and sympathy to an old comrade from his fellow-ringers." His age—67—was tolled on the tenor by W. Butler.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, who is giving lessons to the ringers of the Holsworthy tower in scientific ringing, gave them their sixth lesson on Monday evening. Mr. Shepherd was accompanied by the Rev. F. Molineux (Rector of Harpford, Ottery St. Mary, and Secretary of the Devon Guild), and Mr. A. W. Brighton.

The Holsworthy band for the first time

with unlash bells, very creditably went through the plain course of Grandsire Triples several times during the evening, and their performance called forth gratifying expressions of appreciation from the three visiting proficient of the Art..

The Rev. F. Molineux complimented the band on the proficiency already acquired, and Mr. Shepherd on the performance of his very apt pupils.

Others towers in the district will doubtless at a very early date become affiliated with the Devon Guild, and there is no reason at all why Holsworthy should not be fixed upon as the centre for the purpose of instruction in the scientific method.

Death.

ROYLE.—On November 23rd, at the residence of her only surviving son, 6, Montford Street, Eccles New Road, Manchester, Alice, relict of the late William Royle, of Manchester, in her 90th year.

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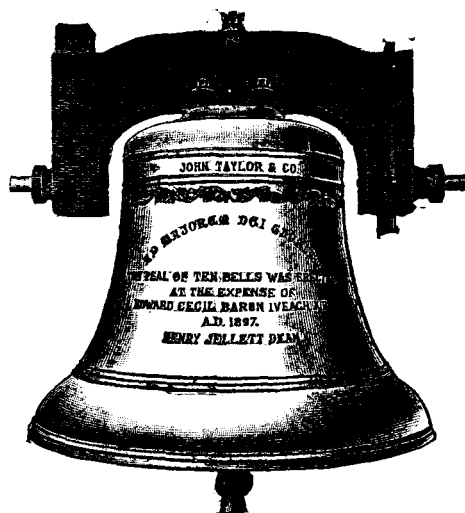
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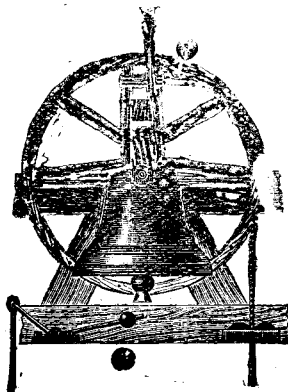
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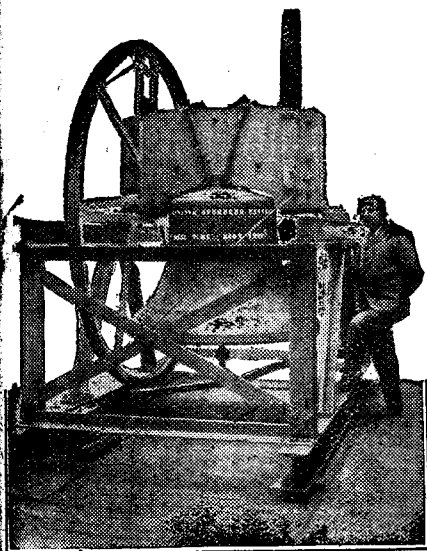
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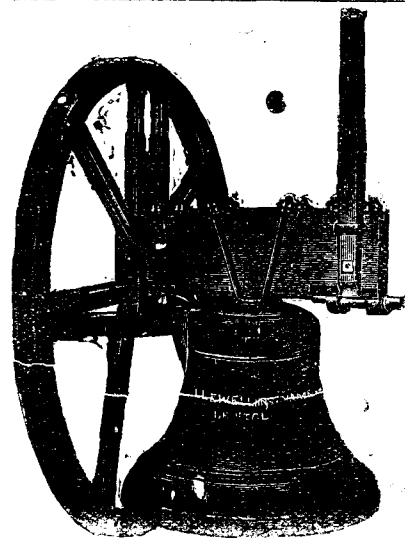
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SEVEN MINOR SURPRISE PEALS.

By WILLIAM SNOWDON.

A correspondent of mine having made a request for guidance in selecting a useful set of Minor methods, of the Surprise order, with a view to use them in a Minor peal performance, and having promised him to look into the matter, I felt that the ground before me required careful examination. So with this in view I turned to the excellent Report submitted to the Central Council last Whitsuntide. This appeared in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" shortly before, so I shall take it that your readers are familiar with it. Also as my correspondent has a copy of my brother's "Standard Methods," I shall take the information set out therein to be common knowledge.

That a satisfactory definition, of a Surprise peal, that would hold good on any even number of bells, from six upwards, was no easy task, may be gathered from the fact that the Council's late Hon. Sec.—the much-lamented Rev. H. E. Bulwer, a man of unquestionable ability—failed in the attempt to formulate one. Moreover, acting with him were others of the Glossary Committee, of which I must own to having been one, and I will here candidly admit that whilst I corresponded with Mr. Bulwer on this very question, I threw absolutely no light on the matter—in fact we were, I think, all in thick darkness.

It was therefore with some considerable misgiving that I took up the subject, and as I have been at some little trouble in looking up the question, it is just possible that the Exercise may like to follow some of the ground traversed. My view was to find out how many Surprise peals there were, and then, by that best of all modes of selecting, viz.: casting out the worst, to ascertain which of the good remained.

First I hunted up the earliest appearance of a Surprise peal in print, and I believe this will be found in the fourth edition of "Campanalogia Improved," bearing date 1753, page 115. Not only do we there find the figures of Cambridge Minor as we ring them to-day—Major had possibly not then been attempted—but the following valuable and terse description of the method follows the figures:—

"The method is thus, when Treble dodges before the Bells in third, and sixth lyes still, when she moves in second and third places, the Bells in first and fourth lyes still, when she dodges in the middle, the two first bells lyes still, when she moves in fourth's and fifth's places, the Bells in third and sixth's lye still, when she dodges behind, the Bells in first and fourth's lye still, when she lies full behind, the Bell in fifth's lyes still, and when she leads, the Bell in second's lyes still."

This peal closes the Minor section of the book, and forms the end of the Treble Bob collection: this section I see in passing has examples of "Delights," "Pleasures," and "Exercises," but I do not propose going into any of these classes, at any rate at present.

From this first appearance of Cambridge we learn therefore that the C.C. committee are quite right in demanding places at all the "cross sections," in addition to those at the dodgings, and the example clearly shows that fifth's is made with the treble behind, and second's when she is at the lead, so here we have at the very outset a clear understanding of what a Surprise method must be.

Continuing my search I find in the "Clavis," pages 50, etc., the well-known set of sixteen Minor Surprises, in which, in addition to Cambridge, "London" first appears. Further on, page 175, we have Cambridge Major, followed by London, and lastly by "Superlative." This latter is referred to as "an original composition of our own on purpose for this work (published in 1788, w.s.) and has never yet been rung: the principle on which it is founded will, we doubt not, give it credit with the *amateurs* of the art, for on inspection it will plainly appear the most even *treble bob* peal that has hitherto been discovered, and if practised, will produce most excellent music." We may note in passing that Superlative does not appear in the sixteen Minor examples, although Cambridge and London are there.

Following on with Shipway, in 1816, we find our present-day favourites and no others, viz.: Cambridge, London, and Superlative. Hubbard, 1845, helps us no further, but Thackrah, 1852, gives us several. For instance, he gives us "Dewsbury" and Wakefield on five (!) but, as every bell lies four blows behind, we may fairly pass on. Coming to Minor, we have "Huddersfield," with an MS. note of my brother's to the effect that "this is to be found in Annable's book, called College Youths' Pleasure," page 76. Overleaf we have another note of my brother's to a peal termed "Mirfield Delight," which is to be found in Annable, at page 76 again, called "Eastern Youths' Pleasure." I mention this last in passing, but it has nothing to do with our real subject, which deals only with Surprise methods. No note by my brother leads me to think he was in any way challenging the question of Surprise peals—he simply seems to have noticed the similarity in Annable, and has jotted down the fact. "Dewsbury" (Minor) is also given, and then "Albion Surprise," followed by "Ringers" Surprise; on this page my brother has examined its in-and-outs, but makes no comment. Then we have "Yorkshire," with the treble dodging three times in each position, and lying three whole pulls behind, etc.,

so again I think we may pass on. Passing over "Ringer's Surprise Tripples" we come to Major and meet with "Liversedge," "Huddersfield," "Leeds," "Dewsbury," and Cambridge. Following this latter are given his (Thackrah's) reasons for inserting "singles" (as he terms them) to take away the liability to falseness: this is interesting as being the forerunner of Sir Arthur Heywood's Burton Variation, see the last edition of Standard Methods. We there have Superlative, which closes our search here.

Sottanstall, 1867, gives us several examples, but as "Victoria," "Albert," and "Valentine" have plain hunts—though dubbed Surprise—we are again entitled to proceed. After our three Standards we have as locals, "Liversedge" (Major), "Sottanstall's," which has not a Treble bob hunt, and "Albion."

Troyte, 1869, and Wigram, 1871, gives no Surprise examples, and, finally, Bannister, in 1874, gives the three Standard ones only, Cambridge, London, and Superlative. The task I have set myself was to first search up such methods as were to be found in print—and this I may now claim to have accomplished; and the next was to make a selection. This last part of the work therefore lies before us.

Proceeding to examine Sottanstall's collection as a start, I failed to find a solitary example that would pass muster, over and beyond the Standard three. Every one failed to get over the first cross section—as the treble passes through 2-3.

Turning then to Thackrah's group, I found the same state of affairs. By this time I felt convinced on re-reading my brother's note (to the effect that what Thackrah termed a "Surprise" Annable had designated a "Pleasure") that an absolute slackness had in modern times set itself up in Surprise Methods, and this brought to my mind the C.C. Committee's note when touching upon "Delight" methods—viz., "Coventry (called Surprise) Minor." These two notes taken together seemed ominous.

(To be continued.)

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Crewkerne on Saturday, December 8th, when thirty-six members were present, nine towers being represented. This was very satisfactory, considering the weather, which was very unsettled. The tower at Crewkerne holds a splendid ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt. The "go" of the bells, and the condition of the belfry, speaks well of the care bestowed on them by the Crewkerne ringers. A service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., at which the Vicar (Rev. Prebendary Gaye), gave an excellent address, after which tea was partaken of in the parish room. The meeting followed this, at which the Master of the Association (Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Prebendary Gaye for his excellent address, and the hearty welcome which he gave to the Association. He also invited the Crewkerne ringers to join the Association. This was received with acclamation. The usual business meeting was then proceeded with, about thirty-five new members were duly elected. The next place of meeting was fixed for Bridgwater. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells.

THE SMALLEST VILLAGE.

Mr. J. Hunt, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, writes: "Can any ringer inform me of the smallest village (give number of inhabitants), that has ever possessed a company of ringers who have rung a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, all the ringers residing in the parish. Kindly reply early as possible, and oblige."

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BARKING.—W. Lincoln's 100 Peals.—Grand-sire Triples 30, conducted 15; Caters 6, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 7, conducted 2; Bob Major 17, conducted 13; Triples 1 conducted 1; Kent Major 19, conducted 8; Union Triples 4, conducted 3; Oxford Bob Triples 5, conducted 4; Darlaston Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Court Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 9, conducted 6. Total—100; conducted 55.

THE PEAL AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Credit is due to the ringer of the treble, it being only his fourth attempt to ring on eight. Quickest peal in the method on the bells. E. Bradfield was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—This peal was rung previous to the Rev. Basil Staunton Batty's induction to the living of Bolsover by the Bishop of Southwell, it being also the Bishop's first visit to Bolsover. After the service the Bishop, the Duke of Portland, churchwardens, sidesmen, choir and ringers were entertained to refreshments in the schoolroom by the newly installed Vicar.

THE PEAL OF ST. HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS.—At the completion of the peal, the band, and South Shields ringers, were handsomely entertained to supper by Mr. Potter, president of the Association. After the cloth was removed, the proceedings took the form of a smoker, over which host Potter presided. In proposing the toast of Mr. Potter, Mr. Corlin paid a very high compliment to our friend's high and social temperament, and his keen zeal in trying to all round increase the usefulness of the Association generally. Mr. Teasdale supplemented the last speaker's remarks, after which, Mr. Potter in a witty and tactful manner thanked the company for the whole-hearted way in which his health had been wished. He also made mention of the old veteran South Shields ringer, Mr. Hopper, who has been actively ringing for this past sixty-two years, and wished him many more years of ringing. He held him up as an example to the younger ringers, Mr. Hopper having replied, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, and hand-bell ringing, a vote of thanks to the caterer, and the singing of Auld lang syne, brought a pleasant evening's enjoyment to a close.

THE PEAL AT EATON SOCON, BEDS.—This peal is believed to be the first ever rung on the bells, most of which date back to the sixteenth century. They have recently been restored by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons.

I. A. C. R.—(Continued.)

"TIPPERARY TRIPPLES."

What a rolling, and a groaning, and a squeaking;
What a churning and turning and creaking,
Of the shaky old frame and "sticks,"
Indeed, the whole bag o' "thricks,"
Almost came down on their pates hard and hairy,
Pat's breeches gave way. Ted's eyes were "staring,"
While the bells they were "glad" of it,
Resounding "loike" mad "wid" it,
Ringing a "pheall" down at old Tipperary.

WEDNESDAY.—Our train was due away at 11.20 a.m. for Dublin, and a whole chapter of events happened in the last half hour which would be sufficient of itself to account for the absence of peals hereafter. Briefly, we all "lost our heads." Price left behind his new bowler hat, price ten bob only the week before, Gifford got lost in the Glenart Woods whilst taking

a morning stroll after breakfast, Truss lost a valuable keepsake—a hand-carved Irish walking stick, strangely enough with his initials thereon, but recovered it in the porter shop. The car driver was late and the baggage and Williams had as much as they could do with Gifford to bundle on to the platform in time. My loss was a nice "head" of farewell porter, in order to get my drawing done. It was a fine day, and the sun shone brightly, and all the scenery along the railway was enhanced by the autumn tints on the ferns and trees. In a single journey one seldom finds such inland river scenery on the one hand, and rugged headland seacoast scenery on the other, as may be found on this piece of line, which passes through tunnels in the cliffs at some places and runs alongside the river Avoca, and through the Vale of Avoca at others. The river wandering in and out the valleys, tumbling over rocky boulders, sparkling in the sun, while the varying colors of the foliage and meadows would exhaust an artist's color box to do them justice upon paper. We endeavoured to blarney the railway officials to allow our return half tickets to be used a day longer, but this ended in our paying excess (as none of us had kissed the Blarney Stone) instead of doing fourteen days. No wonder too such exactness was required. On perusing the traffic returns of the company for the week I found it £500 below the total receipts for the corresponding week of last year. As this was to be a day of sight seeing only, our party went to the Phoenix Park during the afternoon, and through some of the more important streets of the City, which possesses more than the ordinary share of fine handsome buildings, mostly of Classic design, Sackville Street, with the General Post office and Nelson's Pillar forming a busy centre for electric trams going outwards in all directions from the City. One could not help being struck with the vast difference in the appearance of Dublin, dear dirty Dublin, which a fine or a wet day makes, our arrival being just the reverse of our departure, gave us good proof of the former. Londoners, according to recent borough election returns, have evidently shewn attention to the enormous increase of their rates, but they will be surprised to hear that Dublin rates are now over 8s. in the £, due to the city drainage scheme, dealing with an old nuisance. The sewers of the town discharge into the river Liffey, which runs through the centre of Dublin to the sea, each high tide adding to the effluvia therefrom. The City Fathers have thought well to adopt, and during our visit too, of all times, compulsory closing of all licensed houses during the whole of Sunday and at 10 p.m. on Saturday nights. This is a bard blow to a trade already heavily handicapped, and should enable the licensees to obtain a reduction of their fees and rates. Personally I do not see why all places of business should not close their premises at say 6 or 7 o'clock on Saturdays all the year round. It will not be many years hence before compulsory closing for all trades and business, at an early hour every day of the week, will come into vogue, and the sooner the better for the nation. My dear readers, pray excuse my wandering away now and then from strict ringing notes of our good old annual, but, just as the life of the navy is not "all beer and skittles," so the change-ringer's earthly span does not consist entirely of "bobs and sallies." Should you have any sorry experiences of railway fares, the drink traffic, high rates and taxes or costly drainage schemes, kindly bear in mind the trials and troubles of our Irish brethren across the water, and make the best of a bad job. I'd scarcely been home a week when I received a pertinent post card from the little Bromley pet enquiring "how was it so few peals were rung on our trip?" I now reply "Not because there was so many trips in our ringing." Certainly we scored no more peals during our week. And I can see you smile, and some one will hint that it was the change of air or change of diet.

Oh! the roaring, the pealing, and cheering,
Of the people who lived within hearing,
Twenty miles all round of it,
The town and outside "ave it,"
"Ivryone" came to shake hands "wid" O'Leary.
Oh the teasing and "aising," the aching,
For the failure was almost heartbreaking.
Ted and Mike had enough of it,
Pat rung till he dropp'd at it,
Ringing the peal down at old Tipperary.

The day was wound up by a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Palace Theatre. The Cathedral, a wonderful interesting building, was scarcely surveyed. We were shown the tomb and bust of Dean Swift, and the site of St. Patrick's well, only quite recently discovered after many centuries of obscurity, the ancient Celtic stone cover found over the well being now set up in the nave for inspection. St. Patrick, the apostle of Ireland, appears to have been a native of North Britain, and was one of the early christian teachers from about 430 to 447 A.D. There is no reason to doubt that he established Christianity in Ireland after his predecessor Pallady had attempted it, and crossed over to Galloway. St. Patrick appears to have taken several other teachers with him, by whose help he was enabled to found churches and set up monasteries with schools. The Isle of Man is said to have received its first Bishop from St. Patrick, about A.D. 447. The rude wild people of Britain among whom those early christian missionaries labored, have handed down to us only doubtful legends and stories of strange wonders instead of history of their times. But it is plain that after the mission of St. Patrick to Ireland, the people who before were ignorant of arts and letters, became acquainted with both, and Christianity remained. In the tower we found the original peal of bells in good preservation ranged round the room immediately under the ringing chamber, and it was well worth the climb to see the loving manner in which Gifford persuaded one of the oldest bells to allow him to take a rubbing. At first we surmised at the loss to the public, so many bells lying idle, and again, if sold at the present time of high prices in the metal market, what a valuable asset to the church authorities. But let me tell you of Mr. Jerram's translation of the Latin inscription taken off one bell, and we shall all agree in reverently adding "Amen":—

"May it remain uninjured calling to prayer
Till the last sound of the trumpet."

