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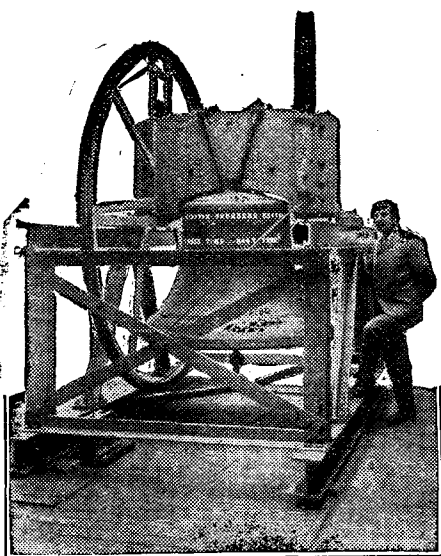
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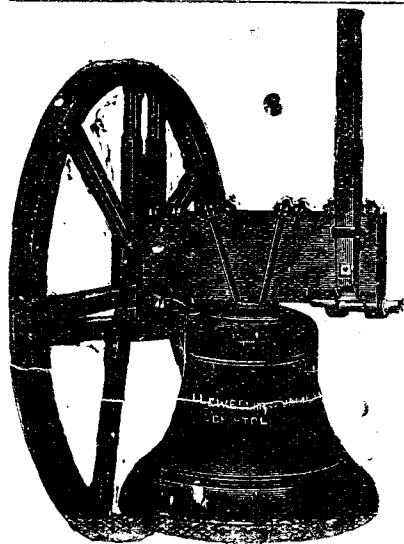
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## DEDICATORY SERVICE AT BURSTOW, SURREY

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 23rd, the inhabitants of the surrounding district attended an interesting service in the church of St. Bartholomew, Burstow, when a new treble bell was dedicated to take its place to complete a merry ring of six. The gentleman who is responsible for this Christmas gift to the church is John Newton, esq., of Bridgeham House, Burstow, who has lately spent also a great deal of money in the restoration of the tower. The bell was mounted with an inscription: "This bell was added to the peal of Burstow Church at Christmas, 1906, by John and Kate Newton, of Bridgeham, to commemorate the birth of their daughter Catherine Dorothy Page Newton ('Dorothy,') which took place on the 3rd Novr. 1901."

Owing to illness, the Vicar of Burstow (Rev. C. J. Walbrand-Evan), was unfortunately not able to be present at the ceremony, and in his absence the Rev. H. T. Lewis, Vicar of Horley, kindly officiated. In a very interesting address he dealt with the importance which men had attached to bells in connection with Divine Service from the earliest Norman times in this country. He alluded to the generosity of the donor, and earnestly hoped it might prove a stimulus to others to go and do likewise.

At the close of the service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by C. F. Johnston. T. Blackburn, N. Wakefield, A. Songhurst, F. Sadler, P. Etheridge. The work of casting the new treble and hanging it in a new self-contained frame of iron and steel, was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who some five years ago had recast the rest of the peal, and hung them in a new frame. They now make a pretty peal of six, and everyone was agreed that the treble was in perfect tune with the rest of the peal, and spoke out well among her bigger sisters; whilst the ringers expressed themselves well pleased with the "go" of the bells, there being present for the occasion some of the Horley ringers, whose bells have lately been rehung by the Croydon firm.

## OLD WOLVERTON CHURCH, BUCKS.

The bells at the above church have just been taken in hand by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and have been rehung with all new bearings, etc. The frame has been strengthened and made rigid, and the whole peal has been put in first-class order. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung to test the work, and the ringers expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the "go" of the bells.

## PRESTON OLD CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

The work on the above is now nearing completion, and the damage caused by the late disastrous fire is being made good. It will be remembered that the whole of the interior of the church was burnt out and the tower especially suffered, it being swept quite bare from top to

bottom by the flames, with the result that the three bells, two of them very aged by the way, were cracked by the heat and rendered useless. In connection with these an interesting little event took place at the first stroke of the new year, when the bells, after being re-cast and re-hung, were sounded for the first time after restoration. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm of bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have recast the bells, tuned them, and hung them for ringing in a massive English oak frame. The bells have been reproduced in facsimile, the old inscriptions being preserved, and they sound the notes c d and e respectively, and for the future will sound the call for service as they did in the past.

## ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

This parish is at the extreme south-west of the county of Cornwall. Upwards of £410 has already been raised towards the estimated cost of the St. Keverne church bell scheme, amounting to £580.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing-Day the annual meeting was held at Llandaff. In the absence of the Dean, who was unavoidably unable to preside, the chair was very kindly taken by Minor Canon Day. In his opening remarks, on behalf of the Dean he welcomed the Association to Llandaff, and then immediately called upon the Assistant Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were then read, accepted as correct, and signed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Mr. J. Butler, of St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouthshire, was unanimously elected Master. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Connop L. Price), and the Assistant Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), were unanimously re-elected.

The place for the next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting was then discussed, and as an invitation from Bridgend had been received, it was eventually decided that the invitation be accepted, and that the meeting be held there on Easter Monday next. The Monmouthshire quarterly meeting will take place immediately after at Caldicot. New members were then elected from the following towers: Blaenavon, Newport, Cowbridge, Merthyr, Cardiff, St. Fagans, Penarth and Bridgend.

Subscriptions were next taken, and after a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, the meeting closed. All the members present were then very kindly invited to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea provided by the Dean and his daughters (the Misses Davey), awaited them. Tea over, the tower was again visited, and the bells rung for the evening service. During the day touches of Triples and Major were rung. The very best thanks from the Association was accorded the Dean for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for the tea.

## Peal-Boards

made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 109, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Exeter on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, 1907. Reports of Committees and any Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 20th April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the first instant, and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in the address of themselves or of representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26th, eight members of the above Guild paid a visit to St. Mary's church, Bridport, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples. The local ringers very kindly got everything in readiness. Success however was not to be, for after ringing upwards of 1400 changes in 55 mins. a halt had to be called owing to the heavy going of the tenor. The band were C. H. Jennings, C. F. Uphill, G. Stone, J. Benger, T. H. Beams, G. T. White, G. Preston conductor, T. Hide. Two touches were afterwards safely brought round, in the first of which a lady took part (the first lady that ever rung in the tower.) These were 161 Grandsire Triples by Miss Sparshott, C. H. Jennings, G. Stone, C. F. Uphill, T. H. Beams conductor, G. Preston, G. T. White, J. Benger. And 504 in the same method by the same band for the peal. An adjournment was then made to The Greyhound hotel, where Mr. W. B. Northover, the Hon. Secretary of the local Guild, and ex-Mayor of the town, had most thoughtfully ordered a hot luncheon, to which the whole party, including the veteran Mr. Hodges, from Dorchester sat down under that gentleman's chairmanship. The inner man having been satisfied, and the donor most heartily thanked for his hospitality, a walk was taken to Bradpole, where the six bells of Holy Trinity were quickly set in motion to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, a 240 of which were rung by Miss Sparshott, G. Preston, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Benger, G. T. White, C. H. Jennings. And 120 Stedman Doubles by T. H. Beams, 1; C. F. Uphill, 3; the same as before. This is believed to be the first change-ringing on the bells, and which terminated the day's ringing.

After partaking of the cup that cheers, the party wended their way stationwards, having spent a pleasant time. Change-ringing being almost unknown in this part of Dorset, it is hoped that this visit may stir up some of the ringers of the numerous towers in the locality to emulate their deeds, and seriously take up the study of the scientific production of changes.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. T. H. Beams, who is now residing near the town, has started the Bridport band, and that Messrs. Warner and Sons age to be called in to inspect the bells in the early spring. B.

## ST. PATRICK'S, DUBLIN.

The singing of Christmas carols on Christmas Eve by

choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, always attracts a large congregation. Children were specially invited to the service, and at its conclusion the members of the St. Patrick's Society rang a short touch. On St. Stephen's Day the ringers went to Limerick, and after morning service inaugurated the re-swinging of the peal of bells in the Cathedral tower. Six of these bells were cast early in the seventeenth century, and were the gift of the Mayor of Limerick of that day.

## WILBURTON, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, December 26th, at 2.30 p.m., six members from the above parish could be seen ploughing their way through the blinding snow, their object being to have a pull on the handy ring of six at Haddenham parish church, tenor about 18 cwt. Arriving there about 3.15 p.m., they were given a very hearty welcome by the Vicar, after which the bells were soon raised and set swinging to Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 was tapped off in fine style in 24 mins.

After a short interval, during which some inspected the bells, others brought our handbells, and a short touch of Plain Bob was brought round. After touches of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob was brought round, the bells were again lowered, and once again we were out again in the snow, homeward bound. As we passed the old parish church one member suggested that we should turn in for just one 720. Bells quickly raised, off we went for College Single, and a well-struck 720 was brought round in 23 mins. After lowering the bells we quickly dispersed, each member ploughing his way through the snow to his respective abode to celebrate the season's festivities. The following are the members who took part: Messrs. Markwell (5), R. Dewey, H. Sharp. They wish to thank the Vicar of Haddenham for the use of the bells, also for his kind reception. M.

## SPONDON PUMPING STATION, DERBYSHIRE.

A large clock with four dials has been fixed in the turret of these buildings by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WOODFORD GUILD.

During 1906 forty-three complete 720s were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Woodford, in the following methods: Plain Bob 18; Kent 15; Oxford 2; Double Court 2; Doubles 2; and one each of Cambridge, Woodbine, College Single and Double Oxford. The following members and visitors took part in the above: J. Kimberley, 40; G. A. Black, 38; G. F. Margetson, 33; S. H. Green, 29; P. A. Coard, 25; E. Wightman, 23; G. Carter, 6; J. Rann, 6; E. A. Bacon, 5; F. French, 2; J. Mardell, 2; J. Moule, 2; B. Marks, 2; H. Harris, 2. And the following one each: R. Frow, —, Booth, F. Squires, T. H. Beams, and H. W. Kirton. The conducting was shared by G. A. Black, 18; E. Wightman, 14; E. A. Bacon, 2; S. H. Green, 9.

There was a remarkable scene at the Northgate station of the Cheshire Lines Railway at Chester on Wednesday afternoon, when the Rev. Jas. Francis Howson, son of the late Dean of Chester, and for sixteen years Vicar of Christchurch, left to be inducted to the living of Guiseley, Yorkshire. So many parishioners expressed a wish to accompany the rev. gentleman that a special train had to be engaged, and in this pastor and flock left amid cheers on their long journey to Yorkshire.



## THE LATE LADY BURDETT-COUTTS.

In Lady Burdett-Coutts, who passed away full of years and honours last Sunday, England, says *The Guardian*, has lost one of the noblest women of an age that has been, almost beyond all others, rich in examples of noble womanhood.

Angela Georgina Burdett was born in St. James's-place, on April 21st, 1814. She was the fifth and youngest daughter of Sir Francis Burdett and granddaughter of Mr. Coutts, a partner in the famous banking-house that bears his name. The bulk of Mr. Coutts's large fortune was left unreservedly to his second wife, formerly the beautiful actress, Miss Harriet Mellon, who four years after his death married the Duke of St. Albans. She bequeathed, however, almost the whole of her first husband's money to his grand-daughter, Angela Burdett, with the proviso that she should take the name of Coutts. Thus in 1837, Miss Burdett, at the age of twenty-three, found herself the uncontrolled mistress of a fortune that, even allowing for some exaggeration at the time, cannot have fallen far short of a million. It was only natural that she should become at once an object of public interest, and that there should be curious speculation as to the manner in which she would dispose of her money. From the first, however, her own mind seems to have been clear on this point. "What is the use of my means," she wrote some years later to Charles Dickens. "but to try and do some good with them." The words are the keynote of her life. She gave generously, but she gave wisely, and took infinite pains to find out the best way of helping those who were in need. It has been well said of her that "it was her special aim to benefit the working classes by ways involving no loss of independence or self-respect in the recipients of her bounty."

To give the barest list of her good deeds would be beyond the limits of our space. The marvel is that her wealth, great as it was, sufficed for all that she accomplished with it. Her liberal gifts to the Church, of which she was a loyal and devoted member, are matter of history. The bishoprics of Capetown, Adelaide, and British Columbia were endowed by her. She built St. Stephen's church, Westminster, in memory of her father, in 1846-50, and St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1864. Westminster, which her father had represented in Parliament for thirty years, and for which her husband afterwards sat for many years, was also endowed by her with a Technical Institute in Viucent Square, and she gave largely to the Public Library and baths in Great Smith Street, which she opened in 1893.

But it was in the East-end that her benefactions were more particularly needed, and it was there that her generosity was most strikingly shown. In many ways she was in advance of her time. It was to bring a good and cheap food supply to the poor of Bethnal Green that she built Columbia Market at a cost of £250,000, a cost that seems lavish until we see in it a forestalling of later efforts to bring beauty into lives spent in squalid and uninteresting surroundings. Then the underlying purpose of the "rich carvings and polished granite," the "towers and belfries and polished arches deeply engraved with appropriate texts of Scripture," which excited so much amazement at the time, becomes apparent. The market, it is well-known, was a failure, but the building remains, and may yet serve an end that would have rejoiced the generous donor.

It was in June, 1871, that Queen Victoria, whose esteem and friendship for Miss Burdett-Coutts had grown with

the years, offered her a peerage, and she became Baroness Burdett-Coutts of Highgate and Brookfield in the county of Middlesex. The honour was followed a year later by the gift of the freedom of the City of London—never before conferred on a woman—and to this was added, in 1874, the freedom of the city of Edinburgh.

Of the gracious hospitality which Lady Burdett-Coutts dispensed for more than half a century, whether in Stratton-street or at Holly Lodge, Highgate, there is not room to speak here. All the distinguished men and women of the time were numbered amongst her friends, and when the full history of her life is written, the fame of the perfect hostess will be seen second only to that of the great philanthropist. Her social gifts and opportunities were to her, no less than her great wealth, a trust, and as such she exercised them during the long and faithful stewardship to which her countrymen will look back as one of the chief glories of the Victorian age.

## THE LATE REV. CANON VENABLES.

The death is announced of the Rev. George Venables, Rector of Burgh Castle, Suffolk, and Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, at the age of eighty-five. In 1874 he was appointed Vicar of Great Yarmouth, where he was so prominent and beloved a figure. During his twelve years' residence at Yarmouth he worked incessantly and unsparingly to secure the restoration of the ancient parish church, which is the largest in the kingdom. The work of restoration was practically completed in 1884, and Canon Venables gave a further proof of his enthusiasm in the work by the presentation of a massive oak pulpit, bearing figures of the twelve Apostles. Whilst Vicar of Great Yarmouth (in 1881) Mr. Venables was appointed an Honorary Canon of Norwich. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Patronage, and was Select Preacher at Cambridge in 1883. He became Rector of Burgh Castle in 1888, and in the little Suffolk village, situate but a few miles from his late parish, he laboured to the end of his days.

Canon Venables, though not a ringer, was in sympathy with ringing. To the columns of *Church Bells* he was, some years ago, a frequent contributor, and many of his quaint sayings in that paper to ringers are still remembered. The term "Stedyman's," and others of similar kind were a play on the names of ringing methods he delighted in. Canon Venables was a splendid type of an earnest and practical priest who not only worked unweariedly in his ministrations to those who acknowledged allegiance to the Church, but also tried to win those who were separated from her, recognising, as he did, that Churchmen themselves were greatly to blame for the prevalence of Dissent. His constant appearance about Yarmouth clad always in black velvet trencher and cassock of similar material was well known, and he had a kind word for everyone he met.

SOUTHEND.—The nave which has been added to Southchurch parish church, at a cost of £3,000 was dedicated on Wednesday by the Bishop of St. Albans, who expressed the hope that to meet the needs of the rapidly growing parish, the larger scheme to provide for a total accommodation of 700 at a further cost of £4,000 would not be long delayed.

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## Date Touches.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. J. Baker, S. Burgoyne, J. Hufton, A. Nicholson, J. H. Iliffe, H. Harrison, F. Johnson conductor, A. T. Baker. Composed by Joseph Barrow, of Long Eaton.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on handbells, a date touch of 1906 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 2 mins. A. Symonds, 1-2: W. Fayers, S. H. Symonds, W. Dent, T. Pryke, E. Simpson, 7-8. Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by A. Symonds.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service in the morning at Christ Church, a date touch of 1906 Stedman Triples, in 67 mins. G. Bester, S. Wade, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, F. J. Budd. Composed by H. S. Reeves.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Christmas Eve, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1906 changes, in 61 mins., consisting of 466 Plain Bob and 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. G. Cornell, W. Smith, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires, S. J. Bird, J. B. Marks. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. E. D. Pratt, who was the recipient the same evening, in the vestry, of a purse of gold and an address on his leaving the parish for Hale End.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, A. Smith, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards conductor, T. Uphall, H. Kimber. On November 25th, for evening service, 1721 Grandsire Triples. G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, A. Smith, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards conductor, T. Uphall, E. Bowditch. On December 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Blake, G. Uphall, F. LeClercq, W. Lowman, A. Bargent, C. Edwards, T. Uphall conductor, E. Newell.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On November 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. Newlyn (the Mayor's daughter) to Captain Barry, late 19th Hussars, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 55 mins. H. Bagshot, V. Street, F. Sparshott, E. Hinton, R. Street, S. Best, B. Best, A. Wooff, G. Preston conductor, B. Kerley. On Monday, December 3rd, for practice, 1680 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Bagshot, V. Street, E. Hinton, G. Plummer, S. Best, R. Street, B. Best, G. Preston conductor.

LYMINGTON (Hants).—On Tuesday, December 4th, at the church of St. Thomas of Hereford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. Miss C. Sparshott first quarter-peal, G. Preston conductor, G. Stone, C. Hughes, E. Elliott, H. Elliott, S. Clark, A. Ayles. Arranged for Miss Sparshott.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Bull, A. Phillips, G. Horwood, E. Percy, E. Beckett, E. Eales.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, December 10th, on the front six, after meeting short, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds conductor, S. H. Symonds, F. Parker, W. Dent first on tower bells, E. Simpson, L. Leeks.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, A. Jordan. On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 336 Double Oxford Bob Major. A. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Prior, G. Jordan, J.

Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. A quarter-peal of Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung in the method.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On December 20th, 704 and 576 of Kent Treele Bob by C. Watkinson, H. Haigh (conductor), B. Ball, G. Huby, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, H. Marshall, T. Thorpe. Also on Xmas Eve a quarter peal, 1280 of Kent Treble Bob in 46 minutes by C. Watkinson, H. Haigh (composer and conductor), B. Ball, W. Marshall, J. Ashton, G. Watkinson, G. Heeley, H. Marshall. This is the first quarter peal on eight bells by all, except the conductor and the 5th ringer, who hails from New Mills. Also for early Xmas morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob, C. Watkinson, H. Haigh, B. Ball, D. Ball, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, H. Marshall (conductor), T. Thorpe. These touches are the first on eight bells by all except the conductor.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

LEA (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. S. W. Butler, J. C. Tinker, T. Cragg, A. H. Wheeler, R. Dawson, G. Wilson conductor, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. C. Tinker, T. Cragg, F. S. W. Butler conductor, A. H. Wheeler, R. Dawson, G. Wilson. The above two 720s were arranged for Mr. Thomas Cragg.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Fevre, R. Bayles, W. Bellamy, C. Scott, H. Brock, G. Clow, G. Halksworth conductor, W. Howard.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 720 College Single. H. Homewood, H. G. Williams, W. Oliver, A. Taylor, C. Leigh, L. Page conductor.

HANSLOPE (Bucks).—On Christmas Day, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Kingston to Miss R. Amos, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. E. Eakins, E. Freeston, H. Warner, T. Evans. First 720 by an entirely local band.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 43 mins. A. Beacham, J. Pigott, T. Pigott, W. R. Mason, H. Grosvenor, G. Pigott conductor, S. Groves, G. Hitchman.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 24th, at All Saints church, 1136 Stedman Caters. G. Thompson, J. Grensted, E. Spiller, W. H. B. Wilkins, T. Mannering conductor, F. Ashman, W. Spice, A. Tawney, A. Palmer, J. Bonny.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Monday, December 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Gear, A. Gear, W. Streeter, J. Cotterel, A. Bashford conductor, H. Card, H. Edwards, E. Dennis.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 13th, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. F. G. Tegg, E. G. Tomlinson, H. E. Balaam, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor. And 252 Stedman Triples. H. E. Balaam, S. Wade conductor, J. Miller, H. Hiller, W. Pickworth, N. Tomlinson, F. G. Tegg, W. Crane. On Thursday, November 25th, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise. G. Bester, W. Pickworth, H. E. Balaam, J. Armstrong, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Wade, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Pickworth, H. Balaam.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins. S. Jessop, W. Mason, J. Bragg, H. Withers, S. Groves, G. Pigott, S. Bragg, A. Pegler conductor.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On December 11th, at Christ Church 720 Plain Bob. H. Bodger, E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, F. Squires, W. Keeble conductor, G. Cornell. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, G. Cornell, F. Squires, W. Keeble, J. B. Marks first as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 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 rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.

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

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Bramley to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells (6), available from ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Burslem, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Tea at 6 p.m. Service at 7.15.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard to-day, Sat., 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 to-day, Sat., January 5th. Tower open at 3. Tea at The Bell hotel at 5. Tickets 9d. each. 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.

**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.

**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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and East 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. F. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a

short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m., and will be free to those who intimate beforehand their intention of being present. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**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. DAWE, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names not later than the 8th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

E. H. ARNOLD, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Hoghton, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, January 19th. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. W. B. Frith, 4 Benn's Avenue, Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. The Association circular will be issued on the 10th, containing full particulars of the arrangements.

JNO. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston on Saturday, January 19th. The tower will be open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (rs. each) at 4.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Clarence hotel. Will those who intend taking tea kindly advise Mr. W. W. Thompson, Conservative Club, South Wigston, not later than the previous Thursday. The eight bells at Wigston Magna will also be at the disposal of the visitors.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th.

W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1907.

In this number will be found the first notice of the next meeting of the Central Council. Those concerned, *i.e.* the Secretaries of the different Associations and Guilds, are invited by the Honorary Secretary of the Council to co-operate with him in the necessary preliminaries without delay; an invitation which it is to be hoped will be responded to with alacrity.

It is too soon to entertain the smallest conjecture with regard to the subjects for discussion at the forthcoming meeting. There is one however, which it is hoped may receive some attention. The recent correspondence received by us (much of which advisedly did not appear) regarding the truth of a particular peal, has led to many similar incriminations of others. It is not out of place to hope, therefore, that some authoritative announcement may be made at the Council's next meeting indicating that a test of some kind must be satisfactorily met before reports of performances of 5000 and upwards are allowed publication in any shape. That there are difficulties in formulating such an inquest we readily admit. But it is patent to a good many ringers that something ought to be

done if possible to prevent the recognition of unworthy peals. While it cannot be too strongly urged that the ringing of a true peal is a feat worthy of the highest approbation, reflecting lasting credit upon those who ring it, there should be a stern reproof for those who publish reports which are deceptive and dishonourable. If one ringer in every peal band can be found who when the ringing is not up to the mark will protest against its being recognised in any way, we may soon have a reform in peal-ringing. Perhaps the Council will make some pronouncement in this direction, for the evil is becoming great.

The Rev T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, Essex, and late Fellow and Tutor of New College, Oxford, has been appointed by the Bishop to the Honorary Canonry at St. Albans vacant by the death of Canon Whittington. Mr. Papillon is a member of the Essex Education Committee, and has done good service to the Diocese as a member of the Readers' Board, by the action of which eleven Diocesan Readers and 115 Parochial Readers have been licensed in the past year. Our readers will be fully aware that the rev. gentleman is one of us, being Master of the Essex Association, and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE <i>Treble</i> ..	*D'OYLEY S. SIMONS..	5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	*MARK MELIER ..	6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	7.
HORATIO GUMMER .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE W. CHALLICE <i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES GEORGE ..	5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE ..	6.
GEORGE A. SMITH .. 3.	JAMES HUNT ..	7.
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Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

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On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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Being three 720s of Treble Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob.  
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Conducted by A. PITTAM.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.  
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GEORGE A. SMITH* .. <i>Treble</i> ..	BERTRAM PREWETT ..	6.
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ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE ..	8.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 4.	JAMES HUNT ..	9.
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Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,  
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On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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JOHN WARCKEN* .. <i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE B. LUCAS. SEN... 5.
ALBERT W. COLES* .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES† .. 3.	ARTHUR HARDING .. 7.
JOHN BASDEN .. 4.	*EDWARD J. SAMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of G. B. Lucas, and also the marriage of C. T. Coles to Miss Laura Meyer, which took place the previous Saturday.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD S. DEAL* .. <i>Treble</i> ..	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ..	6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 2.	D'OYLEY SIMONS ..	7.
ALFRED B. PECK .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS ..	8.
HORATIO GUMMER .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ..	9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

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

\*First attempt on ten bells.

### Handbell Peal.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. S. BIRD, 40, FINDHORN STREET, POPLAR,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL J. BIRD .. 1-2	ARTHUR J. NEALE ..	5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3-4	THOMAS CRANFIELD ..	7-8.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire—John Moule. First peal on handbells by T. Cranfield, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

## The Provinces.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 17, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED MILLS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 5.
ALFRED J. SMITH .. .. 2.	DANIEL JONES .. .. 6.
ALFRED FALLON .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
HARRY FARLOW .. .. 4.	HENRY BENTLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

## NOTTINGHAM.-THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT M. BLACKWALL .. Treble.	JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN HICKMAN .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	E. J. OLIVR .. .. 7.
HARRY R. COBBIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BELLAMY .. .. Tenor.

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

## GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS,  
5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

## HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER SMITH* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 5.
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD .. 2.	†GEORGE WHITEAKER .. .. 6.
JAMES COTTERELL .. .. 3.	*JOSEPH HY. BRAZEY .. .. 7.
THOS. B. KENDALL .. .. 4.	JOHN W. CUNDALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday peal for John Jenkinson  
(little Jack), on his 67th birthday.

## HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

HENRY STEFF .. .. Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 5.
JOSEPH WOODS* .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH BANKS .. .. 6.
JOHN MCWILTON .. .. 3.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. .. 7.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 4.	JAMES H. BANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

\*First peal in the method.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble.	JESSE GILLET .. .. 5.
SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK .. .. 4.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by T. BALDWIN.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE,

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN FLINT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
JAMES THOMPSON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 6.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 3.	RICHARD W. COLLIER .. .. 7.
JESSE MOSS .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JNO. FLINT.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE PIGOTT* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
HORACE F. STREET* .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS* .. .. 3.	*JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty 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.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHABUS BERRY .. .. 4.
JAMES ROSE .. .. 2.	FRANK CULLUM .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WOOD .. .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 9.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.



## PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2	EDWIN J. HARDING .. .. 6.
GEORGE NOICE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 4.	*HENRY C. INGRAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman, and was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROWLAND FENN .. .. Treble	D'OYLEY SIMONS .. .. 5.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. 3.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROUGHTON .. .. 4.	LEONARD W. COFSEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES* .. Treble	*HORACE F. STREET .. .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT* .. .. 2.	†ALF PADDON SMITH .. .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER† .. .. 3.	†SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS† .. .. 4.	†JOHN NEAL .. .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 5.	†JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 11.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\*First peal of Maximus. †First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, with all the 6 5s and 5 6s. Quickest peal of Maximus on the bells.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble	WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 5.
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. .. 6.
PERCIVAL WOODS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 7.
SEDLEY COLLINS .. .. 4.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN BASS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	*FRANK BOUGHTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHORT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GODFREY† .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. PARKER .. .. 3.	JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 7.
EUSTACE HARWOOD* .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal. \*First peal of Major.

## CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BOUGHTON* .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 6.
WILLIAM SHILVOCK* .. .. 3.	JOHN BASS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

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

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

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN .. Treble	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
SYDNEY M. LOXTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.	GEORGE CONDECK .. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 4.	A. O. COOLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

## CLANFIELD, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

FREDERICK FARMER .. Treble	*HARRY WHEELER .. .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 6.
GEORGE CLARK* .. .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 7.
SAMUEL EEBLES .. .. 4.	*LEONARD FIDLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

\*First peal.

## OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BULL .. Treble	CECIL VALENTINE .. .. 4.
WILLIAM G. COWLY .. .. 2.	RANDAL V. PLUMB .. .. 5.
ALFRED CLARK* .. .. 3.	GEORGE HORWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CECIL VALENTINE.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Minor. First peal on the bells after being rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. \*First peal with a bob bell.

**PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 16 cwt.  
F. R. BARRACLOUGH .. .. Treble. | T. BARKER .. .. 5.  
F. MOODY .. .. 2. | F. W. DIXON .. .. 6.  
A. WALKER .. .. 3. | J. FRYER .. .. 7.  
J. CARTER .. .. 4. | W. PEARSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

†First peal with a bob bell.

**FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.**  
**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.  
JAMES G. BENNETT .. .. Treble. | ELI WATERS .. .. 5.  
WALTER KERLEY .. .. 2. | JOHN J. BRISTOW .. .. 6.  
CHARLES R. FORFITT .. .. 3. | CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. .. 7.  
EDWIN T. GREEN .. .. 4. | CHARLES MERRIFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

J. G. Bennett was elected a member in the tower before starting for the peal.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. COULSON .. .. Treble. | ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. .. 5.  
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. .. 2. | ERNEST W. ABBOTT .. .. 5.  
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 3. | HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 6.  
EDWARD READER .. .. 4. | HARRY WHITTLE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

**OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.  
ERNEST GIBBS .. .. Treble. | CLAUDE GIBBS .. .. 4.  
WILLIAM RICKETTS\* .. .. 2. | HUBERT SALISBURY .. .. 5.  
PERCY GIBBS\* .. .. 3. | LEONARD NICHOLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by L. NICHOLS.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

**KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
(EASTERN BRANCH)

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 16 cwt. in E

ERNEST SELLERS .. .. Treble. | HARRY BISHOP, SEN. .. .. 5.  
ARTHUR SELLERS .. .. 2. | JAMES EDGOOSE .. .. 6.  
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3. | \*FREDERICK TAYLOR .. .. 7.  
CHARLES F. M. SKELTON .. .. 4. | WILLIAM BARKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and  
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.  
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. Treble. | JOHN BASS .. .. 5.  
GEORGE PIGOTT\* .. .. 2. | REV. C. A. CLEMENTS .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. .. 3. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.  
WILLIAM FISHER\* .. .. 4. | ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. A. Clements, who was leaving this place the following day.

**HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, December 27, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.  
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. .. 5.  
GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 2. | WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 6.  
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 3. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.  
JOHN BASS .. .. 4. | ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

**STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, December 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.  
ROBERT C. PRIDGEON .. .. Treble. | ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 5.  
EDWIN BRISTOW .. .. 2. | ARTHUR HUTCHINGS .. .. 6.  
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3. | GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 7.  
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4. | \*HARRY WADEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age, and is the son of the Vicar of Steyning, it being his first attempt for a peal, the band congratulating him for the able manner he rang his bell throughout. It was also rang as a birthday compliment to G. Gatland, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**  
**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, December 28, 1906, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.  
THOMAS BUTLER .. .. Treble. | BENSON W. MILLARD .. .. 5.  
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. .. 2. | JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.  
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. .. 3. | FREDERICK ATWELL .. .. 7.  
JOHN BUTLER .. .. 4. | JAMES PIPPIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. JONES.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the widow of John Wreford, who was steeplekeeper at the above church for twenty years; also to their son in law, William Davies, whose funeral took place on this day at St. Woold's Cemetery.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.  
J. H. R. FREEBORN .. .. Treble. | G. R. FARDON .. .. 5.  
FREDERICK WEBB .. .. 2. | HARRY JUDGE .. .. 6.  
C. J. GARDNER .. .. 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.  
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 4. | WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

**HORBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 12 cwt.**

A. FOTHERGILL .. .. .Treble.	E. ANDREWS .. .. . 5
G. HUNT .. .. . 2.	G. F. PICKLES .. .. . 6.
G. BARSTOW* .. .. . 3.	A. SMITH .. .. . 7.
J. WOFFENDEN .. .. . 4.	J. W. MOORHOUSE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

\*First peal on eight bells. First peal of Treble Bob by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6. First peal in the method as conductor.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

JOHN HIGGINS* .. .. .Treble.	ALBERT N. ATKINS .. .. . 5.
HARRY HOPKINS .. .. . 2.	*EPHRAIM MARKS .. .. . 6.
FRANCIS HEDGES .. .. . 3.	WALTER SEAR .. .. . 7.
HARRY SEAR .. .. . 4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

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

**BURSTOW, SURREY.***On Saturday, December 29 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

**Tenor 11½ cwt.**

FRANK SADLER* .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE ILLMAN .. .. . 4.
JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. . 2.	HENRY REEVES .. .. . 5.
NORMAN WAKEFIELD .. .. . 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have just been increased to six by the addition of a new treble.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.**

GEORGE BULL .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK JAMES COPE .. .. . 5.
REGINALD GRIMMITT STONE 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. . 6.
ALBERT PERCY WAKLEY .. .. . 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. . 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. . 4.	JAMES HENRY GALIMORE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

**Handbell Peal,****ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****(ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)***On Thursday, December 20, 1906, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

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

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

**THE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT MARKET DRAYTON.**

SIR,—I must refer Mr. Bradney to my letter in your issue of the 3rd November, in which I wrote that "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 October." Surely this disclaimer is sufficient for anyone. **BERTRAM PREWETT.**

**A CLAIM.**

SIR,—I am sorry to have to inform my friend, Mr. H. D. Wilde, that the 5184 Double Norwich, published by him on 15th ult., was first published and rung about ten years ago, as my composition. **G. LINDOFF.**

**WIDFORD, ESSEX.**

On Saturday, December 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, members of the neighbourhood presented Mr. H. W. Kirtton with a time-piece, as a token of their esteem, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Loveday, of Brentwood, with every good wish for his future life at Bury, Lancashire. Mr. Kirtton very heartily thanked his brother-strings for their kindness.

**THE MAUDE FUND.**

A subscription list has been opened on behalf of the widow and children of the late Fred Maude. The Shipley Parish Church Society wishes to head the list with a donation of £1 is. The widow and children are left entirely destitute, having no relatives or means to look forward to. The Shipley ringers beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. F. B. Kendall, Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, and will be acknowledged in this paper only.

**SERIOUS CONDITION OF A HEREFORD CHURCH SPIRE.**—The Dean of Hereford presided over a meeting held at the Town-hall, Hereford, on Saturday, regarding the serious condition of All Saints' Church spire. From the report of Mr. Nicholson, Diocesan Surveyor, who inspected it with a steeplejack, it appears that there is a fracture about 12 feet from the capstone, and a twist of one-sixteenth of an inch out of its original setting, presumably the result of the earthquake of 1876. It was decided to proceed with the work at once and appeal to the public for a sum of £200. One of the pillars on which the tower and spire rest has departed from its original shape. The church has a fair ring of eight bells.

**HOOK MEMORIAL CHURCH, LEEDS.**—The Vicar of Leeds has received a cheque for £5 from "A Grateful American Church-woman" for the tower fund of the Hook Memorial Church (All Souls). The donor writes:—"I see there is something still to be done to the Memorial Church. I owe a great debt to Dean Hook from having read his life."

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT.**—Mr. W. C. G. Gladstone, of Hawarden Castle, has presented the parishioners of Saltney Ferry, near Chester, with a site for a new church.

\* \* Notwithstanding the great quantity of peal-records this week, there are one or two lately received which have to remain over till next week. Our friends may rest assured that all such important matters will appear in their proper order, and with no delay. It will be found incumbent on all who ring peals to send on their reports as quickly as possible, so that they may be dealt with at the earliest moment by the compilers of the yearly Analysis.

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### Obituary.

On Friday, December 14th, 1906, at his residence, Park Street, Wednesbury, there passed away Mr. Thomas Foster, a noted bell-ringer in the black country for many years. Born in 1825, and connected with the old parish church, Wednesbury, he commenced his ringing career when very young, and retained his connection with the old place till within a few months of his death, at the age of 81 years, and he was buried in the family grave at St. James' church, Wednesbury. He was held in great respect by all who knew him. His old company of ringers was represented at the funeral by Mr. Henry Tinsley, the present tower keeper at the old church. After the funeral the bells of the parish church were deeply muffled and a quarter peal of Bob Major, 1360 changes, was rung by the following band: H. Tinsley, W. E. Brittan, W. R. Small, C. Wallater, H.

Belcher, G. Hughes (conductor), W. Smith, J. Lawton: also a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Wallater. The late Mr. T. Foster was connected with the old church tower as ringer, conductor, and tower keeper for more than 60 years, and always took a lively interest in bells and bell ringing. He rang peals upon the old peal of eight, which were augmented to ten, and were opened on March 5th, 1855. The first peal rang by him was Kent Treble Bob Major, 5056 changes, at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, November 25th, 1845, composed and conducted by Paul Cashmore. He also rang and conducted many peals of Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and others in which I took part. He was a safe ringer and conductor. He also rang in long peal of Grandsire Caters, 10,061 changes, 5 hours 55 minutes, on May 21st, 1861, also peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on Sunday, April 29th, 1866, the band being all natives of

Wednesbury; there are five of this band living now. I may here mention that in my earlier days of ringing at this place, at the death of one of the band of ringers at Wednesbury, the band met to ring with the bells muffled every night for a week, once a week for a month, once a month for a year, and once a year for seven years at the anniversary of the death of a ringer, but now in place of all this, they ring a peal instead, after the funeral of the deceased member. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on Saturday, December 20th, 1906, but failed after ringing about 1800 changes in 1 hour 25 minutes, by A. Wallater, H. Tinsley, W. Fisher, C. Wallater, W. R. Small, G. Hughes (conductor), W. Smith, H. Belcher, J. Lawton, F. Halls-worth, junr. This band are members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Association, as also was the late Mr. T. Foster.

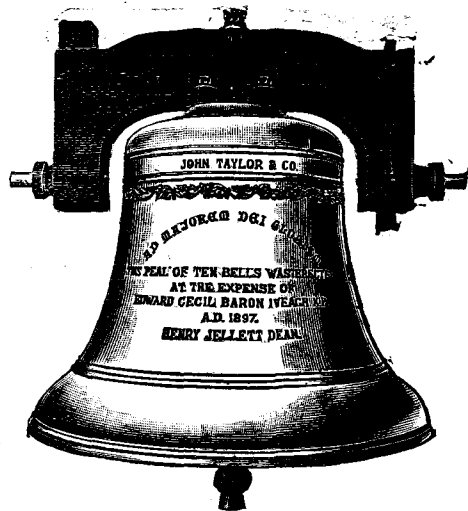
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Mr. Harry Burstow, of Horsham, who was eighty-one years of age on Tuesday last, completed sixty-four years' service as bell-ringer at Horsham, Sussex. He has never once been absent from his post, and he claims this to be a world's record in ringing. It will be remembered that we gave a portrait of our old friend some years ago.

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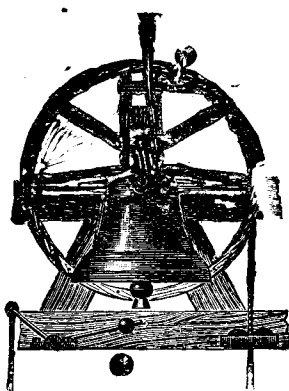
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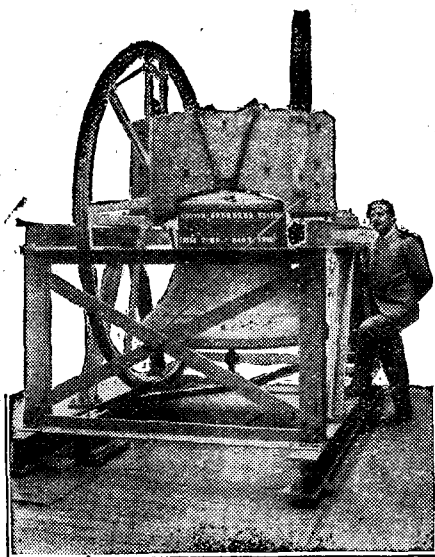
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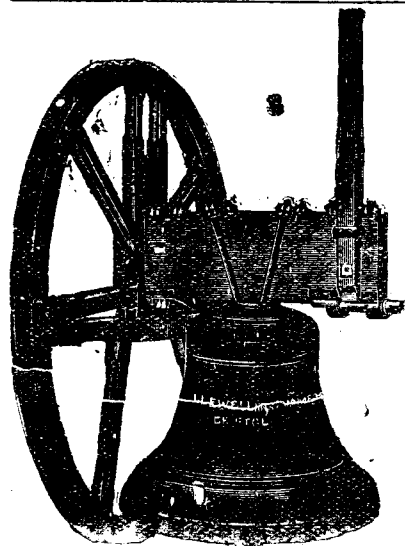
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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 5th, and was well attended by members from Bedford, Woburn, Luton, Dunstable, Bletchley, Newport Pagnell, Aspley Guise, Crewe, and Linslade. Touches of Stedman Caters, Treble Bob, and Bob Royal, were rung during the afternoon. The company, consisting of a pleasure party of about twenty, then adjourned to partake of tea. In the absence of the Rev. A. Rust through illness in his family, the minutes of the last meeting were not produced. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker held the place of chairman, for which post he is so well suited.

Two new members were elected, and a short discussion then took place with regard to the overlapping of another society. It was decided to bravely fight against such action by members who wish to remain firm and true to their association, and it is hoped that all will see how much better we, as brother ringers, shall get on if all cling together. There is strife and variance in everything, but let us as a company stand to our colours, support one another, and try our utmost to bury past grievances, and in the year 1907 determine to go hand in hand. This can never be while there is so much personality in the belfry, it will ever cause disturbances, and these we wish to do without.

Various touches were rung during the evening, consisting of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich, and Superlative. At the close of which I trust that all were satisfied with their pull in the grand old tower, of which us Leightonians are more than proud.

J. NICHOLLS.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

This Association, represented by Messrs. W. H. Rice (captain), Arthur James, David Williams, C. Moss, E. Chamberlain, R. Smale, R. Moss, Henry Williams, Howell Gwyn, together with the Vicar, assembled shortly before eleven o'clock in the belfry of Sketty Church on Christmas Eve. After engaging in prayer the Rev. C. G. Lillingston expressed pleasure at being present and reverently continued "To the honour and glory of God, in memory of a peal of Grandsire Triples rang in this tower Tuesday, January 31st, 1606, I now dedicate this tablet, Christmas, 1906." He then unveiled a brass mural tablet, subscribed by the villagers, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on January 31st, 1906.

Mr. Charles Morse (secretary), in a neat little speech, thanked the Vicar for the kind words he had spoken and the interest he had taken in their unique fete in that tower, and Mr. Harry Williams seconded. The company heartily endorsed. The season's compliments having been exchanged, the ringers rang out a merry peal to herald Christmas morn.

## WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

A very interesting and instructive event took place at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, January 6th, 1907. The Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith) unveiled a tablet, recording the first local peal on the bells rung by parishioners, on May 10th, 1906.

The children's service held by the Rector during the afternoon formed a fitting occasion for the ceremony.

The ringers rang the bells for the service, and opened with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. Laker, S. White, J. Walter, E. Trendell, H. Smith, S. Walter (conductor). After this, W. Norris conducted three courses of Plain Bob, E. Slingsby, of Sturry, assisting. The service then commenced with an Epiphany hymn.

The Rector's address was divided into two parts, the first part dealing with the Epiphany, the second with the unveiling of the tablet. He gave the ringers great praise for their energy and perseverance in the ringing of the bells and church work generally, and referred with much pride to the mutual feeling of sympathy existing between him and them. He said the work was now done in a very different manner than when he first came to the parish more than thirty years ago. He advised all to follow their example of bull-dog perseverance in whatever they undertook. The ringers then rang "their best," whilst the congregation listened. The children, about fifty in number, then marched into the belfry, saw the Rector unveil the tablet, and listened attentively to his explanations. The final hymn was No 379 (A. and M.)

The service finished, the adults numbering about twenty, then visited the ringing chamber, which had been decorated very tastefully in harmony with other parts of the church, viewed the tablet, signed the visitors' book, and observed how the bells are rung in various methods, viz., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Thus ended a very great event in the life of the parish, and one which will be remembered for many years to come by those who had the privilege of witnessing it.

## HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Halesworth and Chediston companies took place on Tuesday last, the members prior to business being invited to a capital dinner by their President, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rector and rural dean. This was served at The Swan hotel, when after a short touch on the church bells, nearly a full muster sat down to a bountiful spread about half-past seven. The chair was occupied by the Rector, who was faced in the vice-chair by Mr. J. Howard (treasurer), and supported by Mr. W. Cady (Chediston treasurer), Mr. F. C. Lambert (secretary) and Mr. W. Baker (assistant secretary).

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary read his report, showing that the members had rung two peals of 5040 changes during the past year, one at Halesworth, for which a peal board had been erected, and the other at Rumburgh. The ringing for Sunday services had been well maintained, and the company had the pleasure

**Peal-Boards** made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 109 Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

of ringing on three days during the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Henham Hall. The treasurer (Mr. Jas. Howard), read out a statement of accounts, shewing a small balance in hand, and the Chediston treasurer (Mr. W. Cady), also gave an interesting account of the state of finance of the Chediston company, which was accepted as very satisfactory. The above officers were all re-elected, and Mr. H. Pratt was chosen Secretary of the Chediston band in place of Mr. T. Crane, who had resigned through ill-health. The new members elected at this meeting included four ladies (honorary and performing) for Halesworth, and two probationers for Chediston.

The President, addressing the company, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the bellringers of his two parishes, and to hear such excellent reports from the various officers. He reminded the ringers that they were all church workers, and as such should try and do their best to carry out this work to the honour and glory of God. He held that church bells were a continued object lesson, reminding worshippers of their duty, and reproving those who failed in such duties. They had a very musical ring of bells at Chediston, but there were only four, and doubtless a treble bell would be a great improvement to the peal. Possibly in the future this bell would be added. The rev. gentleman concluded his remarks by heartily thanking the ringers for their continued and long services to the church.

Handbell ringing, songs, readings, etc., occupied the remainder of the evening, during which a vote of thanks was accorded to the President for his attendance, and kind entertainment. The singing of "God save the King" at 11 p.m. brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

#### ST. ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON, CAMBS.

##### AN INTERESTING RECORD.

On New Year's Eve the old custom of ringing the old year out and the new year in, was revived after an interval of eleven years, and the incident is all the more interesting from the fact that four out of the five ringers were members of the family at the vicarage, and that the ages of the oldest and youngest ringers were eighty-three and twelve respectively. The following were the ringers: E. Reader (sexton, 83), 1; L. H. Shelton (13), 2; A. T. Shelton (12), 3; Rev. N. Shelton (Vicar), 4; O. W. M. Shelton (16), 5. The tenor weighs nearly 20 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

During 1906 fifty-two complete 720s were rung on the bells of St. Laurence, Seal Chart, in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure by eight local men. D. J. Goldsmith 48, conducted 24; J. Ford 51, conducted 10; W. Wenban 46, conducted 4; A. Burr, 43; J. Austin 42; G. E. Kettel 31, conducted 9; F. Osborne 27; H. Goodwin 20, conducted 5; and two visitors—A. Bailey 1; M. Exeter 1.

A subscription list has been opened on behalf of the widow and children of the late Fred Maude. The Shipley Parish Church Society has headed the list with a donation of £1 is. The widow and children are left entirely destitute, having no relatives or means to look forward to. The Shipley ringers beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. F. B. Kendall, Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

#### SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

In "THE BELL NEWS" for December 22nd last year, my esteemed friend Mr. William Snowdon graphically described his hunt through the old ringing books for Surprise Minor methods, basing his selections upon the definitions laid down by the Central Council's Committee on Method Classification. For his compliments and recognition of the Committee's labours, I thank him very kindly.

In one part of his very interesting and valuable article Mr. Snowdon refers to myself and my researches into Annable MS. In response thereto, I shall be glad to refer him to the methods published in our paper some eighteen months or two years ago, pointing out those that hold up to the Surprise standard.

"BELL NEWS," Vol. 23.

Norwich Treble Bob ... page 341 }  
Reading Surprise ... " 376 } Annable's Notebook.  
Oxford Surprise ... " 400 }

College Bob the 3rd. Stedman's Campanalogia, 1677 Edition.

"BELL NEWS," vol. 24.

Canterbury Bob, page 124. Annable's Note Book.  
Westminster, as given in Standard Methods.

These are all Surprise methods in my view. "Norwich Treble Bob," as Annable entitles it, has no places when Treble is laying behind, nor when at lead except at a bob, but the absence of places in both positions balance the method constitutionally.

Mr. Snowdon also asks for Annable's version of Cambridge Surprise Major. This will be found below.

#### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

As given in Annable's MS., p. 120.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7  
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7  
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5  
2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7  
6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5  
6 2 1 4 3 8 5 7  
2 6 4 1 8 3 7 5  
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8 2 4 6 7 1 5 3  
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4 8 5 2 7 6 3 1  
8 4 2 5 6 7 3 1  
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5 7 8 1 4 3 6 2  
7 5 1 8 3 4 2 6  
7 5 8 1 4 3 6 2  
5 7 1 8 3 4 2 6  
5 1 7 8 4 3 6 2  
1 5 8 7 3 4 2 6  
5 1 8 3 7 2 4 6  
1 5 3 8 2 7 6 4

The following note by Benjamin Annable is given on the same page, and may be interesting to method students:—

This peal hath the same likeness of Cambridge Surprise on Six Bells as high as its possible to prick it. Therefore it justly may be called as it is here.

The treble is a Treble Bob hunt, and as long as she is under seventh's place, going up or down, the first six bells worke it exactly.

But when she is dodging behind the bells in 1 and 6ths lies still, and when she lye behind the bell in 7ths lye with her, and the other 6 make a single dodge.

This note, in my opinion, Mr. Editor, makes it pretty clear that Annable is the author of this version of Cambridge Surprise Major, if not the Minor also.

HENRY DAINS.

P.L. 1 5 8 3 7 2 4 6  
B.L. 1 3 5 8 7 2 4 6

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Exeter on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, 1907. Reports of Committees and any Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 20th April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the first instant, and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in the address of themselves or of representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.*

## STOWE CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A large new clock is to be erected in this church from a legacy left for the purpose by a parishioner, and the executors have placed the order for a new clock with Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5040.

2	3	1	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8	4th	12	13	4th	3	4
7	3	6	4	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	2	4	5	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	6	4	5	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	7	4	5	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	6	2	5	3	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Repeat six times, with S instead of the last bob gives 2314576.

The first four courses have ten sixes each, and the last only four.

The 3rd is observation in this part: then the 6th, 7th, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

2	3	1	4	5	7	6	4th	12	13	4th	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	7	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	6	7	4	5	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	3	6	1	5	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	3	6	1	5	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	-
2	3	7	4	5	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	-
2	3	6	4	5	1	7	-	-	s	-	-	-	s	-	-	-
6	3	1	4	5	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	5	7	2	4	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The first seven courses consist of ten sixes each, and the last of six only. The 5th is the observation bell in this part; then the 4th, 2nd, 1st, 7th, 6th and 3rd.

This peal was built from B blocks. It is an irregular fourteen part, as here presented. It might be made an irregular twenty-eight part, but it cannot be made into a regular seven part. It is the only peal yet published which contains no irregular sixes, and the only one on a seven-part plan; but it is not adapted for ringing because it contains 56 six bob sets, which cannot be broken up; but it suggests future possibilities from B block composition which are worth looking into.

\* \* It is incumbent on all who ring peals to send on their reports as quickly as possible, so that they may be dealt with at the earliest moment by the compilers of the yearly Analysis.

## THE MUTILATION OF BELLS.

The following letter, under the above heading, has appeared in *The Guardian* :—

SIR,—Although this subject is somewhat technical, its importance to clergy, churchwardens, and lovers of bells leads me to ask you to admit its discussion in your columns.

Sixty years ago, when the new Houses of Parliament were approaching completion, the late Lord Grimthorpe was asked by the Board of Works to superintend the provision of a clock and bells in the clock tower; and as in his opinion bell-founding had no scientific basis, he secured in his Agreement power to make experiments at the public cost on the composition of the metal, the form or outline of bell, and the thickness necessary for a given note. The results being published, bell-founding, which had rested on the traditions of rival firms, and had taken no account of the deterioration of metals in modern smelting, was put on a firmer basis, and it was proved that good bells can still be cast if sufficient metal be allowed for the proposed pitch. One result of these experiments was to alter the form of the heavier bells. Formerly all church bells were cast with long ears (called canons) attached to the crown of the bell, which were let into the wooden stock and fastened to it by iron straps. Lord Grimthorpe came to the conclusion that canons were not necessary provided that the crown of the bell were made thicker in proportion. He never, so far as I have heard or read, sanctioned the practice of cutting off the canons of existing bells and grinding the unfortunate crown to a smooth face. This is even done to peals made up of bells cast in different centuries. It is well known that founders have always had different theories as to the distribution of the necessary weight of metal, and so one crown in a peal may be much thinner than another, and yet this drastic rule-of-thumb is implied impartially to all alike. I would ask, what advantage is there to counterbalance the cost and the risk of weakening a good bell, always remembering that it takes now 25 cwt. of bell metal to produce the soft, rich tone which two centuries ago could be got to a given pitch out of a ton of metal?

Looking at the devastation of the fire at Selby Abbey some weeks ago, I saw, to my great surprise, that the musical peal of that church had been mutilated as I have described; the crown of each bell, after being ground down, had been pierced with holes, and the weight of the bell borne by steel wire which would be attached to the block. What I saw led me to make further enquiries, and, by the kindness of a friend, I am able to give a list of the bells, with their condition after the fire :—First (Mears, 1863), crown torn; second (Mears, 1863), crown torn and a piece broken out; third (Mears, 1821), crown torn; fourth (Sellons, York, 1710), broken in pieces; fifth (Sellons, 1710), crown slightly cracked; sixth (Sellons, 1710), crown torn; seventh (Sellons, 1710), crown torn and cracked from crown to lip; weight of tenor slightly over a ton. The mere perusal of this chronicle of damage is sufficient to show the result of the tampering with the crown of each bell. The sight of them is still more instructive. Bell-metal is easily fused, and the bells seem to have been torn by their own weight as half-toasted cheese will drop off a toasting-fork. The usual fate of church bells in fire is to be cracked by water or broken by falling.

I wish that clergy or churchwardens solicited by a founder to mutilate a peal of good bells would come to look at the Selby peal, which are in the Abbey, and may remain there for some time.

HENRY GREEVES.

Wistow Vicarage, Selby, December 31, 1906.

## Obituary.

## JOHN BURKIN, OF NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Saturday, January 5th, we laid the above-named ringer to rest in the quiet little churchyard of Nutfield. Old Jack, as he was known by all, had a long and honourable career as a six-bell ringer, in fact he was one of the old school who believed in doing things well, good striking being his motto. He was one of the oldest ringers in the county, and was known for miles round. He assisted in the ringing at Nutfield on the coronation of Queen Victoria, and also at her two jubilees, and up till about three-and-a-half years ago kept up his ringing for Sunday services and practice nights. When health began to fail him he often said "his heart was good enough, but it's my wind;" but he was always willing and pleased to give a young ringer advice. He was called the father of ringers here, and some good ones he has turned out. I think his last course was a little over three years ago, on the treble, but for upwards of sixty years he was to be seen in the belfry regular. He was the father of that well-known ringer, William Burkin, a former Master of the College Youths, of whom he was very proud, now deceased about three years. He was in his 87th year, and his illness he bore like a christian should. With the assistance of W. Mayne, of Bletchingley, we rang a 720 with bells deeply muffled. May he rest in peace.

S. E.

## RAYMOND SUMMERSELL, OF SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place at his residence on December 21st, very sudden. Deceased followed his employment as a plumber on the Knepp Castle Estate up to the day he died. He had been ailing previously, but still with that resolute nature which he possessed he continued to keep up till he was seized with a paralytic fit, from which he never rallied. The funeral took place at the parish church, Shipley, on December 24th, being carried to his last resting place by four of his fellow-workmen, and followed by all his old brother-strings. He was in his 52nd year. The bells he loved to ring were rang deeply muffled by the Shipley company, assisted by Messrs. F. W. and J. Rice, of Crawley, and that grand old veteran Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham (who has turned 80) under whom deceased learnt the Art. A kind letter came to hand in the belfry from Mr. E. C. Merritt, of Brighton, expressing his deep regret to the Shipley company in their loss, and with Mrs. Summersell in her great bereavement. Mr. Summersell will be long remembered by ringers from far and near visiting the neighbourhood for his kind hospitality, and much sympathy is felt for his sorrowing wife and family, who would always help him to make a visit to the old church a visit of pleasure. Touches of Oxford Single, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob were rung after the funeral by J. Bowell, J. Rice, F. W. Rice, S. Woolgar, W. Pearce, W. Denman, A. Cripps, H. Burstow, H. Tourle. On Saturday evening, December 29th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Single Bob. J. C. Penn, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, H. Tourle, J. Bowell, W. Denman conductor. On Sunday, before morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bowell, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, H. Tourle, A. Cripps, W. Denman conductor. Before evening service 720 Court Bob. J. C. Penn, R. Bowell, W. Pearce, S. Woolgar, J. Bowell, W. Denman conductor. Deceased had taken part in three peals of Minor, but would always make himself content to ring a 720 if it was well struck, for nothing pleased him better than good striking. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Shipley band in expressing their profound regret and sorrow in losing such a prominent member, and to his relatives and friends in their great bereavement. Rest in peace.

A. C.

## THOMAS SALE.

The above-named ringor departed this life on Friday, November 21st, at Portwood, Stockport, in the 74th year of his age, having been a ringer more than fifty years. Mr. Sale learnt to ring in the very early fifties. At that time a new ring of eight had just been located in St. George's tower, Hyde, and a company of young men began to learn the Art of ringing under the tuition of Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, the well-known

ringer and composer, of which company our late friend became an active and striving member. Great progress was made, and many peals in different methods were accomplished. Too many for some people, for there is a tradition (often repeated by Mr. Sale) that at one peal attempt when the parson of the church wanted to stop the ringing, and not being able to get into the belfry, he had recourse to throwing stones at and through the window of the ringing chamber, which had the desired effect. Mr. Sale did the most of his peal ringing when the best place for reporting such performances was in the columns of *Bell's Life in London*, and peal records were often found next to a cock fight or a ratting contest. That time however was long before the advent of "THE BELL NEWS," our own paper, with its army of correspondents, its excellent reporting and interesting literature. Mr. Sale removed to Stockport about thirty years ago, and took part in all ringing at St. Mary's when health permitted. He also rang in the first peal at St. George's, Stockport, in December, 1906. Muffled peals were rung at St. Mary's to his memory, and a deputation of ringers from that church attended his funeral. His peal performances will be from eighty upwards in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire. This is a computation, no list forthcoming. B.

## JOHN RICHARD RUSSELL.

By the death of this promising and enthusiastic young ringer the Tonbridge company have sustained a serious loss. A member for some nine years past, he had persevered until he had mastered Grandsire and Plain Bob, and at his death had been making good progress in Stedman. Placed in a position that rendered peal-ringing a feat that could seldom be attempted—for, like many another, he could not embrace those opportunities of getting about among ringers of ability that fall to the lot of some members of the Exercise, yet he had accomplished at least two peals of Grandsire Triples in an eminently satisfactory manner. After a most painful illness of some six days he passed away peacefully on December 21st last, at the early age of 32, leaving a widow and one little girl to mourn his loss. His remains were interred in Tonbridge Cemetery on December 24, in the presence of brother ringers of Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Hadlow. Afterwards the ringers met in Tonbridge belfry and rang some short touches with the bells muffled. He will be much missed by his many friends. *Requiescat in pace.*

## Correspondence.

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

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

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—May I enquire through your paper of the conductors of the nearest ringing towers to Hodnet where strangers are welcome to a pull.

A. J. TARR.

## SMALLEST VILLAGE.

SIR,—Not having received an answer to above question I asked through your valuable paper, I should like to ask whether anyone can inform me if they know of a band of ringers in England residing in a parish of less than 300 inhabitants who have rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods.

19, Dapdune Road, Guildford.

JAMES HUNT.

## AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

SIR,—I beg to apologise to my friend Mr. G. Lindoff for having published one of his peals, and give up claim to it, but I was under the impression that there had not been any peal of Double Norwich published on that plan, and having the qualities mentioned, and I do not know how I have missed noticing Mr. Lindoff's peal if it was published in "THE BELL NEWS" about ten years ago.

W. H. WILDE.

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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. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 24th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th and 29th, 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.

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

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, to-day, Sat., 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. 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.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The next quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at the parish church, Halifax, to-day, Sat., January 12th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. J. COTTERELL, *Hon. Sec.*

302, Hopwood Lane, Halifax.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby to-day, Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 5.30. Reports now ready.

WALTER HUGHES, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting of the North and East District of this Association will be held at St. George's in the East to-day, Sat., January 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. F. St. John Corbett). The bells will be raised at 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m., and will be free to those who intimate beforehand their intention of being present. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting in the division will be held at Southover, Lewes, to-day, Sat., January 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. ROBERT J. DAWZ, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

15, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Sat., January 12th, at the parish church, Stafford. Bells available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 p.m. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—Devises Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Sat., January 12th, at 3 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested. E. H. ARNOLD, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at

Holy Trinity church, Houghton, to-day, Sat., January 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, January 19th. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. W. B. Frith, 4 Benn's Avenue, Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield. The Association circular will be issued on the 10th, containing full particulars of the arrangements.

JNO. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston on Saturday, January 19th. The tower will be open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (rs. each) at 4.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Clarence hotel. Will those who intend taking tea kindly advise Mr. W. W. Thompson, Conservative Club, South Wigston, not later than the previous Thursday. The eight bells at Wigston Magna will also be at the disposal of the visitors.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Walsden on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next Meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are asked to make an effort to attend.

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

**The North Notts. Association.**—Next quarterly meeting at Ordsall on Saturday, January 19th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea, please inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by January 15th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The annual meeting of the above society will be held on Monday, January 21st, after the usual practice at St. Martin's at 8 p.m.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow on Saturday, January 26th. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. A presentation will be made to the late Secretary. The tower and bells at St. Mary's will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, January 23rd.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

**Pendleton, Manchester.**—The practice night has been altered to Monday from Friday. Those with annual reports please copy.

W. SHUKER.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1907.

A member of the Bedfordshire Association who resides in the town of Leighton Buzzard, sends us this week an account of an Association meeting held there. There is very little to be gathered from this account of what business was transacted at the meeting. Our correspondent, who signs his name to his communication, is rather in the dolours with respect to the want of union among the members with regard to the grievance of what is known as "overlapping." If we understand the question rightly, it is a mere bogey. If ringers living in one county prefer to join a ringing Association in another county, what is there to hinder them? Ringers, like many other people, have sometimes strange and peculiar ideas, and are tenacious in adhering to them. We must put up with these things, and do the best we can with their existence. Obstinacy is found in every walk of life: "A wilful man will have his way," and it is better to let people enjoy their own obstinate inclinations than worry over them. Somehow or other matters which apparently

will not mix, come out right in the end. And therefore we must possess our souls in patience while looking forward, hoping for more agreeable conditions to arrive.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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

JOHN ANSELL .. .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 5.
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JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung with the bells half muffled for the midnight service.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

EDWARD LUCAS .. .. Treble.	HENRY TORBLE .. .. 5.
FRANK C. NEWMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. 6.
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CALEB FENN .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALBERT C. HARDY.

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

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

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 8.) Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	*RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 6.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	*HARRY MAY, JUN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method. The above composition, in twelve equal parts, is now rung for the first time.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. KELLEY .. .. 5.
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Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Tuesday, January 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDMUND G. TOMLINSON .. Treble.	HARRY E. BALAAM .. .. 5.
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FREDERICK G. TEGG .. .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
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Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

### The Provinces.

#### CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. Treble.	EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. 5.
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ELGAR KING .. .. 4.	ERNEST EVEREST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin Smith.

[This peal has evidently been forgotten till now.]

#### ENMORE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 9 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor about 18 cwt.

CLIFFORD TOTTLE .. .. Treble.	E. C. SWEET .. .. 4.
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Conducted by A. E. COLES.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the 65th anniversary of His Majesty's birthday.

#### EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM WHITE* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR MILES .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 2.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 4.	CHARLES CRUNDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

\*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Piper.

#### BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

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Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

#### HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD PERL* .. .. Treble.	JOHN C. MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. .. 2.	PATRICK LARVAN .. .. 6.
MARK MELIA .. .. 3.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 7.
PERCY JOHNSON .. .. 4.	GEORGE MCHALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by P. JOHNSON.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of J. A. Teale, who has been a member of the local company for some years, to Miss E. Burn, of Holbeck, his brother ringers wishing them much happiness.

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

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Treble.	WALTER COATES .. .. 6.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. .. 7.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 3.	THOMAS HAIGH .. .. 8.
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WILLIAM G. ROSE* .. .. 5.	WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of the 4th ringer, who attained his majority on Christmas Day, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal on ten bells.

# EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. RUMBLE .. Treble.	*ALFRED ROSEWELL .. .. 4.
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Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of opening a new floor in the church. First peal by a local hand. The tenor man has rung on these bells for fifty years.

# WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. CLARK* .. .. Treble.	*F. HARRIS .. .. 3.
A. BOOKER* .. .. 2.	*C. BLACKMAN .. .. 4.
J. NETLEY .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by J. NETLEY.

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

# GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 28, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN.* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. .. 5.
JAMES HUNT .. .. 2.	RALPH WOOD .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. BRION† .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, SEN. 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM LOADER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. The age of the ringer of the treble is 15 years.

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Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

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Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

\*First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

# WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN ANSELL .. .. Treble.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 5.
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Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

# CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

HENRY MULLARD .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MACK .. .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM DAY .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3.	FREDERICK BENNETT .. 7.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 4.	GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Attwell's daughter. \*First peal on eight bells.

# DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROOME* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE TOMLINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BIDGOOD* .. .. 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 6.
GEORGE BASSON* .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM HOLBROOK .. 7.
FRANK WORMINGTON* .. 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells, and was rung to commemorate the election of Councillor R. B. Chambers, one of the churchwardens of the above church, to the office of Mayor for the borough of Derby.

# BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY .. .. Treble.	JAMES T. SHAW .. .. 5.
JOHN R. BREARLEY .. .. 2.	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 6.
SAMUEL HARRISON* .. .. 3.	REGGIE DYSON .. .. 7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARRISON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

\*First peal. Rung to usher out the old year, the bells coming into rounds a few minutes before midnight. The tenor was then struck twelve strokes, then rounds and firing told of the birth of the new year.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST COULSON .. .. Treble	WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE .. .. 2.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 7.
JAMES GOODWIN .. .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. 8.
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. .. 9.
ERNEST W. ABBOTT .. .. 5.	HORACE F. STUBBS .. .. Tenor.

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

PULHAM, NOROLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

ARTHUR ROOPE .. .. Treble	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 2.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROOPE, JUN. .. 4.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by A. ROOPE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
PETER LAFLIN .. .. 2.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 6.
PERCIVAL WOODS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

This peal was finished at 11 p.m.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt.

TITUS PEERS .. .. Treble	THOMAS BARLOW .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY .. .. 3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 4.	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

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

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. Treble	PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
GEORGE WAY .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

EDINBURGH.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD COWE† .. .. Treble	J. S. M'CULLOCH .. .. 5.
THOS. S. THOM .. .. 2.	*J. R. ROBERTSON .. .. 6.
WM. B. SAMPSON .. .. 3.	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 7.
ROBERT J. C. THOM .. 4.	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. C. S. HEATHCOTE.  
†First peal. \*First peal in the method. 1, 3, 6 and 7 are members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society; 2, 4, 5 and 8 of St. Cuthbert's Society.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

MAURICE SELBY* .. .. Treble	BENSON W. MILLARD .. 5.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 2.	ARTHUR E. MOBGAN .. 6.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 3.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 7.
JAMES FORD* .. .. 4.	CORNELIUS BOWEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.

\*First peal. First peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD .. .. Treble	FREDERICK FRENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 6.
EDWARD AUDSLEY .. .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN SAXBY* .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM BOND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

\*First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Baroness Burdett Coutts, who was laid to rest at noon that day, in Westminster Abbey. Mr. William J. Nevard, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Great Bentley, Essex.

## SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 7.
JOHN BASS .. .. 4.	JOHN RAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

## PENSHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 4.) Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY SEAL .. .. Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. .. 2.	EDWIN SMITH .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CURTIS* .. .. 3.	ERNEST EVEREST .. .. 7.
ELGAR KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

\*First peal.

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

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCH .. .. Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 2.	G. R. FARDON .. .. 6.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 750th peal of Stedman Triples, and was rung on the eve of his 74th birthday.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GOODMAN* .. Treble.	*THOMAS WATTON .. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. .. 4.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 9.
HARRY GOODMAN .. .. 5.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

\*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Goodman, sen, and H. Goodman.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JAMES RUMBLE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 2.	HARRY LAST .. .. 6.
DR A. B. CARPENTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
CHARLES DEAN .. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.

This is J. Lambert's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROYSTON.—On Sunday, October 7th, for evening service, 720 Single Court, B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson, conductor. On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service 720 Oxford T. Bob, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, A. King, B. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson (conductor), R. King. On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice, 720 City Delight, W. Darlow, S. Roberts, E. Bonnett, B. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson (conductor), R. King. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On October 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. F. Griffin, B. Bowskill, E. Bonnett, W. Darlow, S. Roberts, R. King conductor. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, R. King conductor. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford. H. Wilkerson, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, W. Darlow conductor. On November 14th, 720 Woodbine. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, B. King. On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service, 720 Merchants' Return. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On November 20th, for practice, 720 City Delight. A. Gilbert, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, S. Roberts, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. 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 Christmas morning, for early service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 720 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob. B. Bowskill, W. Darlow, E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Gilbert, A. Wilkerson conductor. On New Year's Eve 720 Double Oxford. A. Gilbert, S. Roberts E. Bonnett, R. Wilkerson, A. Wilkerson conductor, R. King.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, December 11th, 180 Double Oxford and 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Carter, F. Elliott, C. Gale, G. H. Carter, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells and by the band. On Sunday, December 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. Arthur Phillips, A. Carter, C. Gale, A. Phillips, F. Elliott, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday, December 30th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1-2; C. Gale, F. Elliott, A. Phillips, Arthur Phillips. On Monday, December 31st, to ring in the new year, 360 Plain Bob Minor before 12 o'clock, and after 360 Bob Minor. Arthur Phillips, A. Carter, C. Gale, A. Phillips, F. Elliott conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Saturday, December 22nd, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. C. Gale, 1-2; G. H. Barker, 3-4; W. H. Lawrence, 5-6; A. Phillips, 7-8; G. H. Carter, 9-10.

## THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On December 31st, at midnight, at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins. J. W. Driver, C. Charge, J. Herbert, E. V. Harvey, W. E. Judd, J. Attwater, J. W. Kelley, H. Adams, W. T. Elson conductor, B. Harvey. Round at 12.15 a.m. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Adams.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the last 1344 of Holt's Original, in 50 mins. E. Parish, H. Perrin, R. Tabor, R. Strong, C. French, T. Ellis, W. Hobbs conductor, S. Lindsell.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. A. Trollope, R. H. Hayward, H. Borrett, C. Baker, W. Steggall, D. Hayward, H. W. Stanley, J. Betts, E. Borrett, F. Borrett.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 29th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 4100 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, H. Borrett, F. Borrett, F. Roope, C. Roope, W. Roope, E. Borrett, A. Roope.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. T. White, F. W. Richardson, A. Bennington, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, H. E. White, J. E. Davis, C. D. Letzer.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Monday, December 3rd, at the parish church, 756 Stedman. T. Barker, H. Walters, J. Carter, S. Brook, T. Holder, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, W. Pearson conductor. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of 2, 5, 7. 896 Grandsire. A. Walker, H. Walters, W. Brook, J. Pease, T. Holder, T. Barker conductor, W. Pearson, J. Jackson. On Monday, December 10th, a plain course of Double Norwich (first by the company). J. Carter, W. Brook, F. Moody, T. Barker, A. Walker, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, W. Pearson. And 576 Kent. H. Walters (first touch in the method, W. Brook, W. Pearson conductor, J. Pease, T. Holder, J. Jackson, J. Fryer, F. Moody. On Saturday, December 8th, at All Saints' church, an attempt for Taylor's 6-part collapsed just after the half-way. B. Moody, W. Brook, W. Pearson, J. Pease, B. Watkinson, T. Barker conductor, J. Fryer, T. Houlder.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Day, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. G. Hollis conductor, A. Knights, G. Thompson, H. Kirk, G. Davies, S. Price, D. Farthing, W. J. Thyng, B. A. Knights, R. W. Collier. Rang to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. D. Farthing.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Charles, B. Millard, J. Bullen, S. Jones, J. Ford, A. Morgan, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On January 1st, at St. Mary's church, in 47 mins. (between 12 and 1 a.m. to welcome the new year), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Evans, E. C. Sweet, C. Tottle, H. Boobier, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, A. O. Major, A. E. Coles conductor, A. C. Hydon.

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

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, to celebrate the marriage of one of their number (Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen) to Miss Townsend, eight of his brother-ringers assembled and rang at St. Margaret's a short touch of Plain Bob Major, followed by firing of bells and Whittington's. C. H. Clarke, W. Motts, E. Pemberton, C. A. Catchpole, W. Tillett, W. Wood, J. Motts, R. H. Brundle. Conducted by J. Motts.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Christmas Eve, at the parish church, a half peal of Grandsire Doubles, 2520 changes, being twenty-one 6-scores, each called differently. R. T. Lade, A. R. Miles conductor, F. Eade, J. Bagley, T. Lade, A. Groombridge, E. R. Fenner. Longest length on the bells and by all the band.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—The following touches were rung during Christmas for the various service at the parish church: 720 Bob Minor, 254 Stedman Triples, 224 Bob Major, 168, 504, 350 Grandsire Triples, 287 Grandsire Caters. A peal of Stedman Triples was also attempted but lost. The following took part: Messrs. Neighbour, Phipps, Twitcher, Butler, Wheeler, Markham, Witham, Biggs, Boxall, Tucker, White, Wilkins, jun., Wilkins, sen., Coles, Hayes, Page, the five last conducting.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Michael's church, 1008 Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, F. Webb, H. E. Ham-

mond, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Coote.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. W. Marklow, S. Burt, J. Lish, L. Payne, E. Lish first quarter-peal, C. Tyler, G. Payne conductor, A. Wedges.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 28th, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Woodward, H. Allcock, W. Wade, A. Latham conductor, W. Harrison H. Cordell, C. Harp, J. Derbyshire. On Thursday, December 6th, 900 Grandsire Triples. J. Derbyshire, H. Allcock, A. C. Wright, J. Woodward, S. Sargeant, H. Cordall, A. Latham conductor, A. Lawton. On Saturday, December 8th, 240 Grandsire Minor. J. Derbyshire, H. Allcock, J. Woodward, A. Latham conductor, H. Cordall, S. Sargeant. On Sunday, December 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Mountford, H. Allcock, A. Latham conductor, J. Woodward, S. Sargeant, H. Cordall, C. Mee, J. Derbyshire.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES. — On Tuesday, December 11th, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, \*A. Strutt, \*J. Baldwin, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. Composed by C. Charge. \*First quarter-peal in the method. Mr. J. Wright is 74 years of age, he having been a ringer at the above church for more than half a century.

(NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 5th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on the occasion of the funeral of Mr. J. Burkin, who had been a ringer in this tower for upwards of 60 years, a muffled 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Mayne, L. Killick, J. Tassell, T. Leeson, E. Snelling, F. Hawkins.

READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Hojlday, E. Holloway, H. Runham, J. Fuller, F. Hopgood conductor, W. Runham, W. Newell, R. Dowsett. On New Year's Eve at 11.30, 504 in the same method, conducted by H. Runham. A few minutes before 12 o'clock, the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), entered the belfry, and gave a short address to the ringers, wishing them success, and a happy new year. Then to usher in the new year, a touch was rung on the ten bells, the Vicar ringing the treble, and his curate (Rev. —. Symons) ringing the tenor.

REDDISH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 29th, on handbells, 180 Plain Bob Minor. W. Eckersley, 1-2; A. Barnes conductor, 3-4; A. Booth, 5-6. And 95 Grandsire Minor, standing as above. 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Booth, 1-2; A. Barnes, 3-4; W. Eckersley, 5-6. On January 1st, at St. Elisabeth's church, to welcome the new year, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Lees, A. Barnes conductor, H. Smithson, A. Booth, T. Smithson, sen., W. Eckersley. First 720 by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 22nd, for practice, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob. First: J. Hall, W. Halford, R. Drage, A. Freeman, R. Cox, E. Gobey conductor. Second: A. Freeman, W. Halford, J. Hall conductor, R. Cox, R. Drage, E. Gobey.

STANTON-BY-DALE (Derbyshire).—On a recent Saturday, for practice, 1080 Bob Minor, 360 Kent, and courses of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure. E. Scattergood, C. Tansley, F. Tansley, J. Hall, T. D. Thompson, E. Gobey.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, December 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Best, J. Armstrong, H. E. Balaam, E. G. Tomlinson, N. A. Tomlinson, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by the local society.

WEST DERBY (Liverpool).—On Tuesday, December 17th, at St. James's church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday, December 22nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, both in 27 mins. R. Dilworth, J. Hudson, A. Taylor, W. Hargreaves conductor, R. Davies, J. Johnson.

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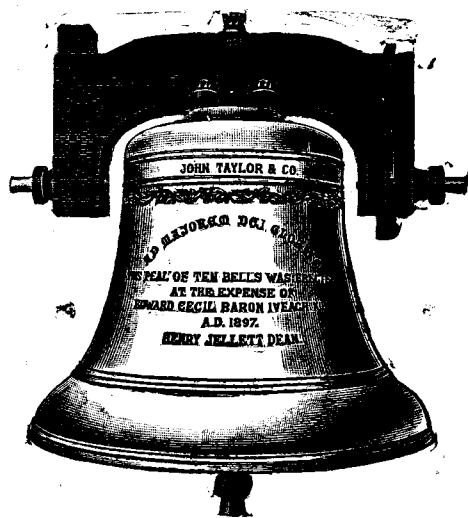
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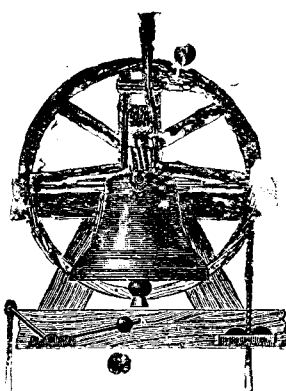
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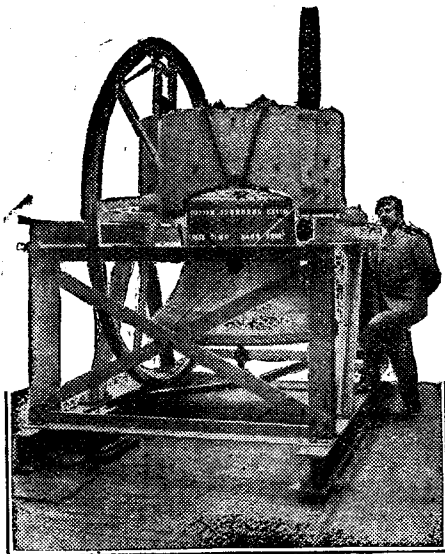
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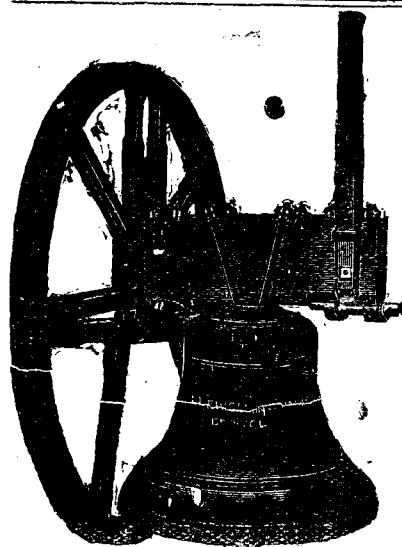
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## BELL RINGING AS CHURCH WORK.

*A Paper read by the REV. H. DRAKE before the Junior Clerical Society of Croydon on January 7th, 1907, previous to a visit to the Bell Foundry.*

To refer to Bell Ringing as a branch of Church Work seems somewhat obvious, and withal uninteresting. Yet such a statement would be contrary to the facts. For one rarely finds that it is considered as being a worthy branch of Church Work; while all those who do praise it, do so with an ardour of devotion that betrays its intense fascination.

### CLERICAL NEGLECT.

It seems difficult to find any sound excuse for the neglect of this work for the Church; as it is one in which all Clergy should be at least proficient, if not expert. In the first place, the legal and canonical bellringer is the Parish Priest, and the ordinary ringers are but his deputies. Again, the ringers are in a similar position to the Choir; but whereas, if a parish priest neglects, or cannot attend to his choir, there are sure to be many in the congregation who can and will criticise, or assist him; it is rarely that this is the case with the ringers, whose work is not so much in evidence as—(if equally in audience with)—that of the choir. Moreover a loyal band of ringers is capable of affording more assistance than any other body of men in a parish—just as a disaffected band can cause more persistent worry. It is a pursuit which enrols all the most intelligent of one's congregation as devoted supporters. And lastly, if no worthier motive can be found, there is nothing which injures a parish priest in the eyes of his congregation more than the fact being betrayed—as will be the case sooner or later—that he takes no practical interest in the work of his bells. On the other hand nothing will make a man so popular, as the fact that he rings for the services he is about to take part in. For some reason people seem to think that such a minister is sure to be genuine, and his weakest words will be more effective than the eloquent periods of his brother, who is believed to imagine that the dust of the ringing chamber would contaminate his immaculate boots! *Experto crede.*

### THE RINGERS' FAULT?

In the same way no contempt seems to be greater than that felt for what appears to be the hypocrisy of the common practice of ringers, in first ringing to call others to service, and then walking away from it themselves. So much so, that even in cases where a good reason may be found for so doing, it is best avoided if possible.

And yet whose fault is it, when such a practice prevails? If the minister is never seen among the ringers at their work, is it reasonable to expect them to be present at his? They have done their share of God's service with no help from him, and naturally infer that he can do his with no help from them—a strange idea on both sides of "Common" Prayer. Yet who has set the example? He who by position and profession is bound to be a "pattern" to the flock of Christ.

## TRAINING NEEDED.

If this is the duty of the *parochus*, it evidently is needful that some training as a ringer be acquired before the attainment of such a position. I do not know of any beneficed priest who has, with any pleasure to himself, taken up ringing after entering on his living. The best time for learning is before receiving Holy Orders. At most, if not all, of the Universities and Theological Colleges some provision is made for this. But if this opportunity has not been grasped, at any rate all assistant-priests should learn such rudiments as the mastery of the bell, or the principles of Change-Ringing.

### HOW A BELL IS RUNG.

A bell may be sounded in three ways:—

- i. *Tapping*—by a hammer outside the bells, when worked by a clock; or a hammer inside, by a "chiming apparatus." This gives but a poor sound.
- ii. *Chiming*—by swinging the bell to strike the clapper. This gives a more musical sound, but the length of the beat cannot be varied greatly, and it becomes very monotonous.
- iii. *Ringing*—by swinging the bell in progressive strokes until a full revolution is made, and the bell may rest every time mouth upwards, giving forth its full tone, and under perfect control by the ringer.

The latter requires skill and practice to attain the exact balancing of the bell without mental effort, but with bells hung well, it is not hard work. Delicate ladies or young lads are now ringing sometimes heavy bells for long periods at a time.

It is only with bells rung "upset" that changes are possible. All that has been said above applies only to change-ringing. Ringing "rounds" or "call changes" (set rows of figures), is both monotonous and unintelligent; it only appeals to the more dissolute and cantankerous learners, and should be forbidden as unworthy of the House of God.

### RINGING CHANGES.

I heard the principle of "changes" simply explained by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies—a Master of the Art—at the Brighton Church Congress. He said that supposing he were asked at, say, a dinner-table, to explain it, he would take a knife and fork, and lay them down, so as to show that with two things there can only be two changes: thus:—knife-fork, and fork-knife. Take a third, a spoon; this may be placed in three positions in regard to (before between and after) each of the other two: this gives us  $3 \times 2$  or six changes in all. Add a fourth article, and it will again similarly be seen that it can be placed in four positions in each of these six changes: therefore the total number of changes are shown by multiplying this by 4,  $6 \times 4$  or 24 changes; a fifth by 5—120; a sixth by 6—720; a seventh by 7—5040. This, and not how many bells (number of bells 5000 or more) is taken as a standard

length, and is called a "peal"; it takes about 3 hours to ring on tower bells, and somewhat less on handbells. There must of course be no pause during this period.

As to how each ringer learns his work, we may arrange the changes thus:

Knife	Fork	Spoon	1 2 3
		or thus	
Fork	Knife	Spoon	2 1 3
Fork	Spoon	Knife	2 3 1

when it will be seen that No. 1 (knife) has travelled "up" from first position to last, and by continuing the process it may be made to travel "down" again from last position to first.

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This line, first "up" and then "down" that it has followed, is called the work of a bell, and by learning his "work," (whether simple as in this example, or very involved, as in the most advanced "methods,") each ringer can keep his place, and ring exactly at the moment his bell should strike, to ensure accurate time and beautiful music.

#### A SIMILE.

This may be compared to a Maypole Dance, in which an intricate pattern is woven upon the pole by each dancer knowing the path he has to pursue on the ground, in order to produce the pattern up above. So the ringer knows his "work" in the ringing chamber in order to produce the intricate "music" which peals forth above from the bells. And as round this Maypole, half must dance one way and half the other, so in ringing, while one set of bells are moving "up," another are coming "down" and taking their place; thus making an intricate lattice work pattern when shown on a diagram, or a musical sequence of changes when heard from the bells.

In one respect the simile does not hold. No change (or "row") may be repeated, from the beginning to the end, or the ringing is not "true"; and no ringer will knowingly ring "false" changes.

#### ORGANIZATION.

One or two points in conclusion. All ringers are organized into county or Diocesan Guilds, for the improvement of ringing as Church work for the Glory of God, and a Central Council (or Ringers' Parliament) meets in Whitsun week every year. Thus a freemasonry of the Art has arisen, and a ringer is always known and welcomed heartily by brother-ringers wherever in the world he goes. Various publications, official and otherwise, are to be obtained for small sums, and the organ of the Art is "THE BELL NEWS," published at 1d. weekly.

Bells, being delicate musical instruments, hung in expensive machinery, should never be entrusted to local repairers however skilful in their own work; all repairs should be executed by well-known firms, who will always be found least expensive in the end.

Vicars and Churchwardens should always know enough about their property, the bells, to prevent the very common custom of a lazy sexton "clocking" a bell, by slipping a noose round the clapper. A practice bound to suddenly crack the heaviest bell, sooner or later, and by which more irreparable loss has been effected, than was ever caused by Cromwell's soldiery.

#### COST.

As to the cost of bells; owing to the researches of the late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, not only can bells now be tuned with more absolute accuracy than other musical instruments, both with themselves, and with one another; but small bells can now be cast of a tuneful and pleasant sound. Thus it is not necessary to have such large bells as was formerly the case. A leading firm of bellfounders showed me a few years ago a ring of eight bells of perfect tune, which they were ready to hang complete for £100. These needed no chamber, and could be hung outside a plain wall, and rung within by ropes or levers. On the other hand they were too small for ringing "upset" for changes (though far superior to "tubes" and such sham luxuries, surely most out of place in God's House). The same firm have however just sent me an estimate for a small ring of eight bells, similar to a ring now in use, and entirely satisfactory, and which at the present extraordinarily high price of metals, they could hang complete for £400; an erection in which they might be rung could be built for £80.

Thus there are few parishes in which a ring of bells could not be introduced; and as they are easily silenced for practice (which can also be profitably pursued on handbells), no one need have much difficulty in employing so useful an aid as this is, to the work of the Church of God.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Sixth Council will be held at Exeter on Whitsun-Tuesday, May 21st, 1907. Reports of Committees and any Notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, the 20th April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS." Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the first instant, and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in the address of themselves or of representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch was held at the parish church, Colne, on Saturday, January 12th, Mr. Wm. Heaton presiding. In his opening remarks he touched upon the Colne band in helping to swell the number of peals of the Association, and though in his seventy-fifth year, he would be glad to hear the word "go" for another. A fair number of ringers from Burnley, Padiham, and Blackburn attended, and rang different touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Oswaldtwistle. A very enjoyable meeting was had.

The Bishop of Sheffield has dedicated at St. Augustine's, Sheffield, the fine clock and bells which Lady Stephenson has given in memory of her husband, the late Sir Henry Stephenson. The Bishop, preaching from the text, "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance," referred to Sir Henry's life in terms of warm appreciation.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I did intend having a word with my readers during the festive season just passed, but various circumstances, and an inflow of peal records, prevented. I never object to play second fiddle—or third—when other interests need attention. Peal records come before everything else, deservedly so I suppose, and they have been numerous of late. The Peal Analysis recently published informed us that during 1905 more peals were rung than in any previous year. In all likelihood 1906 will show a greater number even.

A letter has been received wherein it was stated that all the paragraphs which appear above my signature at different periods are written by the editor of this paper. If this assertion were true, it would not be a terrible indictment. Personally I take the statement as a compliment. "What's the odds?" The writer of this said letter penned it during a short fit of indignation evidently. He is not a bad fellow at all, unless you ruffle him, and then he lets out anything that comes first. I am told that when he sends peals for publication, he always signs his name and address, and in a very courteous manner asks for insertion of what he sends. I need not point out this worthy example to a friend of his.

There is no need for enquiry concerning the origin of these notes. They are welcomed by the readers of the "B.N." and that is sufficient for everybody. No single individual writes them. Once upon a time, a rev. gentleman, highly respected among us, wrote the whole, and yet my "name" appeared at the end. We will not continue the subject, because "what's the odds" who writes, so long as the writing is acceptable to those who read.

Congratulations from every reader of the "B.N." will be given to the new Canon of St. Albans—the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON. But in the opinion of many ringers this titular promotion is rather late in the day. There are many ringers who would like to have heard of his being a Dean—for preference, of Westminster. Just the post he should fill. The decanal stall at Westminster, it has always been thought, should be filled by a scholarly divine—who then more eminent in this way than the rev. gentleman I am alluding to? Would not every one rejoice at such an appointment. There would be no more unpleasant strictures upon the state of affairs in the Abbey belfry, and we should probably hear of a new ring of ten, perhaps, being available therein.

This allusion to the esteemed Vicar of Writtle brings to mind a little incident told me several years ago. One afternoon, about this period, the late Vicar of a Walthamstow church called to see the editor. The two were old friends, and the clerical visitor knew something about ringing. Taking a seat close to the office table he said:—"Here, I have got to preach for (I forget the name of the society) at a place called 'Writtle,' in Essex; of course you know it well." The answer was "Yes; very well indeed." "And you are acquainted with the Vicar, I suppose?" "Perfectly." Then came the object of the visit. "I have just opened *Crockford*, and read with admiration what is said there about him: Dean, Fellow, Moderator, and a host of others. I feel somewhat timid about meeting with so great a man." The rev. gentleman was assured and comforted by the answer, which was to the following effect; I cannot remember the exact words: "I understand all what you say, and you may be contented. Notwithstanding his great attainments, you will find him a very agreeable and kindly gentleman, and most unassuming." This is honest fact. Perhaps I have erred in mentioning it, but I don't think so.

I have just had a look at the last number (14) of "Among the Bells." You all know this publication, which is the ringing career, written by himself, of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It is full of illustrations of churches and ringers, among the latter being a good photo of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, and a late one of the Arklow magician. A group also of the ringers in the 1000th peal—an

historic scene. Alongside of the Master stands the youthful scion of the house of Washbrook, quite a boy, in his Suffolk suit, and bidding fair to be as great a genius as his sire. That son of Anak—the Rev. G. F. Coleridge—is seen in the rear, just behind Charley Fowler. But I am sorry to say these all look older than when I saw any of them last, but like old wine, they are improved by age.

The following letter has been handed to me:

"SIR,—As I have taken the "BELL NEWS" for several years and always read it through from cover to cover, I should feel greatly helped if some of the readers of this very interesting paper could enlighten me as to the meaning of the paragraph under the heading of "Symbol of Strength," that appears week by week. Is it an advertisement, has it anything to do with ringing, or what is it? I have read it through and through, but cannot make head or tail of it, and as I like to know the sense of what I read, I appeal through your valuable columns in the hope that some brother stringer who has more understanding, will help me in the matter.—INQUISITIVE."

The paragraph alluded to is an advertisement, and I have advised that it should be designated as such. What it means is a puzzle. Our friend Sevier is a philosopher, acute, subtle, and profound. He is said to have come over with the Conqueror, i.e. his ancestor, who was one of the ringing company sent through the length and breadth of the land to teach the young 'uns how to ring the curfew. Very likely that is the reason why W.J.S. is so fond of bells. Perhaps the above correspondent don't know him; he can soon scrape acquaintance by a visit. He will be shown the laboratory where the philosopher operates among the occult sciences, he will see the alembics and crucibles, and then he will get the full meaning of the advertisement. W.J.S. is a very good and safe ringer and conductor. It is quite a sight to hear him call a bob.

In concluding my Notes this week allow me to wish all my friends, young and old, "A HAPPY NEW YEAR." We have seen many and great changes since we first became connected through the medium of this page. The staff of the "B.N." (including yours truly) are still at the service of all readers, be it remembered. Some years ago the Rector of St. Stephen's, Bristol, wrote: "PLAIN SPEAKER is always interesting, sometimes amusing, and very rarely inaccurate." To keep to this standard it will be the aim of  
PLAIN SPEAKER.

## ARKLOW, IRELAND.

Two very interesting events took place in the church of St. Saviour, on Saturday, January 5th, the first was the unveiling of a tablet, erected to the memory of a deceased ringer, the late Constable E. A. Lester. A short service and the unveiling ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Harrison (curate), in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, through illness. There was a full attendance of all the members, and the tablet was much admired. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the vestry, to present Alexander Tailyour, J.P., with a handsome set of handbells, hung on a polished oak stand, for entrance hall. Mr. Tailyour, who is leaving Ireland to settle near Derby, will be very much missed. As master of the society he has been its mainstay ever since it was formed, and was a most keen, genial, and enthusiastic ringer. The oak stand has a plate with the following engraved inscription: "Presented to Alexander Tailyour, J.P., on the occasion of his leaving Arklow, by the guild of ringers belonging to St. Saviour's parish church, as a mark of esteem and a memento of his seven years' mastership of the guild."

**BELL-RINGER'S HANDKERCHIEF.**—Made in pure silk, with figures of various-sized bells woven in. A splendid article for use, and very suitable for a gift to either sex.—Designed and made by a change-ringer for the Exercise. Price 3s. 9d.; with name woven in 5s.—These goods have received the most flattering encomiums from all those who have had them.—WILFRED MATTHEWS, change-Macclesfield.—PATTERNS FREE.

## 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 ROMANCE OF BELLS.

SIR,—It is gratifying to hear of any contributions to current literature concerning church bells by competent writers, and consequently one gathers with pleasure, from a notice in your issue of the 29th December last, that Mr. Elsee has been enlightening his fellow beings. But may I ask for specific instances in support of the statement in your notice that the fate of many church bells was to be cast into cannon during the Civil War? No notice of such a fate is recorded, so far as I remember, in any authoritative account of bells which I have read, and we know that the Civil War did not interrupt either the practice of change-ringing in general or the casting of bells, and it is noteworthy that in Dowsing's detailed account of the wanton destruction wrought by him among the ornaments of churches in the Eastern Counties, no mention is made of bells; and indeed it is clear that in places where he otherwise despoiled he let the bells alone. Some isolate cases of bell-spoilation may perhaps be quotable, and if so it would be interesting to have them definitely named; and if there really is any evidence justifying the application of the adjective "many" to English bells cast into cannon in the seventeenth century, one would like to know what it is.

R. A. DANIELL.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—On looking through the Analysis of peals for 1905 as published in your paper, I notice only three peals of Grandsire Triples credited to the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop. I should like to know if there is any reason for omitting the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Shifnal on November 18th, 1905, conducted by Mr. John Carter, and published in your paper of December 9th, 1905.