Lord Iveagh's gift of a new ring of ten bells in 1897 has handsomely added to the antiquarian relics of Dublin, and if you will refer to the back pages of "THE BELL NEWS" an illustration of the tenor, a fine bell of 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. will be seen. Night found us trying to get sleep at the Hotel Central, but the rumble of heavy vehicles passing over granite setts in the streets below made it broken and restless.

THURSDAY.—Messrs. Washbrook and Shepherd came in from Arklow to join our party and go over the Dublin Brewery. We saw a good deal of the establishment, but to go over it fully would be equal to inspecting about a fourth of the City. Guinness's is the familiar name of this brewery—the largest in the world. It was one of thirty in the City in the year 1735, and situated in St. James' Gate, now it is one of six, and was originally purchased by Mr. Arthur Guinness in the year 1759. In 1886 the Brewery was sold by Sir E. C. Guinness, Bart., for £600,000, and the newly-formed company has since increased the business by leaps and bounds both at home and abroad. When we came to the sampling room a diversity of taste arose, but it was satisfactory to learn by experience that the porter sold outside was quite equal to the samples given within, and that seeing a brewery in full working order does not add to one's palate. The recent accident at a Glasgow distillery gives us some impression of quantity and size, and perhaps it may not be thought out of place if I here quote a few leading notes, especially as Christmas is so near, of what we saw. The actual figures are taken from the handbook given gratis to all visitors. One hundred and fifty storage vats, the largest holding 88,400 gallons, built of English oak, staves about 28-ft. long, the iron hoops around measuring about a mile and half if laid out end to end. There are seventy-four huge receptacles called "skimmers," each looking like a young swimming bath. Thirty-one fermenting tuns, the largest holding 89,000 gallons. The casks are made by piecework, and upwards of a 1000 per week are turned out of the shop by hand. Forty-six copper coppers of 27,000 gallons each. There are 10 boilers, each able to evaporate 150 cubic ft. of water per hour. The stables are 200-ft. long, with centre avenue and double row of stalls. Many of the horses, of which there are 153, are notable prize-winners at the Wrexham and Dublin Horse Shows. The annual cost of postage stamps is between £3500 and £4000, upwards of 300,000 letters being received in the year. The site, formerly of three or four acres in 1860, is now over forty acres in extent, important additions being

made in 1873. The trade in 1887 was thirty times as great as in 1837. The origin of porter dates back to the year 1722, and was first brewed by Harwood, a London brewer, who gave it the name of "Entire." Up to the year 1825 Guinness's trade was almost local; it is now an article of daily use in almost every house in Ireland. The discovery of roasted malt as a flavouring material quickly transformed the old-fashioned brown ales into aromatic nutritious porter, which if genuine and well brewed not only possesses all the qualifications necessary to promote energy and continuance of muscular exertion, but is also medicinal in cases of waste and debility, and a sovereign remedy for replenishing exhausted nature. This statement is supported by the testimony of medical men in all ages, as well as the published opinions of leading physicians of the present day.

The origin of brewing may be traced to remote antiquity, as the most ancient nations of the earth were in the habit of compounding a fermented liquor from wheat or barley. Herodotus refers to a fermented beverage which the Egyptians made from barley, and Tacitus states that the Teutons manufactured an intoxicating liquor from the same grain. St. Jerome enumerates various drinks, and says that none were made use of more than that extracted from barley. Diodorus Siculus tells us that the Gauls prepared the same liquor because through the coldness of their climate they could make no wine. A drink bearing in color a resemblance to porter was made in Britain in the remote ages, for an ancient writer gives the following as a method of its preparation by the Druids: "The grain is soaked in water and made to germinate; it is then dried and ground, after which it is infused in a certain quantity of water, which is then fermented." It is estimated at the present time that porter, the Irishman's national beverage, is consumed in Ireland at the rate of twelve gallons per head of the population per year, and a very fair average too, and as bellringers are few and quite a modern innovation in the Isle, it cannot be said that they have abetted this consumption. Generally speaking, the growth of Christianity in uncivilized countries has meant education, and from the earliest times increased use of fermented drinks has followed the decline of savage life.

W. H. F.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—1773-1906.

On Saturday, December 8th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Lathbury, M.A., an old member of the Society, a band of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London, visited Denham to attempt a peal of Major, the Vicar having often expressed a wish to hear the tenor rung in. Accordingly half Londoners and half County men assembled at the church to make the great attempt, and success, as reported in peal columns, followed. The Vicar and most of the local band were present in the body of the church during the ringing, and congratulated the band on their excellent peal, afterwards adjourning to The Swan Inn to a substantial tea, kindly provided by the Vicar. The Master of the Cumberlands, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and local men for their kind reception expressed a hope that the Denham men (who are a smart young body of ringers) would soon take up half-pull. In the course of a pleasant hour's chat round the table another happy duty of the Master's was the presentation of Certificate of Membership to Mr. R. Buckland of Beaconsfield. Mr. Bronsdon, Captain of the Denham band, duly responded to the vote, and after a few words from Mr. Buckland the company separated well content with their half-day out. Mr. E. F. Cole, after fourteen years peal absence, coming into form again.

The only known peal of Major upon these bells was achieved by the Ancient Society of College Youths, May 9th, 1773, a 5040 Bob Major, rung in three hours sixteen minutes, conducted by Thos. Sylvester, being the first peal on the bells, soon after being made an octave, the tablet recording which is now on the tower wall some thirty feet above the present ringing floor on the ground level. Thos Sylvester only conducted five peals for this Society, all of which were rung in London, with this exception, and he was the fifth active leader in peal-ringing, succeeding such early Masters as Ben. Annable, William Underwood and George Meakins, A.D. 1724-1775! The two latter conductors were prominent in going out of London for peals in towns

situated along the main coaching routes some hundred and fifty years ago. Meakins called the first peals at Old Hillingdon 31st May 1762; Richmond, 1758; Bolney, Sussex, 11th May, 1761; Leeds, Kent, 16th August, 1762; Croydon, 1757; Guildford, 27th December, 1762; Carlsbrooke, I. O. W. 1770; St. Albans, 23rd May, 1763; while Underwood visited and scored peals at Oxford, 1764; Cambridge, 1765; Cirencester, 1767; Ware, 1759.

In walking through Denham one can readily recall the band who rang this peal in the original belfry at some twenty feet higher story, arriving by the old Oxford Stage Coach, wearing quaint frock coats and old beaver high hats. Sylvester's performance and a 5000 Grandsire by the Windsor Society, remained the only peals on the bells for upwards of a century, when the late George Newson conducted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples here November 18th, 1893, much to the delight of the Vicar, who handsomely presented the band with a five-pound note. Since Newson's peal till now only two have been scored, Stedman Triples by the College Youths and Oxford Diocesan Guild respectively, the latter conducted by the Rev. F. E. Stedman.

Denham bells form a grand old peal, the 7th dated 1683, and with the 4th, 5th and 6th, has the founder's medallion thereon, with three bells surmounted by a crown and name: Thomas Bartlett. The tenor was recast by John Warner 1875, is a grand bell, and is now quietly waiting to be turned in through a "Surprise" peal.

W. H. F.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL WINDOW.

On Monday morning, December 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford, a window, given by Lieut. Holderness in memory of his wife, was unveiled and dedicated. Mrs. Holderness, who was a daughter of the late Mr. Walter Gray, of Phoenix House, Chelmsford, met her death in an earthquake in India, in 1905, not long after her marriage. The new window is executed in excellent colours, delicate tints in green, blue and purple, being particularly noticeable. The subjects which it portrays are most appropriate. There are, as it were, three distinct ideas symbolised in the several divisions. Over the first is inscribed, "We walk by faith," while below are the words, "Thou wilt show me the path of life." The figures represent the struggle of a mortal with the flesh and the world, but aided in the encounter by the strength of faith. Next Death in Hope is depicted, this division bearing the texts, "The righteous hath hope in His death," and "Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee." In the third place is a representation of a glorious resurrection, explained by the following passages, "Made perfect in love," and "This mortal must put on immortality." At the foot of the window are the words, "To the glory of God and in memory of Caroline Maude, the beloved wife of Hardwicke Holderness." Mrs. Walter Gray unveiled the memorial, the Rev. Canon Lake saying the dedicatory prayers. Other clergy present were the Revs. H. Ham and W. H. Carroll. The Hymns sung were "We love the place O God," and "Let saints on earth in concert sing."

In the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted in commemoration of the dedication. All went well for one hour and forty minutes, when the worthy sexton put in an appearance armed with a note from the Rector, demanding the ringers stop, although he himself had given permission for the peal. The explanation was that some nobility in the neighbourhood had got up some amateur theatricals at the Corn Exchange. On learning that a peal was being attempted and told that it would be a three hours' pull, they immediately took steps to stop the bells, and succeeded, another proof that money makes the mare to go. The ringers taking part in this ill-fated peal were H. R. Dawson, W. Rowland, jun., A. Edwards (conductor), W. Rowland, sen., T. Lincoln, H. Head, W. Lincoln, H. Richell, H. F. Cooper, H. R. Rolfe.

H. F. C.

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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. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th, and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th, both at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, to-day, Sat., December 15th. Tower open at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem to-day, Sat., December 15th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Fares over 1s. will be refunded to members attending the meeting, and whose subscriptions are paid for the present year.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, to-day, Sat., December 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—District meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, December 22nd, at 6 p.m. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Llandaff on Boxing-Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting for the election of Officers, Vice-presidents, and Committee will be held at Gloucester on Thursday, December 27th. Address in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at noon by Archdeacon Hayward. Dinner at 1 o'clock at Garrett's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Mr. S. Moore will call attention to Rule 4. and move an alteration therein. Half price allowed for dinner to members sending notice on or before December 20th to

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MR. WILLIAM GORDON.

At an orchestral concert of the Stockport Choral Society, the above-named officiated, and concerning him the *Cheshire Daily Echo* has the following: "Mr. William Gordon, a Stockportonian, and one who for many years has persistently worked for the advancement of music in the town, conducted two typical old English part-songs of his own composition, and they were both well performed and well received. The first on the programme was a

setting of "Go, lovely Rose," and its scoring, both vocally and for the orchestra, showed that the composer is capable of combining both solid and interesting work. His second composition, "Who is Sylvia," is a very melodious number, and the enthusiasm with which it was received quite warranted its repetition. Mr. Gordon has proved himself to be a musician whose music is worth listening to, and we hope his work may be included in the Society's future programme."

Compositions.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, *Guildford.*

5088.

23456 1 5 6

42635 - -

36245 - -

62345 - -

23645 - -

46325 - -

63425 - -

34625 - -

26435 - -

64235 - -

32465 - -

24365 - -

43265 - -

32645 s -

46235 - -

62435 - -

24635 - -

36425 - -

64325 - -

43625 - -

26345 - -

63245 - -

42365 - -

23465 - -

Repeated.

First rung at Mitcham, Surrey, May 23rd, 1903, conducted by W. Pye.

5184.

By HENRY W. WILDE *Belgrave, Chester.*

23456 1 5 6

24356 s

45326 -

23546 -

35246 -

45236 -

43256 -

52346 -

23645 -

Five times repeated, with bob instead of single except in the 4th part.

This peal has all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, December 1st, by the kind invitation of the St. Michael's band, a good muster of ringers turned up at 6 p.m. in St. Michael's belfry, and various touches were rung till 9 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of Queen Alexandra. The touches rung included 604 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Payne, Williams (conductor) Wilkes (2), Noice, Tucker, George, and Marks. A 336 Bob Major, and 504 Stedman Triples, by Messrs. Noice, Williams (conductor, Fray, Marks, Wilkes, Tucker, George, and Bayley.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1906.

MORE than once we have felt it to be our duty to exhort all ringers ever to be on the alert when and wherever bell-restoration becomes a necessity. It is satisfactory to note that much has been done in this direction through the action of ringers themselves, and it is very refreshing to read of a ringing company, as we have done so lately, "pegging away" until bell-chamber reform has been effected. Nevertheless, there are some dark places still where the church bells are in a bad way. When we all see a record of a peal with two men at the tenor, it is a clear sign that the presence of the restorer is wanted. This double-handed tenor performance has obtained for some time at the parish church of Ormskirk, in Lancashire. This week a peal is recorded from there, which has been rung under such unsatisfactory conditions. Has the local company of ringers essayed to obtain the interest of the incumbent and wardens to have the bells rehung? Have they "pegged away" like many other ringers have successfully done, to better the state of things in their

belfry? If they have moved in the matter at all, many of us would like to know the result. Perhaps some one among our Ormskirk friends would tell us.

Next week's number will be an enlarged one, full of interesting matter. The paper will be published earlier in the week in future, to prevent any disappointment to subscribers. Orders for copies should be given to local booksellers early in the week.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER 5.
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SIDNEY A. WRIGHT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to James George, of Rugby.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD.

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

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6.
SIDNEY WADE 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

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(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS, TOTTENHAM.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON .. 5.
FREDERICK G. TEGG 2.	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 6.
HARRY E. BALAAM 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.
Rung on the date of the dedication of a new church in the parish, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

The Provinces.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	*FREDERICK WATLING .. 5.
ALPHABUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Baron Claude de Chassiron to Miss Dorothy Henniker, sister of Lord Henniker. *First peal in seven methods.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PRITCHARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	JAMES PILKINGTON 5.
JOHN H. SHOLICAR 2.	JOHN W. PILKINGTON .. 6.
PETER H. HARVEY 3.	JAMES R. PARK 7.
JAMES SHOLICAR 4.	THOMAS MARTLAND Tenor.
	RICHARD LEA Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. SHOLICAR.

*First peal as conductor.

BATHFORD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

THOMAS ROBERTS* .. Treble.	FRANCIS W. CANNINGS .. 4.
FRANCIS W. NEATE* .. 2.	JOHN TAYLOR 5.
ARTHUR CORDERY 3.	*WILLIAM HODDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

*First peal.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

E. HERN Treble.	ALFRED HILLIER 5.
THOMAS GOFTON 2.	ROBERT M. HOGG 6.
THOMAS TEASDALE 3.	JOEL HERN 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	*A. CORLIN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GOFTON.

*First peal, and was proposed a member of the Association before starting. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

LEDGERY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS PREECE† .. Treble.	JAMES R. NEWMAN 5.
THOMAS WILLIAMS 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY 6.
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FREDERICK SMITH 4.	*WILLIAM PITT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal. Messrs. Knowles and Newman were elected members of the Guild before starting for the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. POOLE* .. Treble.	THOMAS HAFORD 5.
JOHN W. WELLS† 2.	GEORGE HUXLEY 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WALTER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

Rung with the bells halfmuffled as a token of respect to the late George Simpson, a ringer for many years at the above church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Friday, December 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES COUPE Treble.	FREDERICK E. PARSONS .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 2.	THOMAS KILEY 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	GEORGE W. MOSS 7.
JESSE J. MOSS 4.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

Reference elsewhere.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. GREEN Treble.	WILLIAM WILKINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM HOULDEN * .. 2.	JOHN H. CLARK 6.
JOHN T. HOLMES 3.	THOMAS HESSEL 7.
CHRISTOPHER WARD 4.	WILLIAM DICKENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by JOHN H. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Little, of Heckington Hall. *First peal with a bob bell.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 7, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble.	J. W. BAXENDALE 5.
WM. BIRKS 2.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND .. 6.
J. C. BOOTH 3.	J. E. PROCTOR 7.
SAMUEL WARD 4.	HARRY WARD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY,

First peal in the method by all except G. Bolland.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CORBETT† .. Treble.	HARRY T. LAST 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
GEORGE MARRINER 3.	JOHN WYATT* 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

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

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor about 20 cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Treble.	JOHN HARE 4.
SIDNEY J. PECK 2.	HERBERT FIELDS 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble.	WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. 6.
EDWARD F. COLE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
ERNEST S. POLL 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

It is many years since the only known peal of Major was rung on these bells. Further reference elsewhere.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALLEN* .. Treble.	JOSEPH CADLE 5.
EPHRAIM W. RANDES .. 2.	THOMAS B. WOOD 6.
FRANK WESTON 3.	HARRY POWDRILL 7.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	*T. BAILEY Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. RANDES.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all the band with the exception of Messrs. Cadle and Wood.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
JOHN RICE 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 7.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 8.
GEORGE ADES* 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 9.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.	ERNEST TUGWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

HORACE F. STREET* .. Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 5.
FRANK WITHERS 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 7.
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On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ELIJAH BRADFIELD* Treble.	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5.
WALTER RADLEY* 2.	HORACE F. MOORE 6.
MAURICE COBB 3.	HARRY R. MOORE 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	ALBERT V. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WHITTLE Treble.	EDWARD READER 4.
THOS. H. COLBURN 2.	HORACE W. ABBOTT 5.
JAMES L. WELLS 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Pervin, of Loughborough, to Miss Nellie Capewell, of Woodhouse.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS. THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CRAWFORD Treble.	HARRY WARBURTON 4.
ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD 2.	JAMES S. BETTS 5.
GEORGE R. WINTER 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Alice Crawford, daughter of Mr. C. Crawford, the ringers wishing her many happy returns.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD S. STAINES Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
JOSEPH E. GRÆNSTED 3.	FREDERICK G. BRETT 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4.	CHARLES E. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS ABBOT Treble.	WALTER ROBINSON 3.
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ARTHUR SMEATHERS Tenor.	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

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On Monday, December 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	ARTHUR HARDING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	CHARLES DELL Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday peal for E. J. Walsom, and on the anniversary of A. Harding's wedding day.

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On Monday, December 10, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	SAMUEL GROVES 5.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT 2.	JAMES DOWLE 6.
FRANK WITHERS 3.	JOHN WITHERS 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT.

This peal, Sottanall's *Campanologia*, p. 442, has all the 86 7s, all the 78 6s, and all the 67 8s, with the treble before in sixteen courses.

Handbell Peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 6, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6.
ERNEST PYE 3-4.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 7, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
HUBERT EDEN 3-4.	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—H. Lewis, E. Hull, and A. W. Dix.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE SPORTSMAN, CAMBRIDGE STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SIDNEY F. PALMER 1-2.	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6.
GEORGE LEWIS 3-4.	*JOHN HOLMAN 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal on handbells. †First handbell peal from 1. 2. Umpire—J. Evinson. Witness—G. O. Dixon.