JOHN BRADNEY.

## THE DISPUTED PEAL AT MOTTRAM.

SIR,—On Saturday, January 12th, the change-ringing committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild met at Stockport to decide whether the above peal should be entered in the Society's peal-book, or otherwise. Five out of the seven members forming the Committee attended, also the Rev. A. T. Beeston, when the decision given below was arrived at:—

The Committee having heard the evidence of the principals connected with the disputed peal rung at Mottram in June last, are of the opinion that the charge that a call was omitted was not proved. They therefore are agreed that the peal should be allowed. At the same time they consider that the use of manuscript by the conductor, and the faulty striking (more or less) throughout the attempt, both of which were admitted, are serious blemishes on the performance, especially as it was a record peal.

R. T. HOLDING, SEN., Acting Secretary to the Committee.

## REPLY TO MR. TROLLOPE.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of December 29th, your readers will be interested to hear that Mr. Carter promises, with your permission, to shortly insert in your columns his table for composition.

W. H. GODDEN.

## A WELCOME.

SIR,—We should be pleased to welcome Mr. A. J. Tarr in our belfry. Practice, Mondays 7.30; Sunday ringing, 10.30 and 6; method, Grandsire Triples.

E. WEATHERBY, Conductor.

Hillside, Market Drayton.

## THE SEVEN MINOR SURPRISE PEALS.

SIR,—The above, by Mr. William Snowdon, published in your issue of December 22nd last, together with the history of certain methods and bands of ringers, proved very interesting and instructive, particularly the description of the system whereby Mr. Snowdon distinguishes the correct from the incorrect Surprise methods, and to which system I here add my humble approval. I was so struck with the small balance of Surprise

methods which have stood Mr. Snowdon's test that I have attempted to add another one to the present number, and how far I have succeeded I will leave the Exercise to judge. Should it stand the test, and, as Mr. Snowdon says with regard to Beverley Surprise—"providing no one else can produce a father for the new bairn," I will venture to name it Chester-le-Street Surprise. The calling is wrong, right, wrong, a miss, twice repeated. The following are the figures:—

## CHESTER-LE-STREET SURPRISE.

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JAMES ROBINSON.

## REPLY TO MR. HUNT.

SIR,—Replying to Mr. Hunt as regards the smallest village where a peal of Minor has been rung in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, the population under 300, having made enquiries last Saturday evening at Preston, Suffolk, I have to-day received a reply from the conductor of the peal that the figures of the population at the last census were 288. The peal was rung on January 22nd, 1902, and I believe was published in "THE BELL NEWS" the following month, February 1st or 8th.

A. SYMONDS.

## REPLY TO MR. PREWETT.

SIR,—I cannot allow Mr. Prewett's letter in your issue of 5th inst. to pass without saying that his disclaimer of November 3rd was qualified to such an extent by the remarks following those he quotes, wherein he says "but we were informed by those who ought to know," and "we should be glad if Mr. Bradney will furnish us with particulars of the other Surprise peal rung in the county," that we in Shropshire did not consider it a straightforward acknowledgement of their error, and I consider that after I went to the trouble to give the particulars Mr. Prewett was so desirous to have, that he ought to have been courteous enough to have acknowledged their correctness or have refuted them.

JOHN BRADNEY.

## COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

On January 12th, at this church, a service was held by the Bishop of Colchester to dedicate the bells which have been repaired by Mears and Stainbank. A new frame has been made and the old 3rd recast, the work being done in a very satisfactory manner, all the bells going well. After the service the bells were opened with a touch of Plain Bob. C. F. Pudney, E. W. Wiffen, J. K. Pudney, J. Turner, J. Flenty, L. W. Wiffen, sen. conductor.

## RINGERS' DINNER.

On Thursday evening, January 10th, the Hereford Cathedral ringers had their annual dinner at The Hop Pole hotel, where a substantial repast was provided by host and hostess Adkins, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After dinner the usual toasts were gone through, and the health of the King was drunk with musical honours. The conductor's health was drunk to the tune of "He's a jolly good fellow." Various songs were rendered by Messrs. Davis, Perret, Harris and Treberne. A touch on the handbells by Messrs. Gains, Lewis, Mathews and Taylor, and the singing of Auld lang syne brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

\* \* It is incumbent on all who ring peals to send on their reports as quickly as possible, so that they may be dealt with at the earliest moment by the compilers of the yearly Analysis.

## 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. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 31st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 24th; and at St. Paul's Cathedral on 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.

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The annual meeting will be held after the usual practice at St. Margaret's on Friday, January 18th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Sat., January 19th. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. W. B. Frith, 4 Benn's Avenue, Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield.

JNO. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston to-day, Saturday, January 19th. The tower will be open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (1s. each) at 4.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Clarence hotel. The eight bells at Wigston Magna will also be at the disposal of the visitors.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Sat., January 19th. W. H. SHUKER, *Br. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Walsden to-day, Sat., January 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next Meeting will be held at Feltham to-day, Sat., January 19th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are asked to make an effort to attend.

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

**The North Notts. Association.**—Next quarterly meeting at Ordsall to-day, Sat., January 19th. Tea at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at The Bedford Head hotel on Monday, January 21st, after the usual practice at St. Martin's at 8 p.m.

T. CARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow (four miles from Tonbridge) on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Albion hotel. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to convey members from and to Tonbridge (fare 6d. each way), providing early application is made to the District Secretary. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary (stating also whether they require conveying from Tonbridge, and at what time their trams arrive), not later than Wednesday, January 23rd. As the cost of the tea will be 3d. per

head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and should be either sent to the District Secretary, or paid at the meeting.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. A presentation will be made to the late Secretary. The tower and bells at St. Mary's will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, January 23rd.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rushton on Saturday, January 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hoddesdon on Saturday, January 26th, when the bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea will be had at The Salisbury Arms at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. All will be welcome. Tea to members 6d., non-members 8d.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at The Bugle hotel at 5.50. Meeting after. Members desiring tea kindly inform me by the 23rd. Subscriptions for 1907 are now due, and I shall be glad to receive the same as soon as possible.

J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Fareham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Important business afterwards. Evensong at 6 p.m. Bells available all day.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. F. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Boreham, on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock. A conveyance leaves Tindal Square, Chelmsford, at 4 o'clock for those only sending in their names to me on or before the 28th inst. Subscriptions for 1907 may be paid at this meeting.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Beaconsfield. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A short service at five o'clock; preacher—Rev. A. T. Commeline, Rector of Beaconsfield. Tea at 5.45 p.m. in the New Hall, to be followed by the usual business meeting at 6.30. Members intending to be present kindly inform

REV. H. C. WILDER, *Hon. Sec.*

Farnham Royal Rectory.

**The London County Association** late the St. James' Society.—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney

Street, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m. Address by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards in the church schools adjoining the church, following which the tower will be open till 9 p.m. A social will then take place. All ringers and friends are heartily invited.

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**Pendleton, Manchester.**—The practice night has been altered to Monday from Friday. Those with annual reports please copy.

W. SHUKER.

## THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—G. H. Barker has removed from 12, Amwell Terrace, to 41, New Road, Ware, Herts.

**HANDKERCHIEFS, WRAPS, and other SILK GOODS,** for Ringers. W. MATTHEWS, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

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**COACH PAINTER** (young) seeks situation. Ringer. Apply—H. SHEPHERD, 29, Cheltenham Place, Brighton.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1907.

## MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

In the parish magazine, the Rev. H. G. Topham (Rector), thus makes mention of the sad trial lately fallen on one of the ringers of the church, whose son through his own perseverance brought honour to the house of Clarkson, and indeed to the village of his birth.

Christmas Day brought the sad tidings that the Rev. John Handley Clarkson had been called away from his work after a brief illness, at the early age of thirty-eight. Mr. Clarkson, as all my readers know, was one of those whom we at Middleham had every reason to be proud of. For many years he was a choir boy in our parish church, and then our organist: he left us to go to Durham University, where he carried off the Theological Prize in 1893 and took his degree in 1896, and was ordained in 1895. His first curacy was at South Hetton, in Durham; he afterwards worked at Tyneside and Haddington, and ended his work at Chester-le-Street. Those of us who were present at Chester-le-Street and South Hetton last week were made conscious of how much love a devoted and earnest life is able to call forth. It will be a thought of comfort to his relations to feel that their grief is shared by the many of God's poor who have lost a friend.

On the day of the funeral, and the Sunday following, the bells were rung half-muffled. Great sympathy goes out to his sorrowing father and brother.



**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.***On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS .. Treble.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 5.
HENRY G. MILES .. .. 2.	SYDNEY A. WRIGHT .. 6.
ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Isaacs) for granting permission to ring, and also for his hospitality after the peal.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
EDWARD F. COLE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD* .. 3.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 8.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 4.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 9.
GEORGE FAICE .. .. 5.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal on ten bells.

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

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

*On Monday, January 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK G. TEGG .. 6.
H. E. BALAAH* .. .. 3.	†JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON* .. 4.	†SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

†First in the method as conductor. †First peal away from the treble. \*First peal in the method; and by the local society.

**The Provinces.****BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.****STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke-of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

J. WORTH* .. .. Treble.	J. COTTRELL .. .. 4.
J. CHEETHAM† .. .. 2.	H. WHITEHURST .. .. 5.
J. R. BURGESS .. .. 3.	W. J. CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

**PAULTON.***On Saturday, December 29, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

A. SMITH .. .. Treble.	J. HUNT .. .. 4.
G. HALL .. .. 2.	E. GODWIN .. .. 5.
G. MAGGS .. .. 3.	C. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. MAGGS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. G. Butler (churchwarden), in commemoration of his silver wedding. First peal by the band, who have only been practising change ringing during the past twelve months.

**BRISTOL.—THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.***On Monday, December 31, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM BEVAN .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWING .. 6.
PERCY WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	HENRY HOWELL .. .. 7.
SAMUEL PHILIPS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 8.
ALBERT STOWELL .. .. 4.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. 9.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 5.	URIAH BRAVEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

**MONKSILVER, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 3, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

H. WATTS* .. .. Treble.	H. J. HOLE .. .. 3.
S. PARSONS* .. .. 2.	A. BARKER .. .. 4.
W. BENNETT .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung after the induction service as a compliment to the Rev. C. F. and Mrs. Chorley.

**CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, January 7, 1907, in Three Hours,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

THOMAS PREECE .. Treble.	DAVID HORNE .. .. 4.
HENRY PRITCHARD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY .. .. 5.
CHARLES HORNE .. .. 3.	FRED SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. P. Holt.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. HUDD .. Treble.	GEORGE W. TEMPLE .. 5.
THOMAS F. KING .. .. 2.	HENRY W. BROWN .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 7.
FREDERICK A. SKUSE .. 4.	CHARLES COLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

First peal of Stedman Triples by all except the conductor. \*First peal in the method as conductor.

**HENLEY, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
WILLIAM TILLET .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. PARKER .. 7.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM STREETER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SHERLOCK .. .. 5.
JOSEPH KENWARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 7.
HENRY REEVES .. .. 3.	PETER ETHERIDGE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 4.	HARRY W. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to W. H. Card.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD HUNT .. .. Treble.	JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 4.
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. This company rang their first 120 on New Year's Eve, with Mr. C. L. Sadler, who has taught them change ringing, and to whom great credit is due.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CURTIS .. .. 5.
EDWIN SMITH† .. .. 2.	ELGAR KING .. .. 6.
ALBERT LETTS .. .. 3.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 7.
SIDNEY HUNTLEY* .. .. 4.	GEORGE COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN SMITH.

†First peal as conductor and first attempt. \*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor with the usual good wishes, and in honour of the wedding of a brother ringer, Mr. J. Wallis to Miss E. King.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	BERIAM PREWETT .. .. 6.
REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.  
Tenor 21 cwt.

E. E. FERRY .. .. Treble.	*E. ASTLEY .. .. 6.
J. G. HALL* .. .. 2.	A. F. HILLIER .. .. 7.
T. METCALF .. .. 3.	G. T. POTTER .. .. 8.
J. BAXTER .. .. 4.	*W. H. PORTER .. .. 9.
F. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 5.	*HENRY H. HANSEN† .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells. This is the conductor's first attempt to call Stedman Caters, and every credit is due to him.

## GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY A. R. GIBBS .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICKETTS .. .. 4.
CLAUDE G. M. GIBBS .. 2.	HUBERT SALISBURY .. .. 5.
ERNEST GIBBS .. .. 3.	LEONARD NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by L. NICHOLS.

First peal on the bells and first peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 5th, and his first with a bob bell.

## BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD JOHNSON* .. Treble.	JOHN SMALLWOOD* .. .. 5.
REUBEN BOSWORTH .. .. 2.	LEWIS LOMAS .. .. 6.
ARTHUR FLOWERS* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH H. WHITE .. .. 7.
STEPHEN HOPE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK VILES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

\* First peal of Triples. Lomas hails from Derby. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also the tower keeper for having everything in readiness.

## LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford, three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob, Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRISON SMITH .. Treble.	JABEZ WALTER .. .. 4.
STANLEY WHITE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 5.
ERNEST SLINGSBY .. .. 3.	EDWARD TRENDALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

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

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK TUBB .. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 6.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 2.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 7.
HARRY MILES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM FINCH .. .. 8.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.	WILLIAM STONE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. White, sen., the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ERNESE McWILLIAMS .. Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
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Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES GREEN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSRLL .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. 3.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. .. 7.
LEANE BOREHAM .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. R. Dains, for the use of the bells, also Dr. Boyton for having everything in readiness.

FULNEY, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, January 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

ALFRED BRUTNELL* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES QUINTON .. .. 5.
RICHARD CREASEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT JARVIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE L. COOPER* .. 3.	*JOHN CROXFORD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WALKER* .. .. 4.	*CHARLIE QUINTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT JARVIS.

First peal. First peal on the bells by a local company.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART (No. 3.) Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STORY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM BASKILL* .. .. 6.
JOCK HOREMAN .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 7.
JOHN G. HALL .. .. 4.	JAMES KEMP* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Story.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
LATES'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS HARFORD .. .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 2.	†HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 6.
GEORGE DURLING .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE KITE .. .. 4.	*ERNEST B. CROWDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

Handbell Peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
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GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 1-2.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 5-6.
HUBERT EDEN .. .. 3-4.	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Crayford, and which appeared in last week's issue, was conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen., and not by Edwin Barnett, jun. as given

Date Touches.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONKSIEVER (Somerset).—Recently, for practice, a date touch of 1906 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 4 mins. H. Watts, S. Parsons, S. Hole, A. Barker, W. Bennett conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

LEADENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 22nd, at St. Swithin's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kelly, P. J. Stokes, H. Palethorpe, G. Scott, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. Cragg.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Christmas Day, December 25th, after Evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples. J. Walden, P. J. Stokes, T. Cragg, J. Hayes, F. W. Stokes, F. Tunnardine, J. Cragg conductor, F. Hunt.

NEWARK (Notts).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the parish church, 882 Grandsire Triples. J. P. Paley, sen., J. Hayes, J. Cragg, F. Tunnardine, — Thrales, F. W. Stokes conductor, J. P. Paley, jun., — Thrales.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALEWORTH (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day, 784 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, L. Hammond, F. C. Lambert conductor, W. Pierce, E. Easter, J. Howard, A. Lee, A. Took. On Tuesday, January 8th, 700 Oxford Treble Bob Triples. W. Pierce, A. Took, F. C. Lambert conductor, E. Easter, E. Chatten, J. Howard, A. Lee, L. Hammond.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Saturday, January 12th, 2350 Stedman Triples. C. Baker, H. Borrett, F. Borrett, F. Roope, C. Roope, W. Roope, E. Borrett, A. Roope. On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 384 Superlative. E. Borrett, H. Borrett, C. Baker, A. Smith, F. Roope, C. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett. 608 Double Norwich. A. Roope, H. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Baker, F. Roope, F. Borrett, E. Borrett, C. Roope. For evening service 800 Superlative. A. Roope, H. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Baker, C. Roope, F. Surridge, W. Roope, F. Borrett. 168 Stedman Triples. H. Borrett, A. Roope, F. Borrett, C. Baker, C. Roope, W. Roope, E. Borrett, A. Smith.

STARSTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, January 13th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, R. Platt, G. Gower, F. Reeve, E. Lubbock, F. Keeley. And 360 Oxford. F. Borrett, Rev. E. C. Hopper, G. Gower, F. Pierce, E. Lubbock, F. Keeley.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On December 10th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. A. L. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, H. O. White, J. George, F. Sear, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, C. Wheeler. Conducted by A. J. Hessian. This is A. L. Coleman's first quarter-peal of Stedman, and the first conducted from a non-observation bell in Rugby. On December 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 mins. W. Taylor, R. Watson, H. O. White, S. Small, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, first in the method as conductor, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall. On handbells, 168 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian conductor, 1-2; F. Sear, 3-4; J. B. Fenton, 5-6; A. Dubber, 7-8. And a course of Stedman Cateters. A. Dubber, 1-2; F. Sear, 3-4; J. B. Fenton, 5-6; A. J. Hessian, 7-8; H. O. White, 9-10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Sunday, November 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, H. Smart, E. Mills, W. Butt, O. Smart, G. Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. On December 2nd, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, R. C. Mayo conductor, E. Mills, W. Butt, G. Samway, H. Smart, O. Smart, J. Hall. On December 23rd, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, H. Smart, E. Mills, W. Butt, R. C. Mayo conductor, G. Samway, O. Smart, F. Padwick. On December 30th, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, E. Mills, R. C. Mayo conductor, J. Kent, G. Samway, O. Smart, H. Smart, J. Hall. On January 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, O. Smart, W. Butt, E. Mills, G.

Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, H. Smart, A. Barber. On January 8th, 714 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, J. Kent, H. Smart, W. Butt, O. Smart, G. Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, A. Barber.

DUNS FOLD (Surrey).—During the past year twenty-three 720s have been rung by the following: P. Stenny 18, E. W. Smithers 23, W. T. Cox 14, conducted 1, A. Smithers 23, J. W. Harrison 23, conducted 21, T. Squelch 15, M. Pullen 14, H. Davy 2, W. Charman 1, conducted 1, A. Charman 1, R. Whittington 1, A. J. Bartlett 1, H. J. Ellis 1.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONKSILVER (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. A. Barker, S. Parsons, S. Hole, H. J. Hole, W. Bennett conductor.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the residence of Mrs. Askew, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor. P. Gibbs, 1-2; E. Gibbs, 3-4; C. Gibbs conductor, 5-6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 13th, after a failure for a peal, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Johnson first quarter-peal, W. Rowland, jun., H. F. Cooper, C. Waskett, H. R. Dawson, G. Green conductor, A. Head, C. Hawkes. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Lilley, wife of W. Lilley, a member of the local company.

COLNE ENGAINÉ (Essex).—On January 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Root, D. Elliott, W. Burst, G. Arnold, E. Wiffen, W. Sillitoe conductor. First 720 on the bells. 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Burst, O. Laver, W. Sillitoe, G. Arnold, H. Wiffen, E. Ridgwell conductor. 720 Double Court. A. Shufflebotham, A. Saunders, L. Wiseman, H. Cooper, E. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor. 360 Plain Bob. S. Burst, A. Saunders, W. Burst, W. Root, E. Wiffen, E. Ridgwell conductor.

#### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On January 8th, at Charles' Church, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Roach, G. Charley, F. Hockaday, G. Stroud, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Greenwood. First 120s for all with the exception of the ringer of the 5th, who is the instructor. The same band stood in the second 120, with the exception of W. Lane, who rang the treble.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. G. Hitchman, J. W. Tilley, A. Beecham, T. Hyland, H. Grosvenor, S. Grove conductor, A. E. Pegler, W. Keys.

#### THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots church, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. H. G. Miles, F. G. Symonds, G. F. Williams, A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard.

#### THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Christmas morning, at the Abbey church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. G. Thompson, L. G. Thurgood, D. Tarling, G. Thurgood, G. E. Peace conductor, W. A. Alps, T. Adams.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, January 2nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Maund, A. Flowers, J. Smallwood, R. Bosworth, F. Viles, J. H. White conductor. And 240 Grandsire Minor. J. Smallwood, F. Viles, R. Bosworth, W. Maund, A. Flowers, J. H. White conductor.

ANSTON (Yorks).—The Anston Company have rung during the past year 66 complete 720s in the following 40 methods:

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Killamarsh, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, College Treble, College New Treble, Primrose, Tulip Snowdrop, New London Pleasure, Anston Pleasure, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, Kitchener's Transport, Ebor, St. Lawrence, Trinity Sunday, London Treble Bob, Baden Powell's Delight, Anston Surprise, Buller's Surprise, Victoria Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Coventry Surprise, Rochester Surprise, Chichester Surprise, Barnsley Surprise, Ringers' Surprise, Bradley Exercise, Mirfield Delight, Palm Sunday. Also many short touches, amounting in all to 60,000 changes.

COVENTRY.—On Thursday, December 13th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 2½ 6-scores of Stedman, 3 of Plain Bob and 5 of Grandsire, each called differently. J. H. White conductor, 1-2; J. Smallwood, 3-4; Mrs. White, 5-6. And 360 Bob Minor. Mrs. White, 1; A. Flowers, 2; J. Smallwood conductor, 3-4; J. H. White, 5-6.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—In connection with the midnight service held at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. G. W. Dixon, H. T. Pye, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, R. W. Stannard, W. J. Schofield conductor. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to the ringer of the 2nd.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—During 1906 110 complete 720s were rung by the St. Andrew's company and visiting friends in the following methods: Plain Bob 17, Canterbury Pleasure 18, Oxford Bob 30, Double Oxford 9, College Single 21, Grandsire 4, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 6, Violet 1. The following members and visitors took part: A. A. Jarratt 100, E. J. Hoad 96, G. A. Cowlard 70, D. Wright 19, J. Harris 9, S. Heath, 102, W. Collins 72, E. Tidy 75, L. Tidy 51, G. Chantler 31, W. Mathews 29, J. Preston 1, R. Stone 1, J. Leigh 1, C. Leigh 1. The conducting was shared by A. A. Jarrett 48, E. J. Hoad 29, G. A. Cowlard 12, D. Wright 18, J. Harris, J. Preston 1. Is this a record for Sunday and practice ringing?

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—The following twenty-five 720s have been rung by the St. John the Baptist company during the half year ending December 31st, 1906: Kent Treble Bob 6, Oxford 2, London Surprise 4, York Surprise 4, Cambridge 4, Worcester Surprise 2, Durham 1, Chichester 1, Carlisle 1. Performers: W. Miller 22, S. Hayes 22, H. Torble 20, J. Moule 18, G. Dawson 16, S. Bird 9, W. Doran 9, G. Hayden 9, G. A. Black, F. Squires 6, F. G. Margetson 4, W. Truss 2, P. Coard 1, H. J. Tucker 1, A. Philips 1, B. Marks 1. Conductors: W. Miller 16, S. Hayes 5, G. Dawson 2, J. Moule 1, G. A. Black 1, making a total of 72 720s rung during 1906 in 12 different methods.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On January 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 26 mins. Rev. N. H. Johnson, H. Mee, F. Souter, T. Steward, J. Souter, W. Honeywood. Conducted by T. Steward. First 720 on the bells by a local company, and the first by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. The ringer of the 3rd is only 14 years of age.

NEWMARKET.—On Monday, January 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, four 6-scores of Canterbury Doubles and three 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. W. J. Moon, A. Granger, F. C. Turner, O. A. Moody, W. Taylor conductor. This is believed to be the longest length ever rung on these bells, which, it is hoped, will be shortly augmented by the addition of a new tenor.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On December 13th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Hutchings, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, R. Crowhurst first as conductor, A. Hooke. On December 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. T. Streeter, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Hutchings, G. Elston, E. Lucas, P. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst conductor, W. Trewin.

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### THE RESTORATION OF SELBY ABBEY.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Selby Abbey restoration fund was held at Selby, on Friday, the Earl of Harewood in the chair. The meeting was specially called to open the tenders for the roofing and ceiling of the nave, north transept of Latham chapel, and for the outer roofing and oak groining of the choir, including also a pitched roof for the north transept. It was resolved to accept the tender of Mr. Ullathorne, of Selby, for £7,041. The meeting also considered an additional estimate for the building of a gable with east and west turrets to the north transept, which is to have a pitched roof. Up to the time of the fire in October last, the roof of the north transept was flat. Originally the roof was pitched, and it was decided to return to the original style. The tender of Mr. Ullathorne, of

Selby, for £798 15s. 10d. was accepted for this work. The architect (Mr. Scott) said there was now a favorable opportunity for underpinning the piers of the tower, and he advised the committee to undertake this work, and thus remove all further fear with regard to this portion of the church. The meeting gave permission to Mr. Scott to proceed at once with this part of the work. Mr. Mark Scott, the chairman of the finance committee reported that the total amount promised and subscribed to the restoration fund was £31,810, of which £23,067 was actually in the bank.

### HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

The Dean and Chapter have decided to complete the west front of Hereford cathedral, the total cost of which is estimated at £14,800. A beautiful window erected by the subscriptions of upwards of

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Further contributions are solicited for the benefit of the widow and children. Mr. F. B. Kendall, of Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, will gladly acknowledge.

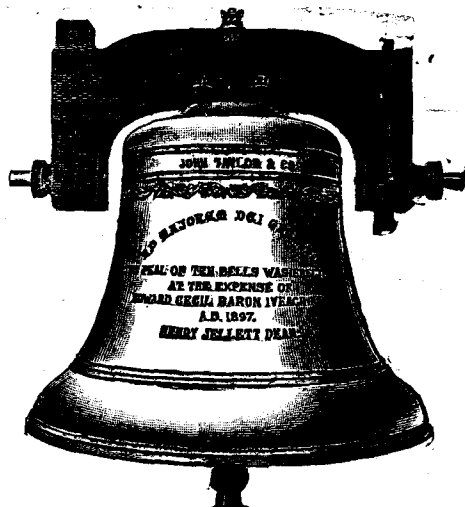
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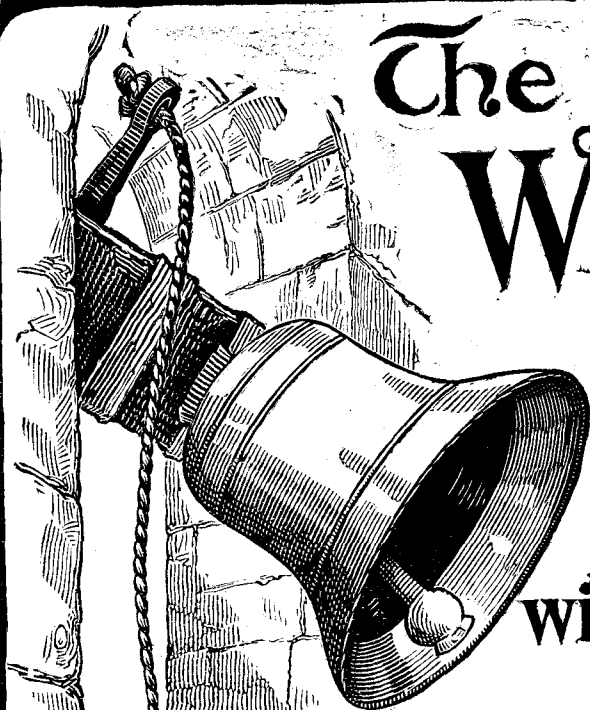
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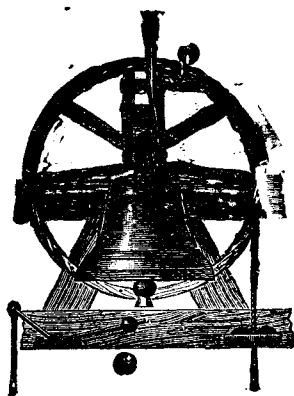
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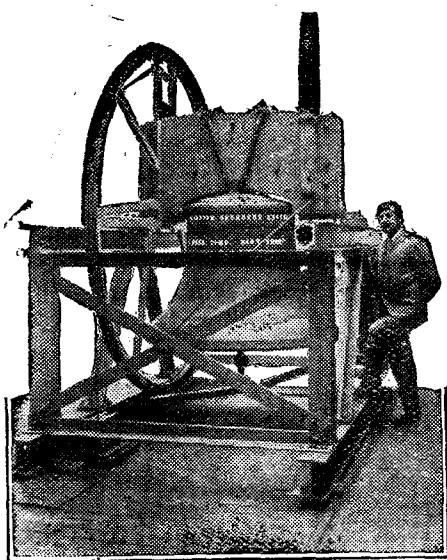
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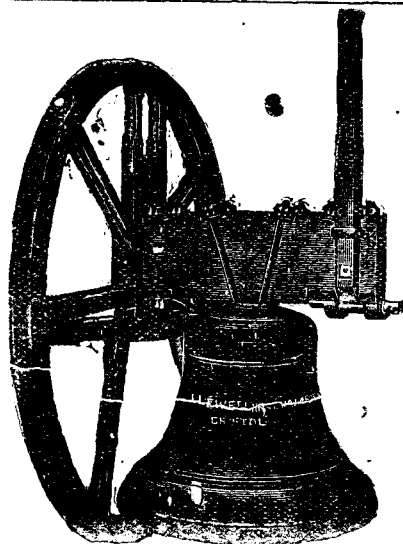
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THE LATE JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

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### JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

The fact that it was found necessary in the new edition of "Grandsire" to omit the portrait and memoir of the author has caused some disappointment. With a view therefore to remove the same, we have Mr. William Snowdon's permission to reproduce a (revised) copy, with a further promise from him to close it with one or more articles such as will form a review of our change-ringing literature brought down to the present time.

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON—who took his Christian names from his maternal grandfather—was the second son of the late Rev. John Snowdon, M.A., Cantab., and was born on June 18th, 1844, at Ilkley, to which then quiet little village his father had just been appointed Vicar.

To the ringing world it will be interesting to learn that one of the earliest matters that demanded the new Vicar's attention was the condition of the three old bells then hang-

ing in the tower, the two heaviest of which were cracked. The outcome of a little energy in this matter was a peal of six, by Taylor, of Loughborough, with an 11 cwt. F sharp tenor, the fifth bearing the inscription: "This peal of six bells was recast A.D. 1845 from three dated 1609, 1636, 1676. John Snowdon, Vicar; Thos. Beaulands, Nimrod Stephenson, James Critchley, Wm. Howden, Churchwardens." In those days "Prize Ringing" held such sway that the then inevitable profanation had to be permitted, or probably the bells would never have been hung; the Vicar, however, by not having the clappers fixed until the last moment, triumphed to the extent that they were first chimed for Divine Service—this on Sunday, January 11th, 1846. These, therefore, were the bells to which Jasper Snowdon—as he was generally spoken of—would listen as a child, and with which he was afterwards to be so much associated.

After spending his early days at Ilkley under his father's tutorage, breathing the fresh moorland air, he was sent to Rossall, where he remained until he was approaching seventeen. Shortly before going to school he lost his

mother, a true type of industry and sweetness; parish work and the cares of a large family rendered her an easy prey to an attack of typhoid fever, caught before the village could boast of its present good drainage; she left behind her three other sons and three daughters.

As a schoolboy he was chiefly distinguished by being completely and entirely devoted to difficult climbing, swimming distances dangerously near the limit of his strength, and good-natured mischief; but for all this, he would occasionally grapple—as a little mental recreation out of school—with a few propositions from Euclid, over and above those set him. His aptitude for making notes and systematically jotting down facts, which was to prove so valuable in his after life, seems to have been developing fairly early, though his first note-book is dated as late as 1861, when he would be seventeen years old, but it contains earlier entries—evidently re-copied. From this book may be gleaned the series of characters given him in mathematics by his various Rossall masters; at the outset he has “very bad,” and then they ran as follows, “some improvement; moderate; more diligent; very much improved; Euclid good; Euclid good, he takes pains and is improving; very good, he possesses very good abilities and is industrious and attentive; he has very great ability, and would attain to great proficiency if he would work a little harder; very fair, wants life and energy; has been specially diligent in Euclid; improved; Euclid good; algebra very good, and in examinations very creditable, especially in Euclid and problems.” His last report, Christmas, 1860, says in examination “Euclid fairly produced, but he does not seem to take pains to do anything else well.” His notes remind us that before leaving Rossall, he joined the School Volunteer Corps, and he leaves lists of all his “misses,” “outers,” “centres,” and “bull’s eyes,” carefully and systematically entered up. From his various exploits it would seem that he had always a fair amount of metal in his composition, but whether he had any extra bell-metal infused into him whilst at school it is difficult to say, but it is a noteworthy coincidence that Baron Grimthorpe—then Sir Edmund Beckett Denison, Q.C.—who was a kind and helpful friend to his father, assisted in finding funds for his education. About this time a good story attaches to his personal appearance; so brown and tanned was he with outdoor exercise and sea air, that when he returned home for his holidays, his worthy old Aunt Whitfield—who had been sagely brought up under Hannah More—felt quite shocked that a nephew of hers should be so dirty! Nor would she be satisfied until she had tried scrubbing his neck with a hard nail brush, when the failure of this her bleaching attempt rather astonished the good old soul, who had quite expected (in the fulness of her heart) “that the leopard would have changed his spots.” It is hardly surprising that such a lad should have wished to go to sea, nor that he considered himself badly used in not being permitted; however, he settled down to mechanical engineering in Leeds with better spirits, on being told that as a marine engineer he might go later in life if he wished it.

His earlier note-books contains, among other items, lists of the letters he wrote and received, and these bear witness to his mischief. The year after leaving school he takes the opportunity of posting two valentines to some of his old masters at Rossall. “*Old Masters*” no doubt. He also sends to an old schoolfellow a halfpenny, with the postage stamp on one side and the address on the other; this so pleased the originator that it became an

annual valentine until the postal authorities, many years later, seemed to have turned “crusty,” and charged his friend a double fee “for a letter containing coin not previously registered.” Of course, any good joke may be spoilt by a grandmotherly government.

Spending his Sundays at Ilkley, he found his way into the beifry, and there witnessed that mysterious conjoint athletic and scientific performance known as “change-ringing.” To be greatly interested was with him a matter of course, so he duly entered upon this new branch of his education with proper determination and seriousness. He had previously mastered the “setting” of a bell, so he was confronted only by the scientific part; but with regard to the understanding of this it may be truly said “how can I except some man should guide me.” That many ringers, clever in performance, are not necessarily able to teach is now generally admitted; however, all that was possible was done, and he was shown how to write out “Oxford,” and how to learn a lead off by heart. In his note-book is a treble lead written out and dated February, 1861, and side by side for the 3rd bell, “4th up and 4th down, 1st up and 2nd down, etc., etc.” In this way he committed to memory and rang with ease the whole plain course; but this done he was no wiser, so his teachers with great solemnity informed him, that “if he couldn’t see it *then*, he never would.” He therefore thought it best to abandon his attempt to become a change-ringer. His note-book contains the following, taken most probably from the tattered remains of an old book which used to be used in the Ilkley tower:—

“Sallee—part of the rope of a bell is so spelt.”

“The treble (generally) or some other bell (called the hunt) has in the peal a certain direction assigned to it, which it keeps, and by which it guides the rest.

“2 1 4 3

2 4 1 3

Here the 2 and 4 hunt down and 1 and 3 up.”

It would appear that the “hunt” did not guide him much in those days.

About this time his chief recreation was cricket, in which he had been well grounded at Rossall, and in which his prowess was afterwards to be well-known in his native village, and among such neighbouring clubs as dared to challenge them. In those earlier days country cricket matches as often as not ended in a disturbance or a “free fight,” and it took all his power of persuasion to convince certain batters on his own side that they were bound to leave the wicket when the umpire declared them “out,” without stopping to argue or expressing a wish to fight it out. With a neighbouring Wharfedale village there was an annual match, and the amount of good and bad feeling that was then generated is difficult to describe. At the first of these specially exciting matches in which he played, he was asked to take a turn at bowling at a time when all was going wrong, when, to the astonishment of both sides, and to the utter discomfiture of the opponents, he, with three consecutive balls, delivered by the left hand—with a swiftness not very comfortable to face—took three wickets, and turned the whole fortune of the day. As a batter he was not a free hitter, being somewhat short-sighted, but he could be relied on to defend his wicket very carefully, and often did so through an entire innings.

But village cricket and such other he met with in Leeds had not enough variety, so he sought a change by taking part in the revival of athletic sports, which were so soon to become general throughout the country. Being a good



mile runner he could generally secure "a place"; nevertheless, it was his invariable custom to go where the best men were to be met—a "pot hunter" being in his eyes a most contemptible animal. In 1869, and for some years after, the reports of the principal meetings in the North of England which appeared in the *Field* were from his pen. On the formation of the Leeds Athletic Club, he became the Hon. Sec., and assisted to form the first gymnasium. Under his guidance and influence, the Leeds sports attracted many of the first athletes of the day, and for many years these gatherings were justly famous. As their lustre wore off he threw his influence into the Ilkley sports, the first of which was held in 1873, and for several years these meetings took a very high rank. Until comparatively recently, when business demanded more and more attention, he continued to act as referee and judge of walking at many Yorkshire meetings. As in everything else, he was systematic in athletics; whenever he thought it likely that he would walk a road or distance twice, he carefully noted, in a special book, "the best times. etc." In this book are hundreds of entries, of which the following may be taken as a sample. "Walk, August 1877. Started from Ilkley Vicarage at 4.30 p.m., walked over the bridge, over Bolton bridge up the fields to Abbey, on to the Strid Gate (Lodge), then up the footpath to the left, and along the top of the woods to the Strid, jumped over, along the riverside, up Posforth Beck to the waterfall, kept on that side of the river above the stepping stones, and then through Nesfield and home by 9. Time, not taken accurately, but about 4 hours 30 minutes—being quick considering the roads were wet, and I walked a good deal of the time with my umbrella up. Very wet." Anyone well acquainted with Yorkshire scenery will know the length of this walk and its loveliness—on a fine day—and will grasp by this one entry the class of exertion which he loved. This he would look upon as a little evening airing—a walk little short of twenty miles. Of many walks between Leeds and Ilkley, he has jotted down—page after page—the time of every mile to half-a-second. His last entry previous to his walk to London, which is referred to later on, is a day's walk from Leeds to Ilkley and back—a total distance of 32 miles in a hilly district. "March, 1883, slight fall of snow, roads very bad, walked via new road to Otley, about 4 hours 15 minutes going—returned by Burley Wood-head and Guiseley—about 4 hours; left Leeds 8.45, and was back 6.30." In another note-book he carefully enters his weights, one entry—amongst hundreds—runs, "Began training June 13th, 1867, weight 11 stones 7 lbs.; July 13th, Race Day, 10 stones 13 lbs., and kept so until August 22nd, when I left off training." In October his weight had gone up to 11 stones 11 lbs. Having, he used to say, a stout father, he was very anxious to keep thin. He would comically expound his theory that anyone *might* fatten until his skin was tight; adding, that as his own was exceeding loose, he was naturally anxious to put off the evil day. That he succeeded in keeping himself thin enough is seen from the fact that, although he was a broad shouldered and strongly built man, standing 5 feet 10 inches in his stockings, with a heavily boned frame—which may be correctly inferred from his having no floating power in fresh water, although a capital swimmer—it was not until eight months before his death that he attained to his greatest weight, viz., 12 stones 4 lbs.

Like all athletes he believed in hardening processes, and persuaded himself—and tried to persuade others—that standing in crackling ice in a sponging tray for his morning tub in the coldest possible weather was *very* strengthening.

Perhaps all this cold laid a foundation for his fondness for the Turkish bath, of which he became greatly enamoured.

With the exception of his tendency to take—as we all see now—too much exertion, he was one of the most truly temperate men imaginable; he enjoyed a quiet smoke in the evening, rarely doing so during the day, and never or very seldom when walking—probably because he never sauntered: he invariably smoked whilst he read, and, if very busy with his pen, even whilst he wrote. Always merry and good tempered, he was one of the most interesting and amusing companions possible to meet with, having a fund of anecdotes and stories which seemed well-nigh inexhaustible. Among his various note-books he began one for jokes, but after entering a few very good ones, this department seems to have been crowded out, or possibly he preferred to rely on his memory for those *a propos* to the occasion.

(To be continued.)

#### DEATH OF THE REV. WOOLMORE WIGRAM.

The death is announced of the Rev. Woolmore Wigram, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, Hon. Canon of St. Albans, and Rural Dean. Mr. Wigram was known to many ringers of a past generation as an enthusiastic ringer, and worked hard, both by precept and example, to spread abroad its principles. His pulpit utterances at Association festivals were of a very original character. He was a frequent contributor to *Church Bells*, in which his portrait appeared, with a short memoir written by the editor of this paper. Some of his contributions were embodied in book form, and published under the title of "Change-Ringing Disentangled," a brochure which many young ringers of the present day would do well to study. Mr. Wigram was a kind and courteous gentleman, and very much enjoyed the company of change-ringers. His age was seventy-five.

#### RINGERS' SUPPER AT BURSTOW, SURREY.

On Thursday, January 17th, the ringers of the above parish had their annual supper, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. C. J. Walbrand Evans), who was also in the chair, supported by the churchwardens. Grace having been said, our knives and forks were set going to the tune of roast beef, etc., with a drop of nut-brown beer to help it down. Soon a trip of some kind occurred (a change-course, I think), for we found we had struck the plum pudding and mince-pies, but we finished that course before the Rector called "stand" to say grace. After the table had been cleared of the empty dishes, our pipes and tobacco came forward. After a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, the rest of the evening was spent in songs, etc., with Mr. H. Greenhall at the piano. After singing the National Anthem, we wended our way to our homes, after a very pleasant evening.

#### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.—REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 100 PEALS. Grandsire Triples 22, conducted 11; Grandsire Caters 1; Plain Bob Triples 1; Plain Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 6; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6; Stedman Triples 47, conducted 11; Stedman Caters 12, conducted 3; Superlative Surprise Major 2. Total 100.

These peals were rung in 41 different towers (32 in Kent), 82 for the Kent County Association; others for Oxford and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds, College Youths and Oxford University.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. SEVERN.—Next week.

AIGSBURTH.—Will our correspondent kindly write again?

## ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON.

Much has been written and said about Bow Bells, in rhyme and in prose, and a great deal of interesting civic tradition has for a long time clung to them. It may be said in connection with such tradition that distance lent enchantment to the view, as for more years than one can remember a close intimacy with them was not without alloy. True, the bells themselves are of the very best, the noble tenor of 53 cwt. especially. Yet to ring them at any time was the reverse of pleasant. The frame was an antiquarian study; the circle of ropes was not a circle; and the bells went heavily. These conditions have now been altered, but only after many years of anxious expectation and waiting. At length, the representations so persistently made to the authorities have brought forth fruit: the famous Bow Bells are now pealable!

As will be seen by the peal records, a peal of Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow on Saturday last. This is the first peal of Maximus upon this noble ring, which have recently been re-hung in the old frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel bell foundry. The go of the bells, considering the weight and the circumstances under which they were re-hung, certainly reflect the very greatest credit upon the firm. These bells were in such a bad condition that some three years ago the churchwardens placed an order for their re-hanging. The experiment was not a success, as when the job was completed it required two men upon the eleventh and three upon the tenor, for short touches, and any long length was quite impossible.

At last the Ancient Society of College Youths prevailed upon the authorities to have something more done to them. The work was then given to another firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and carried to such a successful conclusion under the expert supervision of no less a person than the principal of that firm, Mr. A. Hughes, that a band of the "ancients" went to the church on Thursday last and rang two long courses of Treble Bob Maximus to test the bells, and thereon decided to attempt a peal upon the following Saturday.

The success of that attempt is recorded in the peal columns. The thanks of the company are hereby tendered to the Rector, who personally wished the performers every success previous to the attempt, he visiting the ringing-chamber and welcoming them; also to Mr. Hughes for sending his men to see that all was in order, and to pull up the bells ready for the ringers.

E. P. O'MEARA.

## 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 MOTTRAM.

SIR, I am somewhat surprised to read in your last issue that the committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild had decided to record the ringing of Mottram bells last Whit-Friday as a true peal of 16,800 changes. May I ask them the following questions?

1. How many of the five members (who formed the quorum) heard the ringing?
2. How many of the said Committee are qualified to act as judges in the matter, supposing they heard the ringing?
3. Why, while admitting the calling from manuscript is reprehensible and the striking was faulty, more or less (what this may mean I do not know), they still persist in calling it a record peal?

4. Why no reference is made to the refreshment that was carried to the ringers every two hours?
5. Did this refreshment business cause the bad striking?
6. How many of the 16,800 changes does the conductor think were rung true, and were there any repetitions?

Until these questions are answered in a satisfactory manner, we Lancashire men will not admit the performance.

To Lancashire belongs the honour of the composition of the longest peal of Treble Bob Major yet composed, and Lancashire thinks to-day that it is both pitiful and dishonourable for any band of ringers to say they have rung it true, when they themselves know they have not done so. Is this fair to the composer?

As this is a vital matter to the interests of all ringers, I invite answers to the above queries, reserving to myself (with your permission) further remarks.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue, *re* the long peal at Mottram, the committee had evidence of the principal six of the ringers in the said peal, stating a call omitted was not proved, I can repeat what I have said before. The call was omitted, and the bells were firing for more than twenty minutes, in fact there was only one bell going several times during the performance of the firing, and this the Committee call faulty striking. There should have been a course with the tenors together in the first course of the fourth part which never came up at all, and this is allowed in a record performance! I think it is time the Exercise put this sort of thing down. I should like to ask any ringer who was present, if they heard one clear change in all the nine hours and forty minutes, and for any ringer to allow his name to stand to such rubbish I can't understand.

Can the Committee state what they mean by serious blemishes; it sounds very funny for a record peal.

GEORGE LONGDEN.

## PEAL ANALYSIS FOR 1905.

SIR,—As the member of the Committee responsible for that particular portion of the 1905 Analysis referred to by Mr. Bradney in your last issue, may I say the peal in question was published under the heading of "The Shifnal Albion Society and the Salop Archidiaconal Guild." In the Analysis peals are booked to the Society or Association mentioned first, and therefore this performance was placed with those rung by "Independent Societies."

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

## THE SMALLEST VILLAGE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Symonds, he does not say whether this band at Preston resided in the parish. I have looked up the account which was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 1st, 1902. It does not state anything about where the men resided at the time. It seems their chief point about the peal was their all being foresters. I would have written direct to Mr. Symonds had I known his address. Sorry to trouble you so much with this.

JAMES HUNT.

## PROTECTION OF CHURCH BELLS FROM FIRE.

SIR,—In view of the several church fires which have occurred lately, at Selby and elsewhere, in which bells have been destroyed, I suggest to those building or restoring churches that (1) the first floor of the tower (and if a low one, the roof also) be of steel and concrete construction; (2) that the louvre openings be fitted with internal fire-proof sliding doors, so hung as to close automatically with excessive heat; and (3) that windows abutting on roofs be glazed with wired glass.

With these precautions, the burning of a church need not involve the destruction of the bells and clock, often the most valuable contents of the building.

RICHARD F. DEAL.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, January 15th, at the parish church, for practice, 600 Forward Royal. A. Blundell, T. Miller, A. J. Wallater, W. Fisher, C. Wallater, H. Belcher, J. Bates, G. Hughes conductor, J. E. Groves, J. Lawton. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. Blundell, A. J. Wallater, G. Hughes, C. Wallater, J. Bates, H. Belcher, W. Smith, W. Brittain. Conducted by C. Wallater.

### THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, CARDIFF, AND THE LLLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the vestry of St. John's church, Cardiff, on Thursday evening, January 17th, the Treasurer, Mr. W. Allen, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the next item on the agenda, the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted in the re-election of Mr. W. Allen as Treasurer, and Mr. H. J. Johnson as Secretary. Mr. W. Biss was elected captain and steeplekeeper. Two new members were admitted to the Society. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the treasurer, secretary and late captain for their able and efficient services rendered in the tower during the past year, and were responded to. The Secretary spoke of the good feeling that prevailed in the Society and in the tower with one and all, and although the progress in the past year had not resulted in anything startling in the ringing world, if the same good feeling only predominates in the future as in the past year, be looked forward to the St. John's Society making rapid strides.