The following peals were arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

HENRY J. TUCKER Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
FREDERICK PALMER 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	WALTER HOBBS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT WOOD Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
ALFRED TARBUN 2.	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is W. Lincoln's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble.	HENRY F. COOPER 5.
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2.	*ALFRED RICHELL 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4.	*WILLIAM C. WADE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 2.	GEORGE W. SORRELL 6.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM H. WELLINGTON 4.	WILLIAM E. EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE COTTIS Treble.	CALEB FENN 5.
ERNEST G. FENN 2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HENRY E. PARKER 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor.

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ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor, T. Hayter. On October 21st, 420 Grandsire. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins conductor, J. Elcombe, A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, H. Tucker. 168 Grandsire Triples. E. King, F. Hand, F. Paskins, C. Hayter, J. Walker, A. Paskins, W. G. Fowler conductor, T. Hayter. On Friday, November 9th, 280 Grandsire Triples. F. Hand, A. Paskins, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor, C. Hayter. 504 in the same method. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe conductor, R. White, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler, H. Tucker. And 210 in the same method, conducted by R. White. On November 4th, 360 Bob Minor. F. Hand, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor. 392 Grandsire Triples. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor, H. Tucker. On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. F. Hand, C. Hayter, F. Paskins, J. Elcombe, R. White, C. A. Paskins, J. Walker, W. G. Fowler conductor.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On October 14th, 720 Plain Bob. Croft, Parrish, Handley, Peacock, T. Sarguison, Sykes. 720 in the same method. Collinson, Handley, Jones, Peacock, Clarkson, Pauli conductor. October 19th, 1440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Sarguison, Handley, Pauli, Peacock, Clarkson, Jones conductor. Longest touch in the method by all. On October 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Peacock, T. Sarguison, Parrish, Handley, Clarkson, Pauli conductor. On October 28th, 360 in the same method. Peacock, Handley, Parrish, T. Sarguison, Clarkson, Pauli conductor. On November 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Peacock, Sykes, Parrish, Handley, Clarkson, Summersall conductor. 720 in the same method. Parrish, Handley, T. Sarguison, Peacock, Jones, Summersall conductor. On November 6th, 720 Plain Bob. Mrs. Pauli, T. Sarguison, Handley, Peacock, Clarkson, Pauli conductor. On November 11th, 1440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent). Parrish, T. Sarguison, Sykes, Peacock, Clarkson, Pauli. November 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Collinson (first 720 in the method), Handley, J. Sarguison (first with bob bell), Peacock, Clarkson, Jones conductor.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service at All Saints church, 1280 Bob Major. J. Hensman, H. Rainbow, A. Hensman, E. Harris, J. Mackay, H. Blundell, W. J. Allen, W. Farey conductor. On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Blundell, J. Hensman, A. Hensman, E. Harris, W. Farey, A. Stewart, W. J. Allen conductor, H. Rainbow. For evening service 1280 Double Norwich. J. Hensman, J. Metherell, A. Hensman, H. Rainbow, W. Rogers, W. J. Allen, A. Stewart, H. Blundell conductor.

HERNE (Kent).—On November 18th, at St. Martin's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Sorrell, C. Holman, W. Holman, J. Bubb, W. Curtis, W. Bubb. On Monday, November 19th, for practice, a course of Bob Minor. T. Stone, A. Sharp, W. Holman, J. Bubb, W. J. Sorrell, C. Holman. A course of Bob Minor. W. Curtis, 5; the rest as before. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Sorrell, T. Stone, A. Stemp, J. Bubb, W. Curtis, A. Neame.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, November 20th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, S. Burt, W. Lish, G. Payne, E. Lish, L. Payne, C. Tyler conductor, A. Hodges.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, November 24th, 1900 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough. A. Clarke, W. Fern conductor, J. Moore, B. West, T. Belcher, J. Rawson, J. A. Moulton, F. Boam.

PRESENTATION TO A CRAMLINGTON RINGER AT MORPETH.

On Wednesday, November 28th, eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples on the old Watch Tower bells, which unfortunately came to grief. After the ringing the band were entertained to light refreshments by Mr. Potter, the genial president of the Association. The company was augmented by the Morpeth ringers, who had succeeded in their first 720 of Bob Minor on the tower bells. A very interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation to Mr. C. Symm, of Cramlington, of Dr. Raven's book on Church Bells, and a walking stick, for his interest and splendid tuition of the Morpeth ringers during the last twelve months. Mr. Armstrong in a neat speech complimented the guest of the evening on his patience and zeal, and hoped his

efforts would bear fruit, and that Morpeth again would take its place prominently in change ringing. After the usual votes of thanks, a very pleasant evening's engagement was brought to a close.

A LINK OF THE PAST.

In the last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," there is published the demise of the late Mrs. Alice Royle of Manchester. It will perhaps be interesting to the Exercise at large to know that the deceased lady, was the widow of the late William Royle, who pre-deceased her some thirty years ago. He was during his lifetime a very prominent ringer at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester.

There is recorded on two peal tablets his name, in which he took part in three peals. The first is a peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, containing 600 bobs

and twenty singles, composed by Mr. Tebbis of Leeds, and conducted by John Kelly, and was, (according to the wording of the peal tablet) the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rang in the North of England. The date of the performance is February 27, 1833. The second is a peal of Stedman Triples, and was rang on November 5, 1834, composed by J. P. Powell of Quex Park, and conducted by the late William Royle of Manchester.

The third, is a peal of "Oxford Treble Bob Triples," 5040 changes, and was rang on December 31, 1834, composed by William Hudson of Sheffield, and conducted by William Royle.

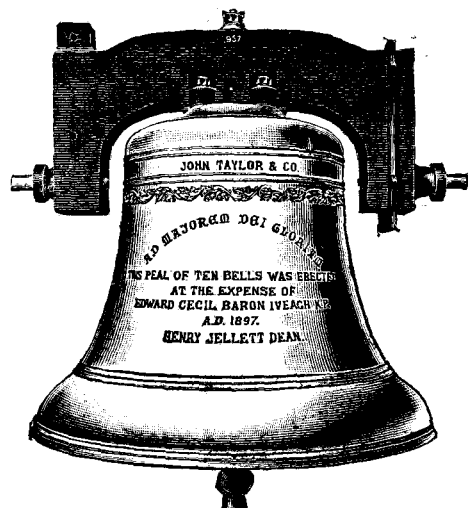
There may be still some few ringers in the County Palatine that will have some recollection of, or even have rang with him, in his day. I have learned that the old lady was the last of the Royle family that has been connected with St. John's Church since its dedication in the year 1769. I think this must be a record connection with one church, for a working class family, the time being nigh on a Century and a half. B.

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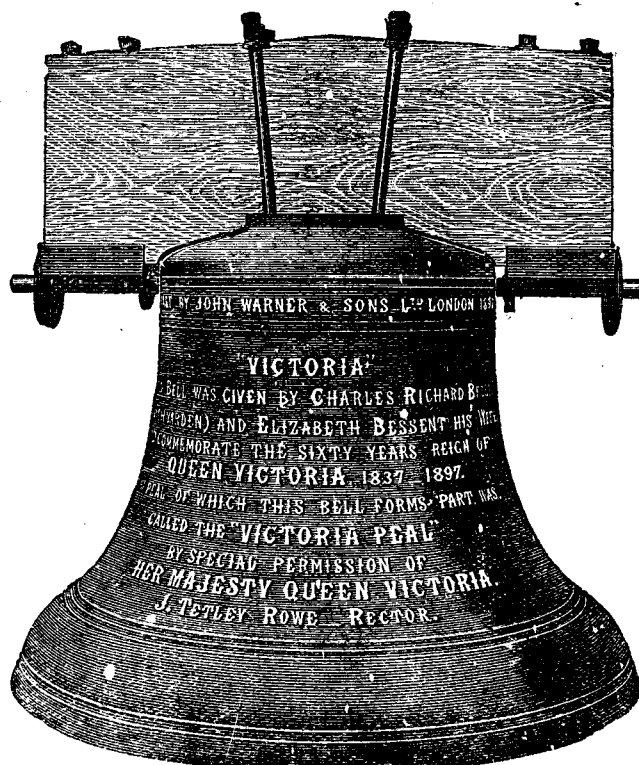
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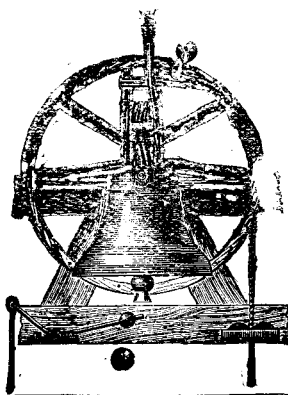
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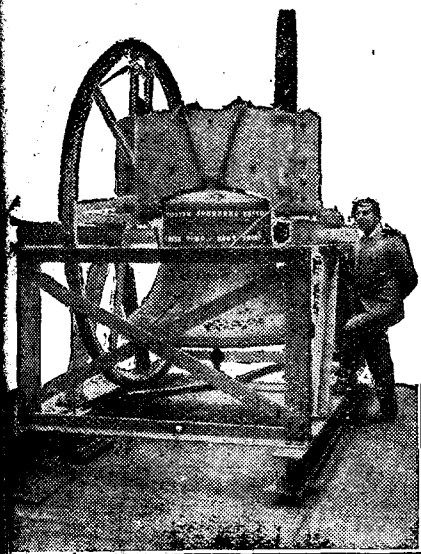
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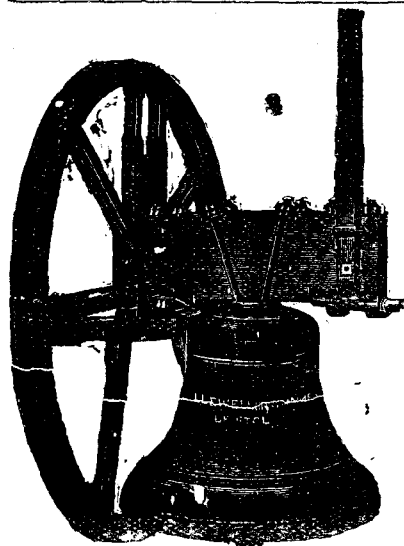
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ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA.

The bells of this Church had not been in a ringing condition since October of last year. At the Vestry meet- of this year it was brought forward by the Vicar, when means was discussed as to how to raise the necessary funds for repairs. It was decided that the parishioners should be canvassed for subscriptions, while in the mean- time estimates should be obtained from various bell- hangers, which in due time were received, the estimate of Charles Carr, Smethwick, Birmingham, being accepted, who immediately set to work, re-casting the tenor, and re-hanging the whole six, which was completed and the six bells opened October 4th of this year. During this time the Vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, ringers, and churchpeople had been busy raising the necessary funds, and they met with a ready response, so it was decided to add two new trebles, thereby completing the octave, which were dedicated November 29, by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. T. W. Venables, assisted by the Vicar, Rev. — Joscelyne, Rev. I. Raine, and Canon Gedde. After the service a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following ringers: T. Humberstone (conductor), A. Briers, A. Roe, W. Humberstone, J. Willson, J. Buffery, P. Carter, A. E. Stanyon.

The ringers all spoke well of the go of the bells. After the bells were lowered the ringers were entertained to supper by the Vicar and churchwardens, where the course- ends kept coming up in grand style, the last bob not being called till every man had had his fill. The rest of the evening was spent in a conversation, interspersed with speeches and hand-bell ringing. Churchwarden A. N. Barnby gave the toast "The King," which was received with acclamation; one of the ringers the toast "Clergy and Churchwardens"; the Vicar, "Ringers," whom he wished to thank for their services in the past. He also wished to say how proud he felt of his ringers, as they were always regular in their attendance for Sunday ringing. This toast was accorded vocal honours. I might mention that eight out of nine of the local ringers are under the age of twenty-seven, whilst our able con- ductor is past middle age.

This church is a mile distant from the church of the world's record peal.

COLERIDGE CHURCH BELLS, DEVON.

The bells of the parish church at Coleridge have been reopened after restoration. The work has been extensive. The third bell has had to be re-cast, because it was cracked, and the whole of the framework, in which the bells swing, the beams, and floor have had to be renewed in oak, in consequence of the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the old materials. The contract for the restoration has been carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, the well-known bell hanger, of Woodbury, and the parish now possesses a peal of six bells in first-class condition, with new fittings and ropes, and easy going. The oak for the

beams, floor, and frame was given by the Earl of Ports- mouth (lord of the manor), and was cut at his sawmills at Eggesford.

The reopening was celebrated by a service and tea. Both were largely attended. The clergy at the service comprised the Archdeacon of Barnstaple (the Ven. A. E. Seymour), who preached; the Revs. H. Gordon Lowe (vicar), H. Bremridge (Winkleigh), H. A. Hill (Worling- ton), J. D. W. Worden (Wembworthy), C. W. Wilson (Lapford), and Canon Woodman (Down St. Mary). The tea was held in the schoolroom.

The Vicar, Messrs. J. Bolt and Luxton (churchwardens), Densham (2), J. Harris, and H. Luxton have acted as the Restoration Committee, and the success achieved reflects much credit on their labours.

The reopening was attended by bands of ringers from Shobrooke, Worlington, Lapford, Dolton, Winkleigh, Down St. Mary, Samsford Courtenay, and Zeal Mona- chorum, besides, of course, the Coleridge team. Some good ringing was accomplished, and the ease with which the bells can be manipulated was much admired.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

After several months' silence, the tower of St. Thomas's church again poured out its melodious music on the ears of an expectant public, on Friday, December 14th, when the new peal of eight bells, by Taylor and Sons, Lough- borough, were opened and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Knox).

The service was timed for 8 p.m., the opening hymn being 223 (A. & M.), "Hark, hark, my soul," the special Psalm 122, being rendered. During the singing of the hymn (303, A. & M.) "When morning gilds the skies," a procession, led by the Bishop, and comprising the officiating clergy, wardens, &c., proceeded to the belfry, and after the usual prayers used on these occasions, the Lord Bishop taking the ropes in his hands handed them over to the Vicar (Rev. W. Edward Rees) saying, "Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee, as the appointed minister of Christ, in this Church and Parish, and take heed that they be ever used in His service and in His glory." To the churchwardens he said, "Ye are to take notice, that these bells of the Church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of this parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

A few rounds and Queen's changes were then rung on the new bells by the local ringers, during which the procession re-formed, and proceeded to the completion of the service, when a very able and appropriate sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Manchester.

The Bishop was assisted by the following clergy: the Vicar (Rev. W. Edward Rees), the Curates (Revs. J. R. Donald, Wesley, and Ebrey), Rev. Canon Hicks (Man- chester), Rev. R. H. Taggart (Stowell Memorial Church,

Salford), Dr. Phipps (St. Ann's, Manchester), Rev. Knowles (Christ Church, Salford), Rev. J. S. Moffatt (St. Ambrose, Pendleton), Rev. T. D. Jones (Lampeter College), Rev. G. L. Higson (Birkenhead), etc.

At the conclusion of the service a well struck touch of Stedman Triples concluded the ceremony.

On Saturday, December 15th, a meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held, and was attended by about eighty representative ringers from the following places: Eccles, Swinton, Pendlebury, Worsley, Stretford, St. John's (Manchester), Manchester Cathedral, Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Reddish, &c.

The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., to the tune of Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, &c. At 5.30 an adjournment to the Schools took place, where several courses were rung (non-conducted), to the accompaniment of knives and forks, in other words, several gaps were filled, putting everyone in a good humour with themselves and each other. Tea over, by the generosity of ex-Churchwarden Howarth, cigars were handed round, and the usual meeting commenced, presided over by the Rev. W. Edwards Rees, who warmly welcomed us all to Pendleton, and expressed a wish that this meeting was only the first of many others to follow.

The meeting over, the Vicar treated us to a little history relating to the new bells, and gave the very gratifying information that not only were they paid for, but there was a substantial balance, which he hoped to devote to a new organ. Owing to the perseverance and self-denial of the ringers (which infected the parishioners as well), and also the close cordial working together of ringers, clergy, and churchwardens, subscriptions were not long in coming forth, with the grand result as above mentioned, a grand new peal entirely paid for, and good ringers on the spot to use them.

Altogether, Saturday, the 15th December, must read as a red-letter day in the history of Pendleton parish. It is proud of its Parson, proud of its Bells, and proud of its Ringers, and they, in their turn, are proud of each other.

During the evening, the esteemed president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. H. J. Elsee) arrived, and treated us to a short speech, appropriate to the occasion, in which he did not forget to emphasise the fact that hitherto Pendleton had had good ringers, but bad bells. That reproach has now been removed, and he trusted to hear soon they would not be long before (in addition to Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise) they would add other surprise methods to their list, including Pendleton Surprise. (Here is a chance for method builders).

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May good ringing flourish,
Bad ringing mend;
Change ringing last,
Till the world's at an end,

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks. branch of the above Guild was held at Hanslope on Saturday, December 1st, when the following towers were represented: Hanslope, Bletchley, Stony Stratford, Linslade, Calverton, Emberton, Olney, Shenley, Loughton, Clifton, Reynes, and Sympson. Ringing commenced about 2.30 on the bells at the parish church of St. James, followed by a service which was read by the Vicar of Hanslope (Rev. W. J. Harkness). The lesson was read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild). A short sermon was preached by the Vicar from Numbers x. 1-2. He said that from early Jewish times musical instruments were used to summon the people to religious worship, and this was in our own time the primary object of church bells. They were also, however, associated with events of domestic and national interest. In the first case they were associated with seasons of joy and sorrow, and in the latter with great national thanksgivings. But it was specially in country districts where men had more leisure for meditation, that they were appreciated. How calming and tranquilising was the sound of even a single church bell when heard in the distance on some peaceful Sunday morning. The preacher then alluded to the privileges and responsibilities of ringers, and gladly acknowledged the great improvement in these respects which had resulted in recent years. Finally he said that they were there to-day not as individual ringers, but in their corporate capacity as members of a Diocesan Association. He welcomed them to Hanslope on this their first visit, and hoped they would visit them from time to time in the future.

At the meeting which followed, the President (Rev. C. Leslie Norris) being in the chair, supported by the Master, the Revs. J. R. Vincent, F. W. Bennitt, W. J. Harkness, F. Davis, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. W. Booth. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which was agreed to; the other business was of an ordinary character.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and preaching such an excellent sermon. The Vicar, in responding, thanked all present for the hearty vote of thanks, and hoped it would not be the last time he should welcome the branch at Hanslope.

Business over, about sixty members sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Hanslope ringers in the vicarage room. After tea the ringers adjourned to the tower, when the bells were kept going until about nine o'clock to the tune of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the south-western division was held at Barking on Saturday, December 1st. As usual, there was a very good attendance of members, nearly every tower in the division being represented. Some excellent touches were wrung in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative and London. Thirty-eight sat down to tea at The Red Lion, the Vicar of Barking, Rev. J. W. Eisdell, presiding, supported by Mr. E. A. Davies (churchwarden), Mr. S. Hayes (district master), and the Secretary. The good fare provided by host Bosworth having disappeared, the business meeting followed. The retiring master, Mr. S. Hayes and Secretary, Mr. G. A. Black, were again re-elected to office.

After a short discussion as to the respective merits and demerits, of Loughton, Romford and St. Saviour's Walthamstow, the latter was fixed upon as the place for the spring meeting. Some members seemed afraid of losing their way in the dark country lanes of Loughton, and wished to wait until either the summer was present or the poor benighted inhabitants had fixed electric lights and laid down tramcars from the station to the church.

Three new members were elected, and one election confirmed. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his tower and bells, having been unanimously carried, the Vicar very ably responded. He welcomed all those present, and expressed his regret at not being a ringer himself. What particularly struck him was the enthusiasm shown by ringers for their art and good fellowship which prevailed. After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going in various methods until nine o'clock, when an adjournment was made once more to The Red Lion for a social hour.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, the Liverpool branch held their monthly meeting at Christ Church, Port Sunlight; this being the first meeting held at the above town, which has just been included in the Lancashire Association. The bells were set going at 4 p.m. with touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob Major, then at 6 o'clock we were ordered to stand, as tea was waiting for us. We adjourned to The Bridge inn, where between 30 and 40 ringers sat down to an excellent knife and fork tea. The Rev. Gamble Walker, in a speech welcoming the ringers to Port Sunlight, wished them every success, and hoped they would continue to improve the status of ringers and ringing in general. He said he had been a ringer for over twenty years, but the difference between his ringing and theirs was, that his was the ring of matrimony, and theirs the bells, but whilst he rang with an invisible rope, it was stronger and more lasting, than the rope attached to the bells. Passing on he said he was very glad to be among them that afternoon, and hoped that he would meet them again at Port Sunlight very soon. The Rev Gamble Walker having to leave early, Mr. Rimmer (Huyton) was asked to be chairman for the business part of the meeting, and in his opening remarks he asked that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. Gamble Walker, for the way he had entertained them that day, and also to Mr. E. Breeze (steeplekeeper) for having everything in readiness. This concluding the meeting, the tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 9 p.m. with touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. This ending one of the most successful meetings ever held in connection with the Liverpool Branch.

The following towers were represented: Liverpool, Tuebrook, Garston, Cressington, Woolton, Huyton, Aughton, Bootle, Rainford, and the local compauy. T. H. jr.

CAMPANOLOGY; OR A TRUE PEAL.

Being a study on bellringing, by W. O. KIRKHAM.

Grandsire pealed forth from the bells in the tower,
With all the melody that lay in their power.
The band stood firm with a purpose true,
To try for a peal, and see it through.

The bells went easy, the striking was good,
The townsmen approved, as of course they should.

The bells flew on in their lighthearted way,
With a glance at the earth, to gaze at the sky.

They rang through twenty sweet and true
Then Bob resounded the belfry through.
Now on through several twenties more,
With cries of Bob and Single galore.

The foreman stands with a firm set face,
And not a man has missed his place,
With the fifth in the hunt, and the treble at lead.
The method to them is simple indeed.

The time goes on, the minutes fly,
The result of their labours is drawing nigh.
One false note and the peal is lost,
He will see it through at any cost.

Firm and silent, still they stand,
Never a sound from that resolute band.
Save the foreman's voice as he utters each call,
In a voice that is bound to be heard by all.

They love their work, and they love their bells,
And they listen with joy as their music swells.
Over hill and dale for many a mile,
Urging us all to pause awhile.

And join them in praise to One above,
Who in wonderful mercy, Bountiful love,
Has given us all we hold most dear,
Who in all our troubles is ever near.

Ah, folks may scorn the honest band,
(And we hear remarks on every hand,
There are some who would like to close the door
Of the belfry, and for evermore.

Silence those tongues which for many a year,
Have proclaimed to all men far and near,
The time to praise, and the time to pray,
The time to be sad, and the time to be gay.

Do they ever think what this world would be,
If the beautiful things we daily see,
And the sweetest music men could play,
To please their whims, were taken away.

Ah! let them try, but they'd never kill,
The love of the Ringer for his bell.
She stands alone, she is supreme,
O'er all his life she reigns as queen.

Still tho' the years may come and go,
Still never silent, through weal or woe.
Those sweet Church bells will never tire,
Will ne'er forget their old Grandsire.

Ring on sweet bells and never fail
To waft your message o'er hill and dale.
I could write much more if time would allow,
But Bob has been called for the last time now.

And so our lives are composed of calls,
Of attempted peals and frequent falls.
Of methods and changes, of false notes and true,
Of wedding peals often, and half muffled too.

The bells are silent, their work is over,
The band descends from the tower once more.
And my peal is brought to a close as well,
My pen is lowered just like the bell.

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The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 7; Bob Major 152; College Single Major 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 9; Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Union Triples 1. The peals of Doubles were as follows: (a) one each in one, two, four, and seven methods; (b) four methods 1; (c) one method 4; (d) one method 4, two methods 1; (e) one method 1; (f) three methods 1; (g) four methods 1, fourteen methods 1; (h) one method 7; (i) two methods 2, three methods 1; (j) two methods 1; (k) one method 1; (l) one method 4, two methods 2, three methods 1.

The 56 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Bedfordshire 1; Bucks. 2; Cheshire 1; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Gloucester 4; Kent 1; Lancashire 7; Leicester 4; Lincoln 1; Middlesex 6; Northants 1; Oxfordshire 4; Scotland 4; Shropshire 1; Somerset, 3; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 5; Sussex 1; Wales 1; Warwick 2; Worcester 3.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was a 10,208 of Bob Major rung by the Surrey Association. Three peals contained over 7000 changes, and five peals over 6000 changes. One of the most noteworthy achievements of the year was the scoring of three peals of London Surprise Major in one day by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The 190 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 161; in the Oxford Variation 29. The 306 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 58; Holt's Ten-Part 82; Holt's Six-Part 6; Parker's Twelve-Part 39; Parker's Six-Part 7; Parker's Four-Part 2; Parker's One-Part 5; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 32; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 11; Hollis' Five-Part 7; Reeves' Variation 7; Vicars' 10; Mr. John Carter's peals 16; Mr. Lindoff's peals 4; other peals 20.

The 266 peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for: Thurstans' One-Part 10; Thurstans' Five-Part 2; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 227; J. W. Washbrook's peals 12; G. Lindoff's 4; J. Carter's 4; Lates' 3; Rev. H. E. Bulwer 2; Sir Arthur Heywood's 1; Rev. E. B. James' 1.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Rev. F. E. Robinson 85; W. Pye 52; J. Motts 30; F. Bennett and C. Glenn 23; G. Williams 19; J. H. Cheesman 17; J. E. Davis and W. Short 15; F. R. Borrett, B. Prewett and G. N. Price 14; E. Borrett, C. R.

Lilley, J. W. Washbrook, and B. W. Wittchell 12; A. H. Pulling, J. Thomas, and S. Thomas 11; G. Cattermole, C. Jackson, A. Knights, and Jas. Parker 10; F. A. Holden, W. Keeble, F. G. May, S. Reeves, G. F. Williams, and A. Walker 9; W. H. Barber, T. Groombridge, and W. Lincoln 8; H. Barton, T. T. Gofton, C. Mee, H. R. Newton, H. S. T. Richardson, C. L. Rontledge, and C. F. Winney 7; W. E. Garrard, W. H. Judd, G. R. Newton, J. Pigott, G. Preston, W. Rose, W. C. Rumsey, J. R. Sharman, and W. S. Smith 6; J. Basden, E. Barnett, D. Brearley, G. D. Coleman, J. Cotterill, E. E. Ferry, J. Flint, H. P. Harman, Rev. H. L. Jamee, C. King, G. Martin, F. Mee, W. H. Newell, H. R. Pasmore, W. Perkins, H. Reeves, W. Watts, S. Wade, and G. Wightman 5; J. Austin, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. T. Butler, J. Carter, E. C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, S. J. Coleman, C. Fenn, W. Fitchford, C. Giles, J. E. Groves, W. Haigh, G. H. Hardy, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, J. E. R. Keen, H. W. Kirton, T. Langdon, Robert Matthews, T. Newman (Caversham), J. J. Parker, J. Potter, T. J. Salter, W. Sawyer, T. H. Taffender, J. Taylor, A. Y. Tyler, E. Wightman, W. H. B. Wilkins, and W. Woodcock 4. In addition to these 67 persons conducted 3 peals; 91 conducted 2 peals; and 300 conducted 1 peal, making a total of 554 persons who acted as conductors during the year. Two peals were published without a conductor's name, and the composition of five peals were found to be false after performance and publication, and are excluded from this Analysis.

The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1448; on handbells 71. The peals on handbells were as follows: Kent Treble Bob—Royal 1; Major 2; Grandsire—Caters 3; Triples 13; Plain Methods—Bob Royal 2; Bob Major 22; Doubles 3; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Stedman—Cinques 6; Caters 10; Triples 7. Total—71.

The 1519 peals rung in 1905 are the largest number ever rung in any one year, and were distributed as follows: January 129; February 156; March 135; April 135; May 134; June 106; July 65; August 92; September 121; October 133; November 138; December 175; and exceed by 7 the number of peals rung in 1904.

In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
1 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1
2 Middx. Co. Assn. & London Dio. Gld. ..	—	—	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2
3 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3
4 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4
5 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5
6 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6
7 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8
9 Lancashire Association	8	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9
10 Ancient Society of College Youths ..	7	5	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10
	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
11 Durham and Newcastle Association ..	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11
12 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12
13 Herts. County Association	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13
14 Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	10	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14
15 Winchester Diocesan Guild	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15
16 Central Northamptonshire Association	23	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16
17 Worcester and Dis. Association ..	19	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17
18 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12	21	18	16	13	18
19 London Cty. Asso. late St. James Sty.	28	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19
20 Chester Diocesan Guild	27	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following Table.

1881	156	..	1886	556	1891	878	1896	791	1901	1194
1882	244	..	1887	646	1892	802	1897	905	1902	1313
1883	330	..	1888	759	1893	705	1898	1002	1903	1469
1884	419	..	1889	797	1894	859	1899	912	1904	1512
1885	500	..	1890	699	1895	766	1900	924	1905	1519

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

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5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.**

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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

†First peal in the method.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Court Perseverance, No. 2796, Ancient Order of Foresters.

THIRSK, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 6, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.**

HENRY JACKSON* Treble.	JOHN STOTT 5.
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Conducted by JAMES W. NEESAM.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Jack Bell, Esq.

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Conducted by GEORGE CATERMOLE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. H. Symonds to Miss Bessie Robinson, which took place the previous afternoon.

BIRMINGHAM.-THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, December 12, 1906, in Three Hours,**AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.**

WILLIAM F. WEBB Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
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JOHN T. PERRY 4.	WILLIAM HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by T. COLLINSON.

*First peal, and was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. STANFORD Treble.	H. TOLETT 4.
G. SKINNER 2.	C. GOLDRING 5.
C. L. STREET 3.	H. PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

Rung with the bells muffled for W. Lucas after the funeral.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, December 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES SMITH* .. Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
ARTHUR PERCY WAKLEY† .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	*GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

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

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, 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.

GEORGE HUGHES Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
ALFRED WALLATER 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3.	†HORACE BELCHER 7.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

†First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Fisher and Hallsworth.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CREWE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH KETTLE Treble.	GEORGE HARDING 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 2.	C. J. BOWEN-COOKE .. 6.
RICHARD LANGFORD 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
ALBERT CRAWLEY 4.	JOHN DENTITH Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING, SEN.

Reference elsewhere.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

FREDK. G. WOODISS* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
HARRY LAST 2.	ALFRED H. WINCH 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
GEORGE WOODISS 4.	†WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 5.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY 6.
CHARLES DRAPER 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
WILLIAM PEABODY 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their full combination in 5 6.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	ALFRED D. MILLS 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES ROSE Treble.	THOMAS DAVY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
ALPHAUS BERRY 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble.	JAMES W. CARPENTER .. 5.
ARTHUR A. CLAY* 2.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 6.
JAMES WILDBLOOD* 3.	JOHN JOHNSON 7.
W. F. HARTSHORNE 4.	WILLIAM RIGBY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by W. RIGBY.

This is the longest peal of Major by the Association. *First peal of Major; also on the bells.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD,

(ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

REEVES' COMPOSITION,

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED MONKLEY* .. Treble.	†ARTHUR W SEARLE 6.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	EDMUND SARGENT 7.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 3.	FRANK MURPHY 8.
WILLIAM DRAKE 4.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 9.
WILLIAM MOGBIDGE 5.	JAMES MOSS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS AND WRAPS—For these goods send to W. MATTHEWS, Change-Ringer, Macclesfield.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 15, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

FRED TROTH Treble.	JAMES P. SIMPSON 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
ALU PADDON SMITH 3.	JAMES HARES 8.
REUBEN HALL 4.	*THOMAS H. REEVES 9.
ERNEST A. PARISH 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

*First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition has the 5th and 6th twelve times behind the 9th, and the 6th twentyfour times behind the 8th.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Monday, December 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE BROADLEY Treble.	WILLIAM JOYCE 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD 2.	FRED LONDON 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
ARTHUR GILL 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and conducted by THOMAS. B. KENDALL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Fred Maude, who was one of the local ringers.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung with the bells halfmuffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Edward Symonds, for many years churchwarden at Thornham Parva, at which church he was buried the previous afternoon.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday evening, November 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. T. Webb, J. M. Bray, B. Bidnell, A. Castle, A. H. Bray, J. J. Cawdell conductor, C. Castle, G. Gentle. Rung on the 43rd anniversary of T. Webb's wedding day.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Saturday, November 10th, at the Cathedral, 531 Stedman Caters. H. White, G. Williams conductor, G. Smith, J. W. Whiting, W. Crute, W. Andrews, G. Noice, W. T. Tucker, W. H. George, J. W. Elkins.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Little, G. B. Lucas, F. J. Rumens, H. Rumens, E. D. Lillywhite, J. Milner, F. Hull conductor, O. L. Twist. Rung for a Confirmation Service in the afternoon.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, after evening service at St. Vincent's church, 756 Stedman Triples.

J. W. Wood, G. W. King, J. P. Paley, jun., J. Hoyes, J. H. Haynes, F. Tunnadine, J. Cragg conductor, F. Hunt. On Monday, December 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Wilcox, J. P. Paley, sen., F. Hunt, J. Cragg, J. W. Wood, J. P. Paley, jun. conductor.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 28th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Reen, F. Farrant, S. Mason, G. Atkins conductor, C. Summers, Sydney Mason, H. Moore, F. Page. On Sunday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. Sams, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins conductor, C. Summers, Sydney Mason, H. Moore, J. R. Passmore. On Sunday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Webber, J. Reed, S. Mason, G. Atkins conductor, C. Summers, Sydney Mason, H. Moore, J. R. Passmore. On Sunday, November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Reed, W. Webber, S. Mason, G. Atkins, C. Summers, Sydney Mason, H. Moore, F. Page. On Monday, November 19th, 1728 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Webber, G. Atkins, J. Reed, S. Mason, W. Hoyle, Sydney Mason, C. Summers. J. Jones, H. Moore conductor, J. R. Passmore. Longest touch on the bells.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On November 14th, two 360s of Plain Bob. Collison, Handley, J. Sargison, Peacock, Clarkson, Pauli. Also 360 in the same method. Collinson, Handley, Jones, Atkinson, Clarkson, Pauli. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. C. Sykes, which took place at Leyburn on this date. On November 15th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Sykes to Miss E. Alderson, a half peal (2520 changes) consisting of 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 1080 of Plain Bob. J. Sargison, G. Handley, H. Parrish, A. Peacock, H. Jones, H. Pauli conductor. Longest touch on the bells and by any of the above.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday, October 21st, 360 Double Court. W. Sharp, F. Pratt, H. Harlow, C. Pratt, A. Pratt conductor, H. L. Harlow. On Thursday, November 1st, being the Dedication Festival of the church, 720 Double Court, in 22 mins. W. Sharp, F. Pratt, C. R. Lilley conductor, C. Pratt, A. Pratt, H. L. Harlow. On Sunday morning, November 4th, for early service, 720 College Single. W. Sharp, F. Pratt, A. Pratt conductor, H. Harlow, H. L. Harlow, J. Blott. On Friday, November 9th, 960 Minor, being 240 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. W. Sharp, H. Harlow, H. L. Harlow, C. Pratt, A. Pratt conductor, J. Blott. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1264 Bob Major, in 54 mins. W. Sharp, C. R. Lilley conductor, H. Harlow, F. Pratt, J. Hare, J. Blott, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow. Composed by Edgar Bennett. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Sharp, C. Pratt, H. Harlow, F. Pratt, A. Pratt, F. Wells, H. L. Harlow conductor, J. Blott. And 224 Bob Major. W. Sharp, H. L. Harlow, C. Pratt, H. Harlow, F. Pratt, J. Blott, A. Pratt, F. Wells conductor. On Sunday, November 18th, 224 Bob Major. H. L. Harlow, C. Pratt, C. R. Lilley conductor, H. Harlow, J. Hare, F. Pratt, A. Pratt, J. Blott.

SOUTHILL (Beds).—On Wednesday, October 24th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Sharp, H. Harlow, F. Pratt, A. Pratt conductor, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow.

BURGESS HILL (Sussex).—On Thursday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Hart longest touch, G. Tomsett, T. Stringer, H. Tomsett, A. Gravett, A. Tomsett first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor, F. Willie, W. Ashdown (longest length). And 350 in the same method. G. Stringer, G. Tomsett, T. Stringer conductor, A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, W. Hart, A. Gravett, A. Wheale.

COTGRAVE (Notts).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hickling, W. E. White conductor, T. Kirby, W. White, G. H. Simpson, T. Squires.

F. A. C. R.—(Concluded.)

"TIPPERARY TRIPPLES."

What a hoisting and shoring and making,
 What a working and mending the breaking;
 Three new ropes came "clane" adrift,
 Two clappers drop'd in the pit.
 The noise when the tenor fell, turn'd 'em near crazy;
 Oh the splicing, the patching and badging,
 Setting all the bells right in their lodging,
 All the sliders and sthays were split,
 And most of the wheels atwist,
 Ringing the peal down at Old Tipperary.