Mr. Biss, captain, urged upon those present to do their utmost to advance the Art in Cardiff and make themselves efficient, so as in course of a short time to be ringing methods of a higher standard.

The business finished, the members visited the tower and rung touches on the splendid ring of ten, of which they are so justly proud.

### METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

I have found some other Minor methods which I consider belong to the Surprise family, and will now give them as follows:

"BELL NEWS," vol. 23.

Given without a name, page 364. Say H.D.

do. do. do. page 470. Say J.C.

London Treble Bob. Not as given in Standard Methods, 470 Annable's Notebook.

Primrose is an old method given by Annable exactly as in Thackerah. I have altered it as follows, and termed it Primrose Surprise.

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  
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2 5 6 4 1 3  
5 2 4 6 3 1

2 5 6 4 3 1  
5 2 4 6 1 3  
5 4 2 6 3 1  
4 5 6 2 1 3

5 4 6 1 2 3  
4 5 1 6 3 2  
4 5 6 1 2 3  
5 4 1 6 3 2

5 1 4 6 2 3  
1 5 6 4 3 2  
5 1 6 3 4 2  
1 5 3 6 2 4

P. 1 5 6 3 4 2 L.

B. 1 3 5 6 4 2 L.

The following is a Treble Bob Method:

1 2 3 4 5 6  
2 1 4 3 6 5  
1 2 4 3 5 6  
2 1 3 4 6 5

2 3 1 6 4 5  
3 2 6 1 5 4  
3 2 1 6 4 5  
2 3 6 1 5 4

2 6 3 5 1 4  
6 2 5 3 4 1  
2 6 5 3 1 4  
6 2 3 5 4 1

6 3 2 4 5 1  
3 6 4 2 1 5  
6 3 4 2 5 1  
3 6 2 4 1 5

3 2 6 1 4 5  
2 3 1 6 5 4  
2 3 6 1 4 5  
3 2 1 6 5 4

3 1 2 5 6 4  
1 3 5 2 4 6  
3 1 5 2 6 4  
1 3 2 5 4 6

P. 1 3 5 2 6 4 L.

B. 1 2 3 5 6 4 L.

I shall be glad to see Mr. Snowdon return to this job, as he is a man who I believe means finishing a job when once started, and this is one of the jobs that want settling once and for all.

### THE IMPERIAL DODGING HUNT METHODS.

Islington Imperial Surprise.

Albion Imperial Surprise.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7  
1 2 3 4 6 8 5 7  
2 1 4 3 8 6 7 5

2 4 1 3 6 8 5 7  
4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7  
2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8  
4 2 3 1 5 7 6 8

2 4 3 5 1 7 8 6  
2 3 4 5 7 1 8 6  
3 2 5 4 1 7 6 8  
3 5 2 4 7 1 6 8

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4 2 6 3 8 5 1 7  
4 6 2 3 5 8 7 1  
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2 1 3 4 7 5 8 6  
1 2 4 3 5 7 6 8  
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8  
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7

P. 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7 L.

B. 1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8 L.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
2 1 4 3 5 6 8 7  
1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8  
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8  
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2 3 4 6 8 1 7 5  
3 2 6 4 1 8 5 7  
3 6 2 4 8 1 7 5

6 3 4 2 8 7 1 5  
6 4 3 2 7 8 5 1  
4 6 2 3 8 7 1 3  
4 2 6 3 7 8 5 1

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2 3 4 6 5 7 1 8  
3 2 6 4 7 5 8 1  
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4 1 2 6 3 8 5 7  
1 4 6 2 3 8 7 5  
4 1 2 6 8 3 5 7  
1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5

P. 1 6 4 8 2 7 3 5 L.

I 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

HENRY DAINS.

### DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES HUNT, Guildford.

5088.

23436 1 4 6

54326 - -

43526 - -

35426 - -

25634 - -

56234 - -

32654 - -

26354 - -

63254 - -

52364 - -

23564 - -

53462 - 5

1 4 6

34562 - -

43265 - -

62345 - -

23645 - -

34625 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

32546 - -

35246 - s

52346 - -

43256 - -

32456 - -

Repeated.

Has the 6th ten times wrong and twenty times right.

\*\* It is incumbent on all who ring peals to send on their reports as quickly as possible, so that they may be dealt with at the earliest moment by the compilers of the yearly Analysis

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1907.

AFTER many years of hope, it is a pleasure to be able at last to say that the historic ring of bells of St. Mary-le-Bow are in good ringing order. A short article, from the pen of the Master of the College Youths, may be found elsewhere, giving some particulars of what has been done, and among the peal-records is seen the account of a peal of Treble Twelve rung upon them last Saturday evening. This performance was heard by many, and created some public interest. The thoroughfare known as Cheapside is not so full of pedestrians at the time the peal was in progress, but many stopped to listen to the grand roll of the bells as the course-ends came up. A leading Church paper, in giving a notice of the performance, had the following: "The Secretary of the Society (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), rang the tenor bell of 53 cwt., and conducted the peal, which is the first in that method ever rung on the bells, and took four hours to accomplish. This historical peal has recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which was established as long ago as the year 1570. The bells were recast at the same foundry a century and a half ago."

Feb. 28, 1907.

**The Metropolis.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Four Hours and One Minute,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHRAPSIDE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 53 cwt.*

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 2.	ALFRED B. PECK .. .. 8.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. .. 9.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 10.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. .. 5.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. .. 11.
EDWIN HORREX .. .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALBY, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

This is the first peal of Maximus on the bells, which have been rehung and thoroughly overhauled by Mears and Stainbank.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)**On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.*

ROWLAND FENN .. .. Treble.	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS .. .. 5.
GEORGE COTTIS .. .. 2.	CALEB FENN .. .. 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 7.
HENRY E. PARKER .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. FAULKNER.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry E. Parker.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**Tenor 22½ cwt.*

EDWIN F. PIKE* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT DARVILL .. .. 5.
HARRY BARRETT .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. WALKER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH LAW .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 4.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

\*First peal. Rung on the anniversary of King Edward's accession.

**Handbell Peal.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, January 20, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. PYE, 213, CANNHALL ROAD, LEYTONSTONE,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 7-8.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
Umpire—W. Keeble.**The Provinces.****MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 15, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANS GATE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;***IN THE KENT VARIATION.**Tenor 20 cwt.*

GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. COOPER .. .. 6.
WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 3.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT DAVIES .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

This peal was arranged for R. Richardson, who hails from Spalding, Lincolnshire, and who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

**ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 15, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***PRITCHARD'S SIX-PART.**Tenor 25½ cwt.*

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. PILKINGTON .. .. 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 2.	ALFRED HALTON .. .. 6.
JOHN H. SHOLICAR .. .. 3.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 4.	PETER H. HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. SHOLICAR.

Rung on the occasion of the 66th birthday of Lord Derby.

**GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

SOLOMON MAULE .. .. Treble.	FRANK CULLUM .. .. 4.
WALTER BLOOMFIELD .. .. 2.	JAMES BASON .. .. 5.
ALAN GARNHAM .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. BASON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. C. Roger Kennaway to Miss Everard, of Haslemere, Surrey, which took place on that day.

**SEELY OAK, WORCERSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE WORCERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.*

GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 5.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
JOHN WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

\*First peal in the method.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,**AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES.***Tenor 30 cwt.*

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 6.
PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 2.	*CHARLES LUEBY .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 3.	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. .. 8.
PERCY J. PAINE .. .. 4.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 9.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 5.	STEWART BING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE.

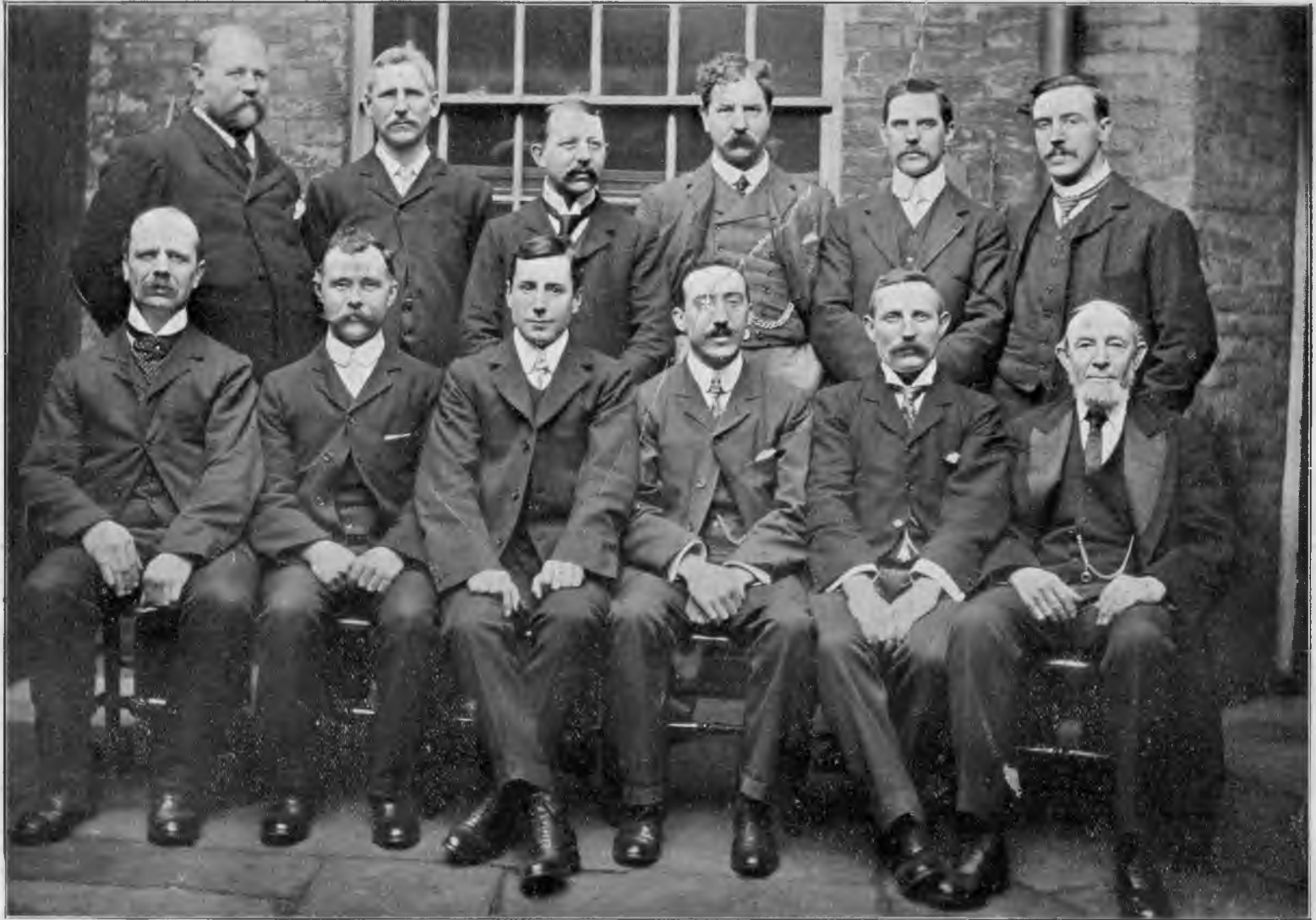
This was F. G. Brett's fiftieth peal.

**EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 16 cwt.*

ALFRED YOUNG* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SELF .. .. 5.
DANIEL SNELLING .. .. 2.	THOMAS MILES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SHEPHERD* .. .. 3.	ALFRED E. BASSETT .. .. 7.
ALFRED BROWN .. .. 4.	PERCY COOPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by DANIEL SNELLING.

\*First peal in the method. W. Shepherd was elected a member previous to starting.



Taking the front row from left to right they are: C. F. Winney, *Treble*. S. E. Joyce, 2 H. Langdon, 3; H. R. Pasmore, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; E. Horrex, 6. The back row, from right to left, are: W. H. Pasmore, 7; A. B. Peck, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9, H. R. Newton, 10; R. T. Hibbert, 11; W. T. Cockerill, *Tenor*.



## CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

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On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

T. MADDOCK .. .. Treble.	*W. PROLES.. .. 5.
H. PERRY* .. .. 2.	*F. STUCKEY.. .. 6.
T. JONES* .. .. 3.	DR. R. H. VEREKER .. 7.
F. ALFORD* .. .. 4.	*F. LANGFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the ringers' annual supper given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Speke.

## WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN ASPINWALL .. Treble.	*GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
REV. B. TYBWHITT-DRAKE* 2.	EDWARD CAUNCE .. 6.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 3.	*SAMUEL STEWART .. 7.
EDWIN H. LEWIS* .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see Midland Counties Association Report No. 1130.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 2.	CHARLES ROOPE .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
EDWARD LUBBOCK* .. 4.	FREDERICK ROOPE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and  
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\*First peal.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 6.
FREDK. J. RING .. .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LANE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. Tenor.

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN., and  
Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

## TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL ROGERS .. Treble.	JOHN BUTLER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK ATWELL .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
BENSON W. MILLARD .. 3.	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES.. 7.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 4.	THOMAS JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal of Triples by ringers of the treble and tenor, who belong to the local company. The rest are from Newport. It is seventeen years since a peal of Triples was rung on these bells.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

EDWIN SMITH .. Treble.	ERNEST EVEREST .. 5.
EDWARD BRIDGER .. 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. 6.
SIDNEY HUNTLEY .. 3.	HARRY SEAL .. .. 7.
ELGAR KING .. .. 4.	GEORGE COOPER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 5.
HENRY WAITE .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE.. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

## CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

ANDREW MEARS† .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. 2.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 6.
SIDNEY CHURCHER* .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 4.	HENRY C. INGBAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor, and belongs to the local band.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

LIONEL E. SEARS .. Treble.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. 6.
RICHARD HOATHER .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the birthday of William Palmer.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM BELLAMY* .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 2.	JOSEPH BAILEY .. 7.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. 8.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 9.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 5.	R. WILFRID COLLIER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells.

## SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 2.	JOHN HOWES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 3.	ERNEST BRETT .. .. 7.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

## ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE MARRINER .. .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
JOHN HOYLE .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 4.	JAMES HUNT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 5.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 2.	*DANIEL JONES .. .. 6.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN PERRY .. .. 4.	*ALFRED J. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. Canon Allison to the Vicariate of St. Jude's church, Wolverhampton, which took place that day. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones after the peal.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. SEABLE .. .. Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 5.
THOMAS SEABLE .. .. 2.	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN SMART .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. PHILLIPS .. 4.	FREDERICK M. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was the quarterly peal for the western division.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BETTS .. .. Treble	*GEORGE GOWER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 2.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 6.
WALTER BARRETT .. .. 3.	EGBERT BORRETT .. .. 7.
WALTER MOBS .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by J. BETTS.

\*First peal.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK CURTIS .. .. 5.
ERNEST EVEREST .. .. 2.	EDWIN SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DENTON .. .. 3.	ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 7.
HARRY SEAL .. .. 4.	ELGAR KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday, and as a birthday compliment to F. Curtis.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. Treble	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 5.
CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	PERCY J. PAINE .. .. Tenor.

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

This is the conductor's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. Rung in honour of the King's Accession, and as a birthday compliment to John Balaam, aged 78.

## CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD V. HINTON .. Treble	THOMAS BEST .. .. 5.
FRANK SPARSHOTT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR N. WOOLF .. .. 6.
STEPHEN BEST .. .. 3.	ALBERT BEST .. .. 7.
REGINALD STREET .. .. 4.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells and by all the band.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 5.
ERNEST GOWER* .. .. 2.	*FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 4.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged as a birthday compliment to G. Watson, the energetic Secretary of the Eastern Division, the band congratulating him at the conclusion of the peal. It was also rung on the anniversary of His Majesty's Accession.

## BIRSTALL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM RHODES .. Treble	*JOSEPH KELLETT .. .. 5.
EDWARD CRABTREE .. .. 2.	†JOHN F. CLAYTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM CLARK .. .. 3.	EDWARD CROWTHER .. .. 7.
FRED CLOUGH .. .. 4.	HERBERT PEEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN DIXON, and Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

# WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 22, 1907, 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.

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. 5.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. 2.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. 3.	REV. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JOHN MONK .. .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession.

## Miscellaneous.

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

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 12th, at St. George's-in-the-East, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Warncken, W. Jones, H. Rumens, F. Rumens, E. D. Lillywhite conductor, C. T. Coles, A. W. Coles, J. E. Sykes.

### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday morning, January 13th, for Divine Service, 500 Bob Royal. R. Bescoby, H. Swannack, G. W. D. Metcalfe, T. H. Denman, R. Miles, A. T. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, E. Collingburn, G. R. Winter, H. Warburton.

WORKSOP (Notts).—On Friday, December 28th, in honour of the Duke of Portland's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Haigh, C. Watkinson, W. Marshall, B. Bale, D. Bale, C. Heeley conductor, T. Thorpe. On Sunday evening, January 13th, for Divine Service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. C. Watkinson, G. Clark, D. Bale, B. Bale, H. Haigh conductor, G. Watkinson, C. Heeley, W. Marshall.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, January 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. E. Chapman, W. White, R. Scott conductor, H. Norman, W. Chapman, A. J. Andrews, H. Hayward, R. Chapman.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, January 17th, for practice at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, 1248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 63 mins. C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore, E. Gibbs, S. E. Joyce, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, C. S. Burden, A. B. Peck, T. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill.

### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWARK.—On December 20th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's Variation) in 47 mins. G. F. Woodage, W. H. Taffender, T. H. Taffender conductor, J. C. F. Bayley, M. Melia, R. F. Deal, H. Gummer, jun., F. Lewis first quarter-peal.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Turner, G. Gains, C. Potheary, R. F. Deal conductor, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal. And 240 Grandsire Minor. H. W. May, sen., G. Gains, R. Theobald, H. Franks, H. W. May, jun., R. F. Deal conductor. These touches were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Baroness Brndett Coutts, who presented the bells. On November 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. May, jun., Gains, Theobald, Deal, Franks, Potheary conductor. On November 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor (60 calls). May, sen., Franks, Theobald, Potheary, May, jun., Deal conductor. On November 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. May, sen., Gains, Potheary conductor, Franks, May, jun., R. Charge. On November 21st, 720 Bob Minor. Deal, Gains, H. F. Hull, Theobald, Franks, Potheary conductor. On December 5th, 720 Kent. Deal, R. Charge, Theobald, Potheary, H. F. Hull, W. Weatherstone conductor. On December 19th, 720 Bob Minor. May, jun., Gains, Hull conductor, Franks, E. J. Woolley, Theobald.

CLERKENWELL.—On Sunday, November 25th, for morning

service at St. James's church, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending in state, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. R. Theobald, R. Charge, H. W. May, jun., H. Franks, C. Potheary, R. F. Deal, H. F. Hall conductor, F. Creek.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Christmas Eve, at St. Nicholas' church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mundy, E. Dumper, W. T. Tucker, C. J. Fray conductor, W. Rowe, A. Marks. On Thursday, January 17th, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 23 mins. E. Mundy, G. Williams conductor, C. J. Fray, A. Marks, W. Rowe, sen., W. T. Tucker. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and thought to be the first by a local band in the county.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On Thursday, January 17th, at the parish church, as a last token of respect to the Rev. George Nelson Godwin, late curate-in-charge of Stokesley, near Yarmouth, and formerly of this place, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band in 45 mins., with the bells deeply muffled. W. Law, E. G. Johnson conductor, C. L. Noakes, S. W. Hills, A. Johnson, F. S. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Sharp.

BOTTESFORD (Notts).—On January 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 29 mins. T. Rawdin, C. Lamb, D. Gilden, W. Turner, M. Bend, S. Baker conductor, H. Thorlby, R. Bend.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. John's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. L. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day, J. Harris, W. Biss, Sergt.-Major Dawe, J. Aldridge, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, C. Oram.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, January 13th, at All Saints church, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Humberstone conductor. On Tuesday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Humberstone, A. Briers, A. Roe, J. Wilson, W. H. Humberstone, P. Carter, F. H. Dexter conductor, W. Briers. First quarter-peal by all except 4th and 7th. And a course of Bob Major. Great credit is due to this company, who only commenced ringing Triples after the ring was augmented to eight seven weeks ago.

HANSLOPE (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 19th, at St. James's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, which came to grief after ringing 4000 changes owing to the clapper of the 4th falling out. J. H. Smith, R. V. Plumb, H. Hopkins, W. W. Bromham, R. Nichols, C. A. Valentine conductor.

KETTERING (Northants).—During the year 1906, the Kettering company have rang 144,971 changes in the six following methods: 43,465 Grandsire Triples, 55,093 Stedman Triples, 29,960 Double Norwich Major, 4084 Treble Bob Minor, 12,012 Bob Major, 3060 Bob Minor. The bells have been rung for both services every Sunday, and three times on festival Sundays, being rung in changes every time. The only time that eight bells could not be rung was on Whit Sunday morning for the half-past 5 communion service, when one member, who shall be nameless, failed to turn out, the result being that 360 Bob Minor was rung. During the year the company have learned to ring Double Norwich, and succeeded in ringing a peal in November, the first peal in the method ever rung on the bells by a local company.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—The number of 720s rung by the Little Munden Society during 1906 was 79, in 17 methods, being 1 Surprise, 54 Treble Bob, and 24 in Plain methods. Cambridge Surprise 1, London Scholars' Pleasure 1, Oxford Delight 3, City Delight 6, Duke of York 4, New London Pleasure 6, Violet 4, Woodbine 10, Oxford 10, Kent 10, Double Oxford 6, Double Court 3, College Single 7, Oxford Bob 3, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Grandsire 2, Plain Bob 2. Total 79, and rang for every service held in the church during the year, which numbered 139.

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

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 31st; and at St. Paul's Cathedral 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.

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

**The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow (four miles from Tonbridge) to-day, Sat., January 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, followed by general meeting at The Albion hotel. As the cost of the tea will be 3d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and should be either sent to the District Secretary, or paid at the meeting.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminster to-day, Sat., January 26th. Service in St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. A presentation will be made to the late Secretary. The tower and bells at St. Mary's will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me before Wednesday, January 23rd.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Bransford, Worcester.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association—Kettering District.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rushton to-day, Sat., January 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hoddesdon on Saturday, January 26th, when the bells will be ready from 3.30. Tea will be had at The Salisbury Arms at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. All will be welcome. Tea to members 6d., non-members 8d. Broxbourne tower will also be open from 3.30 until 5.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield to-day, Sat., January 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at The Bugle hotel at 5.50. Meeting after. Subscriptions for 1907 are now due, and I shall be glad to receive the same as soon as possible.

Fareham. J. W. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.** Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipton Mallet to-day, Sat., January 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Important business afterwards. Evensong at 6 p.m. Bells available all day.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD, *Hon. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing will be held at Pudsey to-day, Sat., January 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. F. R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Boreham, on Saturday, February

2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock. A conveyance leaves Tindal Square, Chelmsford, at 4 o'clock for those only sending in their names to me on or before the 28th inst. Subscriptions for 1907 may be paid at this meeting.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
County Officer, Chelmsford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Beaconsfield. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A short service at five o'clock; preacher—Rev. A. T. Commeline, Rector of Beaconsfield. Tea at 5.45 p.m. in the New Hall, to be followed by the usual business meeting at 6.30. Members intending to be present kindly inform

REV. H. C. WILDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Farnham Royal Rectory.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea as usual. Business meeting to follow.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea 9d. each, at 5.30. Service at 7.15 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to give notice to me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 30.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting will (p.v.) be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, February 2nd.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.**—The February meeting will be held at Stokesley (ring of 6, tenor 8 cwt.), including Whorlton in-Cleveland (ring of 6, tenor 9 cwt.), on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea will be provided at The Bay Horse hotel, at 5 p.m., 6d. per head to members, 1s. per head to non-members. Members requiring tea are requested to send in their names to the Rev. R. Hodgson, Skelton-in-Cleveland, S.O., not later than January 28th, including the names of friends who are not members. Whorlton-in-Cleveland is about two miles from Potto station, and six miles from Stokesley.

REV. R. HODGSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, February 4th, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be important business for consideration, every member who can possibly make it convenient is requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Wednesday, February 6th. Half-hour's service in St. Laurence's church at 6.30 p.m. Supper at Phillips' dining rooms, Duke Street, at 7.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and smoker. The bells of St. Laurence will be available for ringing previous to 6.30 p.m. Foremen of towers should let me know the number of ringers who intend to be present, not later than Friday, February 1st.

A. W. H. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*  
31, Henry Street, Reading.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m. Address by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan. The business meeting will be held immediately afterwards in the church schools adjoining the church, following which the tower will be open till 9 p.m. A social will then take place. All ringers and friends are heartily invited.

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

5 Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Essex Association.**—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head to those who advise me beforehand.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Room at 6. Meeting after. Will those expecting to be present kindly notify Mr J. W. Driver, at 387, New Kings Road, Fulham, of their intention not later than February 7th.

WM. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at Harrietsham. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at The Roebuck inn at 5.30. As the charges for tea are over that allowed, 6d. will be charged for the same. Tea can only be provided for those who apply, and have got tickets, which can be had of the Secretary on or before Wednesday, February 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Hamsay House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next meeting will be held at the Mission Room, close to All Saints church, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, February 9th. The bells at All Saints will be available from 3 o'clock, and tea will be provided in the Mission Room at 6 p.m., free to ordinary members, and to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—All being well eight members of the South-Eastern division will attempt a 10,176 of Bob Major at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 9th. Meet at 2.30 sharp.

A. EDWARDS.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. All amendments should be sent to the Secretary not later than February 22nd.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

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**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—All communications should in future be addressed to the Rev. C. W. Scott, The Vicarage, Portsmouth, who is now Honorary Secretary of the Guild, and not to me.

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**Obituary.**

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five years of age. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and relatives in their sad bereavement, and the ringers tender their profound regret and sorrow in losing such a prominent member of their band.

He's taken away, and will ever be missed, In the belfry he loved so well.

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**THE LATE MR. AUGUSTINE BROWNE.**

The funeral of Mr. Augustine Browne, of East Dereham, Norfolk (he having been a ringer at St. Nicholas church a great number of years) took place on Saturday last. In the evening, as a mark of esteem and respect, a muffled touch of Bob Major was rung by the following: C. Bloy, A. Berwick, H. Secker, M. Jarvis, J. G. Miles, B. Whiteside, W. Burrows, F. Adcock.

Deceased had rang several peals, three of which are recorded in the tower, viz., 1853, Holt's ten-part peal of Grand sire Triples; in 1867 he conducted Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples; and in 1871 a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

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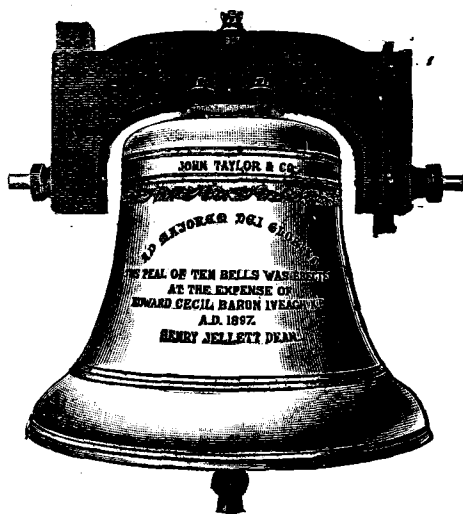
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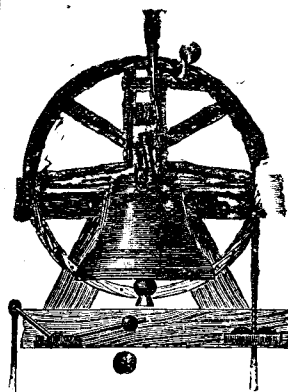
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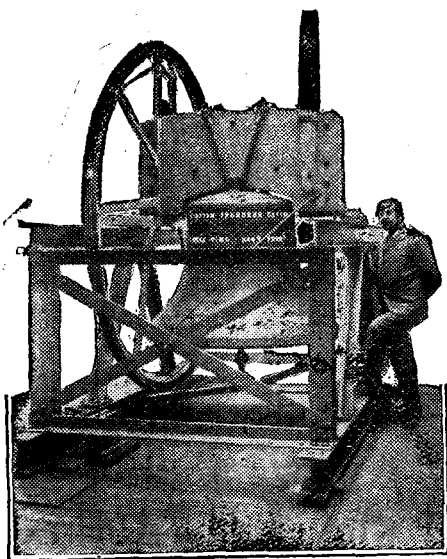
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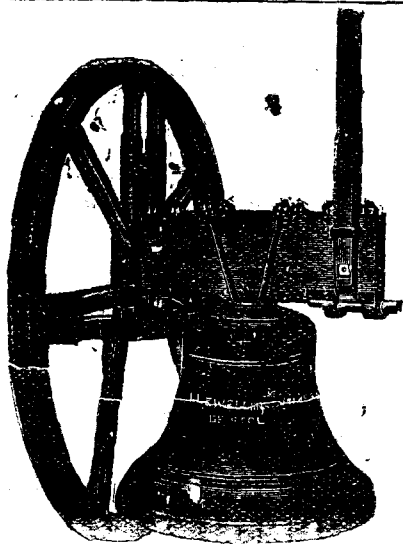
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## THE MUTILATION OF BELLS—BY BURNING.

I have read the letter of Mr. Henry Greeves, copied from the *Guardian*, in the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for January 12th, several times with no little interest: but unfortunately at present the point of the communication of my reverend brother has failed to penetrate my somewhat thick skull.

Evidently Mr. Greeves much dislikes "the practice of cutting off the canons of existing bells and grinding the unfortunate crown to a smooth face (*sic.*)" As a terrible instance of this, he points out the condition in which the Selby Abbey ring now are, since the disastrous fire which we all so much deplore. And he draws the somewhat remarkable conclusion "that the bells have been torn by their own weight as half toasted cheese will drop off a toasting fork." On the other hand, he points out that in all fires in well regulated belfries, the bells are "cracked by water or broken by falling."

Now personally I have not thought life long enough to study the behaviour of half-toasted, or wholly-toasted, or even untoasted, cheese, as it either tears or drops off a toasting fork; but I am quite willing to admit that it is a greater indignity to a bell, to cause it to behave in this manner, even than to grind her crown to a face. I can also admire the dignity of the bell that in the midst of a consuming conflagration, stands (or rather drops) on her rights, and insists on being cracked by water, or broken by falling.

Yet still, even dignity may be bought too dearly: and are we seriously to imagine that this lesson of "importance to clergy, churchwardens and lovers of bells" which Mr. Greeves would teach us, is this: viz., that we must always take care that old bells are re-hung in the antiquated and inefficient manner by their canons: no matter what the expense or inconvenience caused; or the additional strain of ringing, and the resulting imperfections in time and tone; in order that when the belfry is at length consumed by fire, the bells may not act as "half-toasted cheese," but meet their death by water, or a "long drop."

I know we antiquaries are often unpractical, but it would seem to be more than unpractical to suggest that bells should be hung with a view to what will happen when the belfry is burnt down: for after all, bells have more frequently to undergo the process of being rung, than of being burnt down.

If any bells were hung to suit such a theory, and one living near them were to complain, that except with very skilful ringers the lack of smoothness in the ringing was annoying, I think even an antiquary would hardly dare to reply. "But think how much better it will be for the bells if they are burnt down." If they did the answer would probably not refer to the bell's crown being ground, but to some one else's crown being cracked, I fear,—not to say, broken by falling.

Surely provision against fire is a matter for the architect, and not for the bell-hanger.

With diffidence—as I have only a practical experience of bell-hanging and bell ringing, and cannot theorise in

the picturesque manner of the letter in question—I would suggest quite a different conclusion and result from Mr. Greeves' own premisses. The bells being in iron frames with iron headstocks, they were kept in position much longer than would otherwise have been the case, but at length the headstocks became so hot that the bells began to fall away; by this time however the fierceness of the fire was past, and the bells were only cracked or broken. Had the headstocks been wooden (as must have been the case were the canons retained), they would soon have caught fire, and the bells would have been melted, and the metal lost among the debris.

Therefore, owing to the foolish and injurious canons having been removed by the far seeing bell hangers, the bells are now saved, and can be readily re-cast with all their original lettering and ornament. The saving in metal alone must be considerable, at its present high price.

I ought to add that I know nothing myself of the actual facts, and am simply reasoning from those alleged in the letter as published.

H. DRAKE.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Debenham on Thursday, January 17th. Debenham is eight miles from the railway, and this fact has up till now kept the Association from paying an official visit to the place of long peal fame. By kind permission the splendid ring of eight in the parish church were available, and also the ten at Stonham Aspal, the eights at Framsdan and Helmingham, and the five at Winston.

Dinner was admirably served by a member of the Association, Mr. W. Ruffles. The Vicar (Rev. A. Duke), presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. C. J. Bowen (Stoke Ash), Mr. J. W. Read (churchwarden), Miss B. Robinson, and Mr. W. L. Wilson (Rumburgh), Messrs. W. L. Duffield, A. E. Fuller, J. Souther, J. Motts, D. and R. H. Hayward, W. Grimes, C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and representatives from Eye, Wickham Skeith, Marlesford, Tuddenham, Framsdan, Diss, Thornham, and the local society. The usual toasts were honoured, and the chairman in proposing "Success to the Association" gave everyone a warm welcome to the town, and he hoped it would not be the last time a meeting would be held there.

The Secretary in responding, mentioned the heavy losses they had sustained by death during the past year. Tributes had already been paid to Dr. Raven and Mr. Gervas Holmes, and now, during that very afternoon, another staunch supporter of the Association—the Rev. H. J. Coleman—was being carried to his last resting-place in the quiet churchyard at Westwick, in which parish he had laboured so well for thirty-four years. Mr. Coleman was one of the seven gentlemen who met in Norwich in 1877, and decided to start an Association for the diocese; at the second official meeting he was elected a member of the Committee, a position he held without intermission until the day of his death. During the whole of that period his interest was unabated, and he

gave strong and invaluable support to successive secretaries. A brief statement was then made as to the increase in membership, the financial position, and the peal performances during 1906. They had made a record by ringing for seven successive years peals on all numbers of bells from Doubles to Maximus, but their totals for 1906, like almost every other society, showed a marked decrease on those of the previous year.

A considerable number of new members were then elected, and after a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, the members adjourned, and again availed themselves of the various rings of bells placed at their disposal throughout the day.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26th, a most successful and interesting meeting of the above was held at Kidderminster. Early in the afternoon the bells at St. Mary's, a splendid peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D, were raised, and several touches brought home before 4 p.m., at which hour the service was arranged for. Owing to the absence of the Vicar (Rev. Sidney Phillips), which was much regretted by all, the service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Mitchell, an exceedingly instructive and practical address being delivered by him to those present. After the service a move was made to the room kindly lent for the meeting, where, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar and some friends of the ringers, a most excellent tea was provided, it being greatly appreciated by all.

With the Rev. G. T. Mitchell in the chair, the business was then discussed. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, the balance-sheet especially being most satisfactory, there being a balance of £10 on the year's working. Several new members were elected, including the chairman and two churchwardens of St. Mary's. The annual meeting was fixed to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and Mr. R. Matthews was appointed conductor of the quarterly peal to be attempted at Hartlebury.

The business having been disposed of, Mr. S. Spittle (Vice-president), then proceeded in a most successful manner to present the late Secretary—Mr. John Smith—with an illuminated address and a purse of gold, which had been subscribed to by the members.

Mr. Spittle, in a very neat speech, remarked that since 1884, the year in which the late Secretary was appointed, a remarkable improvement had taken place in ringers and ringing generally, due to a great extent to the Association and its officers, and especially to the work the late Secretary had done during his time of office.

Mr. John Smith in reply thanked the members for their kindness in making him such a handsome present, and thereby showing him that the work he had done for the Association was so much appreciated, and, remarking that he hoped the Association would make as much progress in the future as it had in the past, he mentioned the pleasure with which he had read a paper recently published in "THE BELL NEWS" from the Rev. Herbert Drake, and advised all ringers to be Churchmen first and ringers next.

A vote of thanks having been accorded the Vicar, the chairman and the donors of the tea, the members then dispersed, some to the station, others to St. Mary's belfry where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise were successfully brought round.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield on Saturday, January 26th, when a good number of members attended, principally from Fareham, Wickham and Portsea; also a good attendance of local ringers. Before tea a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. Grant, Churcher, Merrett, Symons, Chappell (conductor), and Whiting. Tea followed at The Bugle hotel, where the ringers were the guests of the Vicar of Titchfield (Rev. R. A. R. White), and which the ringers thoroughly enjoyed.

Before the commencement of business, the Assistant-Secretary (Mr. G. E. Chappell), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generous hospitality in asking the members of the Guild to be his guests at tea that afternoon, and said it was a unique occurrence, for since the formation of the Guild into districts, and holding meetings of this description every quarter, it had never been their happy lot to be so entertained. The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar in reply, said he wished no thanks for what he had done, he was only too happy when he knew the ringers was paying Titchfield a visit to ask them to be his guests at tea, and it gave him great pleasure to welcome them, and said the bells that afternoon sounded delightful; also he was glad that the ringers had not pulled the tower down, because when the bells were rehung a few years ago, some people of Titchfield said it was madness for him to think of having the old four bells rehung, but when they knew he was going to get two more to make six, they said he was qualifying for the asylum. He also related a little story in connection with a trial ring before the bells were opened. Having occasion to be away the night the trial took place, he naturally expected the ringers to pull the tower down, so he asked his curates to send a telegram as late as possible with results; behold when he was sitting at dinner the telegram arrived: "Bells ringing merrily: tower still standing"; so he was pleased that afternoon they had not succeeded in pulling it down.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The Rev. F. A. Howard, M.A., curate of Titchfield, was elected an honorary member, and six members of the Titchfield band was elected probationary members, the Vicar saying he would be responsible for the subscriptions for two years.

Mr. J. Symons (Portsea), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingram (Portsea), who said he hoped many such meetings may be held at Titchfield. This was also supported by the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Whiting.

Thus terminated one of the most pleasant meetings the district has held. During the evening the bells were kept going, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Minor, College Single, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles being rung.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, January 26th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St Mary's church, Taunton, Somerset, where a tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters, first in the method by the Association, and first in the county and West of Bristol by local men, was unveiled.

Mr. J. Burge introduced the business, and asked the Venerable Archdeacon Askwith to unveil the tablet. He

congratulated the ringers on their success, and said he was very pleased they had rung it upon the bells of his parish church. He then unveiled the tablet, and told the ringers it was there as a lasting memorial, for those to see who would come after them.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's guild was held the same evening, the Archdeacon presiding. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the necessary officers were duly elected for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for presiding, and this brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Afterwards five courses of Stedman Caters were rung by the following band: B. Bruford, P. Merson, S. Wyatt, J. Routley, E. Lloyd, J. Burge (conductor), F. Sadd, E. Burgess, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (HORLEY BRANCH.)

The annual supper of the Horley parish church ringers was held at The Six Bells inn on Wednesday, January 2nd. The Vicar (Rev. H. S. Lewis), presided, and there were also present Messrs. F. Glover (churchwarden), E. C. Wakefield (sidesman), and C. F. Johnston, from the firm of Gillett and Johnston, Bellfounders, Croydon, Surrey. Altogether about twenty-four sat down to an excellent supper provided by host Huey. The Vicar proposed the toast of "The King," which was drunk with musical honours. The next toast was that of "The Churchwardens and Sidesmen." Mr. F. E. Glover responded, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and remarked that the past year had been a very important one with regard to church matters. They had partly rebuilt the tower, and had the bells rehung, and he was sure they were all very pleased with them.

The Vicar then proposed the toast of "The Visitors." Mr. C. F. Johnson acknowledged the toast in a happy vein, during which he humorously suggested that the Horley and Burstow ringers should combine forces and draw their respective Vicars to the belfries, there to impart their secret knowledge to them.

The Vicar then gave the toast of the evening—"The Horley Parish Church Ringers," and in his remarks he said he felt sure that the Horley ringers would hold their own with regard to ringing for services on Sundays.

Mr. A. Songhurst responded on behalf of the ringers. He desired to thank the parishioners for the manner they had supported them.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. Songhurst, Wood, Edwards, Johnston, Sherlock and others, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

January 30th was observed, in accordance with their annual custom, by the various "jacobite" clubs of London as the anniversary of St. Charles, the King and Martyr. As they have been ousted from their religious home in the City by the death of the Rector of St. Margaret Pattens, the chief function yesterday was held at St. Cuthbert's.

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### Correspondence.

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

#### SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—In your issue of January 19th you publish a method of the above, under the name of Chester-le-Street, by Mr. Robinson. Now, not while wishing to claim it, that is, if Mr. Robinson thinks that he has prior claim, I may say that I have had the same and several more (one of which I enclose) for two years.

#### Southwell Surprise.

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Calling wrong, right, wrong.

C. SEVERN.

#### THANKS.

SIR,—Allow me through your columns to thank Mr. Borrett for the information so kindly given by him in your last issue; also to say that I am sorry the Salop Archidiaconal Guild should have been deprived of the credit for a peal of Stedman Triples by an apparent slight mistake on my part.

JOHN BRADNEY.

#### SMALLEST VILLAGE.

SIR,—Sorry to trouble you again as regards the Preston peal, I overlooked Mr. Hunt's letter, which mentioned residing in the parish. The band were all born in Preston, and taught change ringing by yours respectfully,

A. SYMONDS.

#### TREBLE MINOR METHODS.

SIR,—In your last issue there appears two methods on six bells given by Mr. H. Dains. I do not know whether he is aware that he published the second one in "THE BELL NEWS" for October 15th, 1904, p. 376, under the name of "Morning Star Treble Bob," and I have it among my collection. I have myself a collection of 150 Treble Bob methods. If Mr. Dains is able to spare the time perhaps he would supply us with all the methods on six bells published in Annable's Note-Book. It is a pity such a book as Annable's should lie in the British Museum. Is there not some means whereby it could be reprinted for the benefit of the Exercise? I should like to know what the feelings of ringers are respecting this. I shall have something further to say respecting other Minor methods later on.

H. G. ROWE.

#### ISLE OF WIGHT TOUR.

February 4th to 9th, 1907.

List of towers and hours of starting during the week, by kind permission of the authorities:—

Portsea, St. Mary, Monday 2.30.  
Ryde, All Saints, Tuesday 4.0.  
Brading, St. Mary, Wednesday 4.0.  
Newport, St. Thomas, Thursday 2.30.  
Shanklin, St. Saviour, Friday 2.0.  
Netley, St. Edward, Saturday, 12.0.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Rev. C. W. Scott, Hon. Sec., Portsea, Hants.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. P. O. Bixby, Hon. Sec. of the northern branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is now residing at The Lion hotel, Woodbridge, Suffolk.



## MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

(Continued from page 507.)

Jasper Snowdon's mind seems to have demanded constant occupation and relaxation, so in 1864, as an amusement for winter evenings, he got together an amateur troupe of negro minstrels, whose formation was inaugurated by a successful performance for the Ilkley Hospital. The members of this troupe kept together, and continued to perform at intervals for charitable institutions and other such objects up to 1873, when they made their last appearance at Ilkley, for the fund for augmenting and re-hanging the church bells. Perhaps the most successful of these performances—some thirty in number—was that given at St. George's Hall, Bradford, before a large audience, at the Soiree of the Blind Institution in 1868. Another proof of the methodical way in which he undertook everything, may be gathered from the fact that the programme of each performance is entered in one of his books, and, to avoid a repetition, a list of the jokes given at each place is also kept. As may be imagined by anyone who knew his funny side, he always appeared as "Bones," made the "stump speech," took the lead in the comic sketches, and kept the fun alive at all the proper intervals. He was fond of music, without having—as the saying is—"a note of music in his head." On one occasion, the pianist of this negro troupe, a skilled transposer and modulator, allowed him, in commencing a comic song in character, to choose his own key; at the end of the song he had been up and down, in and out of the whole twelve keys, the obliging accompanist following him throughout. Of course he only sang, as may be imagined, in the comic songs; but in spite of this drawback, he had a very good notion of what was good in others; he could appreciate Beethoven's sonatas for instance. Like all true wits he enjoyed the jokes of other people the best. Having promised to take part in a concert in a village where he was specially well known, he was vastly amused with the following announcement which his friends had put out: "Jasper Snowdon, Esq., will give an account of his life prior to the emancipation of slaves, and sing some of the melodies popular in his native plantations."

After the negro minstrels had dispersed themselves—India, Australia, and Natal taking their share—he took a new departure, and appeared in 1879 as "showman," exhibiting his celebrated "waxworks" at almost every large bazaar held in Leeds. He appeared some sixty times in this capacity, in addition to taking many parts in plays, in which, as a low comedian, he was quite at home. The most successful of his shows was given during the evenings of a three days' bazaar at the Leeds Town Hall, for some good work in connection with the Parish Church. After paying all the expenses of the stage, etc., some £30 odd were handed in, more than 1,400 people having paid for admission. Curiously his last public appearance in this comic capacity—like that of "Bones" was again at his native village, this in August, 1885, only some two months before his death, at a bazaar, the proceeds of which cleared off the debt from St. Margaret's church. Although no doubt the negro minstrels were started and kept up for fun more than for anything else, this cannot be said of his later appearances, almost every one of which was pressed on him by friends who knew his ability, and sought his assistance. By his wit and power as a comedian he could have made the name of Jasper Snowdon well known on the stage, and had he cared to exercise his ability for a livelihood he would doubtless have distinguished himself. *Apropos* of his acting powers and love of mischief, he once tried a practical experiment, by way of proving that a sound sleeper cannot measure the length of time during which he has slept. Choosing a time of the year when it was necessary to dress in the morning by gaslight, and an evening on which one of his brothers—who was sleeping in the same room—had retired in good time, in order the easier to catch an early train, he quietly entered the room and partly undressed; after this he made every appearance of hastily dressing himself, accompanying it with a suitable amount of voice and action, remarking that "some people will miss their trains, in spite of their going to bed early." Hurriedly awaking, and off his guard for the moment, the quondam sleeper jumped out of bed only to be laughingly told that he could turn in again, as there was plenty of time for a second nap. For his own part, he liked to be roused at an unusual time by anyone who might be stirring, as it gave him "the pleasure of going to sleep again."

Lest a stranger might form a wrong impression, and think that a man so full of energy during his spare time was either a fortunate man with leisure at his disposal, or else one who neglected his daily work, it may be as well to state that he began at the age of seventeen partly to support himself, in a few years he did so entirely, and after he got through his teens he was rarely away from his post—industry and steady perseverance being shown in everything he undertook. He had leisure moments too, in which he enjoyed poetry, carefully copying out pieces and extracts which particularly attracted his attention. Standard novels, and others specially recommended to his notice, he made a point of reading—doing so rapidly, but thoroughly. Now that it is self-evident that he overworked himself, it is not difficult to understand why he should have said such quaint and odd things as he sometimes did. When busy with his change-ringing papers he has been heard to exclaim "I wonder if a fellow will have any spare time in eternity?" Perhaps his indomitable will held him up even when tired out, as he sometimes said "that one of the greatest blessings in life was to know that one must die some day" and "that he hoped he would never live to be old and useless."

In 1870, change-ringing was once more to attract his attention. The Ilkley bells had been silent for some little time, as far as any regular set of ringers was concerned; this result had been brought about by the older ringers neglecting to teach the rising generation, and so at last their numbers becoming few, they gave up. Several keys in the village fitted the belfry door, and no one knew who was, or who was not responsible for any "occasional" ringing that took place, nor who choose the "occasions." Irregularities having occurred under this unsatisfactory state of things, Jasper Snowdon took the matter in hand, and formed the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change-Ringers at the end of the year. On January 22nd, 1871, this band first rang for Sunday service, and by October 1st of the same year, they had rung their first 720 changes. The mode of learning is fully explained in *Rope-Sight*, so need not be repeated here. Before another year had run its course they had rung the orthodox 5040 changes on six bells, i.e., seven distinct sets of 720 changes in seven different methods. \*Of his previous attempt to learn he writes, "Although I had once made an endeavour to learn to ring with the Ilkley company, I never knew anything more than changes off by heart, though I could manage my bell well enough, and was even once "told" through a 720. This was in 1862, after which I never rang again until the Ilkley Amateur Society took up ringing in December, 1870." With a society making such progress as this, it followed as a matter of course that the six bells were soon made into a peal of 8. A new treble and tenor were obtained under the advice of Sir Edmund Beckett Denison, Q.C., the old fourth was recast a semi-tone lower, and the whole rebung in oak, bringing the total cost up to some £350. This addition gave the ringers 40,320 changes in place of the previous 720. Of the money expended more than £50 was contributed by the Ilkley amateurs themselves, and the balance was entirely obtained by the energetic action of Jasper Snowdon and those acting with him. These eight bells were first rung for Divine Service November 23rd, 1873. The event was afterwards celebrated by a large company of ringers meeting at Ilkley, who, after being entertained at tea, spent the rest of their time in ringing and friendly intercourse—a sign of the improvement made in ringing circles since the "prize-ringing" opening of the previous peal of six. The present ring of eight, though not in itself anything very special, is much admired when heard on the surrounding moorlands, and it gives a charm to the place which often lingers in the memories of those who visit it in search of renewed health. It is pleasing to be able to report that this Society—which is now extending its gratuitous labours over nearly seventeen years—is still doing good work.†

(To be continued.)