Thursday evening we took tea at Flemming's, George Street (recommended) and met at St. Patrick's at 5.30 for Stedman Caters, ringing about an hour at the third attempt, when our able tenor man gave out, being obliged to do so through indisposition of some months' standing. He has rung her behind several peals, and I found in him an old Streatham acquaintance of twenty-five years ago. Friend Lindoff rung the 4th without a stay, which had been broken by some of his young hands at their weekly lashed practice the night before. Do not imagine we were with the famous author Conan Doyle when I say we visited "Doyle's" till 11 p.m. This is one of the many little spots in the heart of Dublin for sociability. In passing the name I may add that Mr. Doyle in his researches among the British Museum MSS. discovered the "Amsterdam Coffee House" to be situated in Bartholomew Lane, Royal Exchange, London, a point of much interest in connection with Annable and his days, of which I hope to write more anon.

Friday, wind and rain all day, our only damper, but thanks to the Dublin United Tramways, warm and comfortable, we were able to get to the Hill of Howth, gaze on Ireland's Eye, query what color? and see a little of the Irish coast in rough weather. Meeting at Christ Church at 5.30 p.m. we again tried—observe the word "tried"—Stedman Caters, a much better peal attempt being made, but this ended through one of the most beautiful specimens of a "shift" conceivable, and so ignobly concluded our bellringing in Ireland for this visit. Had anyone ventured to have trodden on the tail of our shift at the moment he would probably have seen several outlines of Ireland Eye in imagination, but fortunately no unkind remarks were actionable. An amusing instance of the use of this abbreviation for a "change of course" occurred in the '80s at Bridgnorth. Washbrook and the St. Leonard's men had gone into The Castle inn after practice one night, several were referring to a mistake in the tower by a couple of the men in the band. On Washbrook saying that they had made a "shift" a sleepy individual in one corner roused up, thumped the table, and vowed "he could make a shift as well as anyone in the room." After the surprise was over no one cared to argue the point, for he turned out to be a well-known local tailor. After lowering the bells in peal, Father O'Glinn took us in hand for a while, affording us a whole fund of amusement and interest concerning the Irish bell foundry in St. James' Gate, carried on for many years by the Murphys, who supplied one bell for Wooburn, Bucks., in 1868; the rehanging of Christ Church bells by good old George Banks, of London, the condition of ringers and change-ringing in this City during his lengthy time as sexton. At half time we adjourned from his meeting house to Doyle's again, where we took Father McGlinn in hand and wound up the night right well, arriving home to bed shortly before the bewitching hour.

Saturday, the 17th, we weighed anchor and weighed up early in the morning squaring accounts and saying farewell. Having enjoyed a good night's rest and a sound breakfast, we were prepared for the worst, but our homeward journey, 11 a.m. from North Wall, by the good s.s. "Anglia," proved a veritable treat indeed. We were favored with bright sunshine and sea like a mill pond, which made the voyage appear only too short, while our handbells in tunes and changes delighted our fellow-passengers. The advantage of crossing by daylight was much in evidence; as we neared Anglesey the bold mountains of North Wales grew mightier, crowned by the lofty Snowdon, the clear morning air converting the long rugged coast line into one vast panorama of scenery. Having entrained we were soon in the wonderful tubular bridge spanning the Menai Straits, and

swiftly sped on to Colwin Bay, Rhyl, and other fashionable midland sea-side resorts looking most inviting from our carriage window, arriving at Chester at 5 o'clock. Here we had arranged per Mr. Washbrook to attempt a peal, were met at the station by Mr. J. T. Moulton, escorted to tea and the Cathedral by him, and shewn a romantic walk along the City walls by moonlight. Ascending the tower we espied workmen busy about the organ and fittings working by gas light, and this painfully reminded us of the sad and deplorable loss at Selby Abbey this same week, where our companion George Williams called the first peal of Stedman. Alas for our peal of Stedman at Chester, we may as well have sung the Raikes O' Mallow from the City walls as to have raised a bell, for most unaccountable of all causes ended our venture of 2 hrs. 28 mins., the 7th man set up. Everything was going strong, with our good Price shouting the bobs, owing to the belfry being a noisy one, when an unnecessary injunction to strike 'em, caused the collapse, he being misunderstood to say "stand." With the 7th missing the rest of the band gradually came to the "set," and after the first vexatious feeling had passed off some merriment was caused in discussing the termination. Should you ever visit Chester be sure and visit The City Arms, where bonnie host Berry gave us food and shelter till after one o'clock a.m., when we left to take our early Sunday morning train for Euston. The hours quickly passed, for our host had just spent a holiday in London, and was full of his adventures like ourselves. Our local friends had each his points of interest, for we found Alec White, a "bone dislocationist," hip pip. Everyone in the change-ringing world pretty well knows Jimmy Moulton and his tapping abilities on handbells (double-handed of course) in any method on any number. He is also good at tapping in other ways, which his occupation as a cellarman will verify, and let me add that he is in want of a situation just at the present time, so please bear it in mind all ye that have influence at your command. As for Joe Griffiths—well he is what one may call a little knock-out. He rung the tenor well and could have finished the peal easily, notwithstanding the loss of the three best fingers of the right hand, his small stature and his age past the prime. We all deplored the loss of the peal for his sake, the more so as he had wagered against his detractors that he would ring her a peal. The final leave-taking we said with hearty words and a Madrelli like encounter on the platform thrown in—Joe v. Bill. We much regretted leaving behind our Price, who stayed to complete his usual holidays, and whose doings may possibly be recorded in the City police annals. Euston terminus found us back again in London on the 8th day, safe and well, with lighter hearts, lighter pockets, but heavy eyelids, and with the belief that next year (D.V.) the outing will be in Oxfordshire, a return visit of the Arklowites.

Oh! the drinking and chaffing and laughing,
 With O'Neil and O'Flinn, and McCarthing,
 When they boasted who'd "sthuck" to it,
 And who'd had a glut of it,
 In the peal of Kildare, on the bells of St. Mary.
 Oh the chatting and sapping and quaffing,
 And the "threatening" the band for their "shapping,"
 May their young heads be hoary gray,
 E'er a side with such glory be,
 Ringing a "phael" down at old Tipperary. W. H. F.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 7th. 720 Plain Bob. E. Beecroft first 720, W. G. Crickmer conductor, H. Turner, C. F. Ling, J. W. Mallett, F. Warner. On Wednesday, November 21st, 720 Oxford Bob. B. Buckles, W. G. Crickmer conductor, H. Turner, F. Warner, J. W. Mallett, G. Balls. First 720 of Oxford Bob by the local company.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, November 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, F. Flowers, T. Cure, T. W. Chapman, J. Goodyer, H. Cure, J. George conductor, T. H. Hilditch.

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

TIMOTHY BROWN.

Old Timothy Brown, had flung himself down
In the loneliest mood to think;
He felt not content to ring "Oxford" and "Kent,"
And his heart was beginning to sink.

He began to surmise if "London Surprise,"
Could ultimately be achieved;
For Stedman he deemed, was not all it seemed,
In Grandsire no skill he perceived.

He'd heard of the name of steeples of Fame,
Where flourished both science and art;
But how should he dare to venture in there?
And a shudder went through to his heart.

Now just at this pass, as he lay on the grass,
A fly came and lodged on his nose;
Such impudence sure he could not endure,
So he helped it to go where it chose.

"Ah! happy the thought that insect has brought,"
He said, as he moved to his feet;
"One's never too old, or small, if you're bold,
And its foolish to be too discreet."

So all in an hour, he reached a proud tower,
For Cambridge and London renowned;
Where a master of Art, and those of his craft,
Looked learned, astute, and profound.

Poor Timothy Brown now felt like a clown,
"I can only ring Stedman" he said;
"A method no doubt you scholars here scout,"
"Well, yes," the chief smilingly said.

That night, home to town, went Timothy Brown,
Resolved he would conquer or die;
He grasped Snowdon's book, with the claws of a rook,
And the diagrams brought a deep sigh.

Now ere the moon waxed, his brain he so taxed,
He again sought the temple of fame;
To ring London he wished, but he found he was dished,
For the ladies were there all aafine.

And now at this tower the feminine power,
Eclipses all London Surprise;
For Brown, poor croney, can only get Stoney,
And lift up his eyes to the skies. WOODFORD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Proposed memorial tablet to the late hon. treasurer,
Mr. William Wakley.

Subscriptions to this object are respectively solicited
from the ordinary, honorary, and life members of the
Association. No single subscription to exceed half-a-
crown.

Remittances may be made to the Hon. Secretary or to
any of the district secretaries, and they will be acknow-
ledged from time to time in this paper and in the
Nottingham Weekly Express. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Colgrave, Notts.

*** This week's number has an additional four pages.
Some interesting features are in progress, but they will not be
announced; it is better for our readers to look out for them.
The local newsagents should be asked to supply the paper
early, then disappointment will not ensue.

Correspondence.

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

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

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—It has been pointed out to me that the 5000 of Super-
lative Surprise Major rung at Pulham on the 14th November
last, and conducted by myself, is a false composition. I there-
fore wish to withdraw all claim to it as a peal, and tender my
regret to all those who took part in it. W. H. STEELE.

MR. TROLLOPE'S ARTICLES.

SIR,—The recent article by Mr. Trollope upon composition
has undoubtedly been of great general interest to the majority
of the readers of ours, as shedding additional light upon the
hitherto more mysterious part of our Exercise. Where shall we
stop?

It appears to me that in the three branches—"Ringing,"
"Conducting" and "Composing," the latter will in future be
the easier, or promises to become so.

Many months back Mr. John Carter introduced to the notice
of another friend and myself a table or scale, which one might
use after a little explanation to arrange peals or touches in almost
any method.

In conversation upon the subject a day or two since, Mr.
Carter says—"Ah! get Mr. Trollope to shew us what he can
do with his method in the way of four and five-part compo-
sitions, and then I shall be very pleased to make public and ex-
plain my method!"

May I ask Mr. Trollope, through your columns, whether this
remark holds out any inducement to him to still further en-
lighten us? W. H. GODDEN.

THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON.

SIR,—Allow me to say that a number of ringers in Shropshire
have been patiently waiting since my letter appeared in your
issue of November 10th to see an acknowledgement from Mr.
Prewett that he was in error in supposing that the above peal
rung by himself and friends on October 9th was the first peal in
the method in the county of Salop. Surely he does not require
any further convincing of the fact before giving us the "amende
honorable" for their erratic claim? JOHN BRADNEY.

COLSTON BASSETT (Notts).—On Sunday, November 25th, 504
Grandsire Triples. S. Richards, W. Wagstaff, H. Wagstaff, A.
Faulkes, W. E. White conductor, W. Allison, T. Squires, G.
Richards. On Saturday, November 24th, with the bells half-
muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John
W. Taylor, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Richards, W. Wagstaff,
J. Wagstaff, H. Wagstaff, A. Foulkes, W. Allison conductor, H.
Richards, T. Squires.

GREAT YARMOUTH. — On Tuesday, November 20th, at the
parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.
C. Harding, H. Wright, F. Pestell, R. Christian, D. Hayward
conductor, E. Todd, J. Matthews, G. W. Harwood.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 4th, a quar-
ter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. E. Webb, E. V.
Harvey, J. Merrick, H. W. Lidbetter, C. Dell, W. E. Judd con-
ductor, A. H. Taber, G. Spencer. On Sunday, December 2nd,
for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45
mins. F. G. Goddard, J. Merrick, H. W. Lidbetter, J. Howes
conductor, J. Basden, T. Beadle, H. Harding, C. Dell.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On November 14th, 420 Grandsire
Triples. J. Lacey, G. Tomsett, A. Gravett, H. Tomsett, T.
Stringer, A. Tomsett conductor, F. Willie, T. Patching. And
168 in the same method. On Sunday, November 18th, 360
Grandsire Minor. J. Lacey, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, G. Tom-
sett, E. Patching, F. Willie, E. Welfare.

WIVELSFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 18th, a quar-
ter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. Gravett, H. Tom-
sett, G. Tomsett, A. Tomsett conductor, T. Stringer. This is
the first quarter-peal on the bells since they were rebung. And
a 6-score. H. Tomsett, E. Kenward, A. Gravett, G. Tomsett,
A. Tomsett. And 180, conducted by G. Tomsett.

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).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next.

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

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—District meeting at Dunstable to-day, Sat., December 22nd, at 6 p.m. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Llandaff on Boxing-Day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock.

REV. CONNOR L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The anniversary meeting for the election of Officers, Vice-presidents, and Committee will be held at Gloucester on Thursday, December 27th. Address in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at noon by Archdeacon Hayward. Dinner at 1 o'clock at Garrett's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Mr. S. Moore will call attention to Rule 4, and move an alteration therein. Half price allowed for dinner to members sending notice on or before December 20th to

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday, December 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Meeting held after tea for election of officers.

N. J. PIRSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, on Saturday, December 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Z. LORD.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, January 5th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Bell hotel at 5. Tickets 9d. each. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the undersigned not later than the Wednesday previous. Unpaid subscriptions for 1906 should be forwarded to me as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Address to be given by the Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar, to which members are earnestly requested to attend. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for those members only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, January 8th. His Worship the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Charles Stone, J.P.), has kindly signified his intention of attending

in state. Subscriptions become due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Chislehurst.

St. Peter's Society, Brighton.—At a meeting held on November 13th, the Vicar (Canon Hoskyns), presiding, Mr. A. D. Stone, 15, Stanley Road, Preston, Brighton, was elected Secretary, to whom all communications should be sent.

THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	11	14	9
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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CREWE.—C. J. Bowen-Cooke, Esq. is the Loco. Superintendent of the Running Department (Southern Division), London and North-Western Railway. It was his first peal, and was rung at the second attempt. He is also one of the Vice-presidents of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Crewe Branch), and takes a great interest in all matters appertaining to ringing. The whole of the band are employed by the London and North-Western Railway Company in the Loco. Department

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—T. Collinson has removed from 48, Summerhill Street, to 49, Highgate Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

Compositions.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER, *Sunderland.*

231456	S	H	L
641235	-	-	-
521643	-	-	-
243615	-	-	-
415632	-	-	-
132654	-	-	-
462135	-	-	-
635124	-	-	-
324156	-	-	-
256143	-	-	-
543162	-	-	-

Twice repeated, calling single at 9 in the last course produces.—

524361	S	H	L
134526	-	-	-
654132	-	-	-
532146	-	-	-
346125	-	-	-
516342	-	-	-
236514	-	-	-
456231	-	-	-
531264	-	-	-
421536	-	-	-
651423	-	-	-

Repeat these last ten courses twice, calling single at 11 in the last course.

First rung at the church of the Holy Trinity, Sunderland, on October 2nd, 1906, conducted by W. T. Robson.

SYMBOL OF STRENGTH.

Guide to purity is through Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding. The Prophet Sevier's Birthday Anniversary was Advent Sunday, 2nd December, 1906, which begins The New Church Year, (Also the anniversary of lost Brave Crew of His Majesty's ship Condor, 5 p.m. 2nd December, 1901, on leaving Esquimaux for Honolulu). Cheerfully the greatest inspiration of the twentieth century. Published in *The Southern Daily Mail*, 9th June. Portsmouth Hants. Complimented to His Gracious Majesty, King Edward. and Lady Divine Queen Alexandra, And for the Peace of the whole world. By William John Sevier, "Specialist," Maisemore, near Gloucester, formerly Adviser to their Lordships, Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., C. J. Gloucester, and Sir William Jenner, M.D., Physician to Her Most Gracious Majesty Lady Sovereign Queen Victoria, R.I.

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SEVEN MINOR SURPRISE PEALS.

By WILLIAM SNOWDON.

Coming to the peals in the "Clavis" I cannot refrain from glancing at another note of my brother's affixed to the figures of the 1st peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. But first, to get into the spirit of the situation, let me quote from the book itself:—

"It (the peal 5152 given) was rung by the *Ancient Society of College Youths*, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, February 23rd, 1783, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever; indeed the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method, and at the same place, on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then *London Youths*; but as this was rung with the tenors together, it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal."

The new discovery was that the Treble Bob Method, which was known, about 1768, to incline to falseness when the treble dodged on the lead, was, about 1780, discovered to be liable to falseness, also, "in three-four and five-six."

My brother must have smiled in making the note for this much-vaunted peal is also false in 5-6, his note runs thus:—This peal is false in 5-6 down from the lead 17358264 in the first course, with 5-6 up, from the lead 14357682 in the third course—J. W. Snowdon, March 7, 1874. Not that he would not heartily sympathise with the performers in any such disaster, but the grandiloquence of the language would be the point of amusement. It is interesting to notice the date of this note, 1874; and also, that Treble Bob, Part I., was issued in 1878 in order to dispel much confusion existing a hundred years after, in the varying of peals, etc., etc.

Coming now to the Minor peals of the "Clavis," the before-mentioned "Coventry" is placed in the seat of honour at their head. They say—"For the sake of the curious in this particular we shall insert the sixteen Surprise peals * * * in the following order: (and add as if feeling guilty.—W.S.) It has been a maxim to place Cambridge Surprise the first, but as Morning Exercise was the last peal treated of, and the Coventry Surprise coming so near in method, we have therefore thought proper to place it the foremost in the following collection." Then follow:—Coventry, Worcester, Chichester, Cambridge, Durham, York, Rochester, Bristol, Lichfield, Ely, London, Wells, Lincoln, Chelsea, Carlisle, and Chester.

It is curious that they do not here introduce "Superlative" which they herald with such trumpeting in Major. "Our own on purpose for this work, etc.," and the thought

rises up—Was the Minor collection in the hands of the same man who provided the Major. If by the same man, why did he not give us his new peal; and if another, who was he, and what was his peculiar fitness for introducing such a regiment of Surprise Peals? This question comes with all the more force when we notice that of the Standard peals only Cambridge and London had made any prior appearance, that we know of. That they were proud of the Collection one would gather, since they flourish them as containing "the whole quintessence of the six bell system" * * * with which the "curious may gratify their fancy and improve their talents."

In casting out inferior examples I intend to be guided as I have been before by demanding "places" at all the treble's dodges and at all the cross-sections, viz., when that bell passes through 2-3 and 4-5 both up and down. Also, places when the treble lies behind and when she leads; and here it may be pointed out (see our three standards, Cambridge, London, and Superlative) that a bell leading full (whether the treble or any other) cannot have another lying its pulls, and in that way passing itself off as "making a place;" this is only ordinary treble bob, and cannot for a moment be passed as Surprise work. It may be worth while noting that in Cambridge the fifth's place behind (next the treble) is balanced—perfectly—by the second's place in front when the treble leads, and that the same perfect balance is to be found in Superlative, but not in London, where fourth's behind has to be contrasted with seconds at the treble's lead.

To shorten my investigations as much as possible I may at once say that (1) Coventry, (2) Worcester, (3) Chichester, (4) Bristol, (5) Lichfield, (6) Ely, and (7) Chelsea, fail by not producing proper Surprise places at the first cross-section with the treble passing through 2-3, a weak-minded attempt being made in every case to pass off a bell at the full lead and another lying behind as making places. This is *not* Surprise place-making, being merely common Treble Bob work. Durham and York have an exact similarity row for row (with everything in order) until the treble lies behind; here York is correct and gives us, truly, a third's place, whilst (8) Durham is driven to make a bell lead full, and it therefore fails as a Surprise. Our next friend (9) Rochester also fails because of the treble behind and a bell at full lead in Treble Bob style. Exactly like London is (10) Wells until the treble lies behind, but here the latter feebly sends a bell to the full lead; this is the only difference; so it is simply London spoilt. In the same way (11) Lincoln becomes Treble Bob when the treble gets behind, and so fails.

Eleven methods having failed us out of the sixteen, we have only five left, viz., Cambridge, London, York, Carlisle, and Chester, the two latter passing through the fire safely. To these we of course add Superlative and make a total of six; a very sad dwindling away of the whole amount examined.

Of these five the three Standard favourites are given by

my brother in "Standard Methods," so there is no reason to annex the figures, but as the two last are rarely, if ever, seen out of the "Clavis," I reproduce them here.

YORK.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 4 6 3 5
2 1 6 4 5 3
2 6 1 4 3 5
6 2 4 1 5 3
6 2 1 4 3 5
2 6 4 1 5 3
6 2 4 5 1 3
6 4 2 5 3 1
4 6 5 2 1 3
4 5 6 2 3 1
5 4 6 3 2 1
5 6 4 3 1 2
6 5 3 4 2 1
6 3 5 4 1 2
3 6 5 1 4 2
6 3 1 5 2 4
3 6 1 5 2 4
3 1 6 5 4 2
1 3 5 6 2 4
3 1 5 2 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

BOB.

1 3 2 5 4 6
1 2 3 5 6 4

CARLISLE.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 5 3 6
2 4 1 5 6 3
4 2 5 1 3 6
4 2 1 5 6 3
2 4 5 1 3 6
4 2 5 3 1 6
2 4 3 5 6 1
2 3 4 5 1 6
3 2 5 4 6 1
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5 3 4 1 2 6
3 5 1 4 6 2
3 1 5 4 2 6
1 3 5 2 4 6
3 1 2 5 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

BOB.

1 3 2 5 4 6
1 2 3 5 6 4

CHESTER.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 5 3 6
2 4 1 5 6 3
4 2 5 1 3 6
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2 4 5 1 3 6
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5 3 4 1 2 6
3 5 1 4 6 2
3 1 5 4 2 6
1 3 5 2 4 6
3 1 2 5 6 4
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

BOB.

1 3 2 5 4 6
1 2 3 5 6 4

But my Minor correspondent asked for the best collection of *Seven Minor Methods* for a Minor peal-perfor-

mance, and I take it he will not be put off with six. Indeed, in my ignorance of the cramped conditions that I find surround a Surprise Method, I had practically promised him his set of *Seven*! I have therefore squeezed out of the surroundings another, while if it proves a novelty I dedicate to Beverley, in whose Minster Canon Nolloth has placed the most perfectly tuned ring of ten in the county of York—in the north of England in fact. The following are the figures.

BEVERLEY.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5
1 2 4 6 3 5
2 1 6 4 5 3
2 6 1 4 3 5
6 2 4 1 5 3
6 2 1 4 3 5
2 6 4 1 5 3
6 2 4 5 1 3
2 6 5 4 3 1
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2 6 5 4 1 3
6 2 5 1 4 3
2 6 1 5 3 4
2 6 5 1 4 3
6 2 1 5 3 4
6 1 2 5 4 3
1 6 5 2 3 4
6 1 5 3 2 4
1 6 3 5 4 2
1 6 5 3 2 4

BOB.

1 6 3 5 4 2
1 3 6 5 2 4

With regard to these figures, which are based on Cambridge, the steps taken to tread on new ground are forced ones—absolutely forced to avoid "check-mate"—and I am in no way proud of the result; moreover they may yet prove to be old ones, and if so I shall be glad to be released of my responsibility towards them, on hearing chapter and verse from any of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who can produce a father for the new bairn.

In the matter of the calling, the whole of these Surprise peals are conducted in the way set out clearly in "Standard Methods," viz., a bob every time the tenor dodges behind without the fifth, as in the examples shown in the book named.

If my correspondent will take this as the best reply I can give him, I shall be grateful, and if the Exercise will give their opinion in these columns I shall feel that the time I have spent over this matter has not been in vain. More than this, if my friend Mr. Henry Dains when next at the British Museum would cast his eye over Annable's book with this question of Surprise Minor (or Major) in view, I think I may say we shall all be very grateful.

Amongst the discarded methods there may be many excellent "Delights" (or other differential arrangements) but this side of the question is not here under consideration. The fact is that directly the question of Surprise "places" is gone closely into, the exceedingly cramped position—in Minor—when the treble passes

through 2-3 out, brings nearly everything to a standstill; and it appears comparatively safe to say that seven genuine Minor Surprise Extents have yet to be rung.

In closing may I say a word about dates of performances, etc. As already stated the first figures of "Cambridge"—the 1st known Surprise Method—appear in the 1753 edition of Campanalogia Improved; and my brother's notes on Annable's Book mention "Cambridge" as being given therein—"slightly varied" however. What is the Variation, I wonder? Also "London" is there given, and as Annable died in 1756, and as the Clavis was published in 1788, the middle of the eighteenth century must have seen the laws of the Surprise methods strictly laid down. It is we moderns who have ignorantly—as it appears to me—departed from them. Some doggerel verse in Annable's book mentions "Cambridge" (presumably the Surprise method) as being rung. (I think the Minor Extent) in or about 1733-4 by the "Rambling Ringers," so "Cambridge" is, as it appears, fast bordering on 200 years old. Possibly we are now getting back to a more clear understanding of these early matters, and, if so, no small amount of thanks is due to the C.C. Committee on Methods, who seem to have set us on the proper road for more careful investigations regarding these interesting and necessary details.

FINIS.

Obituary.

ZEPH. POTTER.

It is with the deepest sympathy that we have to record the death of Mr. Zeph. Potter, of Leicester, which took place on Sunday, December 2nd, at 9 p.m., at the early age of 25, Bright's disease being the direct cause. The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon at St. Martin's church, where deceased had attended, and was for some years a member of that Society. He was also a member of the Midland Counties Association, under whose auspices he rung his first and only peal, but owing to his weak state of health his doctor advised him to give up ringing, although he retained a great interest in ringing matters to the end. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Sanders, who was assisted by the Rev. Edward Atkins, of St. Nicholas, at which church Mr. Potter was well known as being a member of the old boys' Bible Class, the following six of whom were bearers:—J. Stevens, J. W. Dexter, W. Collins, T. Sharp, H. Gabriel, J. Wright, under the direction of Mr. Hayes, instructor of the old boys. W. Starmer filled a vacant place at the cemetery, one of them unavoidably having to leave after the service. In the evening several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung by the St. Martin's Society, conducted by J. O. Lancashire and F. H. Dexter, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect. It might be said that a better hearted man could not be found, well liked and respected by all, in truth a sort of man often heard of, but rarely met, and we are sure the sympathies of every ringer and all who had known him, especially the old boys of St. Nicholas, are with his wife and relations in their sad bereavement. Rest in peace.

F. H. D.

J. PARSONS.

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, at Goring, Oxon. Deceased had been a ringer at the parish church for several years, and was much respected by all who knew him. His loss will be hard to replace. He was always ready to fill anyone's place in a peal, or would willingly stand out to let another in. He was only ill a few days of influenza, then blood poisoning set in, and although everything was done for him he passed away on Thursday, December 6th, at the early age of 40 years, and was interred at South Stoke on Saturday, December 8th. Among the many

beautiful wreaths was one from his brother-ringers at Goring, and a very nice one from the ringers of Pangbourne, Berks., and one from two sincere friends at Englefield, Berks. Among the many others we noticed one from the Goring Cricket Club, the deceased having carried out the duties of Captain, and another from the Working Men's Club. It is sad to relate that he is the second one of this band to be taken since Easter. They all had the day at Wantage on Easter Monday, and soon afterwards J. Alexander was called to rest, and now yet another one. May he rest in peace. J. B.

FRED MAUDE.

The death of the above ringer took place on Tuesday, December 11th, at the early age of 26, the interment taking place at Oxenhope Cemetery, on Saturday, December 15th. The deceased was a member of the Shipley (Yorks.) company. He fell off a scaffold and died from concussion of the brain. The service was conducted at the grave by the Rev. Mr. Gunson. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. B. Kendall, J. Boddy, A. Gill, G. A. Nettleton. Muffled touches were also rung on the tower bells. On Monday, December 17th, a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, particulars of which appear in its proper place. R. I. P.

GEORGE SIMPSON.

The Bromley ringers have lost one of their old and esteemed members in the person of George Simpson, who passed away on Saturday, December 1st, and was laid to rest in Bromley Cemetery, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Tait. The funeral was of a military character, deceased having been for thirty-three years a highly-respected member of the local volunteer band. In the evening his brother-ringers rang a muffled peal as a tribute to his memory, an account of which appeared in last week's issue. R. I. P.

H. E. TUGWELL.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on Monday, December 10th, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. C. Tugwell, who entered into rest on December 6th. Deceased was for many years connected with this Society. Muffled touches were rung by the following: K. Hart, W. Palmer, G. King, E. C. Merrett, G. Ades, C. Palmer, H. Shepherd, W. Hart, A. D. Stone.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Wade, W. Newman, H. Richell, H. Bush, H. Dawson, A. Richell, H. Head conductor, W. Rice.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 28th, at the residence of Mr. H. Dains, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, on handbells, a 504 and 252 Stedman Triples. G. Williams, 1-2; C. F. Winney conductor, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. Dains, 7-8.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at All Hallows church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins. H. A. Barnett, W. Pickworth, H. E. Balaam, J. Armstrong, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, November 27th, after meeting short for Bob Major, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, W. Lebbon, Rev. H. M. Pimm, M. Ellsmore, J. Matthews, J. Harding, J. Harris, F. S. Bayley. This quarter-peal was arranged especially for the Rev. H. M. Pimm, Vicar of Colston Bassett, Nottingham. Also three courses of Stedman the band as before.

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A THOMAS FESTIVITY.

On Saturday, December, 8th 1906, at The Bull's Head hotel, Villa Road, Handsworth, might have been seen assembled a body of ringers, answering to the name of Tom, merry with the knowledge of having rung the first "Thomas" peal by the Guild, (which will be found recorded in the proper place) and quite prepared to accept the hospitality of Tom Verry, in honour of whose birthday the peal had been rung. After satisfying the inner man the company, who by this time had been greatly augmented by other members of the Guild, and members of the St. Mary's Handsworth Society, settled down to a night's enjoyment. Mr. Faux having been elected chairman, Tom Cottrell opened the proceedings with a selection upon the piano. The following members then contributed songs: Messrs. Faux, Verry, Danby, Starkey, Tandy and Tom Miller

giving Bob Major in fine style, and Tom Pigott's rendering of "I'se a waiting for you Josie" being a treat.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, to the host Mr. Jones for his kindness and wishing Tom Verry many happy returns of the day, the company all joined in singing God save the King, then separating, each one pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Steyning, in the western division, on Saturday, December 1st, about thirty members being present from the following towers, Brighton, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, Heene, Henfield, Goring, Lindfield and Steyning. Mr. A. B. Bennett, the Hon. Secretary, put in an appearance at the commencement of the ringing, but was obliged to leave early in order to

reach his destination. The bells were in motion at the appointed time, and some good touches were brought round in Grandsire and Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Tea was held at the Norfolk Arms inn, at 5.30., kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, the reverend gentleman not being able to be present, the chair was taken by Mr. E. C. Merritt. The usual business followed the tea, the minutes of the previous meeting read by the Divisional Secretary and approved. Mr. G. Willshire was a member of the Steyning branch. It was proposed and carried that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning, the method to be Stedman Triples, Mr. F. Bennett to conduct. Mr. Bennett proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and granting the use of the bells, much regretting he was unable to be present. Mr. Gatland proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to which the chairman replied.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock, a social hour being afterwards spent at the tea room.

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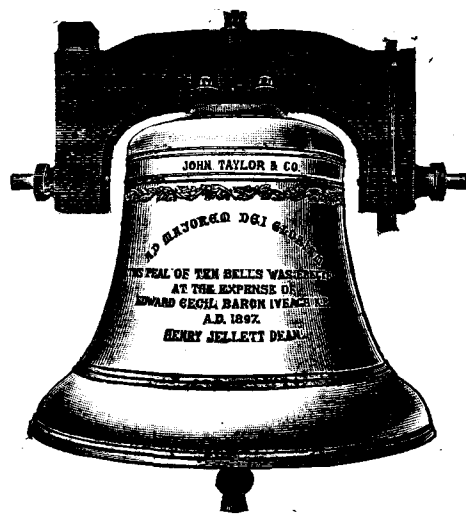
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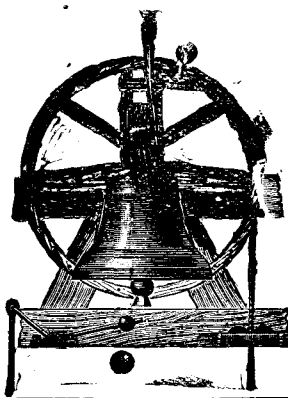
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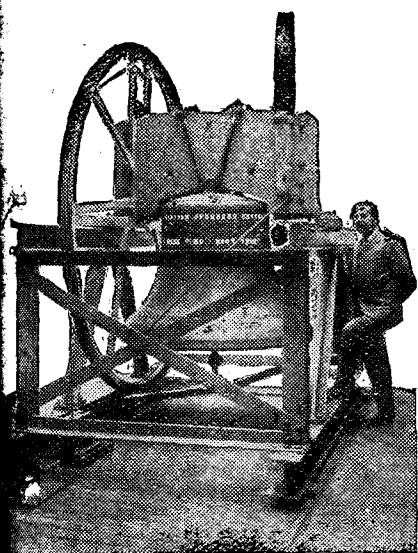
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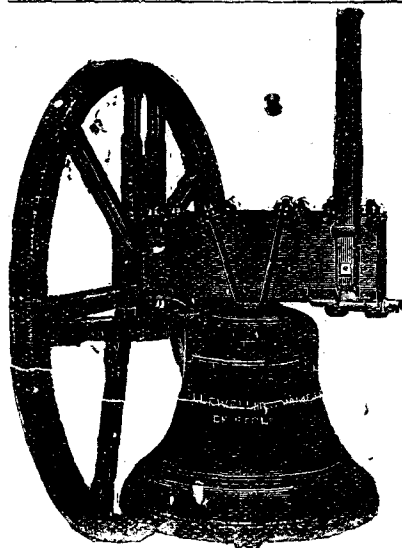
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THE ROMANCE OF BELLS.

In the first number of "The Optimist" (Elliot Stock, 6d.), a quarterly magazine devoted to the interests of the Church on strictly non-party lines, is an article by the Rev. H. J. Elsee on "Belfries and Ringers." The writer pleads for a more active interest on the part of clergymen in the bells and belfries of their churches, though, fortunately, the days are long past when "one saw the church beautifully cared for and the tower left to utter neglect." Since bells are often the costliest part of the furniture of a church, it is only reasonable that they should be treated with respect. Historically, bells are profoundly interesting; they produce a music—particularly in England, the greatest bell-ringing country in the world—which has appealed to the religious sentiment and romance of many ages, and many writers have woven beautiful themes from their melody. Bell-ringing is an art which requires practice and patience, and there are now, up and down the country, many guilds or associations of bellringers, who exchange practice in various churches. "A ringer from Lancashire," says Mr. Elsee, "going to any other part of the country where change-ringing is practised, finds himself among friends as soon as he gets into a belfry," and it is the same with all counties. It is not necessary to go into the technicalities of Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, but some facts about bells may be of interest to my readers.

Large bells in England are mentioned by Bede as early as A.D. 670, though it was not until two centuries later that Turketel presented his Abbey of Croyland, in Lincolnshire, with a peal of seven bells. At this time and for long afterwards, bellfounding was confined to the monks and it is recorded, that Dunstan presented a number of bells to Western churches. Then came the itinerant founder, travelling from place to place, and stopping where business was to be done; but soon the large towns commanding considerable areas gave scope for the productiveness of settled works. There are probably few bells left in England that date so far back as the thirteenth or fourteenth centuries, but Mr. Elsee refers to one in the valley of the Lune which bears the date 1296, and this, he says, is probably not the oldest bell, "for founders very seldom added a date to the inscription in pre-Reformation times." In Whalley Church there is a Flemish bell cast in 1537.

The commonest black-letter inscription on bells was usually "Ave Maria," or "Sancte—ora pro nobis," but after the Reformation these, of course, were no longer employed. Many of the later inscriptions were poor enough. Here are two examples;

This bell was broake, and cast againe, as plainly doth appeare,
John Draper made me 1618, wich tyme church-wardens were
Edward Dixon for the one, whose stode close to his tacklin,
And he that was his partner there was Alexander Jacklin.

Repent, I say, be not too late,
Thyself al times redy make.
Let us all sound out,
He keep my place now doubt.

More interesting are the inscriptions on a set of eight bells in St. Helen's church, Worcester, cast in the time of Queen Anne, to commemorate victories gained in her reign.

The fate of many church bells, intended for the good offices of peace and good-will, was to be cast into cannon during the Civil War—cannon often directed, no doubt, against men whose ancestors had had them hung in peaceful belfries. On the other hand, however, cannon have been cast into bells.

People there are, to whom the sound of bells brings the profoundest melancholy, but most hear them in Cowper's mood, when he wrote:

How soft the music of those village bells,
Falling at intervals upon the ear,
In cadence sweet, now dying all away,
Now pealing loud again, and louder still,
Clear and sonorous as the gale comes on.