\*Unfortunately one of them, Yorkshire Court Minor, by Henry Hubbard, has since been proved untrue, on six, by our clear-brained Mr. J. J. Parker, so in all strictness this method throws the performance out of "court"—(This may be taken as intentional by the unkind, but it was innocently written nevertheless; the quotation marks being added afterwards.)—W.S.

† Written in 1888: the Society still, 1907, manfully holds its own.—W.S.

## ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, KENT.

Another very successful and enjoyable gathering of members of the Kent County Association (Lewisham district) took place at this church on Saturday, January 12th. Ringers to the number of eighty were present from (St. John) Deptford, Lewisham, Lee, Woolwich, Bromley, Chislehurst, Eltham, Sidcup, Erith, Dartford, Greenwich, Crayford, Chelsfield, Hayes, Rochester, Chatham, and several other county and metropolitan churches. Ringing commenced early, and continued, under the care of Mr. T. Groombridge, until 4.30 p.m., the time fixed for Divine Service. The congregation included the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Charles Stone, J.P.) who wore his robe and chain of office. His Worship was accompanied by the Mayoress (Miss Cecilia Stone), and attended as usual by the borough messenger (Mr. F. W. Thornton). A shortened form of Evensong was used, and included Psalms 84 and 150, and special lessons, Ecclesiastes iii. and Romans xii., with appropriate hymns. The Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Hart, preached a powerful sermon from the text—"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs xviii. 24.) In the course of his remarks the Vicar spoke of the great value of friendship, which he said was a solid and true feature among bellringers. The basis of all friendship was mutual understanding, and where such existed there was bound to be joy. He liked the man who could grip another by the hand and call him "friend," thus creating a bond which was pure, genuine and real. Friendship was especially valuable in trial and difficulty, and there was nothing like the sympathy of a true friend. He was delighted to meet bellringers, because there was no music so sweet as the beautiful clanging of the church bells, and he trusted that in their work there would be an unbroken bond of friendship.

Service concluded, an adjournment was made to the Albany Institute, where, by the generosity of the Vicar, an excellent meat tea had been provided for the whole company. Prior to taking their places each member upon arriving was duly announced by Mr. Thornton, and greeted by the Mayor with a hearty hand-grip. This kindly attention was much appreciated by the ringers. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Arthur Hart was elected an honorary member, on the motion of Mr. Churchwarden F. G. Skinner, seconded by F. W. Thornton.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor H. S. Skinner alluded to the lively interest they took in all classes of Society from the humblest to the loftiest.

The motion was ably seconded by Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe) and supported by the Vicar, who remarked that the Mayor had been unbounded in his kindness to St. Nicholas parish, he having visited it five times since November.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and in responding his Worship said he could not help being interested in and having sympathy with bellringing; he once tried to ring a bell at St. John's church, Blackheath, and was not very successful. He understood that in Kent there were more church bells than in any other county, and therefore they should have a strong Association. Bellringers were doing a great, good and interesting work, and he congratulated them upon the wonderful change which had come over their work and their status. The belfry was no longer like a tap-room, as it used to be, and he was glad that they opened their work in the belfry with prayer.

Mr. Thornton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generous hospitality and for his manly and straightforward sermon. He was a genial man and much respected by all who knew him. They also thanked Mr. Churchwarden F. G. Skinner and the ladies who had assisted in the arrangements for the tea.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford) seconded the motion which was cordially adopted.

The Vicar, speaking in acknowledgment, said that in his boyhood days he was associated with the Cumberland Youths, and it gave him great pleasure to follow in his father's footsteps and entertain the ringers. He hoped soon to be a practical member of the Association, for he intended to learn the Art of ringing. His one desire had always been to have a church with a good ring of bells, because they were full of majestic music. He thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for their presence, which was an indication that they were in full sympathy and in touch with all the life of the borough and the good movements set on foot.

Mr. Churchwarden Skinner also responded, and mentioned that six of the bells in St. Nicholas' belfry were cast in 1701, and one in the following year, while the tenor was recast in 1842. He was glad to say that the young ringers had made steady progress during the last two years.

During and after tea some excellent selections were given by the Chislehurst Camden Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., the son of the much esteemed hon. secretary of the Lewisham District. Ringing was again indulged in on the tower bells until 9 p.m., and concluded a very happy gathering. The next quarterly meeting will probably be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th.

## THE ALL SAINTS, WOKINGHAM, SOCIETY.

The annual business meeting of the above was held at the Rectory, on Monday, January 7th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. B. Long; there were also present Revs. A. P. Carr, secretary, and E. W. Moberley, curates. After reading and signing the minutes of the last meeting and passing the accounts, the election of officers took place; the Rector, who is ex-officio president, was elected treasurer; the Rector then said as Mr. Carr was leaving the parish, it would be necessary to elect a new secretary, and as it was not necessarily a clerical appointment, he thought possibly Dr. Nash would be willing to take the duty if asked. Mr. A. Hill then proposed and S. Paice seconded that Dr. Nash be asked if he would act as secretary for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. G. Cole, Mr. S. Paice was unanimously re-elected foreman.

Mr. Paice in a few words thanked the ringers for their help in the past year, and their continued confidence reposed in him, and said it should be his endeavour to do his best for them during the coming year. A discussion then took place as to the advisability of increasing the number of stated ringers from eight to ten, as Mr. G. Cole, who had had a long illness was now recovered and was again taking his place, and all were glad to welcome him back. S. Paice proposed, and it was duly seconded and carried that Mr. A. Price and S. F. Paice, jun., be elected stated ringers.

After a report on the condition of the mufflers for the bells, and the peculiar sound of the bell which is rung five minutes before the services on Sunday, as spoken of by Mr. Churchwarden Mylne, the business meeting ended.

Mr. Paice then rose and said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to ask their president to hand to Mr. Carr the accompanying compass as a parting gift from the ringers. They greatly appreciated Mr. Carr's services as secretary, and wished they might have had more of his company in the belfry, but they knew he was a very busy man. They looked upon him not only as secretary but also as a friend, and wished him God-speed in his new work, and trusted that whilst engaged in the Transvaal he would have the ringers of All Saints' sometimes in his remembrance. The Rector said he didn't know why he had been asked to make the presentation unless it was in his capacity as president. He was sure the ringers had kept their secret well, for when he asked Mr. Carr to attend that meeting, though his duties as secretary were practically ended, he consented to come, though not knowing for what reason. Mr. Carr was an excellent co-worker, and there had been much happiness in working together.

Mr. Carr feelingly acknowledged, and remarked that as the Rector said, the secret had been well kept, he had no idea that such a surprise was in store for him. It was just such a thing as he wished he had got. One felt now that one had missed a great deal by not learning to ring. He was sure, had he put himself under the tuition of the ringers, by now he should have been quite proficient.

After good-bye by Mr. Carr to each of the ringers, the proceedings terminated.

## Wedding.

On Monday, January 28th, 1907, at St. Wilfrid's, Hayward's Heath, by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, JOHN W. STADBY, of Edenbridge, to Rosa, daughter of Henry James Martin, of Hayward's Heath.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1907.

A COMMITTEE of ringers has sat to determine whether the long peal rung at Mottram some weeks ago should be recognised or condemned, and they have decided that it may be recorded. This was made plain a fortnight ago by a letter from Mr. HOLDING, who acted as Secretary to such Committee. Since then has appeared two letters from Messrs. PRITCHARD and LONGDEN, the latter of whom not only repeats his former objections to the peal being acknowledged, but condemns it still further. Last week Mr. PRITCHARD put a series of questions for those who rung the peal to answer, but they do not appear to take any notice of the invitation. One can hardly imagine such a series of charges as these questions comprise have no foundation. If they have not, then action should be taken to contradict them, or explain them away. But as far as we know, the arraigned parties are silent.

We are quite aware that the course we invariably take in such a matter as this, does not commend itself to every one. That cannot be helped. Our single object is to

prevent a worthless performance being recognised in any shape. In the present day the Exercise demands not merely common-place or slipshod ringing, but excellence and truth, and the demand will become stronger as time goes on. There are several causes which bring about the condemnation of a peal. Bad ringing (caused by various failings), unprofessional conduct such as calling from manuscript observations, and others. We would condemn a peal in an instant in any case where such an aid to calling as this, no matter how slight, was used, and there are many ringers known to us who, had they been members of this committee, would have done the same. The company who took part in this Mottram performance deserve all commiseration. We should have been pleased to hear that the Committee of Enquiry had found it to be worthy, without any modifying statements. They have not done so, and it may reasonably be asked: "Is it worth holding by it when such a great amount of unpleasant odour attends it?" Many men, after such attacks as this peal has sustained, would haste to disavow it. And unless these objections to it are met and answered satisfactorily, it would be the best course. We appeal to the band to rise to the occasion by deleting this performance, and then at the earliest moment possible screw up their courage to ring it again.

The members of the Worcestershire Association have performed a meritorious action in recognising the services of Mr. JOHN SMITH, their late Secretary, to whose action much of the success of the Association may be attributed. A quiet and urbane gentleman, of extraordinary good temper, he will now be fully convinced that such characteristics are necessary to the performance of secretarial duties among ringers. Mr. SMITH was pleased to express his admiration at the Rev. H. DRAKE's recent article. He will like to hear that it is to be published in pamphlet form, at a very cheap rate indeed.

We have in preparation a splendid photograph of a church in the West, taken especially for this paper, which will prove of much interest to our readers. Further particulars will appear in another number. May we beg our friends to use their efforts as far as they can to send on their communications as early in the week as possible.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES PARKER .. .. .	Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. .	6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. .	2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. .	7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. .	8.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. .	4.	ERNEST S. POLL .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. .. .	5.	THOMAS CARD .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

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

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. .. .	Treble.	JOHN MOULE .. .. .	4.
GEORGE A. BLACK .. .. .	2.	WILLIAM MILLER .. .. .	5.
SAMUEL HAYES .. .. .	3.	HENRY TORBLE .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. R. Allingham, an honorary member of the St. John's society. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

#### THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HORATIO GUMMER .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. .	6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. .	2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. .	7.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER* .. .. .	3.	*RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. .	8.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. .. .	4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. .. .	5.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\*First peal of Caters.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Monday, January 28, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD TRUSSELL* .. .. .	Treble	D'OYLEY SIMONS .. .. .	5.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. .	2.	GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. .. .	6.
HENRY E. PARKER .. .. .	3.	CALEB FENN .. .. .	7.
GEORGE COTTIS .. .. .	4.	*JOHN W. TWEEN .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY E. PARKER.

\*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Tween.

### The Provinces.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER* .. .. .	Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. .	5.
ALFRED BARNES .. .. .	2.	*THOMAS ASHTON .. .. .	6.
EGBERT STAMPER .. .. .	3.	*WILLIAM WALKER .. .. .	7.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. .	4.	FRED HOLT .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal in the method.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours Six and a Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt

ALBERT BROOKS .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS BULL .. .. .	5.
HARRY BROOKS .. .. .	2.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. .	6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. .. .	3.	REV. E. ROBINSON .. .. .	7.
JOHN MONK .. .. .	4.	JOHN RICHARDS .. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS* .. Treble.	GEORGE GIBLIN.. .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM EVANS .. .. 6.
ROBERT MOY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HARGEST .. .. 7.
FREDERICK STEDMAN .. 4.	*GEORGE PHILLIPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HARGEST.

\*First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. T. W. Welwyn Trumper, Vicar, who is himself a ringer, and an honorary member of the Guild.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. .. 6.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN.. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. C. JACKSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

## SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY COOMBS.. .. Treble.	SAMUEL COOMBS .. .. 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. .. 2.	HARRY MILES .. .. 6.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
TOM BOND .. .. 4.	FRANK COLLINS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker, also as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 5.
JOHN GOUCHER .. .. 2.	*GAD BUTCHER .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES* .. .. 3.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. ROSE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Bob Major. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 8th alternately in 5 6 throughout.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

JOSEPH H. BIRCH* .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER WALLATEB .. 5.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 7.
JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 4.	*EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## GLASTONBURY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27½ cwt.

S. R. B. HAWKINS .. Treble.	T. E. GLANVILLE .. .. 5.
H. J. TRIMM .. .. 2.	†F. ILEY .. .. 6.
F. MASTERS* .. .. 3.	†G. CHAMBERLAIN .. .. 7.
H. EDWARDS* .. .. 4.	*H. BRASS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. TRIMM.

First peal as conductor. \*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells by the Association. T. E. Glanville was elected a member before starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED W. LEADER.. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
ALFRED FUSSELL .. .. 2.	EDWIN F. HOOPER .. .. 6.
FRANK L. WHITEMAN .. 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	ALFRED PERRYMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

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On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT.. .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
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FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MASSEY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL COLLIER .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD* .. .. 2.	JAMES H. COLLIER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 3.	*RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JAMES NUTTALL .. .. 4.	†WRIGHT JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. A. W. Smith to the living of Flixton.  
\*First peal in the method. †First peal.

## ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 5.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. 6.
WILFRED ANDREWS .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
WILLIAM CRUTE .. .. 4.	†WALTER H. SPIERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 5.
FRED R. BARRACLOUGH* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH* .. .. 4.	JOHN FLINT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged and rang to oblige G. Barraclough, of Leeds.

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

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

SYDNEY JORDAN .. .. Treble.	*EDWARD W. COSTER .. .. 5.
JESSE ELDRIDGE .. .. 2.	JOHN EVANS .. .. 6.
RICHARD BUCKLAND .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM H. AYRES .. .. 7.
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS .. .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

\*First peal of Major.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	HERBERT COCKINGS .. .. 4.
ARCHIBALD W. NORMAN† .. 2.	HENRY WM. GAYTON .. .. 5.
ALBERT J. BARCOCK .. .. 3.	LEWIS C. CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM V. NEWMAN.

†First peal.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB-ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first time this composition has been rung in the county.

## WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK NORMAN .. .. 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	AMBEROSE H. HAYWARD .. 7.
HENRY NORMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM D. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

Rang with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Wigram, President of the Association.

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

On Tuesday, January 29, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. Treble.	JOHN JUGGINS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK JUGGINS .. .. 2.	†EDMUND BANNISTER .. .. 6.
AMOS FAWDRY .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
FRANK BARRETT .. .. 4.	EDWIN LANGFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Thursday, January 24th, on hand-bells, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brand, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, J. Webb.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COTGRAVE (Notts).—On Friday, January 19th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Hickling, W. E. White conductor, W. White, H. Marriott, G. A. Simpson, T. Kirby.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH.—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, for practice at the old clock tower, 720 bob Minor, in 28 mins. \*A. O. Bowman, \*T. J. Jackson, \*J. R. Mackay, G. R. Harrison, T. Oram, O. Simm conductor. On Sunday evening, January 27th,



for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. C. C. Armstrong, C. Kay, T. Oram, J. R. Mackay, G. R. Harrison, †J. Armstrong conductor, J. Stephens, T. J. Jackson covering. \*First 720 in any method. †First 720 as conductor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**BECCLES (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, January 22nd, in honour of the King's Accession, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, was rung at St. Michael's church, in 50 mins. T. Holmes, A. J. Cornish, first quarter-peal, C. E. Parnell, G. Baxter, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Ling, E. Etheridge.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

**BUCKLEY (Flintshire).**—On Wednesday, January 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 55 mins. W. Short, G. Dymont, J. T. Hopwood, S. Birks, H. Hughes, H. Jones conductor, E. H. Griffiths, E. Messham. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to John Bellis, who was laid to rest that same day. Deceased was a brother of one of the ringers, and a prominent church worker.

**BEDFORD.**—On January 1st, at St. Peter's church, 360 Canterbury Minor. T. Litchfield, J. Bates, W. Stapleton conductor, C. Stapleton, C. R. Lilley, P. Cooke. On January 10th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Bates, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton, P. Cooke J. Bates, A. Robinson conductor. 360 Canterbury Minor. T. Litchfield, J. Bates, A. Robinson, C. R. Lilley conductor, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton. On January 17th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Stapleton conductor, J. Bates, J. Jones, C. R. Lilley, P. Cooke, C. Stapleton. On January 20th, 360 Bob Minor. T. Litchfield, P. Cooke, C. R. Lilley, J. Bates, A. Robinson, C. Stapleton conductor. On January 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Stapleton, A. Robinson, H. L. Harlow, C. R. Lilley, R. Nicholls, W. Stapleton conductor. On January 27th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Robinson, J. Jones, W. Stapleton, J. Bates, C. R. Lilley, C. Stapleton conductor.

**CHELMSFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, January 20th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Praill, W. Newman, A. Whight, W. Rowland, jun. conductor, C. Waskett, A. Head, H. F. Cooper, W. Ridgewell.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—On Tuesday, January 22nd, after the induction service of the Rev. G. N. Walsh, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. W. Todd, E. R. Mackrill, E. F. Cole, C. C. Cox conductor, G. L. Iles, W. H. Stevens, F. Skevington, G. W. Coombes. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. S. J. Ross, E. R. Mackrill, E. F. Cole, C. C. Cox, G. C. Iles, W. H. Stevens, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombes.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds).**—On Saturday, January 5th, at the church of All Saints, 224 Double Norwich Major. C. Valenine, S. Avis, W. F. Hartshorne, M. Matthews, D. Harris, M. Lane, E. Herbert, C. R. Lilley conductor.

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 New London. W. Hollocks conductor, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, H. Crick, H. D. Poulson, H. Poulson. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Poulson. On Saturday evening, January 26th, 720 Woodbine. A. Symonds conductor, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, H. Crick, H. D. Poulson, H. Poulson. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Symonds and H. Crick.

**SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. N. F. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, J. Armstrong, S. Wade conductor, W. Pickworth.

**WIDFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, evening, January 27th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Jounson, J. Tarbun, W. Newman, H. F. Cooper conductor, A. Shuttleworth, C. Waskett, A. Tarbun, G. Usher.

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

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at South Wigston on the 19th inst., and was fairly well attended, although the cold and fog in particular were responsible for the absence of some, and the late arrival of others. Arrangements had been made for the towers at South Wigston and Wigston Magna to be open, and both peals were pretty well patronised.

Tea was served in the Assembly Room at the Clarence hotel, about fifty-seven members and friends sitting down. Amongst those present were the Vicar of South Wigston and his two churchwardens. The Vicar of Wigston Magna was expected, but at the last moment he found himself unable to attend, and sent an apology.

The usual business meeting followed, the vice-president being in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the honorary secretary read a list of the peals rung since the last quarterly meeting, thirty-seven in all, viz: 5040 of Minor in five methods, ten peals of Grandsire Triples, six peals of Stedman Triples, six peals of Bob Major, seven peals of Kent Treble Major, one peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, one peal of Superlative Surprise Major, two peals of Grandsire Caters, one peal of Stedman Caters, and two peals of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells. The names of twenty-four ringers were read out, and these were unanimously elected members of the Association.

The chairman made a statement as to the amount already received towards the Wakley memorial, and said the committee had decided to close the subscription list on the first Saturday in March. The Rev. M. H. Primm (Colston Bassett) and Mr. John Hickman (Nottingham) were re-elected to audit the accounts of the Association for the past year, on the proposition of Mr. H. W. Abbott, seconded by Mr. J. S. Needham.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents of South Wigston and Wigston Magna for the use of the bells, on the proposition of Mr. E. D. Taylor, seconded by Mr. C. Draper. The Vicar of South Wigston replied, and promised to become an honorary member of the Association in the near future. Mr. T. W. Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. W. Thompson for so ably making the arrangements for the tea and meeting. Mr. H. Argyle seconded the proposition, which was carried with applause. Mr. W. W. Thompson in acknowledging the vote of thanks said how disappointed he was to find that only about half the number present had notified him of their intention to take tea, and consequently the arrangements were not so good as he would have liked, or so nice as they might have been.

Mr. W. Willson, sen., moved a vote of condolence with the vice-president and his family in their bereavement, by the death of Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., and also spoke of the great loss the Association and ringers in general had sustained. This was carried in silence, those present standing in their places. Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., replied, thanking Mr. Willson and those present for their sympathy.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

There was a large attendance of members of this branch, at the annual meeting, held at Wokingham, on Saturday, January 26th, six clergy and eighty-three ringers being present. Most of these joined in a hearty service in St. Paul's church, at 5.30 p.m., and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading, based upon St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians, ix. 16.

A substantial tea was served at 6.15 in the parish room, followed by the business meeting, at which the outgoing officers were all re-elected, and the name of Mr. S. Paice added as a representative on the general committee of the guild. Various questions were discussed, relative to the financial condition of the branch, and the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who is also Secretary of the general guild, advised the bringing forward of these questions at the next general committee meeting in April next, when he would willingly do what lay in his power to further the interests and welfare of the branch. The proceedings were brought to a close at eight o'clock, with hearty votes of thanks to all who had been engaged in arranging and addressing the meeting.

## Notices.

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**The Essex Association.**—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Boreham, to-day, Sat., February 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1907 may be paid at this meeting.

HENRY F. COOPER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
County Offices, Chelmsford.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Sat., February 2nd, at Beaconsfield. The bells of the parish church will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A short service at five o'clock; preacher—Rev. A. T. Commeline, Rector of Beaconsfield. Tea at 5.45 p.m. in the New Hall, to be followed by the usual business meeting at 6.30.

REV. H. C. WILDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Farnham Royal Rectory.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Higham Ferrers to-day, Sat., February 2nd. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea as usual. Business meeting to follow.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Newcastle to-day, Sat., February 2nd. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at 5.30. Service at 7.15 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting will (b.v.) be held at St. George's, Stockport, to-day, Sat., February 2nd.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Br. Sec.*

**Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.**—The February meeting will be held at Stokesley (ring of 6, tenor 8 cwt.), including Whorlton-in-Cleveland (ring of 6, tenor 9 cwt.), to-day, Sat., February 2nd. Tea will be provided at The Bay Horse hotel, at 5 p.m., 6d. per head to members, 1s. per head to non-members. Whorlton-in-Cleveland is about two miles from Pott's station, and six miles from Stokesley.

REV. R. HODGSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's church, Dudley, on Monday, February 4th, at 7.45.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be important business for consideration, every member who can possibly make it convenient, is requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Wednesday, February 6th. Half-hour's service in St. Laurence's church at 6.30 p.m. Supper at Phillips' dining-rooms, Duke Street, at 7.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and smoker. The bells of St. Laurence will be available for ringing previous to 6.30 p.m. Foremen of towers should let me know the number of ringers who intend to be present, not later than Friday, February 1st.

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

31, Henry Street, Reading.

**The London County Association late the St. James' Society.**—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., when probably the address will be delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan. Immediately after the service tea will be kindly given by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan in the Mission Room, Onslow Dwellings, Pond Place, near the church, to all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, February 5th. Business meeting to follow. The tower will then be open till 9 p.m. A social will afterwards be held at The Builders Arms, Britton Street.

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Essex Association.**—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head to those who advise me beforehand.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Room at 6. Meeting after. Will those expecting to be present kindly notify Mr. J. W. Driver, at 387, New Kings Road, Fulham, of their intention not later than February 7th.

WM. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at Harrietsham. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at The Roebuck inn at 5.30. As the charges for tea are over that allowed, 6d. will be charged for the same. Tea can only be provided for those who apply, and have got tickets, which can be had of the Secretary on or before Wednesday, February 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next meeting will be held at the Mission Room, close to All Saints church, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, February 9th. The bells at All Saints will be available from 3 o'clock, and tea will be provided in the Mission Room at 6 p.m., free to ordinary members, and to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—All being well eight members of the South-Eastern division will attempt a 10,176 of Bob Major at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 9th. Meet at 2.30 sharp.

A. EDWARDS.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. Subscriptions for the year are now due. Those intending to be present should inform me by the 6th inst.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*

Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, February 9th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Beaumont Arms.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Epsom on Saturday, February 9th. Christ Church bells available from 3 p.m. Service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at Epsom Coffee Rooms at 6. Bells of

parish church in the evening. Captains are reminded that subscriptions for 1907 are now due, and may be paid at the meeting.

T. G. DEWITT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, February 9th. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Church Institute.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Salop, on Saturday, February 9th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of this district will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shotley Bridge on February 9th. The towers of Benfieldside (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Consett (8, tenor 17 cwt.), will be available. Tea will be provided in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Benfieldside, at 5 p.m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary February 4th.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Z. LORD, *Br. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Godalming on Saturday, February 9th. Tower will be open at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at The Little George inn, High Street. Chair will be taken at 5.45 by the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick. A committee meeting will take place at 4 p.m., and representatives are asked to ascertain the probable amount of donations their bands will give to the Garfath Memorial in Farnham tower, and the form they would prefer.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Divisions will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Foremen of towers please send number requiring tea to Mr. T. Pateman, Node Gardens, Welwyn, not later than Thursday, February 7th.

J. J. FOSTER, } *Dis. Secs.*  
W. H. LAWRENCE, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Mission Room, Hartland Road, at 6. Twickenham tower will also be open after the tea.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. All amendments should be sent to the Secretary not later than February 22nd.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

## BELLRINGERS' SUPPER.

At the kind invitation of the Rector of Poplar (Rev. F. Mosley), the ringers of the All Saints' parish church met at the Rectory, on Saturday, January 26th, and were entertained to supper. Punctually at 8.30 p.m. the ringers turned up, to the number of fourteen, and after a hearty handshake, we made our way to the dining room, where an excellent spread was provided by our host. It was good old English fare, interspersed with bottles of Bass. As on all these festive occasions, full justice was done to all the good things provided. After each had eaten his fill, a move was made to the Rector's spacious study, when pipes and cigars were soon got well under weigh, and the remainder of the evening was given over to handbell ringing, songs and recitations. While we were ringing a short course of Grandsire Triples, the telephone bell rang. "Stand"

was called, and the Rector went to the 'phone. The enquirer at the other end of the wire was the Bishop of London's chaplain. After several minutes conversation, the Rector remarked that he could spare no more time just then, as he was in the middle of a bell-ringer's party, and enquired if the Bishop was there. A reply came in the affirmative, and we were requested to give a selection on the handbells for the Bishop's special benefit. We did, and received an encore for our pains. This amusing incident over, we proceeded with our programme. Songs were rendered in good style and duly appreciated, and recitations were rendered by Rev. F. A. Themonger, and merited the applause they received. A splendid phonograph was brought into requisition, and amply accounted for any lack of vocal power in the company. As on all these occasions, time flies all too quickly, and at 12 p.m. we sang Auld lang syne. W.H.P.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The annual meeting of this society was held at the Bedford Head hotel, on Monday, January 21st, when the following officers were elected for the year: Mr. J. Parker, (master), Mr. W. Shimmans, sen. and Mr. G. Card, jun. stewards, Mr. H. Dains (treasurer). Mr. Jacob having recovered from his accident, was elected to his old position as Secretary to the society.

## THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	12	17	9
Loughborough Society ... ..	1	0	0
St. Mary's Society, Leicester ...	0	1	9
J. Bray ... ..	0	1	0
J. Hall ... ..	0	1	0
Thomas Horton ... ..	0	2	6
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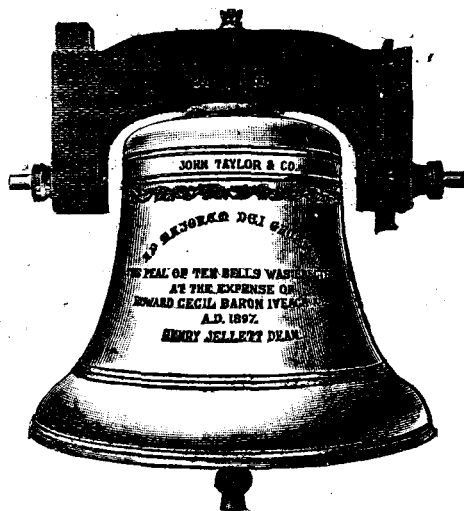
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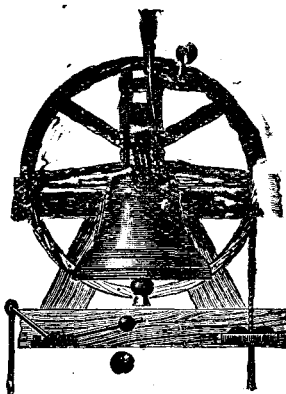
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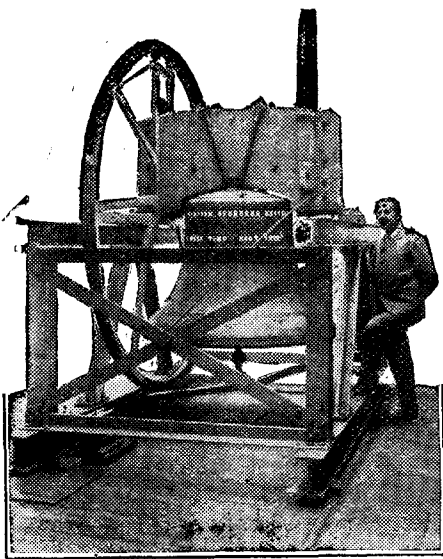
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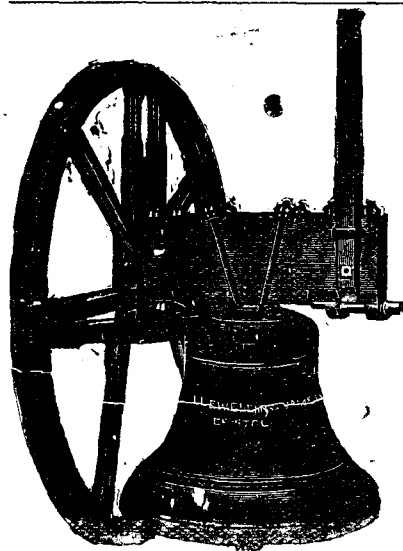
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## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A good deal of success attended the experiment of holding an extra or third meeting for the year, with the object of bringing the above Guild into direct touch with the ringers of places not usually visited in connexion with the two regular meetings, which was carried out in North Devon on Saturday, February 2nd. The Guild bands sending representatives comprised St. David's, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas (Exeter), Heavitree, Lympstone, Littleham, Clyst St. George, Harford, Kelly, and Plymouth. The towers visited were Lapford, Coleridge, Zeal Monachorum, Colebrooke, Morchard Bishop, and Down St. Mary. The bells at Lapford and Colebrooke were found to be badly in need of overhauling. At the other places, and especially at Coleridge (where Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, carried out restoration last year), the bells went well. Scientific change-ringing was done at each tower, and in that way an attempt made to place before the local round and call change-ringers the advantages and possibilities of half-pull methods. The visitors were everywhere well received, and the excursions made by different parties were thoroughly enjoyed.

The whole of the representatives and as many of the local ringers as could accept invitations\* were entertained by the Guild to tea in the evening in Down St. Mary school. The President of the Guild (Rev. Maitland Kelly), presided, and there were also present the Rev. G. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary, who made excellent arrangements for the convenience of the bands), and Canon Woodman (Rector of Down St. Mary). The company numbered about 50.

The President remarked that one of the objects of the meeting was to bring non-members into closer touch with the Guild. There had been an idea that the members of the Guild held aloof, but that was not by any means their desire, and their presence in the country parishes would, he hoped, do a great deal towards removing any false impression. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Woodman, and to the clergy of the different parishes visited for their hearty welcomes.

The Rev. G. F. Molineux seconded. He said the Guild wished to extend its work among the ringers in the country parishes, and to bind ringers generally together in one common union. The Guild made liberal grants to bands attending meetings, provided teas at the socials, and gave assistance to bands in learning change-ringing, which offered endless scope for advancing, while rounds and call-changes marked the end of the tether under the old style of ringing.

The motion was carried. Canon Woodman in replying, said that if the Guild visited Down St. Mary at any future time he would try to give equally as hearty a welcome as on this occasion.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, January 10th, at the parish church,

Stafford. Members began to muster up about four in the afternoon, when the bells were raised, and touches in various methods rang. A short service was held in the parish church at 5 o'clock, at which a very helpful address was given by the Rector of Stafford. An adjournment was then made to the Church Institute, where a good tea was found to be in readiness. Grace being said by the Rector, full justice was done to the good things provided. On looking round the tables it was found that the following towers were represented: Christ Church (West Bromwich); St. Peter's (Wolverhampton); St. Luke's (Blakenhall); Wednesbury, Walsall, Bloxwich, Cannock, Norton Canes and Stafford. Among the visitors were Mr. G. Wood, of the Potteries, and Mr. J. George, of Rugby.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to the Rector of Stafford for the use of the bells and the Institute; for the tea, and also for his very helpful words in the church.

The Rector, in replying, said that as the time went round, he should be only too pleased to welcome the Society again to Stafford.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, February 2nd, saw a good number of members of the South-Eastern branch of the above Association assembled in the schoolroom, Boreham, where the Vicar (Rev. D. N. Yonge), had provided many good things to be partaken of, with as many cups of tea. At 5 o'clock a punctual start was made, and the changes rung in capital style for nearly an hour, when the Vicar called "stand" for grace, after which he proposed the health of the Association, and went on to say how glad he was to receive it at Boreham. He had completed twenty-one years' work at Boreham, and this was the first time he had been called on to entertain members of the Essex Association. Mentioning the tower and bells, which date back to the twelfth century, although there were but six bells, no doubt they had a history, and a list of some good performances rang on them. He was of the same opinion as an old ringer who was laid to rest but three months ago, that was that two trebles ought to be added. This old ringer (Joseph Young), several times promised him £5 if he would push it forward, but other repairs and additions to the church were first thought necessary. Now as the general wants of the interior had been supplied, he hoped in due course to get the additional two bells, but a lot depended on the architect, whether he thought the tower would carry two more bells. This tower has recently been strengthened with iron girders fixed in such a way that although the tower was twelve months ago unsafe, it is now quite firm. Speaking of his ringers during his time as Vicar of the parish, he had had some good, but still there were a few good ones to-day, who he hoped would keep up the reputation of the Boreham ringers.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, four new members being elected. Great Baddow, coupled with Danbury, were selected for the next meeting to be

held on May 4th. Mr. Judd then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. N. Yonge for his hospitality, and the way in which he had received the Association. Referring to the rev. gentleman's remarks as to the bells, and the increase from six to eight, he was strongly in favour of the old ringers for the addition of two to complete the octave, remarking that if bells when hung with the tenors in the centre, and the other bells round in proportion so as to distribute the weight, the tower of Boreham was strong enough to carry twenty bells. He also thanked the Rev. Canon Hulton for his presence there that day.

The Rev. D. N. Yonge rose again in reply to the few remarks made by Mr. Judd, and jokingly said if Mr. Judd got one bell, he would get the other. He quite agreed with the hanging of the bells with the tenors in the centre, as also had the architect (Mr. Chancellor), and he hoped in due course to have a peal of eight to compare with the other peals of eight in the district.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and successfully brought round touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Woodbine, New London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, 9 p.m. arriving all too soon, bringing a happy gathering to an end.

#### MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

The quarterly meeting of the Midsomer Norton and district branch took place on Saturday, February 2nd, at Shepton Mallet. There was a good attendance of ringers from the towers at Midsomer Norton, Doulting, Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, Camerton, Paulton and High Littleton, as well as the members of the Shepton Mallet Guild. In the first place the ringers ascended the tower, and rang various changes. Later they met, by invitation of the Rector, churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Marchant and J. Hodges, at tea at The Red Lion club room. The Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, president of the branch, presided, supported by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Mr. H. Rumsey and others. The minutes of the last meeting of the branch at High Littleton, at which the Shepton Mallet ringers were admitted as probationers were read and confirmed, and several new members and a probationer was admitted. Special mention was made of the valuable instruction given by Mr. Shearn voluntarily to the members of the Shepton Mallet tower, and the President also expressed the thanks of his tower to Mr. Shearn, whose only fault was that he so persistently refused every hospitality. They must all, he suggested, try their best to get him to modify his views in this respect.

Mr. Marchant, on behalf of the Shepton Mallet ringers, heartily concurred in the remarks of Mr. Honnywill. Shepton Mallet felt greatly indebted to him for the way in which he had come forward to help them, and they hoped he would continue to do so. They felt that under his instructions they should get on after a bit.

A discussion took place with regard to the proposed meeting to amend the rules of the Diocesan Guild.

Following the meeting a further peal was rung before the service, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Rector of the parish. The text was taken by the preacher from St. John ii. 5, "His mother said to the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you do it." The direction to the servants was admirably applied to all church work, and especially that of the ringers and choir. The Rector, in a powerful manner, showed that there was nothing unmanly about religion, and there was no reason

why all the work attached to it should be left to women. Christ chose men and men only for His work, and appointed them as apostles, and there was no excuse for men not following in their Master's footsteps. There was nothing more suitable to call forth their strength and vigour, and intellect and manliness. The special hymns during the service included Tennyson's ringers' hymn. The bells were again rung at the close of the service.

Sundry minor matters were dealt with, and the chairman and secretary thanked for their services for the day, and the Rector and churchwardens for their hospitality.

#### SOUTHILL, BEDS.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, a successful combined practice was held at the church of All Saints, when members put in an appearance from Bedford, Clifton, Hitchin, Sandy, Southill and Warden, numbering eighteen, when some good ringing was done. It was proposed to hold the next monthly meeting at Clifton, and that peals in the future be rung as non-association, as the meetings are going to be run entirely free of any body. Several 720s were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. One and all expressed themselves that this was the best meeting ever held in the county, and it is hoped members will peg away at the higher methods, and show what can be done. C.R.L.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To commemorate the ringing of the peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on January 19th, the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Hutton, M.A., very kindly entertained the ringers of the peal at a dinner, at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on the 2nd inst.

After an excellent meal the following toasts were given: "The King," proposed by the Rev. A. W. Hutton; "The Ringers of the Peal," proposed by the Rev. A. W. Hutton, response by Mr. E. P. O'Meara (master of the society); "The Founders of the Bells," proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, response by Mr. A. Hughes; "The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow," proposed by Mr. E. P. O'Meara, response by Mr. W. W. Thompson, senior churchwarden. The proceedings were further enlivened by songs, duets, etc., admirably rendered by the reverend chairman, and Messrs. G. Aylmer, A. Blair, F. Kemp, and H. Verney, with Miss Kate Limbert as a most accomplished accompanist, all of whom are members of the Bow church choir. Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, and Cinques were rung on a fine set of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. Hughes. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld lang syne and the National Anthem.

#### ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

The annual meeting and supper of the above Guild was held on Wednesday evening, January 30th, at the Church Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Leach (churchwarden). A company of about thirty-five sat down, including the members of the Guild, with the Rev. — Brown (Secretary), Mr. Pennefather (Treasurer), and a few ringing friends, viz., Messrs. Cockerill, Newton, and Winney (College Youths), and Messrs. Dains, Daniell, and Kentish (Cumberlands). After supper the usual

toasts were proposed. The Vicar spoke of the ringers as important workers, modest, but noisy. He complimented the band on having a good teacher and conductor in Mr. Garrard, and thanked the members for the trouble taken during the past year.

Mr. Leach expressed his pleasure in being present. He said that he and his fellow-warden were pleased to do all they could for the ringers. He referred to new ropes and mufflers recently acquired, and to occasional visits paid to the belfry.

Mr. Daniell gave a short speech, in which he thought the ringers ought to be proud to think their church-warden visited the belfry. He never knew another one to do so.

Mr. Miles proposed "The Health of The Visitors," to which Messrs. Cockerill and Dains responded.

Mr. Garrard next read the report. He spoke of rather heavy expenses of the past year, including the re-hanging of the 9th. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London. Four peals were rung by the Guild, being one each of Double Norwich Major and Caters, Superlative Surprise, and Stedman Caters (the latter composed and conducted by H. G. Miles). The strength of the Guild at the end of the year was twenty-one ringing members.

The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, handbell ringing, etc., the chief contributors to the programme, being the Rev. — Brown, Messrs. Cockerill, Daniell, Mackman, Miles, Newton, Selby, Stibbons, and Symonds, with Mr. Wright at the piano, and was brought to a close by singing "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

#### MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The following appeared in the *Melbourne Argus*, 13th April, 1905:—

"The St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, at their quarterly meeting this week, resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Wm. Shenton, of Armadale, on the attainment of his jubilee as a ringer in Australia. Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. Norman are the only survivors of the team who rang the first peal on the bells of St. James's Old Cathedral fifty years ago last month."

Mr. Wm. Shenton alluded to above died on the first of November last, aged 77. He was born at Hillingdon, Middlesex, where as a young man he was for some years one of the ringers. He left England for Australia in June, 1854, at the time of the beginning of the Crimean War. At that time the gold fever was at its height. He however did not go straight to the gold fields, but obtained employment around Melbourne, and after saving some money bought a piece of land in what is now known as Armadale, and on which some time after he built an house of his own, and where, in retirement, he finished his days, dying as above stated on the first of November last, leaving a widow and two daughters. He suffered for about two years from paralysis, which of course put an end to his ringing career. Almost every Sunday morning for many years he walked to Melbourne, a distance of five miles, to take part in the ringing before church service.

He commenced ringing in Melbourne on the last Sunday in February, 1855, since when he has taken part in the ringing at almost all the public festivals in Melbourne, as also going on ringing tours in distant parts of the Colonies.

In "THE BELL NEWS" of 31st May, 1890, appears an account of the Society of Victorian Bellringers then on a ringing tour in Sydney, ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, Mr. Shenton ringing the treble.

At Christmas, 1891, a party of eight went for a fortnight on a ringing excursion to Tasmania, 277 miles by sea to Launceston, and 133 by rail to Hobart, the capital, at one time a convict settlement. At this time he states: "If in my young days in England anyone had told me I should live to ring a peal of 5040

changes in Van Dieman's Land, I should have thought him mad."

The Melbourne ringers were always taken kindly to by Bishop Goe and his wife, who once a year had them at their residence, Bishop's Court, to a good hot supper, and to spend the evening together, with some of their church brethren.

On the King's birthday, 1902, he went with others to Ballarat 100 miles up country, to assist in ringing a peal. On the occasion of the Prince of Wales's (now King) wedding in 1863 they were ringing for eight days, not including Sundays. When the Mail came in they started on spec, and then went to the Corporation about it, and they offered £12 to ring every day till the holiday was over. The ringers took their offer, and continued ringing morn, noon and night. Their expenses were light, and they got on first-rate, especially as a brewery was close at hand, at which they could get drink at any time. They also had a grand dinner given to them.

Mr. Shenton's ringing sometimes took a somewhat peculiar turn. For instance, about 1864, at the Theatre Royal, where Barry Sullivan held sway in *Faust*, the ringers were in requisition, but bells suitable for theatrical purposes were not easy to get in Melbourne; six only were obtained, and with difficulty. The largest was about 140 pounds in weight. It was a hard matter to get them in tune; they were hung up high, and a piece of string tied to the clappers, and then chimed away.

Subsequently they obtained an engagement at the Haymarket Theatre, where they wanted a peal of bells in a burlesque, but after trying Melbourne all over they could not obtain any that would do. They however got four of those they had at the Royal, but the others were sold. The next day they took a peal of very large handbells to try them, but nothing was settled, some thought they made noise enough, while others thought they did not. Well, after all they managed by the day of opening to rake up a peal of eight bells, the largest about 2 cwt., the smallest about 25 lbs., but as they could not get them rigged up in time for the first night, they started on the handbells, and a pretty mess they made. In the first place they had to ring when the band played, and two or three dozen people on the stage shouting with all their might. Next they had about three masters to tell them when to start and when to leave off, and they could not agree among themselves; so one would start them off and another would come and stop them directly. Altogether they had about five short turns, but I don't think it mattered much, for there was too much noise altogether; but bad as I thought our performance, I know some of the actors made a worse mess of it. But to-morrow, when the papers came out, *The Argus* will have such a long rigmarole about it, praising it up at all points. On the bills that are stuck about it reads: "The brilliant Campanalogians will produce some striking effects on their grand peal of eight bells." Striking, indeed, I thought, when I read it; it will be striking, and so it proved. Incidentally he mentions that when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean were at the Haymarket, in spite of newspaper puff, failure attended them, and the bailiffs were put in the Theatre, from the inside of which everything was sold, including Kean's wardrobe.

Besides ringing he took an active part in cricket, playing in many matches both in Melbourne and elsewhere. Showing him to have been an active and busy man, he instances that one week's employment embraced the making of seven gallons of wine from fruit grown in his own garden, worked three-and-a-half days, played in two cricket matches, attended five rehearsals at the Theatre, besides doing his own cooking. He also at different times went to the goldfields, twice to New Zealand, but always returned to his little freehold at Armadale, and where he so recently ended his days.

Mr. Shenton came to England once only, in 1861, and at Hillingdon met some of his old pals, and rang several peals with them. Altogether he was a ringer for about sixty years. S.

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## MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

(Continued from page 520.)

In February, 1872, Jasper Snowdon commenced to write on change-ringing in *Church Bells*, saying, "when the first difficulties of the Art are overcome, a new and glorious field for recreation, and also for scientific research is opened, which will amply repay the student for any expenditure of trouble at the outset." He closes this letter by quoting the text "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." His first essays were on "The in-and-out-of-course" of the changes, in December, 1873, a subject which to the non-ringing world may sound a little bewildering, and which, indeed, formed the basis of, and was brought before the American world some years after as the "fifteen puzzle." Even when busy with an abstruse subject the comic side of his character is seen by glancing at a footnote—in his own handwriting—to be found in his bound volume of *Church Bells*, underneath the following letter: "I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Snowdon, for the explanation of 'In-and-out-of-course,' given by him in *Church Bells*, from which I have received much benefit." "Rather like a patent medicine testimonial! J. W. S." In 1874, he wrote the "History of Grandsire Triples," and also on "The proof of Treble Bob Major." Early in 1875 we find him writing on the "Surprise Peals"—historically as it were; and in September of the same year he reports on the very interesting ringing mss. of Dr. Mason, Fellow—in the middle of last century—of Trinity College, Cambridge. Early in 1876 he began an attack on the piratical habits of a certain class of composers of peals, which he designated "peal snatching." March, 1876, shows him writing articles on "Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal, etc.," and later on in the same year on "Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob;" and also on handbell peals—five thousand and upwards. Before 1876 closed, he was busy writing articles upon, and making interesting extracts from Annable's mss., which had then just been brought to light by that great and indefatigable searcher after bell matter, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, M.A. This Devonshire clergyman and well-known writer on bells, has since been gathered to his rest at the grand old age of 96, a great contrast to the shorter life here being noticed. In 1877 he contributed articles on "Barham's Peal Book." The Easter week of that year he and his friend Mr. Robert Tuke spent in London, during the greater part of which they were engaged in the British Museum, copying mss. One result of their labours was the publication of "An account of the Society of Union Scholars, established 1713," which gives many interesting particulars of that Society, and also its rules and peal book.

In August, 1878, he was one of a band of amateurs invited by C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., to Huntsham Court, his seat in Devonshire, for a week's change-ringing; in addition to his host, he here met Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, Rev. R. H. D. Acland-Troyte, Leonard Proctor, Esq.—the well-known veteran ringing squire—Rev. A. du B. Hill, G. H. Phillott, Esq., C. D. P. Davies, Esq.—(now Rev.)—and W. B. Fulford, Esq. In the September of the same year he wrote articles on "The proof of the Surprise Peals," and at the end of the same year published his first book "A Treatise on Treble Bob," which a competent critic said "dealt more clearly with the mathematical side of change-ringing than any other work previously issued." This was followed towards the end of the same year by Part II. of this same Treatise, a production which is a marvel of perseverance and methodical arrangement, and which ranks as a standard work, requisite as a reference book for all composers and conductors in the method.