And who can forget the following exquisite passage from Charles Lamb?—"Of all sound of all bells—bells, the music highest bordering upon heaven—most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year. I never hear it without a gathering-up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelvemonth; all I have done or suffered, performed or neglected, in that regretted time. I begin to know its worth as when a person dies. It takes a personal colour; nor was it a poetical flight in a contemporary when he exclaimed, 'I saw the skirts of the departing year.' The elders with whom I was brought up were of a character not likely to let slip the sacred observance of any old institution; and the ringing out of the old year was kept by them with circumstances of peculiar ceremony. In those days the sound of those midnight chimes, though it seemed to raise hilarity in all around me, never failed to bring a train of pensive imagery to my fancy. Yet I then scarce conceived what it meant, or thought of it as a reckoning that concerned me. Not childhood alone, but the young man till thirty, never feels practically that he is mortal."

The passing-bell is a survival that we could well dispense with; one prefers the custom that once obtained, and still may obtain, at Hatherleigh, in Devon, of ringing a lively peal after a funeral. The people accepted this as a recognition of the fact that the final rest was a good and joyful thing.

BOLDMERE PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 22nd, 1906, Canon Owen, of Edgbaston, acting on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese, formerly dedicated a new ring of eight bells, which have been presented to the above church by the Misses Inton, in memory of their father. Members of the St. Martin's Guild attended to take their part in the service, and they found a very fine ring of bells—Tenor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ cwt, in F, from the foundry of Messrs. J. Barwell, Birmingham, the go being perfect and the tone full and rich. At present they are much too noisy in the ringing chamber, but this will doubtless be remedied.

After the service, a well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, which will be found recorded in its proper place. On the conclusion of the peal, the ringers were invited to step across to the house of —. Appleby, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, who resides near the church. On entering, they found their host a very genial one indeed, and the table was loaded in a manner none can appreciate better than the ringers when they have rung a peal. The party had not been in there long, when the weight borne by the said table had been very materially reduced. The host was in very happy vein, and kept all laughing by relating amusing anecdotes of his youthful days; they were repeatedly told to help themselves, and they helped.

Mr. S. Reeves then in a few words informed Mr. Mayor of what had been done that day, and that it is customary to erect a tablet to commemorate such things. Judging from the reply of Mr. Mayor, who said he quite understood, it will not be long before the company are again at Boldmere, to attend an unveiling ceremony.

Mr. W. H. Godden then thanked Mr. Appleby on behalf of the band, for his very kind hospitality, and they wished him "Good-night" and "the compliments of the season," every one voting him to be "one of the best."

A.P.S.

LHE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, December 15th, the Grimsby members of the above met at St. James's Church to ring a farewell peal to Mr. P. O. Biuby, General Secretary of the Northern Branch, who is leaving the county to take up a business in Suffolk.

A ten-part peal was attempted, but owing to bells changing places was called into rounds after ringing 1756 changes. C. Kennington, C. O. Bixby, P. Long, A. W. Long, J. W. Seamer, T. Scrimshaw, W. H. Heyhoe, F. Howden.

A farewell social evening was spent afterwards, ringing friends of the General Secretary, Mr. Bixby, wishing him success and good health in his new undertaking.

It is proposed by the Shipley Society of Ringers to open a subscription list for the benefit of the widow and two young children of the late Fred Maud, who was killed by accident, while following his employment, on Sunday, December 9th, 1906. They are left entirely destitute, having no relatives or means to look forward to. We hereby beg to appeal to the generosity of our ringing brethren throughout the country. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. F. B. Kendall, Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS." Hoping this will meet with a generous response, thanking you kindly in anticipation thereof,

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

The bells of this Parish Church were re-opened on December 18th. Three new bells and one re-cast, were dedicated by the Archdeacon: the Venerable W. H. Askwith, of Taunton. The work of re-casting and re-hanging was entrusted to the well-known firm of Taylor & Co., and needless to say they carried out the work in their usual excellent manner. It is a most musical ring of six Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

The ringers chosen to open the bells were from St. Mary's, Taunton. After raising them in peal, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. A well struck 720 of Bob Minor was successfully brought round in twenty-five minutes, the band standing as follows: E. Wyatt, S. Wyatt, E. Lloyd, J. Fowler, I. Creed, J. Burge (conductor). This is the first 720 on the bells. The Rector, churchwardens, and parishioners are to be congratulated in possessing such a nice ring of six. The ringers present expressed their opinion that the bells go excellently.

Obituary.

GEORGE DORRINGTON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Dorrington, which occurred at 244, Richmond Road, Hackney, on December 17th. Since the death of his wife, in May, 1905, Mr. Dorrington had been in failing health, and succumbed at the age of 60 years to exhaustion, after an attack of dropsy, following heart disease. Previous to the interment at Chingford Mount cemetery, on December 21st, a choral service was held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, the Rector, the Rev. V. R. S. Eck officiating. At the close the Dead March (Handel) was played by the organist, Mr. Ockleford. The whole pull and stand, followed by 616 Grandsire Triples, was rung at St. Matthew's, on the 21st, by M. A. Wood (conductor), W. Parrott, A. A. Hughes, G. Parrott, F. Andrews, D. Gibbon, T. Bone, and A. Hughes; also at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques, on the 22nd, by C. F. Winney (conductor), W. Jones, H. Langdon, W. E. Garrard, M. A. Wood, J. W. Golding, H. R. Newton, E. Horrex, W. H. Pasmore, E. P. O'Meara, W. Prime, and W. T. Cockerill.

After successfully filling various offices in the Ancient Society of Collge Youths, Mr. Dorrington was for many years one of the Trustees, and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow members, who deeply deplore his loss. The peals in which Mr. Dorrington took part (between the years 1868 and 1894) were 67 in all, and included peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Saviour's, Southwark, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

Grandsire Triples	20
" Major	1
" Caters	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	14
" Royal	5
Stedman Triples	15
" Caters	5
" Cinques	5

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24365	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—
32645	S	—	—
46235	—	—	—
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24635	—	—	—
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64325	—	—	—
43625	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—
34526	5	—	—
25436	—	—	—
53426	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—
54236	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—
42536	—	—	—
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Round as usual. Has the 6th her extent behind the 9th.

LATE NOTICES.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, January 5th. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7.15. Members intending to be present at the tea, please notify Mr. F. Wadcock, 19, Mountford Street, Burslem, not later than Thursday, January 3rd.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at the parish church, Halifax, on Saturday, January 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by January 8th.

J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

NOTICE.—The suggestion made by Mr. Dains the other week relative to a portrait and memoir of the late Jasper Snowdon, has been favorably considered by his brother, Mr. William Snowdon, and we shall have the pleasure of publishing the same in a week or two. A competent person has been engaged who will devote his attention to the publishing department, and our readers will be able to receive their copies earlier than hitherto.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1905 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

Dec. 29, 1906.

VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL	16	14	12	30	28	24	15	11	9	7	10	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	16	18	16	16	50	50	30	30	30	30	25	20	20	28	24	24	Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.	
Total Peals.	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	15 T. B. M. M.	14 T. B. M. M.	12 T. B. M. M.	7 T. B. M. M.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	1 Minor mthd.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14	Dbl. Nor. Caters.	Dbl. Nor. Major.	Dbl. Oxford Major.	London S. Maj.	Bristol S. Major.	Cam. Sur. Major.	New Cam. S. Maj.	Sup. Sur. Major.	Yorkshire S. Mjr.	7 S Minor mthds.	Maximus.	Major.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.	Total value in points.	Average value in points per peal.
1 Norwich Dio. Asscn...	150	1	3	29	1	2	7	—	—	6	1	5	(a4)	7	—	9	9	1	—	6	1	1	—	31	—	1	—	4	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	8	2122	14'146	
2 Middlesex Cty. Asscn	79	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	7	2	—	1	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	13	—	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	4	15	16	2024	25'620	
3 Kent County Asscn...	129	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	1	34	—	10	2	—	4	1	2	1	1	—	6	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3	1	31	1827	14'162	
4 Yorkshire Association.	107	—	1	36	1	—	5	—	1	18	1	16	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	4	15	1435	13'411		
5 Midland Cties. Asscn.	93	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	4	24	—	16	(b1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	5	20	1296	13'935		
6 Essex Cty. Association	79	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	4	13	—	8	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	9	1	1	—	1	6	—	3	—	—	—	1	9	1149	14'544		
7 Sussex County Assn...	62	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	2	13	—	5	(c4)	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	13	1122	18'096		
8 Oxford Diocn. Guild..	74	—	—	7	—	—	4	—	1	11	—	3	2	(d5)	3	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	28	1108	14'973		
9 Lancashire Asscn....	60	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	1	12	—	6	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	11	983	16'383	
10 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	1	7	—	1	3	—	—	—	6	1	7	905	28'281			
11 Durham & Newtle Ass.	43	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	2	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	4	7	851	19'790	
12 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	39	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	5	2	10	825	21'153		
13 Hertford Cty. Asscn...	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	1	5	—	—	—	3	14	809	19'731			
14 Glos. & Bristol Asscn.	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	12	724	16'837		
15 Winchester Guild	55	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	18	2	6	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	11	658	11'963		
16 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	35	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	(e1)	2	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	13	642	18'342			
17 Worcs. & Dist. Assn.	39	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	11	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	472	12'102		
18 Surrey Association....	30	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	8	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	395	13'166			
19 London County Assn.	21	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	352	16'761			
20 Chester Dio. Guild....	28	—	—	4	—	—	5	—	—	9	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	11'678		
21 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	258	10'750			
22 Irish Association.....	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	246	22'363			
23 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	16	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	244	15'250		
24 Ely Diocesan Assn. ...	30	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	16	(f1)	1	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	228	7'600		
25 Stoke Achdl. Assn....	17	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	201	11'823				
26 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	26	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	7	(g2)	1	—	3	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	197	7'576		
27 Bath & Wells Assn ...	24	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	11	—	2	(h7)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	173	7'208			
28 Waterloo Soc. London	6	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	103	17'166			
29 Salisbury Dio. Guild...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	14'285			
30 Bedford Association..	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	(i3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	97	8'818			
31 Devonshire Guild....	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	82	7'454			
32 Cleveland & N. York.	6	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	11'666			
33 North Notts. Asscn...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	11'800			
34 Liverpool Dio. Guild..	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57	11'400			
35 North Wales Assn. ...	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	8'600			
36 Llandaff Dio. Assn....	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	(j1)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	5'500			
37 Salop. Arch. Soc.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	7'			
38 Halifax and Dist. Assn	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	9'500			
39 Hereford Dio. Guild...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	(k1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	6'			
40 Cambridge Uny. Guild	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	8'			
41 West Wales Asscn...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7'			
42 Heavy Woollen Assn.	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12'			
43 East Derbyshire Assn.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3'			
Independent Societies...	56	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	21	—	7	(l7)	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	3	516	9'214		
	1519	3	19	168	1	1	2	26	2	37	306	7	157	14	37	34	5	17	21	9	1	46	1	1	1																

The peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Royal 7; Bob Major 152; College Single Major 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 9; Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Union Triples 1. The peals of Doubles were as follows: (a) one each in one, two, four, and seven methods; (b) four methods 1; (c) one method 4; (d) one method 4, two methods 1; (e) one method 1; (f) three methods 1; (g) four methods 1, fourteen methods 1; (h) one method 7; (i) two methods 2, three methods 1; (j) two methods 1; (k) one method 1; (l) one method 4, two methods 2, three methods 1.

The 56 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows: Bedfordshire 1; Bucks. 2; Cheshire 1; Derbyshire 1; Essex 1; Gloucester 4; Kent 1; Lancashire 7; Leicester 4; Lincoln 1; Middlesex 6; Northants 1; Oxfordshire 4; Scotland 4; Shropshire 1; Somerset, 3; Staffordshire 2; Surrey 5; Sussex 1; Wales 1; Warwick 2; Worcester 3.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was a 10,208 of Bob Major rung by the Surrey Association. Three peals contained over 7000 changes, and five peals over 6000 changes. One of the most noteworthy achievements of the year was the scoring of three peals of London Surprise Major in one day by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The 190 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation 161; in the Oxford Variation 29. The 306 peals of Grandsire Triples were: Holt's Original 58; Holt's Ten-Part 82; Holt's Six-Part 6; Parker's Twelve-Part 39; Parker's Six-Part 7; Parker's Four-Part 2; Parker's One-Part 5; Taylor's Bob-and-Single 32; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 11; Hollis' Five-Part 7; Reeves' Variation 7; Vicars' 10; Mr. John Carter's peals 16; Mr. Lindoff's peals 4; other peals 20.

The 266 peals of Stedman Triples are thus accounted for: Thurstans' One-Part 10; Thurstans' Five-Part 2; Thurstans' Four-Part and Variations 227; J. W. Washbrook's peals 12; G. Lindoff's 4; J. Carter's 4; Lates' 3; Rev. H. E. Bulwer 2; Sir Arthur Heywood's 1; Rev. E. B. James' 1.

Conductors of four peals and upwards were: Rev. F. E. Robinson 85; W. Pye 52; J. Motts 30; F. Bennett and C. Glenn 23; G. Williams 19; J. H. Cheesman 17; J. E. Davis and W. Short 15; F. R. Borrett, B. Prewett and G. N. Price 14; E. Borrett, C. R.

Lilley, J. W. Washbrook, and B. W. Witchell 12; A. H. Pulling, J. Thomas, and S. Thomas 11; G. Cattermole, C. Jackson, A. Knights, and Jas. Parker 10; F. A. Holden, W. Keeble, F. G. May, S. Reeves, G. F. Williams, and A. Walker 9; W. H. Barber, T. Groombridge, and W. Lincoln 8; H. Barton, T. T. Gofton, C. Mee, H. R. Newton, H. S. T. Richardson, C. L. Rontledge, and C. F. Winney 7; W. E. Garrard, W. H. Judd, G. R. Newton, J. Pigott, G. Preston, W. Rose, W. C. Rumsey, J. R. Sharman, and W. S. Smith 6; J. Basden, E. Barnett, D. Brearley, G. D. Coleman, J. Cotterill, E. E. Ferry, J. Flint, H. P. Harman, Rev. H. L. Jamee, C. King, G. Martin, F. Mee, W. H. Newell, H. R. Pasmore, W. Perkins, H. Reeves, W. Watts, S. Wade, and G. Wightman 5; J. Austin, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. T. Butler, J. Carter, E. C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, S. J. Coleman, C. Fenn, W. Fitchford, C. Giles, J. E. Groves, W. Haigh, G. H. Hardy, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, J. E. R. Keen, H. W. Kirton, T. Langdon, Robert Matthews, T. Newman (Caversham), J. J. Parker, J. Potter, T. J. Salter, W. Sawyer, T. H. Taffender, J. Taylor, A. Y. Tyler, E. Wightman, W. H. B. Wilkins, and W. Woodcock 4. In addition to these 67 persons conducted 3 peals; 91 conducted 2 peals; and 300 conducted 1 peal, making a total of 554 persons who acted as conductors during the year. Two peals were published without a conductor's name, and the composition of five peals were found to be false after performance and publication, and are excluded from this Analysis.

The number of peals rung on Church bells was 1448; on handbells 71. The peals on handbells were as follows: Kent Treble Bob—Royal 1; Major 2; Grandsire—Caters 3; Triples 13; Plain Methods—Bob Royal 2; Bob Major 22; Doubles 3; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Stedman—Cinques 6; Caters 10; Triples 7. Total—71.

The 1519 peals rung in 1905 are the largest number ever rung in any one year, and were distributed as follows: January 129; February 156; March 135; April 135; May 134; June 106; July 65; August 92; September 121; October 133; November 138; December 175; and exceed by 7 the number of peals rung in 1904.

In reckoning points for peals, those over 7000 and under 10,000 changes count as two peals; over 10,000 and under 12,000 count as three peals.

The following table gives the first twenty Societies and their relative positions since 1895.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
1 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6	6	2	2	2	1
2 Middx. Co. Assn. & London Dio. Gld. ..	-	-	25	18	9	4	1	1	1	1	2
3 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3	4	4	6	9	3
4 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14	12	12	9	3	4
5 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13	11	13	10	5	5
6 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9	10	9	8	6	6
7 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5	3	7	3	7	7
8 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	8	8
9 Lancashire Association	8	10	4	5	7	7	8	14	19	22	9
10 Ancient Society of College Youths ..	7	5	2	4	4	2	5	5	5	4	10
11 Durham and Newcastle Association ..	9	8	18	19	31	18	16	10	13	10	11
12 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7	11	11	15	12
13 Herts. County Association	29	25	19	13	18	20	14	8	12	12	13
14 Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	10	13	12	7	11	11	9	6	7	11	14
15 Winchester Diocesan Guild	8	9	14	12	15	10	13	16	23	18	15
16 Central Northamptonshire Association	23	18	10	14	14	16	15	22	14	14	16
17 Worcester and Dis. Association ..	19	12	6	3	10	15	18	21	20	23	17
18 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12	21	18	16	13	18
19 London Cty. Asso. late St. James Sty.	28	40	34	37	35	27	34	32	28	21	19
20 Chester Diocesan Guild	27	19	24	22	23	21	20	19	22	28	20

The number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS" are shown by the following Table.

1881	156	..	1886	..	556	1891	..	878	1896	..	791	1901	..	1194
1882	244	..	1887	..	646	1892	..	802	1897	..	905	1902	..	1313
1883	330	..	1888	..	759	1893	..	705	1898	..	1002	1903	..	1469
1884	419	..	1889	..	797	1894	..	859	1899	..	912	1904	..	1512
1885	500	..	1890	..	699	1895	..	766	1900	..	924	1905	..	1519

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1906.

ON the threshold of a New Year many people take the opportunity of reviewing the events of the one slowly departing. A profitable occupation it is too, in most cases. If the year 1906 is reviewed from a bell-ringer's standpoint, many grounds for satisfaction will be found. The art of change-ringing has not receded, but continues to flourish and gain ground. The founders have been well employed, as the various reports from time to time of the opening of new bells testify. And the practice of half-pull ringing has during the year been introduced into remoter districts, *i.e.*, neighbourhoods where it had previously been unknown. Another important feature may be seen in its somewhat rapid extension among those who used to be considered the weaker sex, which definition, however, in the light of recent public events, can only with some amount of difficulty be sustained. We have of late years also read of the repeated practice of the most complex methods, demanding great ingenuity on the part of those who perform them. Herein may be allowed an expression of opinion. These intricate methods have more than once been denominated as the "higher methods."