In 1879, he turned his attention to writing an elementary work which he intended as an offset to balance his failure in first learning to ring; to this he gave the name of "Rope-Sight." This, then in its 3rd (now 5th) edition is, says the *Biographical Magazine*, "the text book for learners, and has been adopted as such by the societies of change-ringers which now exist among the undergraduates of the two great English Universities."

In 1880 he contributed an article to the *Leisure Hour* on the great American "Fifteen Puzzle" already mentioned. This had been brought under his notice one evening by a clergyman who had married an American lady, and whose friends had sent

it over as the latest novelty. Having got to 13, 15, 14, and feeling satisfied that this was a final result, he left it for the night saying he would think it over. Early next morning, without any further trial, he pronounced it to be a very interesting practical example of the laws of the "In-and-out-of-course" of the changes now so well known to the scientific ringer. At the beginning of 1881 he produced "Standard Methods" as a second work for learners, he himself having found great assistance in mentally retaining different methods by the aid of coloured diagrams. This has also become a standard work, more especially for beginners who have mastered "Rope Sight." The publication of this work, which is in its 2nd (now 4th) edition is said to have "greatly raised the number of methods which a good ringer is expected to know." In this year he was chosen to unveil a monument to the late William Harrison, at Mottram, which ceremony he performed on Saturday, July 2nd, in the presence of the Right Rev. Bishop Kelly, Archdeacon of Macclesfield; the Rev. J. R. C. Miller, Vicar of Mottram; and a large assembly of ringers and members of the Oddfellows' Society, when he paid a warm tribute to the worth and labours of that veteran ringer and composer.

He is then found enlisting the sympathy of ringers towards another veteran, Henry Hubbard, whose name, as an author and composer, will long be remembered by the Exercise. This fine old specimen of the last generation of ringers was too old and feeble for work, and as fortune had dealt very sparingly with him, this interest was well-timed. About this period his denunciation of "peal-snatching" was again very severe; but it may be pointed out that he did not in all cases condemn composers for wilful piracy, but rather for allowing themselves to remain so grossly ignorant of what others had done, thus allowing themselves to travel over the same ground. Part II. of "Treble Bob" was specially designed to throw light on the standard compositions of that method.

Up to this time he had written chiefly in the columns of *Church Bells*, the well-known popular church paper, edited by the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, the bell-ringing portion being then under the more immediate editorship of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, already referred to. Now, however, another paper—"THE BELL NEWS," entirely devoted to ringing had been started, which had more space at its disposal, and, consequently it commended itself to his pen. In these latter columns, in 1882, he began writing on the method of "Double Norwich Court Bob," which he considered the best of all the plain methods. These articles were interspersed with others on "Notable performances on 5 and 6 bells," "Long lengths in more than one method," and "Peals of more than 10,000 changes, and the continuation of a classification of Treble Bob Peals. In 1883 he was engaged in re-writing articles on "Grandsire Triples" in this paper; and in 1884 he followed with articles on "Stedman's Principle," and in 1885 sent further revised contributions on the "Surprise Peals." These last his death cut short. At the end of 1884 he had re-written and published in book form his "Double Norwich Court Bob Major," and at the time of his death the first chapters of "Grandsire" were in the printer's hands for issue in a similar form. In addition to all this writing, intended for the Exercise, he from time to time contributed articles to the magazines specially written with the object of popularising and explaining to the outer world interesting points in change-ringing.

Whilst dealing with his writings, it is worth while noticing the power he had of commanding the confidence of nearly all the leading ringers of the day. Almost every one of note corresponded with him, and fearlessly gave him their thoughts and opinions, knowing that he would deal honourably with the interests of all concerned. As an instance of his fairness, in the preface to his "Treatise on Treble Bob" he writes: "I must acknowledge the hearty thanks I shall always owe to my earliest instructor in the science of ringing—Mr. Henry Hubbard, and also to my friends Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, and to Messrs. James and Tom Lockwood, of Leeds, who, with an untiring patience, a frankness and willingness I have never otherwise met with, have always been willing to answer my many questions, and also to impart whatever they knew to me. Anyone who may, therefore, learn anything from the following pages must remember that it is to these men, and not to myself, that they are indebted for



the means of obtaining such information." His power of unearthing and investigating facts and carefully weighing them, is perhaps best, or at any rate most interestingly, shown in this history of Grandsire Triples.

(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."

#### RE-METHOD CLASSIFICATION.

SIR,—In a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS," I observe Mr. Henry Dains introduced two eight-bell Surprise Methods, *i.e.* Islington and Albion Imperial, and also one six-bell Surprise Method, which he transposed from Primrose Treble Bob. In the latter I am very sorry to point out that he has only reproduced Cambridge Surprise as shewn in Standard Methods. Although it must be grieving to spend both thought and time to no avail, yet I hope Mr. Dains will replace this with another one or more, as I contend there is more need for six-bell Surprise Methods than any other. I endorse Mr. Dains' request for Mr. W. Snowdon to return to this subject, and kindly ask if he will give his opinion on my last composition, *i.e.* Chester-le-Street Surprise, and also upon the following which I have transposed from Cambridge Surprise, having completed it on January 22, 1907, (the King's accession). I accordingly name it King Edward Surprise. The following are the figures:

#### King Edward Surprise.

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 2 1 4 3 5	5 2 3 4 1 6	5 1 3 4 2 6
2 1 4 3 6 5	2 6 4 1 5 3	5 3 2 4 6 1	1 5 4 3 6 2
1 2 4 6 3 5	6 2 4 5 1 3	3 5 4 2 1 6	5 1 4 6 3 2
2 1 6 4 5 3	2 6 5 4 3 1	5 3 4 1 2 6	1 5 6 4 2 3
2 6 1 4 3 5	2 5 6 4 1 3	3 5 1 4 6 2	
6 2 4 1 5 3	5 2 4 6 3 1	3 5 4 1 2 6	P. 1 5 4 6 3 2 L.
	5 3 4 1 6 2		B. 1 5 4 2 6 3 L.

P.S.—The calling is the same as Cambridge Surprise.

J. ROBINSON.

#### A STRANGE LETTER.

SIR,—Happening to read through some back numbers of your excellent paper, which I always study week by week, I came across a speech made at some ringers meeting, by a well-known member of the Exercise, who made the remark that bell-ringing is better than football for young men. I think this is a most untrue statement. Is not football the greatest game played in our country. I think that I shall receive the support of all when I say that football is more beneficial to young men than bell-ringing, and that it is every whit as difficult to master. Finally, it is absolutely impossible for some people to become good footballers, while everyone without exception can learn to become a change-ringer, provided they stick to it and try. Now I am not writing from one point of view, because I play football and am a change-ringer. Hoping you will publish this, so that I may hear opinions of other members of the Exercise.

G. MACFARLANE.

#### BOW BELLS AND DICK WHITTINGTON PANTOMIMES IN THE PROVINCES.

SIR,—Possessing a splendid peal of musical bells, which have been carried in more than one pageant, including the one at Lichfield, I conceived the idea of introducing them into the provincial pantomimes of Dick Whittington, of which there are a number, yet not one of them grappled the idea of having the bells on a car for street parade, playing tunes or peals *en route*, although as the bells of Bow, they would have been a novel mode of advertising the show. Not only this plan but also another, is that of playing the bells from the front of the theatre at opening time, as well as on and off the stage in certain scenes, each and all in good time before the approach of Christmas, but the results were nil. One manager was going to do something tremendous in the matter of bells; he was going to have some as heavy as church bells, so as to be heard above a brass band on the stage, but the beauty of the whole thing is that the bells,

brass band, and the orchestra were to go at it all at one time. Could a madman conceive anything more likely to create a panic on the opening night. The effect of quickly clearing the theatre after securing the treasury may be all right, but to be serious, would any brass band submit to such an arrangement?

BOW BELLS.

#### PITY THE POOR BELL-RINGERS!

SIR,—Every year (August) there is a big floral fete takes place at Shrewsbury. Now at the foot of one bill, about three years old, which I have before me, is a notice that no bell-ringers will be admitted. Why this should be passes my comprehension, because all musicians appearing there are engaged and paid for. Besides it is a gala affair, money being charged at the entrances. In another case, at Grantham, an outdoor fete and gala was announced last year. Being an artist on bells, I offered myself for engagement, and was taken aback with the request to send five shillings, and in return I could have a stand for my use and make collections among the people. This you will admit was rather rich for a gate money affair, to drag my heavy plant all that way, pay travelling expenses, and pay five shillings for the privileges of contributing to the amusement of the people, who had already paid their entrance money to the grounds, and therefore were entitled to hear and see everything provided free from any further charge. I am afraid that in a good many instances the secretaries of outdoor fetes do not lay before their committees many applications for engagements, but reject them on their own initiative.

BELL-RINGER.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Referring to the alleged long peal at Mottram, can no one—Canon Helmore, for instance—give some account of the long peals (24,800 and 40,320) commemorated in the belfry of (Kentish) Leeds? I found the exploit some years ago firmly believed in by the men of Kent.

OLD RINGER.

SIR,—Is there any gentleman who would be kind enough to tell me the composers of these two 720s of Grandsire Minor?

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Also I should be glad of any other 720s in this method.

R. G. RICE.

#### SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—In your last issue of the 2nd instant, a Mr. Severn states that he has been in possession for two years of Chester-le-Street Surprise Minor, as produced by me through the medium of your paper on the 19th ult. Now it is an easy matter to make a statement like the above, but if Mr. Severn can prove he has given publicity to those figures previously, in any practical way, then I will willingly give him the preference, but not otherwise. Not that I am particularly proud of them, because as Mr. Severn must know, providing he compiled the figures, that the bell which has been on the front for a whole lead, on a bob being called, makes four blows in 4ths, 3rds, and in, where it remains for that lead. Thus at a bob, one bell is practically two whole leads on the front, but as Mr. Snowdon in his article on Surprise Minor, December 22, 1906, did not touch on this point, I thought it worth while to submit same. On the 28th ult., I submitted one more, *i.e.* King Edward Surprise, which has at a bob one bell in the middle for two whole leads. The same appears in this week's "BELL NEWS," and on which I kindly ask Mr. Snowdon's opinion.

J. ROBINSON.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1907.

THE majority of ringers, we think, would never for one moment have essayed to make the slightest comparison between the Art of Change-Ringing and the game of football. Yet we find a writer in this number actually asserting that "football is more beneficial to young men than bell-ringing, and that it is every whit as difficult to master. It is absolutely impossible for some people to become good footballers, while everyone without exception can learn to become a change-ringer, provided they stick to it and try." Remarkable! We emphatically deny all this. To mention football in connection with change-ringing in this manner is almost a sacrilege. If we look at the surroundings of the former and its general environment, we shall see in change-ringing things notably dissimilar.

This attempt at comparison is most unfortunate and ridiculous. The two pursuits are so entirely opposite. We do not want to say too much against football, but no

one will aver that it is such a refined following as our Art. But it is a game which many good and sensible men decry, and lament its absorbing practice.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. TEGG .. .. 2.	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON .. 6.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	SIDNEY WADE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. N. Sagrott, churchwarden of St. Andrew's church in this parish, who was buried on this date.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 6.
CHARLES T. COLES* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 7.
CHARLES POTHECARY .. 4.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

\*First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

### The Provinces.

#### BIRMINGHAM.

#### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES. Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. .. 7.
JOHN NEAL .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 8.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 4.	ALFRED P. SMITH .. .. 10.
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 11.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This composition has the 5th twenty times right and sixteen times wrong in the tittums; also the 6th eighteen times right and sixteen times wrong for the handstroke home position, with all the twentyfour 5, 6, 7, 8s and 6, 5, 7, 8, both in the tittums and handstroke home positions, and is the first ever composed or rung containing these qualities. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. C. A. Clements, a ringing member of the Guild.

#### LINDLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN JENKINSON .. .. Treble.	JOHN ROLLINSON .. .. 5.
JABEZ WHITLEY .. .. 2.	WM. WOMERSLEY .. .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER NIELD .. .. 3.	JOSEPH RANGELEY .. .. 7.
EDWIN ARMITAGE .. .. 4.	HENRY MARSHALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN JENKINSON.

#### TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN .. Treble.	ALFRED RICHARDSON .. 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. BELL .. .. 6.
HERBERT E. HOLDER .. 3.	*THOMAS F. KING .. .. 7.
CHARLES COLLIER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

\*First peal of Major as conductor.

#### WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. STANFORD* .. .. Treble.	W. PETTIFER .. .. 5.
J. COOK .. .. 2.	W. STANFORD .. .. 6.
J. BRANCH* .. .. 3.	W. SHORT .. .. 7.
P. CHARMAN* .. .. 4.	*H. SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. COOK.

\*First peal.

#### RODMERSHAM, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 27, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. TICKNER .. .. Treble.	A. LURCOCK .. .. 4.
W. FAIRBEARD .. .. 2.	A. EASTMAN .. .. 5.
G. EASTMAN .. .. 3.	W. NYE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. W. Tickner was elected a member previous to starting.

#### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE NAISH .. Treble.	JAMES STRUTT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR STRUTT* .. 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. 7.
JOHN HOWES .. .. 3.	GEORGE STRUTT .. .. 8.
ALBERT STRUTT .. 4.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 9.
JAMES S. STRUTT .. 5.	JAMES CHANDLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

\*First peal, and first attempt. Rung on the 74th birthday of Mr. J. Wright, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. HILL* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
HENRY STALHAM* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. ALLFREY .. 6.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 3.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. Treble.	JOHN WITHERS .. .. 5.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
FRANK WITHERS .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, who was a ringer at the above church for over thirty years. He was interred in the cemetery at Selly Oak.

## RINGWOOD, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 31, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK A. SPARSHOTT .. Treble.	HENRY F. ELLIOTT .. .. 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN .. .. 2.	ALBERT BEST .. .. 6.
CHARLES FORFITT .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 7.
CHARLES HUGHES .. .. 4.	GEORGE PRESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. T. GREEN.

This was the quarterly peal of the Christchurch district.

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

On Friday, February 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

CUTHBERT WHITE .. Treble.	*WALTER J. TUBB .. .. 6.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 2.	STEDMAN WHITE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 4.	RICHARD WHITE .. .. 9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 5.	FREDK. WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

\*First peal of Caters.

## LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH* .. 2.	*EDMUND WILLIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 8.
FREDERICK JAMES COPE .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 9.
LEONARD BULLOCK* .. .. 5.	JAMES HENRY GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

## DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 5.
ARTHUR RIDYARD .. .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 6.
ROBERT WALLWORK .. .. 3.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW .. .. 4.	THOMAS PEERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

## CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal in the method by the Guild. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

## CLAPHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## 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 5½ cwt.

ISAAC HILLS .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 4.
WILLIAM J. DAVISON .. 2.	FRANK WEBB .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	HARRY TYSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Reference elsewhere.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. 6.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 8.
HERBERT RANN .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 9.
GEORGE ADES .. .. 5.	ERNEST W. TUGWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

## ASTON, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL PAGE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 4.
FREDERICK ELLIOTT .. 2.	CHARLES GALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 3.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

First peal on the bells. The Rev. H. Oddy visited the tower and kindly invited the band to the Rectory for refreshments, which were gratefully partaken of.

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

## SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal of Major rang in the borough of Southampton.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES TULETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM HAIGH .. .. 2.	JOSEPH E. GRENFED .. 6.
THOMAS MANNERING .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HARPER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and in the city of Rochester.

## LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHON,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN KELLEY .. .. Treble.	HORACE PALETHORPE .. 4.
WILLIAM KELLEY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH NORTH .. .. 5.
RICHARD PORTER .. .. 3.	GEORGE SCOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

## GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE ST. ALBANS DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford, College Single and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM LL. OLIVER .. Treble.	N. WALLACE .. .. 4.
REV. A. G. LANGDON .. 2.	H. WALLACE .. .. 5.
E. SAGGERS .. .. 3.	B. PATMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by B. PATMORE.

This is the first peal rung by a Great Munden society, and also the first peal by any of the above members.

## STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. BARKER* .. .. Treble.	H. EMERY .. .. 4.
A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	J. T. BARKER .. .. 5.
W. SMITH† .. .. 3.	E. CLAYDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. CLAYDON.

\*First peal of Minor, †First peal.

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

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT HOLMES .. Treble.	JAMES FLOYD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 2.	CHARLES GOLDING .. 6.
HORACE FLOYD .. .. 3.	HARRY GOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL .. 4.	*RALPH PATTERTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

\*First peal.

## EXETER, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, EXETER.)

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

WILLIAM H. WEBBER† .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE .. 5.
CHARLES CARTER .. .. 2.	†HARRY B. KINDERTLEY .. 6.
FRANK DAVEY .. .. 3.	JAMES MOSS .. .. 7.
JAMES VANSTONE† .. 4.	†FRANK GARDNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

First peal by the Society. †First peal.

## Date Touches.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1907 London Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. T. Binns, E. Keighley, W. Hollings, W. Popplewell, S. Wheatley, F. Waller, C. Pratt conductor, F. Page.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at 51 George Street, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Watson, 5-6; T. Loosemore, 7-8. Composed and conducted by A. J. Perkins. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Robinson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, J. H. Shepherd, E. Bishop conductor, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, E. Bishop, C. J. Gardiner conductor, O. Norman. On January 29th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, R. Thompson, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman conductor, R. W. Hyner, A. W. Harrington. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. R. Thompson, R. W. Hyner, A. Lawrence, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, E. Bishop conductor. First touch in the method by all except the conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKLEY, NEAR BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Monday, January 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. Mrs. Steedman, †Rev. F. G. Hume, H. White conductor, J. Ballard, \*E. Lodge, W. Hunt. \*First 720. †First 720 away from the treble. First 720 by a Rector of the parish on his own bells.

## THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Monkley, W. Drake, W. Mogridge, T. Mudge, E. Sargeant, F. Murphy, E. Shepherd conductor, W. Acreman,

On January 31st, 1259 Grandsire Caters. W. Drake, F. Davey, E. Shepherd conductor, C. Carter, W. Mogridge, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, F. Murphy, J. Moss, W. Richardson. On February 3rd, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd conductor, F. Davey, W. Mogridge, C. Carter, W. Drake, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, F. Murphy, J. Moss, W. Richardson.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, November 25th, at All Saints church, to commemorate the heroic deeds of two Cardiff lads at Stone Cutter Island, Hongkong, one being the son of W. W. Canter, one of the ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. J. Bullen, A. Morgan, H. Day, M. Lewis, W. W. Canter, Sergt. Dawe, W. Coombes conductor, T. Baiss.

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WEST END (Southampton).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; H. Barton, 3-4; G. Williams conductor, 5-6; W. H. Fussell, 7-8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SANDAL (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish church, 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 18 mins. W. Illingworth conductor, F. Ward, A. Audsley, F. Cole, E. Marsden, J. Bennett.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for afternoon service, a course of Bob Minor and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Mayne, F. Vickers, C. Rollings, A. Vickers, F. Redrup, W. Jeffs.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1056 Bob Major. A. Jordan, G. Gray, T. Jordan, H. Little, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Rung in honour of T. Jordan's birthday. On Wednesday, January 16th, for practice, 704 New Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, January 23rd, for practice, 588 Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, W. T. Prior. On Wednesday, January 30th, for practice, 608 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, W. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan conductor. 588 Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, H. J. Tucker. 320 Double Norwich Major. A. Jordan, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. E. Mullins, R. Duckner, J. Porter, J. Collett, C. Mackenzie, W. Ellis conductor, A. Hackley, G. W. Ellis.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. \*A. Hull, W. Ellis, S. Wiltshire, A. Knight, T. Daniels, W. Hulbert, F. Merrett, \*M. Merrett. \*First quarter-peal of Triples.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. Holmes, J. Lake, C. Neverson, A. Larkinson, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Larkinson, J. Lake, C. Neverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. An attempt was also made for 720 London Surprise, but it came to grief in the last part. A. Larkinson, J. Lake, C. Neverson, A. Holmes, J. Osborne, T. L. Bainbridge conductor. During the year 1906 seventy-six complete 720s have been rung in the following methods: London Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 4,

Superlative Surprise 2, Oxford Treble Bob 18, Kent Treble Bob, 16, Bob Minor 17, Double Court 9, Double Oxford 5, Single Court 3, College Single 1.

SOUTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. G. Williams conductor, A. Marks, C. J. Fray, C. Valentine, H. Barton, W. T. Tucker.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Triples, in 45 mins. J. Joyce, E. Murgatroyd, T. B. Kendall conductor, J. Ross, W. Joyce, F. London, J. Broadley, E. Wichkam.

### Obituary.

#### WILLIAM PEAD.

We have to record the death, in his eighty-first year, of this veteran change-ringer, after a long illness. He commenced his ringing career about 1845, at St. Nicholas, Deptford, under the auspices of the Society of Trinity Youths, and although no record has been kept of his performances, it may be safely said that he took part in upwards of fifty peals of Grandsire Triples. The funeral took place on Monday, February 4th, the first portion of the burial service being said at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, of which he had been beadle for over twenty years. The aged Rector, Canon E. J. Beck, M.A., officiated, and a fairly large number of parishioners attended. The Society of Trinity Youths was represented by Mr. Pead's former pupil, Frederick W. Thornton, and William Weatherstone, a life-long friend. Canon Beck, in a brief address, paid a touching tribute to the worth of deceased, who, he said, was a thorough Christian and earnest communicant. He set a bright example to many, as, when he had finished calling others to the services, he never failed to attend himself, and was never absent from Holy Communion. The hymn "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" (a great favourite of the deceased's) was sung, and the service brought to a close with the playing of the Dead March in Saul. The interment took place at Brockley. The usual whole pull and stand was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by the local company, and at St. Nicholas, Deptford, old associates and others rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in fifty minutes: George Rawlings, Frederick W. Richardson, William Weatherstone (conductor), Thomas Taylor, Frederick W. Thornton, Joseph Law, William J. Jeffries, Frank Howell.

#### MRS. JAMES BARRATT (of Eccles, Lancashire).

It is with feelings of deep regret we record the death of the above lady, the esteemed and beloved wife of Mr. James Barratt, the genial captain of the Eccles parish church ringers. Her death took place on Monday, January 28th, after a brief but painful illness, and much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. The funeral took place on Thursday, January 31st, in the churchyard of Eccles parish church, and in addition to the members of the family and other mourners, comprised several ringing friends from the surrounding district, as well as a goodly number of the general public, who thus testified their sympathy with the family. Truly can it be said of her that she was a true and loyal helpmeet to her husband, sharing his trials and rejoicing in his successes in peal-ringing. She was borne to her last resting place by the following members of the Lancashire Association: H. Chapman, S. Greenhalgh, J. Gregory (Pendleton), R. Ridyard (Worsley), and Messrs. A. and C. Trippier (Eccles). The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Gifford, curate. In the evening the bells were rung half muffled, as a tribute of respect, and a touch of 896 changes of Grandsire Triples was brought round, followed by the usual whole pull and stand, by J. R. Pritchard, P. Jackson, T. Grattan, H. Chapman, S. Greenhalgh, J. Gregory, R. Ridyard (conductor), A. Trippier. The writer cannot close this notice without conveying to Mr. Barratt and family (on behalf of all ringers who have come in contact with him), their deep sorrow and sympathy in his loss, knowing as we all do, it can be truly said of her "Her children rise up and call her blessed." May she rest in peace.

## 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 12th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 21st and March 7th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 26th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Next meeting February 18th at 8 p.m. A JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**The London County Association late the St James' Society.**—Established 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held to-day, Sat., February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special ringers' service in the church at 6 p.m., when probably the address will be delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan. Immediately after the service tea will be kindly given by the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan in the Mission Room, Onslow Dwellings, Pond Place, near the church, to all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, February 5th. Business meeting to follow. The tower will then be open till 9 p.m. A social will afterwards be held at The Builders Arms, Britton Street.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Essex Association.**—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Sat., Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
5, Grove Crescent, Woodford.

**The All Saints Society, Fulham.**—The annual general meeting will be held to day, Sat., February 9th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Room at 6. Meeting after.

WM. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Sat., February 9th, at Harrietsham. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at The Roebuck inn at 5.30. As the charges for tea are over that allowed, 6d. will be charged for the same. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.

A. TAWNEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next meeting will be held at the Mission Room, close to All Saints church, Kingston-on-Thames, to-day, Sat. February 9th. The bells at All Saints will be available from 3 o'clock, and tea will be provided in the Mission Room at 6 p.m., free to ordinary members, and to non-members at 1s. 6d. per head.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough to day, Sat., February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. Subscriptions for the year are now due.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dis. Sec.*  
Vale Road, Yorktown.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Kirkheaton to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Beaumont Arms.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Epsom to-day, Sat., February 9th. Christ Church bells available from 3 p.m. Service in parish church at 5.30. Tea at Epsom Coffee Rooms at 6. Bells of parish church in the evening. Captains are reminded that subscriptions for 1907 are now due, and may be paid at the meeting.

T. G. DEWITT, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newport, Salop, to-day, Sat., February 9th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting of the members of this district will be held at Alton to-day, Sat., February 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5 o'clock.

JAMES W. ELKINS, *Dis. Sec.*

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shotley Bridge to-day, Sat., Feb. 9th. The towers of Benfieldside (6, tenor 13 cwt.), and Conselt (8, tenor 17 cwt.), will be available. Tea will be provided in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Benfieldside, at 5 p.m. Members 1s.; non-members 1s. 6d.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*  
30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Godalming to-day, Sat., February 9th. Tower will be open at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at The Little George inn, High Street. Chair will be taken at 5.45 by the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick. A committee meeting will take place at 4 p.m., and representatives are asked to ascertain the probable amount of donations their bands will give to the Garfath Memorial in Farnham tower, and the form they would prefer.

JOHN J. JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Divisions will be held at Knebworth to-day, Sat., February 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

J. J. FOSTER, } *Dis. Secs.*  
W. H. LAWRENCE, }

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Mission Room, Hartland Road, at 6. Twickenham tower will also be open after the tea.

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

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Arthur T. King, Esq., of the Middlesex County Association. Dinner tickets free to

fully qualified members, and 2s. 6d. to other members and friends; may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 27th, to the undersigned. The twelve bells at St. Martin's will be available for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. All amendments should be sent to the Secretary not later than February 22nd.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**The Essex Association.**—All being well eight members of the South-Eastern division will attempt a 10,176 of Bob Major at Widford, and not Great Baddow (owing to illness of the Rector's wife at the latter place), on Saturday, February 16th. Meet at 2.30 sharp.

H. F. COOPER.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—All communications should in future be addressed to the Rev. C. W. Scott, The Vicarage, Portsmouth, who is now Honorary Secretary of the Guild, and not to me.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Late Hon. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT CLAPHAM (Beds.).**—This was the first peal on these bells, which are the lightest ring of six in the county. They have been augmented to that number by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, and the old five put into good going order. Now the local company have thoroughly made up their minds to go in for scientific change-ringing. After the peal the company were invited by Mr. Fitzpatrick to join in having tea with the local company, and arrangements have been made whereby a member of the Bedfordshire Association will give instruction.

**THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER.**—This was rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Lee Elliott, who is leaving the parish for Blakeney, Norfolk; also as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett, and Messrs. Errey and Sturt, who are members of the local band; and to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, and to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, sen.

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much the parishioners appreciated the ringing. As there had only been five regular ringers, a substitute had to be paid from the fund, and also the collector for his time in collecting. After these expenses had been paid, each ringer received the sum of £1 1s. 6d., and Mr. James Janes (foreman) an extra five shillings. They then signed on for another year, with the exception of one whom the ringers regret to lose, but owing to Sunday work he will not be able to attend. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar and Miss Chapman for their great kindness to the ringers, a proposition which was received with musical honours. Music and singing formed a good part of the evening's amusement. Songs were given by Mr. James Janes, Mr. David Sear, and Messrs. A. and F. Tompkins. The singing of the National Anthem brought this pleasant gathering to a close.

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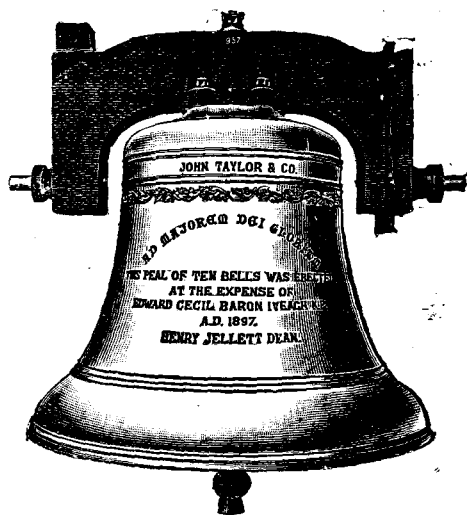
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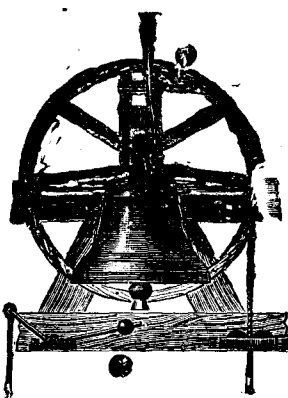
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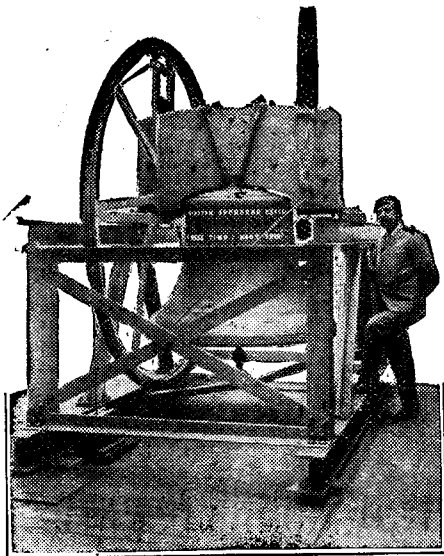
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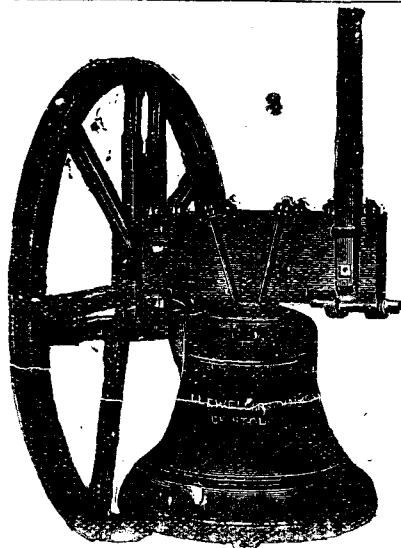
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## LITTLE TORRINGTON, DEVON.

"It might serve as a model, perhaps, for any parish church in the land." The Lord Bishop of Exeter, in these words, paid fitting tribute to the result of a series of improvements carried out in connection with the parish church of Little Torrington during the twelve years' incumbency of the Rev. T. McClelland. The occasion of the utterance was the dedication by his lordship of a new treble, making a ring of six bells. The five old bells—all cast by Pennington in 1804—were, as the result of an appeal launched about two years ago, rehung by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, something like eighteen months since. The augmentation from the rather awkward five to the handy six now effected was rendered possible by the Rector and Mrs. McClelland giving a new treble in memory of the former's mother, and the bearing by the parish of the cost of hanging. The bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, and hung by H. Stokes.

The parishioners evinced great interest in the dedication service, and their attendance in conjunction with that of numerous companies of ringers resulted in a crowded congregation. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. T. B. Panther, as staff-bearer, and many of the local clergy were present. Special hymns and psalms were sung with great heartiness.

During an interval the Bishop, accompanied by his staff-bearer, the rural dean, and the Rector, proceeded from the chancel to the belfry, which is separated from the body of the church by a screen. The Rector asked his lordship to bless and dedicate the new bell. The Bishop complied with the request. The new bell (the rope of which fell within a wreath) was raised, and the local company rang the whole six in rounds. The new bell was heard to be an excellent match both in tone and tune, and the augmented ring was generally regarded as one of which the parish could feel proud.

The Bishop, in the course of his subsequent sermon, emphasized the value of the privilege of approach to God in the united worship which parishioners could carry out in their churches. He went on to remark that the dedication of the new bell came as the completing touch of a long series of works of restoration, improvement and decoration which had made Little Torrington church, in one of the least populous parishes of Devon, so beautiful in its order and simplicity that it might serve as a model, perhaps, for any parish church in the land. He thanked God, too, that through the agency of the Devon Guild and other influences, the present generation had seen a great advance in the deepening of the sense on the part of bellringers that they were not outside the congregation, but that their work and great skill were a contribution to the general worship in which all should participate in church. A collection yielded £2. 12s. 8d., and reduced the debt remaining on the work to about £5.

All the ringers were entertained to tea in the school. During the tea the Rector presented Mr. William Broad with a handsome clock, inscribed: "To William Broad,

in grateful recognition of his long years of service as a ringer in Little Torrington church. From the Rector, February 6th, 1907." Mr. Broad has been a ringer in the parish for forty-nine years. His father, grandfather, and great grandfather were also ringers in the same parish, and Mr. Broad's son is one of the present ringers.

## GREENSNORTON, NORTHANTS.

After being silent for some months, the bells of the above church pealed out merrily on a recent Sunday. As the Right Rev. the Bishop of Leicester (who visited the parish to consecrate a new bell and re-dedicate the old ones) said, it was a happy day for local churchpeople, and particularly for the esteemed Rector (Rev. R. A. Kennaway), and all who have prominently assisted in the carrying out of the project. Formerly there were five bells, and the new one is a welcome addition; whilst three of the old bells, which were cracked in wear and tear, have been re-cast, and the whole peal re-hung on a new steel frame. The old wooden framework had become rotten through age, and therefore the whole work was necessary. Now the church has a really fine peal, the sweet chimes of which formed the subject of much favourable comment on the above-named Sunday. The work has been successfully carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, who last year did similar work at All Saints' church, Northampton. The cost is £276, and towards that £250 had been subscribed up to Sunday. Parishioners and others have given generously towards the Restoration Fund, and they shewed their interest in the undertaking by attending Sunday's services in good numbers.

At the morning service the congregation included Mr. C. Falconar Macdonald, J.P., Mr. W. Bairstow, Mrs. Russell Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitton and Miss Whitton (Caswell), Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mr. E. Whitton, and Mr. F. Causebrook (Towcester), and others. The service, which opened with a processional hymn, was conducted by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, and the churchwardens (Mr. E. K. Elliott and Mr. J. T. Smith), escorted the Bishop of Leicester. For the actual dedication ceremony the Bishop, the Rector, churchwardens, and the choir proceeded to the ringing-chamber, where the Bishop consecrated the new bell, and re-dedicated the old ones in the usual manner, after which a short touch of Grand-sire Doubles was rung with excellent effect.

The Bishop preached from the words, "To call them that were bidden," (St. Matthew xxii. 3.)

The Bishop mentioned that whilst the work had been going on of repairing and re-hanging the bells, it had been found that the spire required re-pointing within and without. The exact cost had not yet been ascertained, but it must amount to a considerable sum. That matter would of course, form the subject of future consideration.

In the afternoon the Bishop addressed a well-attended men's service, and in the evening he preached to a full congregation, his discourse being most appropriate.

After the morning service, and in the afternoon and evening, the bells were rung effectively.



## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 6th, the members of the Reading branch held their annual meeting at Reading. Several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung before the service, which was held in St. Laurence church, at 6.30, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse officiating, who gave a splendid address to those present, based on the text "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." At 7.30, about thirty members sat down to a capital spread at Phillips's dining rooms, Duke street, after which the business meeting and smoker was held. Commencing with the usual toast of "The King," several apologies were read from the Master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, (who were both away on a ringing tour in the Isle of Wight), Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, P. Hickey, and W. P. Routh, Esq., the latter gentleman having just passed through a very serious illness. All very much regretted the absence of these gentlemen, being all officials in the Reading branch. The honorary secretary and treasurer then read the minutes and balance sheet for the past year, 1906, which we were pleased to know showed a balance in hand of £3 9s. 6d. It was proposed by Mr. W. Newell and seconded by Mr. H. Tucker, that the minutes be adopted. It was proposed by Mr. A. J. Wright, who spoke in words of praise on the honorary secretary's work, in having such a balance sheet to bring forward, and seconded by Mr. W. Newell that the balance sheet be also adopted, and these were duly signed. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse proposed that M. J. Routh, Esq. be re-elected as chairman of the branch, as he had hitherto proved the right man in the right place, the thing was to keep him there. This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Osborne. Mr. Routh then proposed the re-election of Mr. Osborne as their honorary secretary and treasurer, saying it would be difficult to find just then, another to take the post. This was seconded by the Rev. H. P. Bowen. The election of members to serve on the guild committee were next elected, Mr. R. Dowsett stating that he did not seek re-election, as he was unable to attend any of the meetings. It was proposed by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. C. Chapman, that M. J. Routh, Esq., Messrs. C. Chapman, J. Swain, T. E. Glanville, A. W. Osborne be elected to serve on this committee, Mr. J. Swain being elected in place of Mr. Dowsett. Five new members were admitted, viz., Rev. H. P. Bowen, C. Higgs, R. Bishop, G. Wheeler, W. Dormer, all having qualified themselves for the Oxford Guild certificate. Mr. A. E. Reeves proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, also the organist and choir for the bright service held before the meeting in his church. The Rev. R. P. Newhouse responding, said it was always a pleasure and a great joy of his work in Reading, as the Vicar of St. Laurence, to welcome all ringers to his church. He would convey to Mr. Boseley, his organist, also the choir, the kind words spoken of them that evening. The toast for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was entrusted to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, who said he was sorry he could not then, as in other years, couple with that toast the worthy master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, but in his absence and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis's, he would couple the name of their secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves, who in responding gave some very interesting details of the guild work in general, also that the numbers had considerably increased since 1905, rising from eleven to sixteen hundred odd, due mainly to the North Bucks branch.

Mr. C. Chapman was the only member representing

Tilchurst and Mr. W. Ford, Mortimer, members attending from St. Laurence, St. Mary, and St. Giles.

Harmony was indulged in for the rest of the evening, songs being contributed by M. J. Routh, Esq., and Messrs. C. Cox, C. Chapman, F. W. Hopgood, A. Webb, E. Hughes, A. H. Burgess, J. Goodenough, banjo solo by E. Denham. Mr. J. Burley accompanied at the piano, and also obliged with a song. Time not allowing more the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of Auld lang syne in the usual style.

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

The annual meeting of this guild was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor street, Birmingham. The presiding ringing master, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., and the deputy ringing master, Mr. Albert Walker were, with many appreciations of their past services, unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

The various details in connection with the anniversary "Henry Johnson" commemoration dinner (duly advertised in our columns) were also settled.

An amount of discussion took place upon the so-called record peal of Treble Bob Major, recently rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale, and strong feelings were freely expressed that it ought not to be allowed to be recorded, either in peal book or on tablet, but by a majority it was decided that no useful action could be taken in the matter.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2nd, a district meeting of the northern branch was held at Grimsby, a number of members attending from Scunthorpe, Barrow, and Thornton, also a good attendance of local ringers. Various touches were rung on the parish church bells, and service was held at five o'clock. Tea followed after, at Harman's hotel, where the ringers were the guests of the Vicar of Grimsby (Rev. E. Bullock, Rural Dean), and which the ringers thoroughly enjoyed.

At the business meeting the Vicar was elected a vice-president of the branch. The Vicar in reply said he was pleased to fill that office, and help forward the work of the guild, and was glad to think that ringers should combine themselves together to visit various places, and especially country towers, and help the ringers to get into touch with good ringing. He was pleased to have the ringers so tea with him that day.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his generous hospitality and for presiding was carried. A vote of thanks to the district secretary (Mr. W. H. Heyhoe) for his work during the year, concluded a successful and pleasant meeting.

The following is an account of the last peal rung by Leonard Procter's famous Bennington ringers:—

BENNINGTON (near Stevenage, Herts.)—On 29th January, 1887, at the parish church, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 6720 changes: Nathan Warner (treble), Joseph Kitchener, John Kitchener, Leonard Chapman, Walter Hobbs, Jabez Warner, Charles Shambrook, Samuel Page (conductor) tenor. Particulars of this peal were kindly supplied by Mr. John Kitchener.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AMBLESIDE.—On Saturday, February 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Backhouse, W. Nevinson, A. Newton, F. Woodend, W. Sharp, J. Holme, W. Robinson conductor, R. Satterthwaite.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 1190 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Skuse, F. Reid, G. Basden, J. J. Parker conductor, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, J. Bovington, J. Blackmore.

STOKE POGES.—On February 5th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. R. Bolton, G. Guttridge conductor, W. Henley, J. J. Parker, W. Bateman, J. Blackmore. First 720 by 1, 5 and 6.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Beal, G. Horwood, W. Bull, E. Percy, E. Ricketts, H. Clark. For evening service 480 Grandsire Doubles. C. Beal, G. Horwood, W. Bull, E. Percy, E. Beckett, E. Eales.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. A. Black, E. Wightman conductor, G. F. Margetson, E. A. Bacon, J. Rann, G. Carter, W. Clark, P. A. Coard.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Saturday, February 9th, 1280 Double Norwich. A. Roope, E. Borrett, C. Baker, W. Roope, jun., C. Roope, F. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 448 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, T. L. Wilson, F. C. Lambert, W. Pierce, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, E. Chatten, A. Lee. On Tuesday, February 5th, 224 Bob Major. Miss R. Stangard, 1, the rest as before.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. Miss R. Stanford, Miss B. Robinson, T. L. Wilson, F. C. Lambert conductor, W. Kerrison.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On January 20th, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, J. Kent, H. Smart, W. Butt, G. Samway, R. C. Mayo conductor, E. Mills, J. Hall. On Sunday, January 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, W. Povey longest length, R. C. Mayo conductor, W. Butt, J. Kent, H. Smart, O. Smart, F. Padwick. On Sunday, January 29th, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Povey, E. Mills, J. Kent, W. Butt, O. Smart, H. Smart, R. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. On Sunday, February 10th, 223 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, J. Kent, W. Butt, H. Smart, G. Samway, O. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On Saturday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob and Pain Bob Minor, in 43 mins. C. Orpin, J. McGrath, H. Gayton, F. J. Bird conductor, F. Skevington, H. Cockings. Longest length by an entirely local band. And 720 Minor, standing as before.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE C Y (Somerset).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Creed, Sergt-Major S. Dawe, R. Hebditch, H. Melbourne, E. Creed conductor, G. Chaplain. First quarter-peal by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

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

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. C. Fenn conductor, E. G. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, G. Cottis, D. Simons, R. Fenn, A. C. Hardy, E. A. Davies.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—Recently, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being five 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. G. Bennett, E. Frampton, L. H. Moore, E. Knight, W. Frampton, G. Gazzard. First by ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th. A plain course of Double Court, being the first on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Eva Cary Batten with Captain Bright. The ringers and villagers were entertained to tea at the village hall by Colonel Batten.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, 532 and 546 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Todd, E. F. Cole, E. R. Mackrill, C. C. Cox conductor, F. Skevington, W. H. Stevens, G. Iles, G. W. Coombs.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from J. J. Parker's 12-part, in 47 mins. T. B. Buswell, S. White, J. Tansey, G. Thompson, F. Cotton, W. Wall conductor, W. Humphreys, W. Sharp.

TENBY (South Wales).—On Thursday, January 31st, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1064 Grandsire Triples. T. John, A. Griffiths, A. Richards, W. Jenkins, L. Jenkins, G. John, R. Jenkins conductor, G. Williams. On Sunday evening, February 10th, for service, 642 in the same method. G. John, A. Griffiths, J. Evans, W. Jenkins, L. Jenkins, A. Richards, R. Jenkins conductor, J. Williams.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On February 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Eddington, F. C. Poole, W. Brown, J. J. Poole, C. Eddington, H. E. Howell, F. K. Howell conductor, W. Davis.

## TO ALL CONCERNED.

I regret the following peals cannot be recognized by the Chester Diocesan Guild, all the requirements not having been met:

January 13th, 1906—8896 Kent, at Mottram.

February 3rd, 1906—5024 Kent, at Glossop.

February 24th, 1906—5568 Kent, at Leesfield, Oldham.

M. W. KINLOCH, Hon. Sec.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Chad's, Birmingham, on December 12th, 1906, cannot be recorded by the Midland Counties Association.

W. E. WHITE.

## THE ISLE OF WIGHT TOUR.

The programme as announced last week was punctually carried out, and the peals successful, details of which, with a sketch of St. Mary's church, Brading, will appear in due course.

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## MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

(Continued from page 533.)

Throughout this memoir attention has been drawn to his methodical entry of facts; this and his power of arranging them and carefully judging of their worth, made him singularly fitted for the work he had set himself, viz., to lay a foundation of popular ringing literature, dealing with it both historically and scientifically.

Before recording the number of "peals" in which he took part, it will be well, for the benefit of the uninitiated, to explain what the ringing world means by a "peal." The total number of changes that can be performed on seven bells is 5040; that is, the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, here written in a row—ringers call this one in numerical order "rounds"—may be written in 5040 distinct rows, using every one of the seven figures in each row but re-arranging their order each time. This has settled the standard of what is thought worthy of being chronicled; hence a "peal" must consist of no fewer than 5000 changes; it must begin and end with "rounds"; and no change, i.e., no special arrangement of a row, must occur twice; and the whole of such changes must be produced continuously without any stoppage in ringing. Now, as it takes about three hours to ring 5040 changes, it will be readily understood, even by those outside the charmed circle, that it is no mean mental and physical feat to ring even a single peal; neither is it an undertaking free from the excitement of chance misadventures which continually occur, as shown later on. Apart from his writings, Jasper Snowdon has left behind him a very full roll of achievements, having accomplished 129 peals. To secure these honours, no fewer than 128 fruitless attempts were incurred, many of them extending to nearly three hours duration. His peals comprise five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten thousand changes—which last would last some six hours. His first was at Ilkley, in 1872; his longest at Bolton, near Bradford, in 1878; and his last at Pudsey, in 1884. He singled out his old tower at Ilkley for his one hundredth, and secured it at the first attempt. His favourite bell was the tenor, and if not at this, he invariably rang at the heavy end, and as low down as he could arrange; the curious mixture of both mental and physical work for which change-ringing has a unique reputation, being to him enhanced by the physical part being made to embrace the hardest of that work. His peals comprised the following methods, which it will be seen comprise all numbers from Minor to Maximus:—Seven Minor peals, 1; Bob Triples, 3; Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 104; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; total 129. Of these fourteen were consecutive successful peals in one batch, in 1882. At another time he met with ten consecutive failures. Every peal attempted is entered in his peal-book, and many are the curious reasons for failure. "Clapper broke"; "Rope broke"; "Rope slipped wheel"; "Never had a fit company"; "Change of Course"; "Called incorrectly"; "Call too early"; "Call too late"; "Man done up"; "Bell overturned"; "Bell unringable"; "Gudgeon broke"; "Clapper came out"; "Broke down"; etc., etc. Changes on handbells he never attempted, further than the usual plain course of Grandsire Triples; he was, however, specially anxious to form a band amongst his own immediate friends, but want of time compelled him to relinquish this interesting art.

Little or no mention was ever publicly made of "Prize Ringing" by Jasper Snowdon, although, throughout his whole ringing life, he was systematically fighting and trying to live down this bane and curse of every belfry where its roots find nourishment. How could a man of any position and education join in and ring with others for a prize? Again, if, as is usual in the cricket field, the good players of all classes can mix to their mutual advantage, why should any countenance be given to a system—leaving alone its distinct profanation of the church's property—which can only tend to drive away the more respectable members—and this from an art he so much appreciated. These were his thoughts—and although he was possibly amused by the story, of which he knew the truth, he nevertheless felt very deeply that a tale should be told of how "a certain man had become religious, had stopped cursing and

swearing, had turned teetotal, and given up change-ringing." He was, however, always desirous of distributing the blame fairly on the proper shoulders. Writing on prize-ringing to a clergyman mutually interested in ringers, he says, "it is dying a natural death, and I think silent contempt on this point is the most practical way of hastening its end. It is no use stigmatising such men as an ungodly set when those in authority are to blame for allowing the bells to be thus used. In this matter the clergy must reform the ringers; any process which entails reformation of the clergy through the ringers is, in my opinion, perfectly useless."

Allusion has already been made to his fondness for walking, but perhaps his last exploit in this line, in 1883, comes better here than elsewhere. A ringing friend had written asking him how it was he had not seen his name connected with any recent peals; to which he replied—"The more I ring the less I write, and as I have something for publication, I hope to complete it first. Do not think I am getting past ringing. I took a few days holiday at Easter, and by way of variety walked from Leeds to London (this was with his friend Edward E. Lawson, of Leeds). The following are the stages and times taken over them. I give the time spent each day in actual walking, and also the total time taken for each stage, including stoppage during the day. On the whole the roads were good and the weather fine, although I didn't escape without a wetting. The only day I walked quickly was on the fifth, and then I did knock along.

	STAGES.	DISTANCE.	WALKING.	ON ROAD.
First day	Leeds to Bawtry	36 miles	8h. 50m.	9h. 42m.
Second day	Bawtry to Newark	29 miles	7h. 19m.	7h. 56m.
Third day	Newark to Stamford	35 miles	8h. 30m.	9h. 6m.
Fourth day	Stamford to S. Neots	34 miles	8h. 32m.	9h. 27m.
Fifth day	St. Neots to Hatfield	36 miles	7h. 47m.	9h. 2m.
Sixth day	Hatfield to London	19 miles	4h. 33m.	4b. 48m.

I intended to have an evening amongst my ringing friends in town, but got to King's Cross as early as 1.18 p.m., and as I wanted to be back in Leeds as soon as I could, I had some lunch at the station, and took the 3.15 train for the North."

(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."

## SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—Please let me thank my several friends who have privately written me re Primrose Surprise and the Treble Bob method I gave in your issue for January 26th ultimo. These gentlemen point out that Primrose as altered becomes Cambridge. Well, as I only added 5ths when Treble lay behind and 2nds when at lead, Primrose must have been a Surprise Method already. Now the Treble Bob Method, they tell me, is what had been known as Cumberland Exercise. Well, as this Method has no place made at either cross sections, it cannot belong to the exercise class Delight or Surprise, and so can only be as I give it, but the full title now is Cumberland Treble Bob. Altogether I am rather more pleased than vexed at bringing these old methods forward, especially the latter one, as I now find the old society to which I have the honour to belong, is represented by a good old Treble Bob Method. H. DAINS.

P.S.—If those of your readers who retain the copies of "BELL NEWS," and will compare Norwich Surprise Minor (Norwich Treble Bob) with Colledge Bob the Fifth, they will find the only difference in them is as above. 5th place Treble behind, 2nd place Treble at head, and indeed I can point out several examples of this class, but the conductor or the band can always select their favorite methods for a performance.

## SELBY ABBEY BELLS.

SIR,—As a ringer at Selby Abbey and an eye-witness of the lamentable fire, I was naturally interested in the correspondence which has appeared in your columns re the above. I hope you will kindly allow me space to correct any false impressions which may have been created by the statements made by Mr.

Greeves in his letter, which shows clearly that he himself had not examined the bells. The bells were rehung a few years ago in a massive iron frame, with headstocks of wood, and not, as Mr. Drake supposes, of iron. The bells did not go to the foundry and the canons were broken roughly off, but of course the crowns had not been ground down to a smooth face as stated. The bells did not all fall to the ground, but four of them fell sideways and lodged in their respective pits, between the frame and iron girders, and the remains of the charred beams. The 7th, 5th, 4th and 2nd fell to the ground, the two last being broken in pieces. The remaining bells were torn in the crown, a natural result of the intense heat. The water, which was at one time during the fire directed on to the tower, was evidently responsible for the cracking of some of the bells.

F. W. STOKES.

## CHANGE-RINGING AND FOOTBALL.

SIR,—I quite endorse your remarks relative to the letter signed by G. MacFarlane, that there is no comparison between the art of change-ringing and football. When I first read the letter I was thinking whether the writer intended it to be vice versa and made an error, but I should think this to be an impossibility, with his wonderful brain power and skilled judgment. I am proud to consider myself a change ringer, football enthusiast, and a staunch Churchman, and I do not hesitate in stating that to consider football more beneficial to young men than change-ringing is absolute rot (unless your correspondent is a professional and makes a bit out of his favourite sport), and if it were possible he ought to have the faculty of reasoning taken away from him if it were possible. In football one does get physical exercise only, but in change-ringing there is both physical and mental exercise, and no one, unless they possess good wits and energy, can possibly succeed in the art of change-ringing. Anyone with a little training and courage can play football, and as for your correspondent expecting sympathy in his opinions, well I hope he will get it. I truly admire the game of football and all manly sports and do not think that any sacrilege is committed by your correspondent raising this point, as he has undoubtedly done it as the outcome of a sweet dream.

FRANK DUNAWAY.

SIR,—I could not help being amused at the strange letter which appeared in the last issue of "BELL NEWS." Can Mr. MacFarlane be really serious when he says that it is untrue that bell-ringing is more beneficial than football for young men. I quite agree with your remark in the same issue, that there is no comparison between the two. If Mr. MacFarlane has ever studied change-ringing I should think that he has seen Mr. Troyte's remarks mentioned by the late J. W. Snowdon in *Rope-Sight*. I use that remark here in another sense: "That anyone with sufficient intelligence to turn a mangle could be taught to play football; the practice of change-ringing gives full scope for the exercise of the intellectual as well as the physical powers." Football is all very well as a game for muscular exercise, but may I ask Mr. MacFarlane where the mental or intellectual exercise comes in. What I have seen of football I have formed an opinion that it is more horse play than a scientific game, and what enlightened Englishmen can see in the game to rave so much after surpasses my understanding. As regards the beneficial effects on health, does the writer of the strange letter know that bell-ringing is supposed to be conducive to a long life. Has he ever heard of a game of football being played by a team of young men, whose average age was nearly seventy-three years, as I have a record of a peal of 5040 changes, rung by young men of that age, the tenor man's age being eighty-six, and the weight of the bell 20 cwt. I have stood in a 720 Minor with a man who was over eighty-five years old. Can footballers produce a record like this? Now, sir, I will thank you for taking up your valuable time and space.

A CHANGE-RINGER.

SIR,—In last week's issue of "BELL NEWS" a strange letter appeared, and was partly answered by the Editor. Mr. MacFarlane invites opinions of members of the Exercise generally. Well, I may safely say that could a poll be taken, ninety-nine out of every hundred would say change-ringing takes

more learning than does football, whether one is more beneficial than the other I cannot say, and no person other than a doctor could testify as to what muscles are brought into use by either one or the other, but as to the learning of either I can say that in this place where I live, we have nearly four hundred boys whose ages range from seven to sixteen years, and out of that number I do not think there are one hundred who could not tell you all the particulars of the game of football, the places of the players, and the different shots, and everything connected with it. Of course they have a certain amount of instruction in the matter. Now is there not a difference in regard to ringing; is it not an art, a science, never to be learned by anyone. Many will learn quicker and more than others, but as in everything else it is an absolute fallacy and is quite ridiculous to compare the two things. One is a game, the other is not a game, although a pastime, and cannot be learned by any or every person who tries, unless the person is like the man who is on exhibition, with double brains, then the difficulty of learning ends. Let Mr. MacFarlane take a football guide, or any instruction book he likes, and study for an hour or so, and then let him take for instance the book on *Stedman*, by Snowdon, and study that for a whole year, and report to "THE BELL NEWS" at the end of that time from which he has gained the most knowledge. When he has learned that all by heart, let him conduct say half-a-dozen of the peals mentioned in the said *Stedman* book, and finally he will say change-ringing takes more learning than does football.

JOHN BEAMS.

## REPLY TO "BOW BELLS."

SIR,—The idea advanced by your correspondent "Bow Bells" is a very excellent one, and such a scheme would, no doubt, prove a profitable advertisement. The idea, however, is not entirely new. I have often seen tradesmen's carts fitted with a chime of bells, which, when actuated by the moving of the vehicle are certainly rather pleasing. By the way, has the custom of attaching bells to the harness of horses quite disappeared? In the days of my youth I often met teams so adorned, and the melody of the bells in the country lanes had a most charming effect. The use of bells in theatres is, of course, not at all unusual, though I believe tubes are now generally used. Some years ago, during a promenade concert season at His Majesty's Theatre, a village scene was depicted with a model of a church, in the tower of which a peal of small bells was hung and chimed upon at intervals, but without the brass band accompaniment, which your correspondent so much dreads. The idea of suspending bells outside the theatre is likewise not quite novel. I have seen bells so arranged over the entrance balcony of the Porte Martin theatre in Paris.

F. R. THOMAS.

## GRANDSIRE MINOR.

SIR,—Replying to R. G. Rice respecting the two 720s of Grandsire Minor, the first was composed by me in the year 1886, before I could ring the treble in 120 changes, and was afterwards conducted by me in honour of my birthday, and first peal as conductor. I do not remember seeing the figures since, but it was sent up to "THE BELL NEWS" along with a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in the year 1888. No. 2 was composed some years later by Richard Potter, of West Retford, and also published in "THE BELL NEWS." I have a great variety of 720s of Grandsire Minor which I will send to R. G. Rice, if he will send me his address or write direct to

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1907.

In the last number of this paper was recorded a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. David's, Exeter. The outcome of this is a strong protest in one of the local journals from Mr. EDWIN SHEPHERD, who says: "I was a listener to the supposed peal for one hour and twenty minutes, and never heard such a disgraceful clashing of bells in my twenty-eight years' connection with the science of ringing in Exeter." And more to the same effect. The parties concerned have joined issue, and endeavoured to set themselves right. The gentleman named above is well-known throughout the Devon Guild, and would hardly be likely, therefore, to make such a statement as he has without sufficient reason. It appears that the band comprised several "colts," and the conductor might have been anxious to score a peal for his young men. But if the peal was of the character alleged, it was a very bad commencement for them, and the conductor should have had sufficient moral courage to shelve the performance.

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HENRY SYCAMORE .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WILSON .. .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. .. 3.	CHARLES RRAD .. .. 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE .. .. 4.	HAREY G. BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

†First peal in the method. This peal is a variation of Carter's six part, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 29 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 5.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. .. 2.	H. TOM GARDNER .. .. 6.
JOHN J. JEFFERIES .. .. 3.	FREDK. PROTHEROUGH .. 7.
H. CHARLES BOND .. .. 4.	SIDNEY HAYWARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Lewis and H. C. Bond.

**CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERIC THOMAS .. Treble.	AUSTIN GREGORY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MAYERS .. .. 2.	*JAMES V. WIRGHT .. .. 6.
ROBERT SPERRING .. .. 3.	†WALTER THOMAS .. .. 7.
GEORGE JONES .. .. 4.	JOHN ROBERTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

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



# OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED D. BATES* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
THOMAS L. SIMMONS* .. .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. .. 3.	HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. DIX .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

\*First peal of Major. This is the first Surprise peal rung in the county by a local company since the days of the Bennington band. Reference elsewhere.

# CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

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

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. TEGG .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 5.
SIDNEY WADE .. .. 2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 6.
FRANK A. MILNE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. .. 7.
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

# DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WISKENS .. .. 5.
ARTHUR LUDER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 6.
CLEMENT MORE .. .. 3.	ELLIS HAYWARD .. .. 7.
WILLIAM E. BASON .. .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

\*First peal in the method. Arranged for William Bason.

# WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JABEZ WALTER .. .. Treble.	*FITZROY LAKER .. .. 4.
STANLEY WHITE .. .. 2.	SIDNEY WALTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOD .. .. 3.	HARRISON SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

First peal and first attempt as conductor. \*First peal and first attempt.

# KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 6, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

JOHN WOODBERRY .. Treble.	†WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY .. 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	HENRY MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

†First attempt for a peal away from the treble.

# WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 6, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

S. PAICE .. .. Treble.	J. F. MATTINGLEY .. .. 5.
W. HOULTON .. .. 2.	S. ADAMS .. .. 6.
W. J. PAICE .. .. 3.	F. LUSH .. .. 7.
A. WIGGINS .. .. 4.	A. HILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOULTON.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells, and rung by all local men. Rang to celebrate the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. B. Loug.

# PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Treble.	OLIVER BROCK .. .. 5.
FREDERICK ROOPE .. .. 2.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BASON* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ROOPE .. .. 7.
CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

\*First peal in the method.

# LAMBERHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 7, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being three 720s of Oxford and four of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	EDWIN LAMBERT .. .. 4.
ANDREW MARSHALL* .. 2.	JIM BEECH .. .. 5.
WALTER W. MARSHALL .. 3.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by the band.

# THANET, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 8, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES H. BLYTHMAN .. Treble.	WALTER J. TRUSLER .. .. 5.
ERNEST L. BURGESS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. COLLISON .. 6.
ERNEST WILSON .. .. 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. HISCOCK* .. 4.	ERNEST W. UDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. L. J. White Thompson to the living of St. Peter's. \*First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

# PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

THOMAS WRIGHT .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAITE .. .. 6.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 7.
JOHN WIGMORE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BATEMAN .. .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	FRANK COLE .. .. 9.
JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 5.	ALBERT HANKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong in the titlums, and twenty one times wrong in the inverted home position. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Cole, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE T. LEADER .. .. 5.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE .. .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 3.	EDWIN F. HOOPER .. .. 7.
ALFRED ANDREWS .. .. 4.	CHARLES CLARKE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES.

WALTER BRITTAN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. .. 3.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 8.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATEB .. .. 5.	*HOWARD CATTELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HALLSWORTH, and  
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal with a bob bell.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

LEWIS RICKETT .. .. Treble.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM JEFFS .. .. 2.	C. R. LILLEY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK CHESHIRE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WEBB .. .. 7.
ALBERT NASH .. .. 4.	JOSIAH NICHOLLS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

TODENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

S. GREEN .. .. Treble.	G. LARGE .. .. 4.
F. RANDALL .. .. 2.	W. LARGE .. .. 5.
E. WEBB .. .. 3.	A. PARDINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

R. T. LADE .. .. Treble.	J. BAGLEY .. .. 4.
A. R. MILES .. .. 2.	F. EADE .. .. 5.
T. LADE .. .. 3.	E. G. FENNER .. .. Tenor.
	A. GROOMBRIDGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. R. MILES.

First peal by all the band, and first peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Dr. John N. Hall.

WOLSTANTON, STAEFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM F. MILLER .. .. 5.
ALBERT MILLER .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN RIDER .. .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 7.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 4.	†REV. W. S. AIRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

†First peal. \*First peal in the method with a bob bell. The Rev. W. S. Airy was elected a life member of the Association before starting.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. CASE .. .. Treble.	B. HEAD .. .. 5.
J. E. OVERTON .. .. 2.	W. OVERTON .. .. 6.
J. ELCOCK .. .. 3.	J. OVERTON .. .. 7.
W. RICHARDS .. .. 4.	H. W. OVERTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. OVERTON.

\*First peal of Triples.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

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

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTIS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. 4.	EDWARD EVANS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference elsewhere.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS BRADLEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES E. CARRINGTON .. .. 5.
JAMES COTTEBELL .. .. 2.	CHARLES E. STEWART .. .. 6.
JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 4.	FRED SALMONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## SHIPLAKE, OXON.

## THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

WALTER WEBB .. .. Treble.	GEORGE IRVINE .. .. 5.
THOMAS GWYNNE .. .. 2.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 6.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 3.	HENRY SIMMONDS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD SCATTERGOOD* .. Treble.	JOSEPH HALL .. .. 4.
CRCIL TANSLEY* .. .. 2.	THOMAS D. THOMPSON .. 5.
FREDERICK TANSLEY .. .. 3.	†EDWARD GOBEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD GOBEY.

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

## STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

THOMAS PREECE .. .. Treble.	DAVID HORNE .. .. 4.
HENRY PRITCHARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
CHARLES HORNE .. .. 3.	FRED SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. SMITH.

First peal on the bells.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE G. JENKINS.. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BRETT.. .. 5.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN.. .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
WALTER F. JENKINS* .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	STANLEY J. GIBBS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Francis J. Holland, Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

## NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. Treble.	EGBERT STAMPER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. 2.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 6.
WILLIAM WALKER .. .. 3.	WILFRID J. MOSS .. .. 7.
HENRY KIRK* .. .. 4.	FRED HOLT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

\*First peal of Major. The peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Thomas Ashton, one of the local ringers, to Miss T. Scattergood.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM DAVIES* .. .. Treble.	HENRY HARRISON .. .. 4.
JAMES W. BELL.. .. 2.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
EDWIN H. LEWIS .. .. 3.	JAMES MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\*First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

## GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANDREW B. LOMAS, SEN.* Treble.	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4.
EDWARD JOHNSON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL P. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
MATTHEW DAVENPORT .. 3.	*ANDREW B. LOMAS, JUN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ANDREW B. LOMAS, JUN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the 3rd and 4th. \*First peal.

## BAMPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

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

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## THE WARWICK SOCIETY.

The seventh annual meeting of this society was held on January 30th, in St. Mary's vestry. The report of the Hon. Secretary stated that the past year had been one of steady progress, without any great achievements. The society numbers some twenty active members, and has for its ringing-master, Mr. E. H. Adams, who came to Warwick from Fulham, at the invitation of the late Vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's. His efforts have been rewarded by steady progress from the date that the society was founded.

St. Mary's church has a ring of ten bells; which were re-hung by Messrs. Taylor and Sons a few years ago, and are in the best possible condition. Owing to the situation of the tower in the centre of the busiest part of the town, peal ringing is not looked upon with a favourable eye, and the Society has wisely taken its exercise with great moderation. There is a peal of eight bells also, in the best condition, at All Saints' church, Emscote, where the members of the society hold a weekly meeting. The aim set before the members is to have nothing but change-ringing in Warwick, and there is reasonable hope that this object will be achieved in the course of time, as every year sees a small increase to the membership of the society, drawn from those who can handle a bell in Warwick.

Visitors in Warwick will be welcomed at All Saints' church on Mondays, and at St. Mary's on Wednesdays, at 7.45 p.m., and on Sunday ringing takes place previous to both services.

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

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on the 21st and March 7th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 26th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Next meeting February 18th at 8 p.m. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**The Essex Association.**—All being well eight members of the South-Eastern division will attempt a 10,176 of Bob Major at Widford, and not Great Baddow (owing to illness of the Rector's wife at the latter place), to-day, Sat., February 16th. Meet at 2.30 sharp.  
H. F. COOPER.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Mission Room, Hartland Road, at 6. Twickenham tower will also be open after the tea.  
J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 23rd. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5. A free tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 20th.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmslow Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

**Leeds and District Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at Armley. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse hotel at 6 p.m. Business-Nomination of all officers and committee for the ensuing year.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Arthur T. King, Esq., of the Middlesex County Association. Dinner tickets free to fully qualified members, and 2s. 6d. to other members and friends: may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 27th, to the undersigned. The twelve bells at St. Martin's will be available for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held in the National Schools, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.), available all day.  
W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. Meeting

in St. Mary's parish hall at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon. Members requiring tea should send notice to the Hon. Secretary not later than March 5th.  
E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—Owing to Lenten services the interim meeting of the above district arranged to take place during February, will not be held until after Easter. Full particulars, when made, will be advertised. Members are requested to note that subscriptions are now due.

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Preparation of the Report for 1906.—Everything for insertion should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than the end of the present month.  
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—All communications should in future be addressed to the Rev. C. W. Scott, The Vicarage, Portsmouth, who is now Honorary Secretary of the Guild, and not to me.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Late Hon. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT GARGRAVE.**—J. McKell's 50 Peals.—Seven Minor methods 2; Bob Triples 3, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 4, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 1; Bob Major 4, conducted 2; Yorkshire Court Major (the first peal ever rung in the method), 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 2, conducted 1; Kent Major 24, conducted 7; Oxford 7, conducted 1; Kent Royal 2. Also rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of H. Birtwhistle. It is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

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4253967018

2435976108

2345791680

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1423567890 BOB

1243567890 SINGLE

5000.

23456 M W H

52364 2 2 2

64235 1 2 2

64352 2 2 1

50423 2 2 2

25634 2 2 2

32546 2 2 2

52436 2 1

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## Obituary.

## JOHN GOODMAN.

It is with much regret that we record the death of the above-named ringer, at the age of sixty-four years. Deceased had been a ringer at the parish church, Sedgley, for about forty-eight years, and was very popular. On the night of his death, Sunday, February 3rd, he assisted in ringing about 500 Grandsire Triples for divine service. He then seemed in his usual health, but on reaching his home was taken ill, and passed suddenly away a few hours later. He was a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the Dudley St. Thomas' Guild and had rung several peals. At his funeral on February 9th, he was carried into church by his old fellow ringers, who afterwards assisted by Mr. W. Pardoe (Willenhall) attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire

Triples, with bells half-muffled, which however came to grief after ringing forty minutes. Another attempt in the evening by the following band proved successful in fifty minutes: F. Bradley (treble), F. Evans, E. Screen, H. Sheppard (Dudley), W. Mills, T. Watton (conductor), W. Devey (Darlaston), B. Fullwood (tenor).

## GEORGE DEVONPORT.

For many years a member of the St. Thomas' company, Salisbury, who died on Monday, the 8th instant, aged sixty-seven years. He was buried at the cemetery, on Thursday, the 7th inst. In the evening a muffled peal was rung on St. Thomas' bells, consisting of 1260 Grandsire Triples, by J. Judd, S. Macey, L. Harris, J. R. Jerram, J. S. Rumming, R. P. Knight, W. W. Gifford (conductor), C. Gaisford. Tenor 28 cwt,

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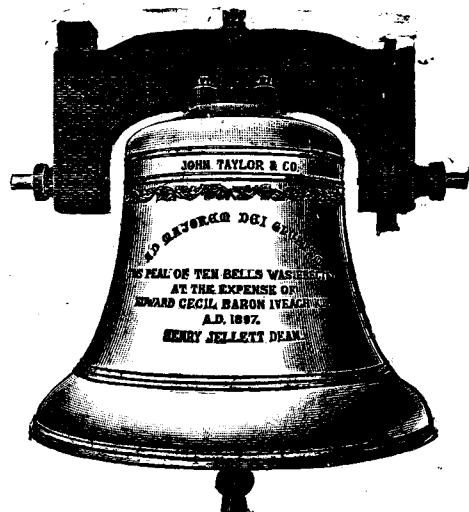
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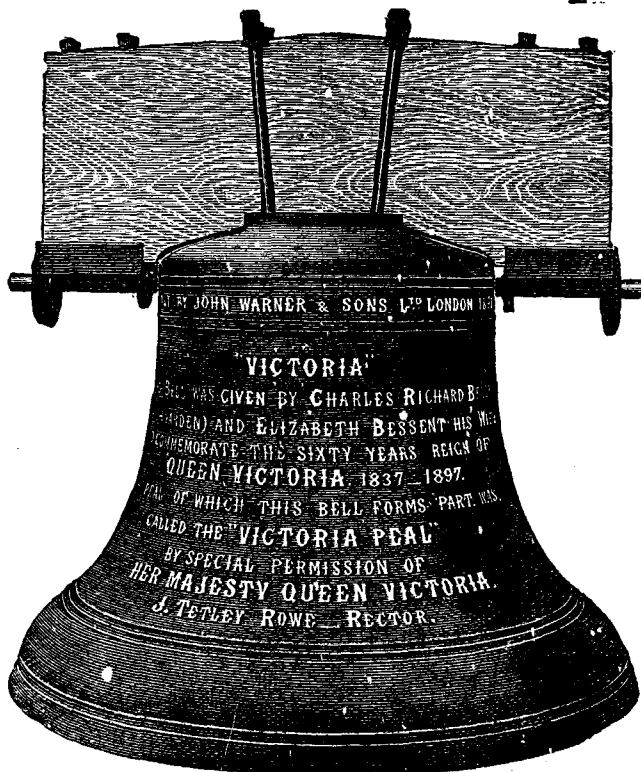
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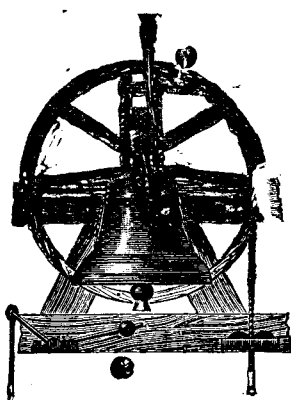
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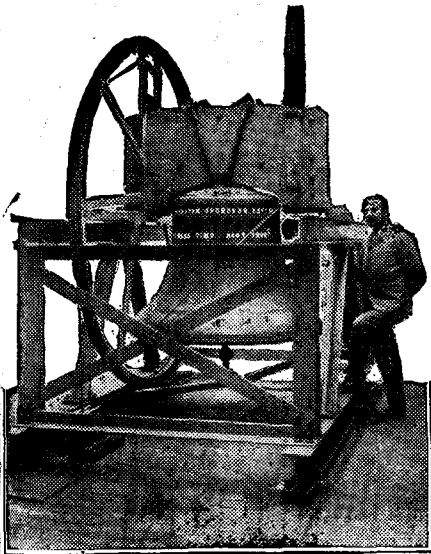
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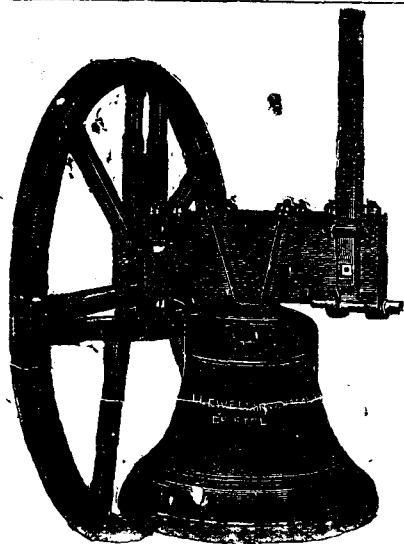
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## SURPRISE MINOR METHODS (*continued*).

By WILLIAM SNOWDON.

Since sending to this paper my recent search into this question I have fully convinced myself that although some light has been thrown on the subject, there is more to be learnt before we know where we stand in this question of Surprise methods.

Everything stated so far—based on Cambridge Surprise as it appears in the *Clavis* (and as reproduced in my brother's *Standard Methods*) is strictly correct, but we have not dipped deep enough. My reason for feeling quite sure that "Cambridge" sets us the true example is that every point therein is fully reproduced in the two other standard examples, viz., "London" and "Superlative." The only difference between these three is, that, whereas Cambridge and Superlative balance themselves exactly both when the treble is leading, and when she is at the back; on the contrary London gives us a little latitude, and balances the second's place at the treble's lead with fourth's place when she lies behind. This has already been pointed out, and I may here state, in order not to be misunderstood, that I am referring entirely to places; places when the treble leads, and lies, places when she dodges, and places at the cross-sections, when she moves through 2-3 and 4-5, both up and down. Just one more definition to bring us to our last review of the subject of places, viz., that for one bell to lead whilst another lies behind is not place-making; at any rate not in the Surprise sense, for it is nothing more than ordinary Treble Bob work.

So far so good. Now I have to thank Mr. Henry Dains for referring me to several examples, which I regret I have not had time to look at completely. I mean the points he raises in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 12th. One however I looked at immediately, for two reasons, first because I had it handy, and secondly because it concerned "Standard Methods" and referred to Westminster therein. I hardly know as I write where my brother took this method from, but I knew, "at sight," as the saying is, that it was *not* a Surprise method, and yet Mr. Dains is perfectly correct in pointing out that it has all the Surprise places. Nothing astonished me more than to find that it indeed had them, one and all, as perfectly as one could wish, at any rate as perfectly as London. But it certainly is not a Surprise method.

Your readers will bear with me I feel sure whilst I tell them that in Yorkshire our six-bell ringers speak of "broken-lead" methods, as soon as the variation from ordinary Treble Bob prevents one bell going through the whole of the "slow." It follows therefore that owing to the place-making, some methods have their slow work very simply divided, for example College Pleasure (given in "Standard Methods") where two bells take up the slow work between them, permitting, to some extent, other bells to come to the lead and get away again as if nothing extraordinary were going on in front. But in a Surprise Method owing to the number of cases involved, the slow work is knocked, so to speak, into "smithereens," almost

beyond recognition as slow work. This I think comes naturally to one's mind when one has time to reflect, I mean naturally to the mind of one who has had a six-bell education.

It was with this particular knowledge that I answered my friend the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer, when he wrote to me as to the definitions of a Surprise method. Not knowing of the regularity and multiplicity of Surprise places, I told him that I believed he could analyse such a method by the number of bells that took up the slow between them, but I went no further. I remember quite clearly his replying that he failed to make it apply, and I suppose some pressing business made me drop the matter, as a good deal of my time had been previously given to Glossary matters.

With this preliminary description about "broken leads," it follows, that the moment I examined Westminster, I felt that it was too ordinary a method for a Surprise example. For when we examine its slow work it is at once seen that two bells between them are able to carry the slow work through, and that it consists of one continuous thread, although it necessarily extends itself through two treble-leads.

In order to battle further with this question of the slow, I at once analysed the work in Cambridge, with the following result. Taking the first lead we find 2, 6, 5, and 4 share in the "slow." These four bells obliterate any regularity that might be said to remain at the front, and they entirely prevent any bell (that might otherwise wish to hunt down) coming to the lead and getting away again, in ordinary Treble Bob style.

If we now turn to "London" we find four bells again divide the slow, with a further peculiarity, viz., that although two bells, 6, and 3—in the first treble-lead—come through to lead and get away again, they do so only by accepting a whole-pull-wrong (back and hand), and this is an entire infringement of ordinary Treble Bob work. The four bells in front are 2, 5, 5, and 4. It is quite correct to treat the two appearances of 5 as two bells, as it leaves the slow, makes *thirds* (with the treble behind) and again enters the slow.

Turning to Superlative we find, once more, four bells, without a single bell getting in a lead in Treble Bob style.

Result No. 1. My bairn—"Beverley" is a bastard, at least it is not a Surprise method.

May I here in parenthesis say that two Yorkshire friends that I know well have written to me saying that if a prior birth certificate is wanted for "Beverley" they can supply it, both adding that they were practising multiplicity of places without necessarily going for a Surprise or any other definite method. I now see they were wise, and I can quite believe that if Solomon makes believe that the halve is to be cut in three, that there will be mute silence (something more than absolute quiet!) amongst the competing parents! At any rate in this Surprise question!

It would appear that our forefathers set some store on this splitting up of the slow between four bells, without any ordinary Treble Bob lead by any other bell, because I find that some of the examples that I hold condemned in

the *Clavis* for want of proper place-making (and they are certainly wrong) do, *otherwise*, conform to this complete obliteration of the ordinary slow work.

If my previous incomplete description has led anyone astray, I am sorry. I feel my apologies are due to Mr. James Robinson, who in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 19th, gives us an example. Alas, it is as bad as "Beverley," as a Surprise method, as it fails like it in not keeping up the complication of the slow work, duet and trios in point are foreign to a Surprise peal I find.

It seems better to put this at once before the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," as it re-opens the subject, which is by no means settled. In fact the subject is full of nice points, and some of these require further consideration.

(To be continued.)

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the above Guild was held at Kirton on Saturday, February 9th, when a goodly number of ringers from the various towers put in an appearance. Divine Service was conducted in church by the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Palmer), who gave a most interesting address. After service they adjourned to The King's Head hotel, and set down to an excellent meat tea.

After tea a business meeting was held, when a letter was read from the President (Rev. J. P. Cheales), regretting his inability to attend, owing to a severe cold. The Vicar as Vice-president took the chair. The Secretary gave his report, which on the whole was very satisfactory, the balance-sheet showing a saving of 15s. 6d. on the year's working being read and passed.

Mr. A. Sellers proposed that a minute be entered in the minute-book, showing the regret the society felt at the loss by death of the Rev. H. H. Staffurth, who was not only an hon. member, but a skilled member of the society, always willing to take his place in a band for a peal or touch, and at all times ready to forward the well-being of change-ringing. The meeting passed the vote of condolence to his parents by standing in silence. They wished the Vicar, as chairman of the meeting, to write to the Rev. Canon Staffurth saying how deeply the members regretted the loss of his son.

Wigtoft was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

Mr. A. Sellers proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for the very bright service and excellent address, saying how pleased the members were to have him and the churchwardens at their annual gathering, hoping other churches would take example from them, and take a little more interest in change-ringing.

The tower was then visited, and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock, and good practice done in various methods. The bells, a pretty ring of eight, tenor about 16 or 18 cwt., and hung by Mears and Stainbank just 100 years ago, have not had anything done to them since, except what the local ringers have done themselves. Two peals of Bob Major have been rung during the past year by the local company, one of them being conducted by C. R. Lilley, a life member of the above Guild, and who commenced his ringing career in this branch.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western division of the above Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, February 9th. The attendance was not very large, but some excellent touches were rung, the bells being kept going from 3.30 until nearly 10 o'clock (with an interval for tea), to the tune of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, etc. The company sat down to tea in the Church Hall; Mr. Townend, as usual, catered excellently.

The chair was taken by the lately-appointed Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddans, and at the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Loughton was unanimously decided on as the place of the next meeting. Three new honorary members were elected, viz., Rev. G. H. Siddans, Vicar of St. Saviour's; Rev. W. T. Brown, Vicar of Leytonstone; and the Rev. H. S. Sanders, Rector of Woodford, and the re-election of Mr. W. L. Copsey, of Romford, was confirmed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells was moved by the Secretary, Mr. G. A. Black, who expressed the pleasure it gave to ringers to see the clergy come among them and take an interest in their doings.

Mr. G. Lucas in seconding, gave it as his opinion that if the clergy were more often seen at the west end of the church, the ringers would be seen more often at the east end. The vote having been put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in responding, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Walthamstow. He had never before been connected with a church where there was more than one bell, and although he had presided at every species of Church meeting, it was not until the previous week that he had been called upon to attend a meeting of ringers. Naturally ringing was a mystery to him, but he hoped that one day he would have time to study it a little. He also hoped that before the Association came again to St. Saviour's something would be done to the bells. There was a small amount already in hand toward this object.

The members having been reminded that subscriptions were due, an adjournment was made to the tower.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2nd, the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Beaconsfield. During the afternoon some of the visitors tried various touches on the church bells in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, and at five o'clock a special service, which was attended by between seventy and eighty members, was held. The service, which was fully choral, was intoned by the Rev. W. D. Hawken (Beaconsfield), the special lesson being read by the Rev. H. C. Wilder (Farnham Royal). The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Commeline (Rector of Beaconsfield), who took as his text Psalm 100, v. 3. After the service, the members adjourned to the New Hall, where to the number of one hundred and ten, they partook of a meat tea. Canon Drummond (Boyn Hill, Maidenhead), president of the branch, was in the chair, and was supported by the Hon. Harry Lawson, the Revs. A. S. Commeline (Beaconsfield), W. D. Hawken (Beaconsfield), E. D. Shaw (High Wycombe), H. C. Wilder (Farnham Royal), A. L. Whitfield (Hugghenden),

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The Rev. W. O. Jenkyn, deputy-master, gave a message from the master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), who was, he was glad to say, recovering from his late indisposition. He himself took a great interest in the branch, as it was the first to which he had belonged. He congratulated them on the success of the service and meeting.

The Rev. H. C. Wilder then read the annual report, as under:—"In presenting this report of the branch, I must first acknowledge with much gratitude the support and advice received from Canon Drummond, and the help I have had from Mr. J. J. Parker, who holds the office of assistant hon. secretary. The branch will learn with satisfaction that nine peals have been rung by members during the past year. The Boyn Hill men made a good beginning by ringing on January 20th, a peal of Double Norwich, at Farnham Royal, conducted by Mr. G. Martin. Peals of Stedman were rung on February 2nd and 24th, July 15th, and November 24th, at Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Henley, and Beaconsfield, conducted by the master. On November 10th. a peal of Grandsire was rung at Wooburn, conducted by Mr. R. Buckland (Beaconsfield), and on December 19th and 22nd, the same method was rung at Farnham Royal and Old Windsor, conducted by Mr. Parker. On December 26th, the Maidenhead men had the honour of closing the list for the year with a peal of Superlative Surprise—a splendid performance, for which we must congratulate them. (applause.) It is also satisfactory to find that several young members rung their first peal during the year, in addition to which many quarter peals have been rung. Two towers have rejoined the guild (Old Windsor and Chalfont St. Peter), and we are very pleased to welcome West Wycombe as a new tower, and four new members belonging to the Slough belfry, to the guild. It has been a great pleasure to visit some of the towers, and make the acquaintance of the ringers. Either alone, or in company with Mr. Parker, I have been able to go to Marlow, Beaconsfield, Bray, Chalfont St. Giles, Chalfont St. Peter's, Fulmer, Hughenden, Kimble, Stoke Poges, Old Windsor, Wooburn and Wycombe. Mr. Parker has visited Chalfont St. Peter's and Horton with a band of ringers independently. I should like to thank the members of the different towers, and my brother clergy for the kindly way in which they have received us. The number of members is now two hundred and thirty-three. The Rectors of Beaconsfield and Chalfont St. Peters, the Vicars of Wooburn and West Wycombe, and Mr. W. Dixon Davies (Beaconsfield) have become hon. members. In conclusion, I beg to thank the members for the way they have responded to my appeal for the subscriptions—only one member has not paid up; also the hon. members. The balance sheet shows a balance in hand of £16."

The chairman then gave a short address. He wished them a most excellent year together, and a meeting again upon a similar occasion. He wished to thank Lord Burnham for the use of the hall. He would mention that the Hon. Harry Lawson had shown his appreciation of the work of the guild by becoming a life member.

The Hon. Harry Lawson said he stood there as a substitute for his father, who was unfortunately kept away by the severe weather. In his name he bade them welcome to that town and that hall. He shared with many the appreciation of good ringing. He was pleased

to hear the good report, and wished them an excellent year's work, and success in their efforts.

A short business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Rev. A. S. Commeline, at the close of which the chairman returned thanks for the vote of thanks passed to him.

The towers represented at the meeting included High Wycombe, Wooburn, Boyn Hill, Slough, Farnham, Beaconsfield, Fulmer, Stoke, Chalfont St. Peter's, Hughenden, Chalfont St. Giles, West Wycombe, and Windsor; and also representatives from the Middlesex Guild, and the Royal Cumberland Youths.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, February 9th. The fine ring of ten at All Saints was kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, ringing being indulged in from 4 o'clock until tea-time, and thence until 9 o'clock. The arrangements for tea, which took place at the Mission Room, Wood Street, were admirably carried out through the instrumentality of Mr. James Strutt, and the usual business followed under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, who was again appointed Hon. Treasurer, a position occupied by him throughout the Association's existence.

Mr. C. Dean and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston were re-elected Secretary and Assistant-Secretary respectively; and Messrs. Brooker and Canning were re-instated as auditors, while the appointment of the committee was left over until the next meeting.

The Secretary reported he had called a meeting of the delegates appointed to draw up a scheme for the division of the Association's area into districts, but that owing to shortness of notice and inclement weather, only one delegate was present, and he proposed therefore to draft a scheme and submit it for the consideration of the delegates, and to call them together when some agreement had been reached. He also said the annual report for 1906 would be in the hands of the printer in the course of a few days, and copies would be distributed before the Easter meeting.

The committee's recommendation that the Easter meeting should be held at Carshalton, the July meeting at Ashted, that in October at Streatham, and the next annual meeting at Epsom was agreed to.

The ratification of election of several members was agreed, and a number of new members was elected, including the Rev. H. Drake.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells and the room, concluded the meeting, which was attended by some fifty members.

#### WINCHESTER, HANTS.

A large clock has just been erected in the church of St. Cross, Winchester, which shows time on two 6 feet dials, and is fitted with all the latest improvements and generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THORBURY (Gloucestershire).—On February 6th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Eddington, F. C. Poole, W. Brown, J. J. Poole, C. Eddington, H. E. Howell, F. K. Howell conductor, W. Davis.



## MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

(Continued from page 544.)

The following extracts from the Report of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers, 1886, are of interest:—"About this time (1874) a movement was originated in the county of Yorkshire in favour of holding periodical friendly meetings of ringers at various places. At these meetings he was a regular attendee; and as each gathering proved more successful and satisfactory than the preceding one, it was agreed at the meeting held in Bradford, in January, 1875, to form a definite organisation; and at the gathering at York, delegates were appointed from various companies, who met at Leeds to formulate a constitution and draw up a code of rules. At this primary meeting, Mr. Snowdon was unanimously voted to the chair; and of the few who were privileged to be present on that occasion, none will ever forget the great ability with which he grasped the subject, and the enthusiasm which he brought to bear on it—an enthusiasm which was so infectious that it soon pervaded the whole gathering. Other representative meetings followed during the year, with the result that at a large meeting held at Birstal, on October 30th, 1875, Mr. Snowdon was enabled to lay before it a set of rules, which were adopted, and he was elected the first president, by acclamation." The same report runs on—"It was marvellous indeed to witness his unbounded energy and unflagging perseverance, as well as the buoyant and hopeful spirit in which he attacked all obstacles and surmounted them. No amount of work seemed too much for him, and the enormous quantity he performed in the first years of the Association will never be fully known or adequately estimated even by those who were intimately connected with him. Not merely in the routine and strictly administrative duties was he so indefatigable, but also in the work of peal-ringing. Here, there, and everywhere, he was to be found taking part in peals and attempts at peals, enthusiastic in success, undaunted at failure, imparting his warm, hearty spirit to all with whom he came in contact. Thus it was that the Association grew by leaps and bounds, and in proportion as it increased, so did the respect in which the president was held by the members. Only a few weeks before his death, the Yorkshire Association held its tenth annual meeting at Sheffield, October 3rd, 1885, which is reported to have been attended by over 300 members from various parts of the country, who had travelled thither not merely to meet brother-ringers, but also to do honour to their president. This was the largest meeting ever held by the Association, the proceedings commencing with a special service in the parish church, when a most effective and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and President of the Midland Counties Association of Change-Ringers, from the words "Let your moderation be known unto all men." This concluded, the members were entertained to tea in the Church Institute, after which, the general meeting was held, Mr. Snowdon being accompanied on the platform by the Ven. Archdeacon Blakeney, the Rev. J. H. Fish, and many other gentlemen. At the conclusion, the senior vice-president, Mr. W. H. Howard, in a few warm and well-chosen terms, asked Mr. Snowdon's acceptance of an illuminated address, together with a travelling bag, which had been subscribed for by the members. The enthusiastic reception which greeted the president on coming forward to acknowledge the gift was one which seemed to touch him deeply—it was in itself the strongest possible declaration of the great respect in which he was held. A few characteristic words from him brought to its close a meeting which will never be forgotten by those who were present, and which will ever be remembered as a red-letter day in the annals of the Association." A similar complimentary presentation of a gold pencil case had been made to him a few days previously by the Leeds parish church ringers, who wished specially to single out their connection with him, which dated back almost to the very commencement of his ringing career.

Jasper Snowdon was a bachelor. The first fifteen years of his engineering life were spent in Leeds at the extensive works of Messrs. Kitson and Company, locomotive and general engineers. The plan office of the general engineering department being under his direction at the time he left to take management of some engineering works at Wakefield. Here he only remained two years, leaving to join the writer, and afterwards practising

with him, in Leeds, under the title of Jasper and William Snowdon, consulting mechanical engineers, from 1877 to 1884, in which year he left the firm, having had the post of engineer and manager of the Farnley ironworks offered to him. This he accepted, and held when he so unexpectedly broke down.

The suddenness of his illness took everyone by surprise. In the last letter he wrote to his friend the Rev. C. D. P. Davies—the writer of the appendix\*—he jokingly explains that he has got a bad cold in the head—writing it as pronounced by a Yorkshireman, "a cold e t'ead," adding that he never remembered any cold coming on so suddenly. For this reason—he writes—"I do not care to enter fully into the question last raised." Nevertheless, he wrote a letter, the depth of which few members of the Exercise except Mr. Davies would have been able to follow. This was on Sunday afternoon, November 1st. Next morning he went as usual to the works, but as soon as his friend and chief, Mr. Richard Armitage, director of the company, saw him, he ordered him back to his rooms, telling him he ought to go at once to bed. Even then he did not give in, as he remained up until the evening, probably spending his time putting his papers in order; at any rate he entered up his accounts, as even his offertory the day before was duly entered in his usual systematic manner. So great was the correspondence that accumulated in the first few days of his illness, that it was found necessary to stop it as soon as possible, and let the ringing-world know of his illness. "THE BELL NEWS" had the following announcement. "It is with deep regret that we have to announce the serious illness of our respected friend and truly valued contributor, Mr. Jasper Snowdon. We understand that although not feeling well, he attended church on the morning of the 1st instant, complaining of cold, and has since been confined to bed from inflammation of the lungs; unfortunately, further serious complications have arisen, and these have finally developed into typhoid fever. In order to bring to bear on him medical and nursing skill of the highest order, his friends have had him removed to a private ward in the Leeds Fever Hospital, where he is under medical supervision night and day, seconded by the attention of well-trained and practical nurses acting under an experienced matron. Under these circumstances, we hope to be able to give a more satisfactory account in next week's issue, by which time the crisis of the fever is expected to have been reached. We know that this painful intelligence will be felt as acutely by every one of our readers as it is by ourselves. The case is we fear a serious one, though we may hope that Mr. Snowdon's vigorous constitution may be able to overcome the assault of such an enemy to mankind as typhoid. Everything that can be, is being and will be done. Just before going to press we have received a telegram from Mr. Wm. Snowdon, pointing out the gravity of the case in non-ambiguous language. Doubtless there are many next Sabbath day who in their supplications for all sick persons, will especially beseech the Almighty to prosper the efforts which are being made for the restoration of our dear friend to health."

Referring to this afterwards, the Yorkshire Association Report runs thus. "Ringers throughout the bountry were aghast at the announcement, and not without reason, that Jasper Snowdon, who but a few short weeks before had presided at such a meeting as that at Sheffield, looking the very picture of mental and physical health and strength, should be thus stricken down, nigh unto death's door, was almost beyond comprehension. But the word of hope contained in the intimation found a prayerful echo in the hearts of many, and on that sad Sunday morning many a petition went to Him on high that the crisis might be safely passed."

The following issue of "THE BELL NEWS" appeared with the mournful intelligence, "The melancholy forebodings which we gave utterance to in our issue of last week respecting Mr. Snowdon, have been realised, and it is our very painful duty—which we enter upon with feelings of the most poignant grief and sorrow—to announce that his death took place on the morning of Monday last, the 16th instant. There had from the time when the most dangerous form of the malady developed itself been grave doubts in the minds of those about him whether he would rally from the attack. As early as Thursday, the 12th instant, we received a telegram that the worst results were feared by the physicians in consultation, though we did not go to this

\*The appendix of "Grandsire," in both the first and second editions.

extent in announcing his condition. We were buoyed up by a hope that a favourable change might set in at any moment, and though we received—from one of Mr. Snowdon's dearest friends—repeated bulletins indicating with cruel exactness that the fever was getting the upper hand, we did not relinquish all hope till, on the morning of Tuesday last, the telegram arrived with the words 'Jasper died yesterday' written too plainly. And then, and even now, in fact while we write, the terrible blow seems hardly capable of realisation."

Scarcely anything can be added to this. From the time the fever got fairly hold of him, his case was a serious one—thoroughly worn out, he seemed unable to battle with it in any way. Here in November was a man who through the entire year had denied himself the necessary change and rest to be procured only by a complete holiday, although he had been frequently reminded that such a course was injurious; a man who, invariably working hard as an engineer, was, as a strong conservative, taking the chair at local meetings almost every evening, a general election being close at hand; and who was afterwards sitting up writing articles on the most abstruse of all ringing methods; and who had also just put an unfinished work into the printer's hands. Now that is all over, it is not difficult to see that the wonder would have been that there was any chance of his recovery. In the first few days of a fever that takes three weeks to run its course, nothing can be done except nursing and buoying up the strength of the patient; but as he made no response to these efforts, Dr. Blore, of the Fever Hospital, with whom was acting Dr. Jacob, one of the consulting staff of physicians, thought it better to lose no time in getting a further opinion, and Dr. Clifford Allbutt was at once called in. In addition to these, Mr. Edmund Robinson, M.R.C.S.—one of the patient's closest friends, and his brother's family doctor—was permitted, through the courtesy of the resident physician, to watch the progress of the fever, and this he carefully and anxiously did from the first to the last. The opinion of one and all, was that his nervous system had entirely collapsed, and there was no rallying power left. In the presence of his brother (the writer), Mrs. Wm. Snowdon, and the head nurse, he quietly breathed his last, and thus, of the same fever that had years before carried off his mother, passed away one of the kindest, merriest, and truest of men that ever stepped this earth.