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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of C. T. Coles, which took place at St. George's in the East on that day.

The Provinces.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SHOLICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN H. SHOLICAR* 5.
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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble	ALFRED T. J. CARTER 5.
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BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	E. A. RIDGWAY 5.
FRED HOUGHTON 2.	FRED MORRIS 6.
ANDREW NUTTAL 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT 7.
THOMAS BLEAKLEY 4.	PETER CROOK Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

E. A. Ridgway was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HORACE SKUSE* Treble.	GEORGE GUTTRIDGE 5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	GEORGE BASDEN 7.
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Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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Being seven 720s. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE COX Treble.	HARRY HOPKINS 4.
THOMAS HENRY 2.	RICHARD NICHOLS 5.
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HARRY DICKENS Treble.	ALF PADDON SMITH 5.
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Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Barwell, on whom they reflect great credit. Further reference elsewhere.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

B. MOODY† Treble.	B. WATKINSON 5.
W. BROOK* 2.	T. M. BARKER 6.
J. CARTER 3.	J. FRYER 7.
J. PRASE 4.	†T. HOULDER Tenor.

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN GUTTRIDGE Treble.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	THOMAS GOSLING 6.
EUSTACE HARWOOD 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM WELLING* 4.	*ARTHUR BLAKE Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal, and rang on the sixteenth anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK MARTIN* Treble.	*GEORGE WOODS 5.
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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by W. FITCHFORD

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

WATCHET, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 25, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DECUMAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 17½ cwt.

H. PROLE* Treble.	A. BARKER 4.
C. GREEDY 2.	W. BENNETT 5.
S. HOLE* 3.	*W. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

*First peal. Rung as a welcome peal to the Vicar, who has recently taken up his residence.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
JOHN W. STEDDY 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3.	CHARLES W. BRETT 8.
PERCY J. PAINE 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 9.
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*First peal.

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE Treble.	ALBERT HILL 5.
FREDERICK VILES* 2.	ERNEST GIBBS 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS 7.
J. R. NEWMAN 4.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

*First peal of Major.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

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RICHARD TABOR 3.	WALTER TARLING 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	*SIDNEY LINDSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

*First peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX† Treble.	†JOSEPH RICHARDSON 5.
THOMAS PRICE† 2.	†WILLIAM WALKER 6.
GEORGE MARTIN† 3.	†JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
MAURICE SMITHER† 4.	*ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First Surprise peal. *First Surprise peal away from the treble. †First Surprise peal as conductor. First peal of Superlative on the bells, and was rung by an entirely local band.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Lawton, Cheshire, reported last week, should read J. W. Carter, not James W. Carpenter as reported.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Christmas Eve, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Rodmell, F. Moulson, F. Merrison, J. Patchett, L. Rodmell, C. Jackson composer and conductor, A. Naylor, J. W. Dale. Has all the 6-7s.

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CHATTERIS (Cambridgeshire).—On Christmas night, at the parish church, a date touch of Doubles, 1906 changes, in 6 mins., being six 6-scores of Antelope, six 6-scores of Grandsire, three 6-scores and 106 of Plain Bob. W. Fuller, P. A. Smith, D. Crashlay, A. J. Abrahams conductor, H. Moxon. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Wm. Fuller.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Haygreen, C. Attwood conductor, W. Hope, G. Pound, W. Kilpatrick, F. Wright.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, a date touch of 1906 changes, 1896 Bob Minor and ten of Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. T. Hawes, H. R. Heyhoe.

T. H. White, C. Hunt, G. R. Hassacks, A. G. Plane (cover), A. G. Overton, H. Carter conductor, H. R. Heyhoe.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

RHYL.—On Monday, November 19th, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Newman, J. Ellis, G. Bell, F. Wallis, W. Bell, C. Egerton, M. J. Morris conductor, D. Lewis. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. Carr, son of Charles Carr, of Birmingham, and Miss Bertha Low.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. S. Williams, Rev. A. Rhys James, T. James, J. Rogers, J. W. Bailey, J. Davies, J. W. Davies conductor, C. E. Williams.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ILKESTON.—On Sunday, December 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Baker, S. Burgoyne, J. Hufton, E. Nicholson, E. Poxon, J. Iliffe, F. Johnson conductor, Harrison.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 14th, at All Saints church, 560 Bob Major. R. H. Blackwall, V. Gosling, T. A. D. Burnham, W. H. Peabody, F. Blood, R. Gee, T. Horton, J. Woolley conductor. On Sunday, October 28th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. M. Blackwall, T. A. D. Burnham, J. Woolley conductor, F. Blood, A. Coppock, R. Gee, T. Horton. On Sunday, November 4th, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. M. Blackwall, V. Gosling, T. A. D. Burnham, W. Peabody, F. Blood, A. Coppock, J. Woolley conductor, R. Gee. 216 Plain Bob Minor. R. M. Blackwall, V. Gosling conductor, W. H. Peabody, F. Blood, J. Woolley, T. Horton, H. Rawling. 360 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Gee, R. M. Blackwall, V. Gosling, W. Peabody, F. Blood, J. Woolley conductor, T. Horton, H. Rawling.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Christmas Day, at St. Thomas's church, for the early Celebration, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. F. Smith, J. Smith, G. E. Turner, J. Winterton, S. Greenhalgh, A. E. Wreaks, H. Chapman conductor, J. Gregory. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs. in E. This is the first quarter-peal rung since these bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Manchester on December 14th, 1906.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On December 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Cooper, F. Pate, A. Jackson, W. King, J. Swinger, W. Ludkin conductor, W. Featherstone, P. Faulkner.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On November 23rd, 720 Court Bob. On November 27th, 720 Oxford Bob. On December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Yorkshire Court. On December 3rd, 720 St. Simon's and 720 Bob Minor. H. E. Gillett, J. Collett, H. Packer, W. Stratford, H. Gillett, T. Banning conductor.

ABBOTT LEIGH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, December 16th, after Divine Service, 500 College Single. G. Bennett, T. Frampton, G. Gale, W. Frampton, L. Moore, J. Thomas conductor. First College Single by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

AMBLESIDE.—On December 12th, for practice at St. Mary's church, on handbells, two 720s of Plain Bob. G. Fairclough, 1-2; W. Nevinson, 3; W. Robinson, 4; W. Sharp conductor, 5-6.

BRATAAY.—On December 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Robinson conductor, W. Nevinson, W. Sharp, F. Woodend, J. Holme, R. Satterthwaite.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WYMONDLEY (Herts).—On December 13th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor. A. Beale, F. Webb, W. Croft, G. Wolfe, J. Hare, C. Hare conductor. First on the bells and by all the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service at All Saints church, Boyne Hill, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major, in 48 mins. H. Cox, T. Price, J. Little, M. Smither, A. Walker, G. Martin, J. Eldridge, A. Martin. First quarter-peal in the method by all and on the bells, and was rung by all local men.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Saturday, November 10th, 531 Stedman Caters. H. White, G. Williams conductor, G. Smith, J. W. Whiting, W. Andrews, W. Crute, G. Noice, W. Tucker, W. H. George, J. W. Elkins. 504 Stedman Triples. H. White conductor, J. W. Whiting, G. Smith, —, Wilkes, W. Andrews, W. Tucker, W. H. George, J. W. Elkins.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, October 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Dumper, W. H. George, C. J. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. Tucker conductor. On Thursday, November 1st, 288 Kent and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Williams conductor 2; the rest as before. On Thursday, November 15th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Dumper, W. Tucker, A. Marks, J. Fray, W. Rowe, G. Williams.

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, December 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in honour of the Rector's birthday. C. Terry, G. W. Clarke, A. Terry, F. King, F. Terry, W. Dennis, W. Smith conductor, C. Austen. On Thursday, December 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Terry, W. Saw, G. W. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith conductor, C. Austen.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, December 15th, at Bishop Ryder's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Mullins, R. Ducker, W. Webb, T. Collison, J. Porter, W. Ellis conductor, J. Smallwood, S. Coley.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, December 11th, for practice at the church of our Lady and the English Martyrs, 720 Plain Bob (tenor covering). H. Pope, T. Dickerson, J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. P. Kempton, F. Kempton conductor, G. Taylor. First 720 on the bells.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On December 17th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Greaves, W. Spalding, W. Greaves, R. Barrett, F. Spalding conductor, J. Adams.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the parish church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. J. Kinnersley, A. Clowes, G. Woods, G. F. Page, J. Mountford, S. Churton conductor, H. Page, C. H. Page.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. P. Barchard, G. A. Smith conductor, F. Smith, A. Clay, J. Johnson, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, T. Shone. On Sunday, November 25th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. A. Smith, F. Smith, J. Darlington, H. Smith, J. Johnson, W. Rigby, W. Thompson, T. Shone. For evening service 1008 Stedman Triples. G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, F. Smith, A. Clay, W. G. Thompson, W. Rigby, J. Johnson conductor, T. Shone.

WEST CLANDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Monk, H. Blackman, R. Blake first 720 with a bob bell, J. Goacher, W. Day, F. Bennett conductor.

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A DIALOGUE :

The Enthusiastic Bell-ringer and the Bell-ringing Gardener.

The following is supposed to have been overheard in the village of Steyning. Mr. BROWN is a most enthusiastic Bell-ringer, so very hard of hearing, likes to do all the talking himself, and if possible would ring all eight bells, and do the calling himself. Mr. SMART is more for the good things in the garden, and tries his very best to rtd himself of the bell-ringing pests by making all sorts of excuses for getting away.

Written, for the most part, on Southwick Green, whilst waiting at a funeral, in the year 1904. G.H.D.

Mr. B. "Well, Mr. Smart, and how are you feeling? What do you say to a week of pealing?"

Mr. S. "Thanks, Mr. Brown, I'm not very well, and don't feel much like pulling a bell."

Mr. B. "Well, that's just how I feel, but it does me good to go for a peal."

Mr. S. "Just come and look at my Sweet Williams!"

Mr. B. "Ever rung with George Williams? Yes, many a time. I reckon he wants a lot of beating. Peals he's rung, ah, out of number, and hardly ever makes a blunder."

Mr. S. "I've got some nice wall flowers and stocks."

Mr. B. "The bells have all got new stocks."

Mr. S. "I am busy setting out my borders."

Mr. B. "All in perfect ringing order."

Mr. S. "I got a splendid bed of onions."

Mr. B. "Yes, I'll go up and grease the gudgeons."

Mr. S. "I'm afraid you don't hear what I say."

Mr. B. "I don't care for Mr. Jay. He only goes for Holt's io-part, for a peal of that I'd never start."

Mr. S. "I've got a nice display of roses."

Mr. B. "I don't care what he composes. If I can only get at the rope, I'd go for a peal be he King or Pope; a muffled peal or a birthday touch, to me it does not matter much. I am afraid you are a little bit off."

Mr. S. "Well yes, but once I had high hopes of having sons enough to take the ropes, but dash it, some of them turned out 'gals,' although you might call them Belles; still they are no good for ringing."

Mr. B. "Oh yes, friend Smart, the wedding ring, and then you see what that will bring; why don't you see a wedding peal! And though it does not matter much, but will sure to bring a birthday touch; for being fast there is forgiveness, but one must have an eye to business."

Mr. S. "I think old friend you are talking folly."

Mr. B. "Yes, only want to feel the Volley."

Mr. S. "Come and look at my French beans!"

Mr. B. "Did I ever ring at Heene? Tell me the tower where I've not been; but give me bigger bells and stronger, it makes the peal last the longer."

Mr. S. "My old gal's cat has got some kittens."

Mr. B. "I don't like rounds, Queens or Tittmus, for that I'd never raise a bell, and any boy can toll the knell. But my ambition higher rises, give me a peal of London or other Surprises."

Mr. S. "You are a conceited dog."

Mr. B. "Yes, I've known George to miss a Bob, but you can bet your life upon it, not if it had the King's Head on it."

Mr. S. "Your joke my fancy tickles."

Mr. B. "Yes, I'll go for Grandsire Triples, name the day, the date, and hour, chose your bell and name the tower; you cannot give me greater pleasure, for I am a man of leisure."

Mr. S. "You are an old bell-ringing stager."

Mr. B. "Yes, I like Treble Bob Major, and will lay you any

wager, that if you would like to come I'll call the peal and bring 'em home."

Mr. S. "Really, I must now be going."

Mr. B. "What George don't know is not worth knowing."

Mr. S. "When you are passing just give me a look."

Mr. B. "Yes, I've rung with Washbrook. Don't you know what Searle said? He would get a peal standing on his head; no matter what method it really is true, nor how heavy the bell, he'd pull you through. When he rings he always calls, he would ring the tenor of St. Paul's. 10,080 makes you stare, he'd do it and not turn a hair."

Mr. S. "Do you know the College Youths?"

Mr. B. "Know them, yes, and know them well, all that ever raised a bell, and have known them stand and ring all day, not throw a bell, or break a stay."

Mr. S. "Well, really, I must be gone."

Mr. B. "I see I cannot get you on."

Mr. S. "I am feeling rather tired."

Mr. B. "When the Queen died you know we fired; fired the bells with all our might, from early morn till late at night."

Mr. S. "I'm afraid your temper I have ruffled."

Mr. B. "Of course we had them muffled. Old Time a change is always bringing, but we the changes are always ringing; 5,040 I can ring 'em, three hours and twenty, and home I bring 'em; ring 'em up, or ring 'em down, if you break a stay, pay half-a-crown; and if a bell you overthrow, tie up your rope, and home you go."

Mr. S. "Well, really, I must say good-night."

Mr. B. "Good-night old friend, I only hope, that we next shall meet at the end of the rope."

Mr. Smart now raised his hat, and thought "two ways of taking that. Can he be so cruel and callous, that he hopes to meet me on the gallows? He did not mean that, I really hope, for that would be the end of a rope. I hope I shall not see him again, for he has got bells on the brain." G. H. D.

N.B.—It has even been whispered that Mr. Brown had eight ropes fixed over his bed, to the great discomfort of his wife. But that was no importance.

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. TROLLOPE'S REPLY TO MR. GODDEN.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Godden, I have not been able to make my tables work satisfactorily for five-part extents, but two parts (in-course) and four parts can be easily got. Since my article seems to have produced some interest, I will see if I cannot add a little. I make not the slightest pretence to having discovered anything new. It is only a further bit of my long-worked-at attempt to explain in simple and elementary, but at the same scientifically correct form, from some of the laws of composition. Meanwhile, I hope Mr. Carter will not keep back what he has to say till I have said my say. In these matters I am but a child to him. I must also thank Mr. Snowdon for what he said about the Method Committee's work. We have passed through first the stage of indiscriminate praise, and then of equally indiscriminate blame. But now it seems that best of all, men whose opinions are really worth having, are finding for themselves that there is really some truth in the Method Committee's report.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on January 1st; at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 3rd and 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 10th and 24th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th and 29th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bishops Stortford to-day, Sat., December 29th. Tower open at 3.30. Meeting held after tea for election of officers.

N. J. FITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Newchurch, to-day, Sat., December 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

Z. LORD.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*
I. HILLS.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, January 5th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Bell hotel at 5. Tickets 9d. each. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the undersigned not later than the Wednesday previous. Unpaid subscriptions for 1906 should be forwarded to me as early as possible.

G. WATSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lodge, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Address to be given by the Rev. Arthur Hart, Vicar, to which members are earnestly requested to attend. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for those members only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, January 8th. His Worship the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Charles Stone, J.P.), has kindly signified his intention of attending in state. Subscriptions become due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Chislehurst.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of this Association will be held at St. George's in the East on Saturday, January 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. J. L. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravencroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. Reports now ready.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central

Division.—The next meeting in the division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, kindly provided by the Rector to those who let me know by the 9th inst. ROBERT J. DAWES, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

St. Peter's Society, Brighton.—At a meeting held on November 13th, the Vicar (Canon Hoskyns), presiding, Mr. A. D. Stone, 15, Stanley Road, Preston, Brighton, was elected Secretary, to whom all communications should be sent.

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And with a mortal weakness, we
To God may leave the rest.

Some ringers do avoid the full
Content, while others work,
They watch their toiling brothers pull,
While they're content to shirk.

Unworthy of a "worker's" name,
Such men most surely are,
For is not conduct such as this,
What Christians must deplore?

As with 07 we start afresh,
Let these their ways amend,
And with a downright purpose true,
Forth to their task now bend.

Remembering how a Master's eye
Is watching our career,
And for good work will give reward,
Of this there is no fear.

Let nothing keep us from the tower,
When duty sounds the call.
Let no excuses bar the way,
Go forth then, one and all.

Ring for the service of your church,
Ring on each festal day,
Ring when the dead to God return
Upon that awful way.

Work hard to teach all learners new,
Try to such labour love,
Think how acceptable it is
To One who reigns above.

Try to let duty hold the sway,
For we are workers true,
Gifted with ringing talents, each
Keep this, dear friends, in view.

Our "very best" is what is asked,
Who now will strive to give,
A good full measure, just for love!
As through each day we live.

"Stand" comes at last to end life's peal,
With it the chance then ends,
Then comes rewards for work well done,
Strive hard! my ringing friends.

A. R.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday December 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins., W. Doran (conductor), A. Neale, S. Hayes, T. Cranfield, H. Torble, W. Truss, J. Monle, F. Newman, G. Hayden, G. Potter.

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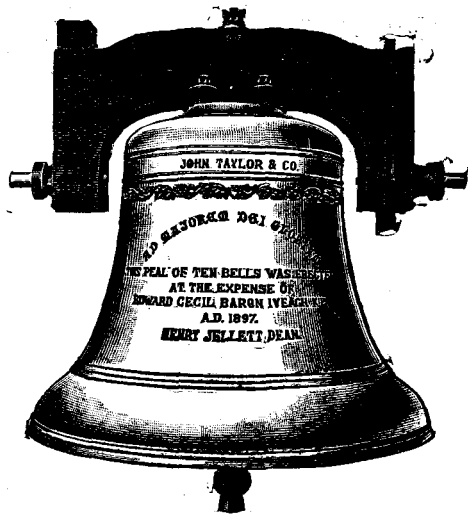
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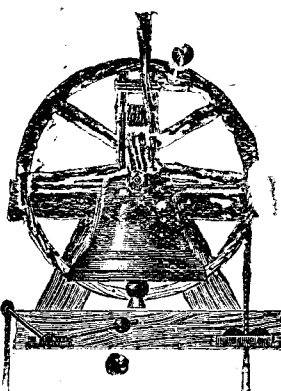
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