(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."

#### PEAL-RINGING AT ST. DAVID'S, EXETER.

SIR,—I have had my attention called to the article in your last issue concerning the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. David's, Exeter, on February 4th. I could write a reply which would satisfy all impartial minds, but it would reveal the prevalence of almost inconceivable animus, and completely wreck friendships which, despite many obstacles, I am most anxious to preserve for the sake of advancing change-ringing in and around Exeter. I shall therefore refrain from adding any fuel to the fire. I think that in calm moments the peal critics will repel their attacks. The peal performers are not ashamed of their success, which could not have been accomplished if either they or the conductor had had to overcome ninety-five per cent. of the difficulties suggested.

ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

#### CHANGE-RINGING AND FOOTBALL.

SIR,—As a keen enthusiast and humble follower of both the pastimes under discussion, I feel that I cannot let your correspondence run to its close without saying a few words. I commend the zeal with which the cause of bell-ringing has been defended against the unwarrantable attacks of the football enthusiast, but deplore the words of your correspondent who, to quote from his letter, has "formed an opinion that it (football) is more horse-play than a scientific game," and more to that effect. I enter the discussion, however, unwillingly, the more so because football and change-ringing do not bear

comparison. Indeed I have yet to discover for what reason Mr. MacFarlane wrote to "THE BELL NEWS" on this subject, nor do I intend to try to fathom the mystery, it being apparently an impossible task. Had you sufficient space, or I inclination, I might well fill several columns of your excellent paper with the evils of professionalism in football, whereby a healthy game is turned into a sordid business transaction, and thousands of Englishmen weekly pay to watch the said business being transacted. I do not think, however, that the relative values of football and change-ringing with reference to the welfare of the rising generation is a subject which can be discussed really seriously. It is obvious to the least intellectual of men that football is, when played in the right spirit, beneficial to those who play it, and it is equally obvious that the evils introduced into the game by professionalism counteract, to a great extent, the good which may be derived from a wholesome participation in the game as a game. On the other hand change-ringing is an art in which a man may participate with manifest advantage to his physical and mental self and which he may moreover practise at an age at which football would be physically impossible. I venture to advise Mr. MacFarlane to adopt a milder view, for he cannot but recognise that his comparison is ill-advised, for while there are no points of similarity between the two, yet there is so much pleasure to be gained from participation in either. In fact, if taken in the right spirit, both change-ringing and football are desirable and beneficial, and I cannot in the least understand why Mr. MacFarlane introduced the subject.

J. H. R. FREEBORN.

#### Kidlington Vicarage.

SIR,—With regard to the letter of G. MacFarlane, I am at a loss to understand how a man professing to be a change-ringer could sit down and pen such rot—absolute rot. It would be well if he proved his ability as a change-ringer by standing in a peal, so that the Exercise at large might have some little knowledge of what he can do with a bell. I myself am a change-ringer, heart and soul, but as to football, well—save us. To me it seems so ridiculous for twenty or thirty young men to be dressed in all sorts of comical costumes, kicking a bag of wind about, and if you owe another player a little grudge, pay it him the first opportunity. Some few years ago a Frenchman visited this country to study English sport, for the purpose of writing a book on it, and if my memory serves me right, he summed up football (foolball) in one short sentence, viz., "a game only fit for blackguards."

COLLEGE YOUTH.

#### BARHAM'S PEALS.

SIR,—In answer to the enquiry in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 8th, respecting the long peal of Major at Leeds, Kent. On looking through an old book given me by Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham, I find the following extract:

"The eight bell peal rung at Leeds, Kent.—On Tuesday, April 7th, 1761, the Leeds Youths rung 40,320 changes upon eight bells, which was completed in twenty-seven hours, by fourteen men only. The ringers were James Thornton, Abraham Barham, Henry Tilly, Will Tilly, Thomas Lacy, John Cripps, Richard Masters, James Hampton, Will Davis, Edward Cook, Will Hatwood, Stephen Bayley, John Bonah and James Barham."

The above peal is in a collection of long peals, under the heading of "Plain Bob Major," so no doubt that was the method rung. On speaking to Mr. Burstow some time ago on the above peal, he informed me they tried for it on each Bank holiday for seven years before they were successful, and the longest time that one man rung without being relieved, was fourteen hours and forty-five minutes. Possibly Mr. Burstow could give some information respecting the other peal you asked for, as he had a fine collection on ringing matters.

ALFRED CRIPPS.

Blacksmiths Arms,  
Shipley, Sussex.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Some weeks ago I took part in a peal of Minor (three methods) at Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire, weight of tenor 23½ cwt. Might I ask through the medium of your journal if a peal of Minor has ever been rung on a heavier ring of six bells. I believe the peal constitutes a record for weight in Lincolnshire at least. Shall be glad of any information on the subject.

F. W. STOKES.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1907.

## VETFRAN BELLRINGER HONOURED.

An interesting event took place at the parish church schools, Calverley, on Saturday, February 2nd, when a goodly number of bellringers from various towers in the district met to do honour to Mr. John Cordingley, of Calverley.

The function had been arranged by the Calverley ringers and friends to celebrate Mr. Cordingley's eightieth birthday, and the completion of his sixtieth year as a change-ringer.

The proceedings commenced with a tea, which was provided and served by the wives and daughters of the Calverley company, and about sixty persons partook of the repast.

Amongst those present were the Rev. H. Stapleton M.A. (Vicar), Mr. J. Woods, B.A., and Mr. J. Margerison (warden).

After tea a little speechmaking took place. The Vicar expressed his gratification at being present on such an interesting occasion. He referred to Mr. Cordingley's remarkable record as a change-ringer, and congratulated him on having continued for such a long series of years in that office. He also expressed pleasure that Mr. Cordingley was able to be amongst them at the advanced age of

eighty years, accompanied by his wife. The Vicar then proceeded to give an interesting account of the "message of the bells," quoting the inscriptions upon each one, his remarks proving most pleasing to all present.

Speeches were afterwards made by ringers from other towers, amongst them being Mr. George Bolland (junior vice-President of the Yorkshire Association), of Tong, and a ringer there over sixty years ago; Mr. Holgate (Secretary Yorkshire Association) Bramley; Mr. Joseph Broadley, Bradford; Mr. Dixon, Guiseley; Mr. Pratt Cordingley, and Mr. Maude, Pudsey. Every speaker testified to the splendid services Mr. Cordingley had rendered in teaching the younger ringers and improving the ancient Art.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Snowdon (President of the Yorkshire Association), expressing regret circumstances had prevented him coming to Calverley. Mr. Snowdon spoke of the invaluable work done by Mr. Cordingley, and of the splendid example he had shown to others.

At the close of the congratulatory speeches, Mr. Stapleton, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley, expressed their thanks to the guests assembled for their kindness and generosity. Subsequently Mr. Cordingley mounted into the belfry and took part in ringing a short touch of Oxford Minor. The bells were available until 7.30 p.m., when on account of a concert taking place in the school, the gathering adjourned, and handbell ringing indulged in various methods.

It may be added that Mr. Cordingley is one of the only two surviving ringers who rang a muffled peal at Calverley church on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Wellington in 1852. The other is Mr. John Holgate, who attended the gathering. In the days of prize-ringing Mr. Cordingley assisted in winning forty-two prizes, thirteen firsts, twelve seconds, and seventeen thirds. He conducted at Drighlington on March 4th, 1899, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Yorkshire Association.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, February 14, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.. 2.	GEORGE DAYNES .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS.. .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Rung in honour of the 79th anniversary of the birthday of John Porter, Esq.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

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

Taylor's.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE E. RAWLINGS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	JOSEPH LAW .. .. 6.
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Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

\*First peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to Herbert Charles Thornton, second son of the conductor, on completing his 17th year.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

#### A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WABNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
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Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

This is believed to be the first peal ever rang in the method on this plan, viz., double calls in a lead throughout.

#### ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3½ lbs.

W. H. SMITH .. .. Treble.	T. BUCKLEY .. .. 5.
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Conducted by T. BUCKLEY.

#### GRAVESEND, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES TULLETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3.
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WILLIAM LANE .. .. 4.	FRANK BELSEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

#### FAREHAM, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, (no time mentioned).

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 1.	*CECIL A. VALENTINE .. 6.
GEORGE W. GRAFHAM .. 3.	EDWIN J. HADNING .. 7.
GEORGE CHAPPELL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Tucker and Valentine from Stoney Stratford, and Fussell, of Slough, are "Bucks. Boys." \*First peal in the method and first attempt. The Christian and surname of the band make up a strange combination. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. J. W. Whiting, local secretary.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. REED .. .. Treble.	SIDNEY MASON .. .. 6.
G. ATKINS .. .. 2.	C. SUMMERS .. .. 7.
W. HOYLE .. .. 3.	J. R. JONES .. .. 8.
SAM MASON .. .. 4.	H. MOORE .. .. 9.
F. FARRANT .. .. 5.	J. R. PASSMORE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

First peal on the ten bells.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, London, Burton, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, New London, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

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

## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. R. PRITCHARD'S FIVE-PART No. 3. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUYTON* .. Treble.	JOHN W. PILKINGTON .. 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 2.	JOHN H. SHOLICAR .. 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 3.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. 7.
PETER H. HARVEY .. .. 4.	ALFRED HALTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES R. PARK.

\*First peal. The first record of change ringing at Ormskirk is a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Shrove Tuesday, February 11th, 1777.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. BARRINGTON .. .. Treble.	R. BLANCHARD .. .. 5.
S. GREENWOOD .. .. 2.	L. ATTWATER .. .. 6.
J. WALDOCK .. .. 3.	W. SMITH .. .. 7.
C. J. NORTH .. .. 4.	G. SHEPPARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. GREENWOOD.

Reference elsewhere.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES.. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 2.	JOHN NEAL .. .. 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 3.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 9.
ALBERT WALKER .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 10.
ALF. PADDON SMITH.. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Reference elsewhere.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

MELBOURNE LEWIS .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. 5.
CORNELIUS BOWEN* .. 2.	JOHN W. JONES .. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 3.	FREDERICK ATWELL .. 7.
JOHN BULLEN .. .. 4.	JOHN GODDARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

\*First peal with a bob bell.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES.. Treble.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 5.
REUBEN HALL .. .. 2.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
JOHN SMITH* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. This was arranged and rung to commemorate the conductor's first peal, which was rung at St. George's, Camberwell, eighteen years ago, on February 16th, 1889. It is his 333rd peal, and his first of Stedman as conductor.

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## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 72c each of Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS WELLS.. .. Treble.	JOHN HARE .. .. 4.
FRANK WEBB* .. .. 2.	FRANK YORK .. .. 5.
FRED WELLS .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. Rung to celebrate the 62nd birthday of Colonel Shuttleworth, donor of the bells, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT.. .. Treble.	THOMAS RILEY .. .. 5.
FRED R. BAREACLOUGH .. 2.	JESSE MOSS .. .. 6.
EDWIN ROBINS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 7.
HARRY MOSS .. .. 4.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

## DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY .. Treble.	J. KELLET .. .. 5.
E. CRAETREE .. .. 2.	THOMAS H. GELDER .. 6.
W. CLARKE .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY.. .. 4.	HERBERT PEEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by F. W. BRADLEY.

## ASHTAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED WINCH.. .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
HARRY LAST .. .. 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. 7.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BOULTER.. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

This was the conductor's fiftieth peal.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ERNEST WORSLEY* .. .. Treble.	FRED BANKS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
HENRY SMITH .. .. 3.	ALBERT HOLDING .. .. 7.
GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 4.	PETER CROOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

\*First peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to W. Thornley.

## LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK WILLEY .. .. Treble	ALFRED TOMSETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE ADES .. .. 2.	HERBERT TOMSETT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
GEORGE TOMSETT .. .. 4.	ERNEST W. TUGWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. 5.
JAMES MOTTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.
EDWARD EVANS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. .. Tenor.

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

Arranged and rang especially to oblige W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex.

## DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

ROBERT TAIT* .. .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. .. 5.
ANDREW CORRIGAN* .. .. 2.	THOMAS GRANT .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 7.
RICHARD LYNCH .. .. 4.	JOHN W. NOBLETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

\*First peal. This is supposed to be the heaviest psal of Stedman Triples yet rung single handed. The composition, a four part, is now rung for the first time.

## WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS  
AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, College  
Treble, College Exercise, City Delight, and London Scholars.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH .. .. Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 4.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. .. 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

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

## RHYL, NORTH WALES.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM BELL .. .. Treble.	FRED WALLIS .. .. 5.
DAVID LEWIS† .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
CHARLES EGERTON* .. .. 3.	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 7.
GEORGE BELL .. .. 4.	JOHN ELLIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

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

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 18, 1907, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

R. MATHEWS .. .. Treble.	F. BRACE .. .. 5.
MABEL GILBANKS* .. .. 2.	R. MOORS .. .. 6.
T. HEATHCOCK .. .. 3.	J. G. ORFORD .. .. 7.
W. WHITEHOUSE .. .. 4.	*W. NUTTING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. MATHEWS.

\*First peal.

The following six peals were rung during a tour of the Isle of Wight and  
neighbourhood by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, February 4th  
to 9th, 1907:—

## PORTSEA, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;  
N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN HARPER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in E.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. 5.
HENRY JENNINGS* .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman rung in the Isle of Wight. Ten  
years since a peal was rung at Ryde.

## BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 4.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. .. 4.	*OLIVER C. COOMBS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman. It is twenty years  
since the first and only peal was rung here.



NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSIAH HARRIS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. The first and only known peal upon these bells till now, was rung by islanders at the opening of this octave, February 14th, 1809.

SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 8, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 2.	GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 6.
HENRY JENNINGS .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

The first peal rung upon these bells, erected in 1888.

NETLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
Cecil A. VALENTINE .. .. 2.	HARRY BARTON .. .. 6.
GEORGE PRESTON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	JOHN WM. WHITING .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Each of the foregoing peals was rung straight off without any serious mishap, excepting No. 1 at Portsea. In this case a false start furnished the band with a preliminary practice, "stand" being called just after the first single, owing to the call being misunderstood.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Double Norwich rang at St. Mary's, Diss, reported last week, it was stated that Arthur Luder rang the 2nd; it should have been Arthur Leeder.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 26th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Whiting, J. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, N. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, A. Lincoln conductor. 640 Double Norwich. C. Whiting, A. Lincoln, N. Bailey, E. H. Bailey, C. Samson, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Button, C. Bailey conductor. On February 9th, 640 Superlative Surprise Major. C. Whiting, C. Samson, E. S. Bailey, N. Bailey, H. W. Baldry, E. H. Bailey, C. Bailey, A. Lincoln conductor. On Saturday, February 12th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Berry, J. Bailey, C. Whiting, F. Smith, A. Lincoln conductor, E. S. Bailey. And 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. C. Whiting, C. Samson, E. S. Bailey, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. H. Bailey, C. Bailey, A. Lincoln conductor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Smith, H. Farlow, A. J.

Smith, W. Brant, D. Jones, A. Fallon, H. Knight conductor, W. Walmer.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARISBROOKE (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, February 7th, at St. Mary's church, three courses of Stedman Triples, and a touch of Grandsire. H. Barton, W. H. Fussell, W. E. Pitman, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Rev. C. W. Jenkyn, G. Preston, Rev. F. E. Robinson, H. Simmons.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Wednesday, February 6th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for Holt's Original ended owing to a change-course after 2½ hrs. — (Brading), G. Preston, W. E. Pitman, — (Brading), Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, H. Jennings, H. Barton conductor, W. H. Fussell.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, E. Mills, W. Butt, O. Smart, G. Samway, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. Another quarter-peal in the same method. H. Smart, O. Smart, W. Butt, J. Kent, R. C. Mayo conductor, G. Samway, E. Mills, A. Barber. 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, E. Mills, O. Smart, W. Butt, G. Samway, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Padwick. On Sunday, February 17th, 238 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, R. C. Mayo conductor, J. Kent, W. Butt, O. Smart, H. Smart, E. Mills, F. Padwick.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 9th, fourteen courses (1457 changes) of Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Routley, S. Wyatt, A. Burn, E. Lloyd, T. Merson, J. Burge conductor, T. E. Glanville, F. Sadd, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, February 9th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 360 Bob Minor. E. Mullins, W. Webb, T. Collinson, J. Porter, J. Collett, J. Smallwood conductor. On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Coley, J. Perry, J. Collett, W. F. Webb, J. Smallwood conductor, T. Collinson, J. Poster, G. Rastall.

GARVESTONE (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 14th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Kiddle, S. Kiddle, C. E. Borrett conductor, A. Barker, H. Beckett, H. Holland. All local men except the conductor.

HINCKLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 17th, for the opening of the Men's Services at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Sharp, S. White, J. Tansey, W. Wall, F. Cotton, G. Thompson, W. Humphreys, P. Hadfield. First quarter-peal by the tenor man. Composed and conducted by F. Cotton.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, S. Burt, L. Payne, G. Payne, W. Hillman, A. Heasman, C. Tyler conductor, A. Hodges. On Sunday evening, February 17th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Alice M. Coleridge, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. A. E. Lish, W. Markwell, J. Lish, G. Payne, E. Lish, A. Heasman, L. Payne conductor, C. Tyler.

STRATFORD, BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 41 minutes. J. Moule, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, H. Torble, S. Bird, R. Turner, E. Hall, S. Hayes conductor.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. S. Wade, E. G. Tomlinson, H. E. Balaam, J. Armstrong conductor, H. Miller, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, W. Pickworth. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving for the Hemel Hempstead District.

BELL-RINGER'S HANDKERCHIEF.—Made in pure silk, with figures of various-sized bells woven in. A splendid article for use, and very suitable for a gift to either sex.—Designed and made by a change-ringer for the Exercise. Price 3s. 9d.; with name woven in 3s.—These goods have received the most flattering encomiums from all those who have had them.—WILFRED MATTHEWS, change-Macclesfield.—PATTERNS FREE.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on March 7th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 26th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. Next meeting February 28th at 8 p.m. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Isleworth to-day, Sat., February 23rd. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea in the Mission Room, Hartland Road, at 6. Twickenham tower will also be open after the tea.

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

**The St. Thomas's Guild Dudley.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley to-day, Sat., February 23rd. Bells available at 4. Service in church at 5.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

16, Wilmore Place Oxford Street Dudley.

**Leeds and District Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held to-day, Sat., February 23rd, at Armley. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The White Horse hotel at 6 p.m. Business-Nomination of all officers and committee for the ensuing year.

FRED R. BARRACLOUGH, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Temple Row Birmingham. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Arthur T. King, Esq., of the Middlesex County Association. Dinner tickets free to fully qualified members, and 2s. 6d. to other members and friends: may be obtained by application on or before Wednesday, February 27th, to the undersigned. The twelve bells at St. Martin's will be available for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half yearly meeting of the above will be held in the National Schools, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.), available all day.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 4. Tea at 6 (small charge). Service at 7.30. Members who intend to be present at tea must give notice to Mr. W. Wade, 90, Ashwood, Longton not later than Thursday, February 28th. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4.30 p.m.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, March 2nd, from 5.45 till 8.30. Business important.

R. CLIFFORD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Bucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wing, Bucks., on Saturday, 2nd. Bells open at 2 p.m.

F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the parish church, Preston. Bells at 3. Meeting in belfry at 5.30.

R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. Meeting in St. Mary's parish hall at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon. Members requiring tea should send notice to the Hon. Secretary not later than March 5th.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word on or before March 7th to

WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road Garston.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Islington, N. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. The six bells at St. James, Packington Street, Islington, near by, will also be available. All ringers will be heartily welcome.

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—Owing to Lenten services the interim meeting of the above district arranged to take place during February, will not be held until after Easter. Full particulars, when made, will be advertised. Members are requested to note that subscriptions are now due.

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

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Preparation of the Report for 1906.—Everything for insertion should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than the end of the present month.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—All communications should in future be addressed to the Rev. C. W. Scott, The Vicarage, Portsmouth, who is now Honorary Secretary of the Guild, and not to me.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Late Hon. Sec.*

## THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	14	4	0
Ripley Society	..	..	0 10 0
			£14 14 0

This fund will be closed on Saturday, March 2nd.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT STREATHAM.**—This is the first peal rang since the addition of the two new trebles by Messrs. Warner, and is worthy of special notice from the fact of having been ably conducted by that old and respected ringer, Mr. S. Greenwood, who is now in his 78th year. He was the recipient of hearty congratulations from the band and ringing friends. The writer might mention that since the peal was increased to eight, change-ringing has gone ahead very considerably at the above

church, and the "go" of the bells is very satisfactory.

**THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.**—This peal was especially composed and rung for T. Russam's 50th birthday, the company wishing him many happy returns. This peal has the 6th nineteen times in 5ths place with the inverted tittums and handstroke home position, and the 5th at home nineteen times in the natural tittums and backstroke home positions with all the 5-6-7-8s in these positions, and the treble a 2nds bell, and is the first ever composed and rung containing these qualities.

**J. E. GROVES' 250 PEALS.**—On five and six bells 10, conducted 2; Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob 1, conducted 1; Darlaston 8, conducted 4; Grandsire 70, conducted 53; Stedman 33, conducted 10; Grandsire Major 6, conducted 6; Canterbury 1; Plain Bob 21, conducted 15; Oxford Treble Bob 1; Kent 2; Forward Major 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich 10, conducted 2; Superlative 1; Plain Bob Caters 1; Grandsire 48, conducted 26; Stedman 7, conducted 2; Grandsire Royal 1; Plain Bob 2; Kent Treble Bob 4, conducted 1; Forward 2; Grandsire Cinques 3; Stedman 12; Forward Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob 1. Total—250, conducted 124. The peals have been rang in 74 different towers. The Grandsire Triples contain four rang and conducted on handbells, and one in which he rang two (3-4) church bells, also conducting the peal. The Grandsire Caters contain a 7000, 8000, and 11,500 (conducted), and the Stedman Cinques the record 11,111.

## Situations Wanted.

**CERTIFICATED** Schoolmaster desires school, or any position of trust at Easter. Good organist and choirmaster. Change-ringer. Address—R. BRUNSDON, Willoughby Rugby.

**A COACH** and Motor Spring Plate Drawer seeks situation. Twenty-four years at one firm with good character. Age 42 years. Can ring from 6 to 12 bells in Standard Methods.—W. G. ELLIS, 147, Willes Road, Winson Green, Birmingham.

**CLERK** seeks situation in Builder or Builder's Merchant's office. Good refs. Age 21. Ringer on 8 or 10 bells. Apply—EDSBR, 132, Ingrave Street, York Road, Battersea, S.W.

**WANTED** a position as timekeeper, storekeeper, warehouseman, or any position of trust. Ringer of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise. Aged 32. Apply—care of the Editor.

**STOREKEEPER** seeks post in change-ringing neighbourhood, on staff of Public Authority, Water, Gas, or Electrical Works, or Contractors. Seven years present post. STORES.—"BELL NEWS" Office.

**COACH PAINTER** (young) seeks situation Ringer. Apply—H. SHEPHERD, 29, Cheltenham Place, Brighton.

**CARPENTER AND JOINER** seeks situation. Distance no object. Change-ringer on any number of bells.—J. E. GREENSTED, 27, Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

**WANTED** a position as caretaker or vergier. Carpenter by trade. Willing to instruct young band.—H. R. NEWTON, 43, Lillingston Street, Pimlico.

## THE PANCAKE BELL.

What sound is that which greets my ear,  
As it sweeps along through the sky so clear;  
Of millions of chickens it rings the knell,  
For I wot it is the pancake bell.

Full many a farm-yard cock hath crowed,  
And tender love on his wives bestowed;  
But over her brood has waved a spell,  
As sure as she hears the pancake bell.

And many a hen her store has watched,  
And counted her chickens as yet unhatched  
For the farmer's wife those eggs will sell,  
As sure as she hears the pancake bell.

And the housekeeper goes to the huck-  
ster's shop,  
And the eggs are brought home and there's  
flop, flop, flop,  
And there's batter and butter and savoury  
smell,  
While merrily rings the pancake bell.

And with frizzle and fizz the condiment  
tossed,  
And dished and dusted with sugary frost;  
And the youngsters at home the fun can  
tell,  
That follows the sound of the pancake bell.

And into the batter will mistress fling,  
That mystic token the marriage ring;  
And the bosom of many a maid will swell  
With hope, as she hears the pancake bell.

For if smiles and loving looks be true,  
Someone may whisper a word or two;  
And when Lent is over, then Easter will  
tell,  
Its old, old story—the wedding bell.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's church, Dept-  
ford, on Sunday, February 10th, 1907, for  
evening service, a quarter peal of Grand-  
sire Triples in 45 mins. S. T. White, F.

W. Richardson, V. Pavier, A. Bennington,  
W. J. Jeffries (conductor), H. E. White, J.  
Law and C. D. Letzer.

## THE F. MAUDE FUND.

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Bingley Parish Company (per G. Whitaker) ...	0	10	0
Skipton Parish Company (per W. Billows) ...	0	10	0
St. John's Company, Peterboro (per J. W. Sirrell) ...	0	5	0

Further contributions are solicited for  
the benefit of the widow and children. Mr.  
F. B. Kendall, of Earl Street, Hall Lane,  
Shipley, will gladly acknowledge.

## Situations Wanted.

FURNITURE SALESMAN seeks sit-  
uation. Age 26. Nine years' ex-  
perience. Good references. Serve through.  
Well up in carpets and linos. and esti-  
mating. Standard Methods; 6 to 12  
Bells.—Apply care of the Editor, F.E.V.

## GREAT CHURCH EXTENSION.

Lux mihi et Deus Bodhissattra. Glad tidings  
of Great Joy. Specialist on the preservation  
of valuable and needful lives. Ancient and  
modern landmarks, and upon Church Bells  
(Instructor to the Gloucester and Bristol  
Diocesan Association A.D. 1887), the fruits of  
Mr. Sevier's fulfilled prophecies published in  
Portsmouth and Eastleigh (Hampshire), 1898,  
1899, 1900. New birth to Creation. Khartoum,  
Tibet, Orange Free State, and the Transvaal  
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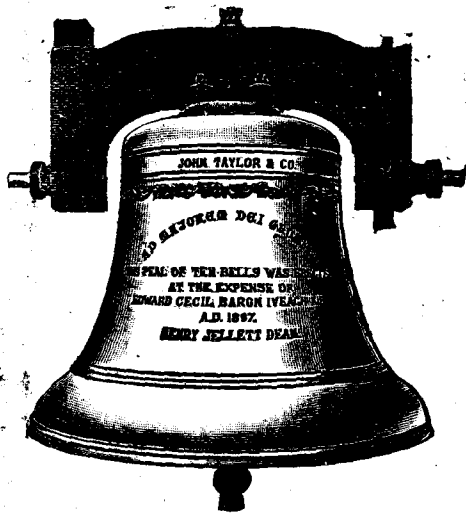
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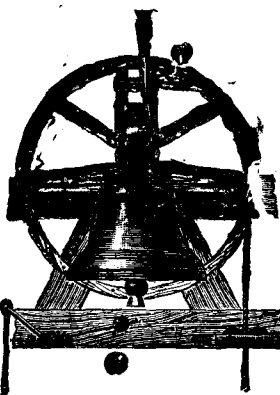
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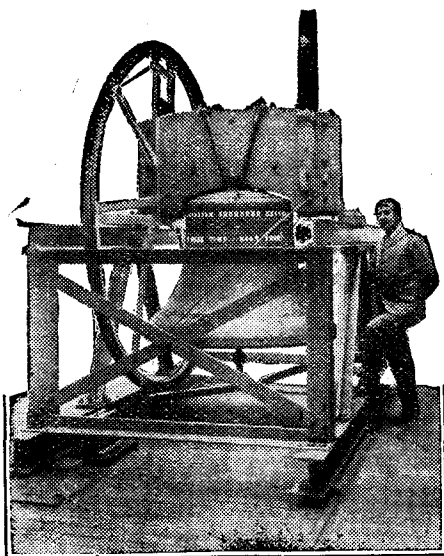
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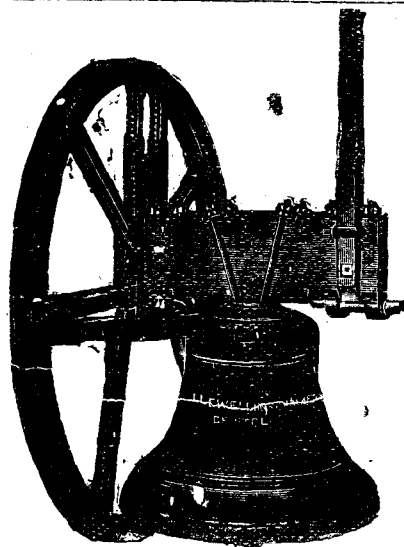
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## THE EARLIEST DATED BELL IN THE CITY OF LONDON.

So much has been written about London bell founders, and so little about the bells of old London Churches, that we are not surprised to find that the earliest dated bell in the City of London is a bell by a Low Country founder, bearing date 1458; which, so far as we are aware, has hitherto escaped the notice of bell loving enthusiasts. The bell was formerly the 3rd bell in the belfry of Allhallows Staining, and is interesting, not only from its having escaped destruction in the Great Fire of London, but from its being one more of the few foreign bells which have so far been discovered in England. It bears the following black letter inscription in Flemish: Martine : es : minen : name : myn : ghelut : fy : gode : bequame : ghemarct : int : jaer : m : cccc : lviii : which probably might be roughly translated thus: "Martin is my name; my sound in God's service is fitting; I was made in the year 1458."

Allhallows Staining is said to have been built in 1140, and to have been one of the earliest stone churches in London. The tower was rebuilt in 1674, not because it was destroyed in the Great Fire, for it happily escaped that catastrophe, but because it fell down in 1671. The advowson was purchased in 1663 by the Grocers Company out of the funds of Lady Slaney's Trust for the purpose of impropriated benefices, and in 1870, the benefice of Allhallows and St. Olave's, Hart Street, were united under the "Union of Benefices Act" and "The Lady Slaney's (Trust) Estate Act 1869," the church of Allhallows Staining was pulled down, and the tithes were appropriated to the building and endowment of three churches, viz., Allhallows, Bromley-by-Bow; St. Anthony's, Stepney; and St. Paul's, Homerton.

The bells which had been preserved when the church was pulled down, were, with the exception of the old bell of which we are speaking, recast and hung in the church of St. Paul, Homerton. The expert advice of the Whitechapel founders has happily preserved to us this most interesting bell. They recommended that as by reason of long service it had been worn somewhat thin, it should not revert to its original use, and it has accordingly been suitably hung and placed at the foot of the staircase of the Hall of the Grocers' Company, ancient headstock and all, where the sound of it may still be heard on state occasions. It is not exactly an ideal resting-place for an old church bell; but it will be well cared for at all events, and that is something in an age when so much of what is old and interesting is transferred to the melting-pot without even a sigh of regret.

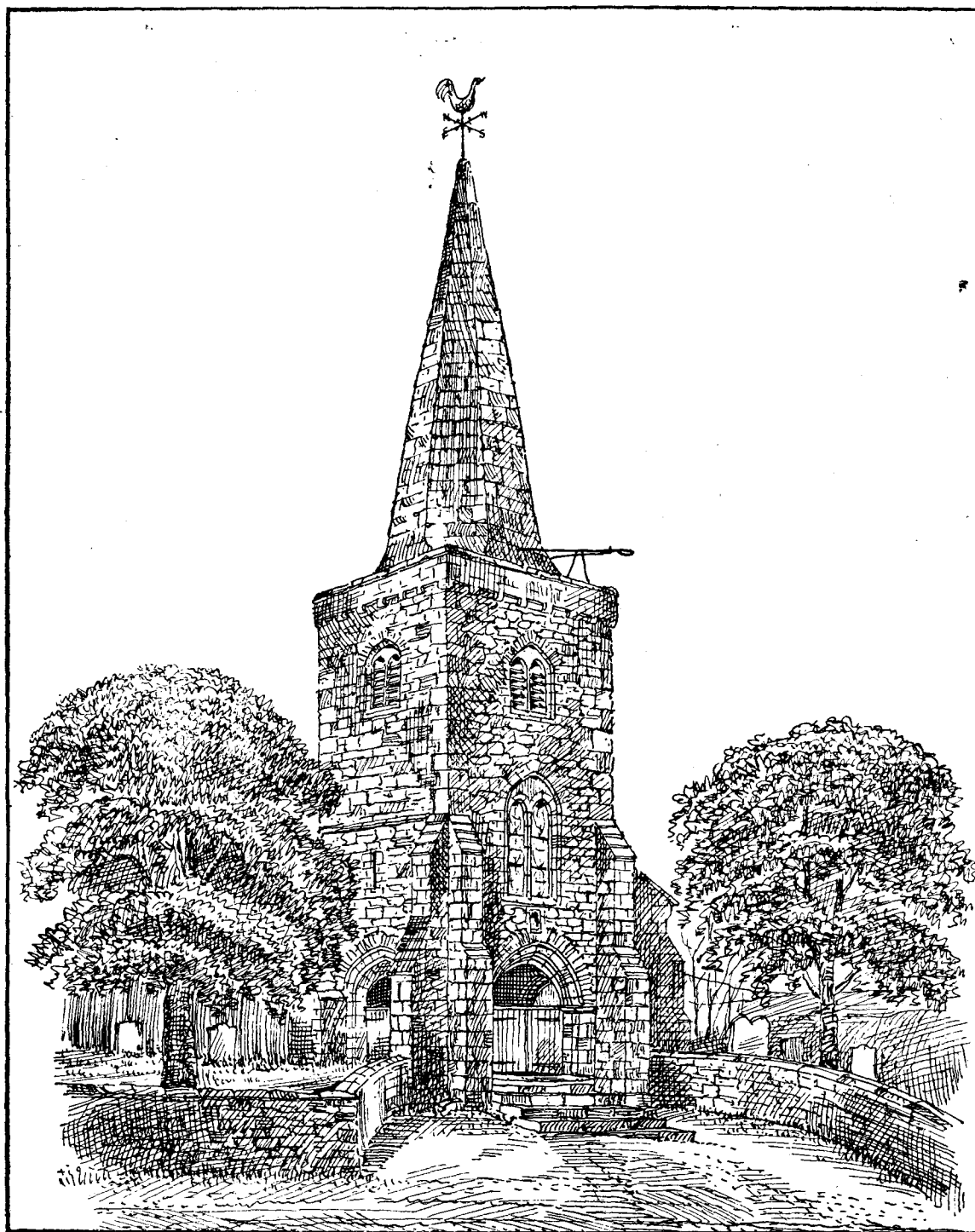
One can hardly imagine how such a bell, unique as it is in the City of London, can have escaped notice. In his "Church Bells of Suffolk," Dr. Raven speaking of a Flemish bell at Whitton, Suffolk, dated 1441, says "Flemish bells are so rare," and straightway devotes some pages to its history. Mr. Stahlschmidt in his "Church Bells of Kent," also gives much attention to the description of a small Dutch bell at Frindsbury, which is dated 1670. In these days of Tariff Reform it may be interesting

to learn that in 1483 by the Act 1 Rich iii. cap. 12 certain merchandises were prohibited to be brought into this country ready wrought, and among them were bells (except hawks-bells). The reason of this was shewn by the preamble to the Act, which sets forth "that whereas certain Artificers were wont in times past to be greatly set awork and occupied in the said crafts for the sustenance of their Wives, Children, Apprentices and Servants, and many other of the King's subjects; now so it is that by Merchant Strangers, Denizens, and other, there is brought into these parts from beyond the seas to be sold within this realm of England, as much wares as may be wrought and made by the Artificers above-rehearsed, that by reason thereof the people of strange countries where the said Wares be made, be greatly occupied and increased, and the said Artificers in this realm greatly impoverished," and goes on to enumerate a long list of certain articles that shall not be imported ready wrought, on pain to forfeit all the said Wares brought into the country contrary to the Act. Sacring Bells had already been prohibited in 1462 by the Act 3 Ed. iv. cap. 4, which was a similar Act to the foregoing, but not nearly so comprehensive. Accordingly we find in Scotland, where no such prohibition was in force, that the bells of Low Country founders, beginning with bells of the 14th century are very numerous; some of the carillon bells and the large bell of St. John's, Perth, being a perfect mine of wealth to the bell-loving Archaeologist. The writer of this notice has already paid two pilgrimages to the tower of this church; but it would require the careful investigation of an enthusiast extending over several days to give an adequate idea of the treasures contained there; the carillon bells being so very difficult of inspection by reason of their position outside the tower. Suffice it to say, that the great bell is a fine example of the work of Peter Waghevens, and bears date 1506; and that there is another very old black letter bell without date, and without a founder's name, but bearing the inscription "Ecce Agnus Dei," which may well be one from the same foundry, but of an even earlier date than the great bell. Some interesting references to the bells of Low Country founders to be found in Scotland are given in "The Bells of Kincardineshire," by Mr. F. E. Eeles, and there is a note on page 5 which professes to deal with all the foreign bells as yet found in England. They are eleven in number, and only two of them bear a slightly older date than the old bell of Allhallows Staining, which may well have come direct from the foundry of Henri Waghevens, one of the earliest of a famous race of Mechlin founders, who died in 1483.

ARTHUR T. KING.

A REQUEST.—Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, near Bradford writes: "May I enquire through your columns if the bells at Holy Trinity church, Stratford-on-Avon, are available for ringing, and if Yorkshire visitors will be welcomed. The address to the ringing secretary, and also of the St. Mary's society, Warwick, will be a favour."

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English details. It is situated on an eminence at the east end of the old town, on the Ryde road, overlooking a broad stretch of marsh land, once covered by the sea, when Brading boasted a harbour. The reclamation of these many acres was one of the numerous schemes of Mr. Jabez Balfour, who, by the irony of fate, spent many long years of his penal servitude at Parkhurst, a few miles distant from Brading.

For the benefit of our readers the sketch shows the tower mostly, but it must be explained that the February foliage is not an exaggeration of the southern climate and

its prolific nature. The trees are as drawn, being specimens of an evergreen oak, commonly known as the French acorn.

From the front steps leading up to the church, an excellent group of the tourists was taken by Ancell, of Sandown, who will send six by eight inch copies of the photograph at fifteenpence each, to those who send a cash order. In the picture, needless to odd, the grand veteran is looking as vigorous as ever.

Canon Blenkin most hospitably welcomed the party, providing lunch at the Vicarage, explaining local objects of great interest, and no little credit will fall to his share if in the future Brading men lead the way by furnishing the next band of islanders to score a peal in the garden island.

The bells are a sweet little peal, the tenor being only 8½ cwt. the founders—Mears and Stainbank, of London—having effected a thorough restoration in 1887, in which year George Williams called the first peal upon them. The belfry is a model apartment, with wrought iron grille filling in the chancel arch and a beautiful stained glass window looking west, seldom to be found in any ringing room. As usual, the clockmaker has enjoyed his own sweet will, and the treble ringer at Brading for centuries to come will bless him for the want of elbow room, and the unkind monopoly of the floor space, most valuable in such a bijou apartment. Here is a smart young company of would-be peal ringers, who are making good progress in Grandsire Triples, having received instruction from Messrs. Coombes and Jennings, of Ryde, therefore Ryde must look to it that they do not take second place in the near future.

Many antiquarian relics exist at Brading. In a hour's stroll past centuries may be readily recalled. The well preserved remains of an early Roman villa are but a mile distant. That antique machine for punishing drunkards known as the stocks, in a good state of preservation, is just beneath the tower, two of Brading ringers having attempted to give away the brotherhood by sitting in them, for a pictorial postcard view, which sells readily in the town. We usually associate bells with stocks, but ringers with stocks is quite a new order. Immediately in front of our headquarters, The Wheatshaf, kept by Host Harris, may still be found the actual bull-ring, a gentle reminder of savage baiting days. The writer's knowledge of the higher methods does not include ringing the bull, although he has made the bull's-eye ring.

The Vicar of Brading and the deputy-master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are very close and old friends, and during one holiday spent together in Switzerland, were much amused at the local pronunciation of their surnames by the Alpine guides they employed. Perhaps my readers will be better able to imitate the exact inflection themselves if I confine myself to English as it is spoken.—BLENKIN-JENKYN. W.H.F.

The annual meeting of the ringers of St. Mary's church, Brading, was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blenkin, M.A. The following were elected to office for the current year: Mr. J. W. Pain for the second time, was unanimously appointed honorary secretary and treasurer. Messrs. M. Squibb and Wilkins were respectively elected captain and deputy captain. The ringers expressed their gratitude to Mr. H. Jennings for the energy and patience he had shown. Good progress is being made by this band, who only started to learn change-ringing in August last, and it reflects great credit upon them, and their energetic and

painstaking instructor, Mr. H. Jennings. With the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, the meeting terminated.

Recently a 700 Grandsire Triples, and 630 in the same method was rung by Messrs. G. Simmonds, M. Squibb, P. Dowden, F. Jolliffe, J. W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings (conductor), A. White.

#### RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, BENNINGTON.

On February 11th, after the restoration of the tower, the bells of the parish church were rung after being silent for twelve years. The Bishop of Colchester conducted the service, assisted by the Rector (Rev. W. Mills), Rev. E. Mills, Curate of St. Margaret's, Barking, Rev. G. Oddie, of Aston, Rev. H. Harvey, of Throcking, and others. The ringing commenced with 504 of Grandsire Triples before service, and after service touches of Stedman and Treble Bob Major. The ringers were S. Page, J. Kitchener, L. Chapman, W. Hobbs, H. Warner, all members of the old band, with A. Phillips, C. Gale, F. Elliott from Little Munden, G. H. Barker (Ware) and E. H. King (Bengeo). After service the ringers were kindly entertained to an excellent supper and musical evening by Mr. and Mrs. I. Kitchener. W.H.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the members of the Winchester district of the above guild, was held at Alton, on Saturday, February 9th. The bells of the parish church were kept going from two o'clock. At five o'clock an excellent tea had been prepared by Mr. Piper, confectioner, of Alton, in the church room, which had been kindly lent by the Vicar, who also presided at the tea. Regret was expressed at the absence of several members, who were taking part in a peal in an adjoining district, and it was felt to be undesirable to arrange for a peal on the day of a quarterly meeting, if the peal could possibly be fixed for some other day, as it is a great advantage to the less proficient members to have the benefit of the help of the good ringers, and their presence make these quarterly meetings really helpful to the cause of change-ringing.

The Vicar in responding to a vote of thanks said it gave him great pleasure to meet the ringers of the district again in his parish, and to find that the ringing of the church bells for the services of the church was being looked upon by the ringers as of the first and most importance.

Divine service was attended at six o'clock, and immediately after the bells were set going again, and a well struck touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted by H. White (Basingstoke), who than had to leave to catch a train, but the bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were conducted by Messrs. White, Andrews, Lampard, Crute and Elkins. Several members, whose Stedman had been resting for some considerable time, because no opportunity had occurred for them to ring the method, and who had previously only rung Doubles, were successful in ringing Triples for the first time, clearly shewing the advantage to the members of these quarterly gatherings.

## MEMOIR OF THE LATE JASPER W. SNOWDON.

(Continued from page 557.)

The world seems to be divided into three main classes—those who will not work under any circumstances, those who work only when driven, and those who work willingly—and these invariably do too much. Jasper Snowdon belonged to the last class; but if the sum total of a life's work in this world is to be the measure of a man's usefulness—and "a good man does good by living"—surely it is then one of the first duties of good and willing workers to take care of themselves, and at all times to husband their strength against the day of battle, lest they fall in the heat of the noon-day sun; otherwise how can the fittest survive; and if they do not, how can the world improve?

He was buried at Ilkley with every possible token of sorrow and respect; the staff of the Farnley Iron Company acting as bearers to the grave. Amongst the ringing clergy present was the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent—alas now also gathered to his rest. Of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers, the two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary were present, in addition to a large number of the members. The Ilkley Amateur Society added their muffled bells as a last tribute. Wreaths and letters of sympathy were sent from all parts of England, and everyone who had known him, and indeed numbers who only knew him by reputation, seemed to take some means of expressing their sorrow and respect. Muffled peals were rung in almost every town where the ringers were skilled enough, and excepting for Royalty or some national hero, it is quite within the mark to say that no greater notice has ever been taken of any death in the matter of muffled peals since the introduction of change-ringing.

His grave is on the north side of the old parish church of Ilkley, close to the north-western corner of the vestry. On a stone basement are four slabs, one to the memory of his father, the Rev. John Snowdon, for thirty-four years Vicar; another to his mother, Margaret Snowdon; another to an elder sister who died in her infancy; whilst the fourth bears the inscription:—

"HERE RESTETH JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON,

WHO DIED NOVEMBER 16TH, A.D. 1885, AGED 41.

SECOND SON OF THE REV. JOHN SNOWDON, AND MARGARET,  
HIS WIFE."

"Year by year the bells so softly,  
O'er the graves shall music pour,  
Where the dust of saints is garner'd,  
Till the Master comes once more."

The centre of each slab is occupied by the shaft of a cross, which spreads out into a floriated head. In the corners of the cross in the latter slab are interwoven four bells, arranged with their crowns pointing inwards, the bas-relief of which gives the required outline. These bells bear the words—

SPES \* MEA \* IN \* DEO \* EST.

Thus he fittingly reposes beneath the sound of his own loved ring, and as the requiem of each dying year peals plaintively from the grey old tower—then till the end of time—

The bells so softly  
O'er his grave shall music pour.

The space at our disposal will not permit us further to expand this little memoir, but it will be interesting to note that his portrait and a short sketch of his career appeared in *Church Bells*, June 7th, 1879; and in the *Biographical Magazine* for August, 1884, another notice was given of him. The Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers also published in their Report, 1885-86, a long obituary notice, specially dealing with his work as their president. The Rev. Canon Wigram, an eminent authority, writing in the official year book of the Church of England in 1886, on Change-Ringing, says: "The sad event of the year is the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, a gentleman who held a position in the Ringers' community absolutely unapproached. There are other ringers, other conductors, other composers, and also other authors of instruction for beginners, but there has never been any other true historian of the science. In this department he stands alone, and it is impossible to say which is the most remarkable, whether the amount of information which

he collected, the patience with which he arranged it, or the critical skill with which he assigned to each composer the degree of merit which belonged to him. If any loss can be irreparable, it is that which we have sustained by the death of the president of the Yorkshire Change-Ringers."

The following memorial verse, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" in December, 1885, is here copied by permission of Mr. Routh, barrister-at-law, the then Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—

## IN MEMORIAM.

Let comrades muster round the old church tower,  
To tell the tidings sad, with 'bated breath;  
Then let the bells ring out in muffled power,  
Their plaintive requiem for untimely death.

List to the mighty steeples of the North,  
Re-echoing their distress from shore to shore,  
Mark how each tenor chants her sorrow forth,  
The master-hand that changed her is no more.

And we shall miss him sadly, one and all,  
E'en those who ne'er in friendship grasped his hand  
Have each some kindly action to recall,  
Some point obscure he bade them understand.

In search of truth, through disconnected lore,  
He traced arrangement with a ready pen,  
The veil from seeming mystery he tore,  
Bequeathing knowledge to his fellow-men.

Chosen as ringers' leader through the land,  
Acknowledged arbiter for common weal,  
While crowning merit with unsparing hand,  
He crushed imposture with an iron heel.

What though the deeds in which he played his part,  
Are not inscribed in England's roll of fame,  
As long as future ages prize our Art,  
So long shall reverence be for SNOWDON'S name.

J. MARTIN ROUTH.

Soon after his death, a memorial fund—which may perhaps best be termed a private one, as only those who had been intimate with him were informed of it—was raised by many kind friends who wished both to perpetuate his memory, and also to do a kindness to certain nephews and nieces in whose education he had interested himself. This fund, under the management of trustees—his friends Richard Armitage, Edmund Robinson, Ed. E. Lawson, and A. Copson Peake filling these positions—is now being expended in the manner proposed.

Another most gratifying memorial has been carried out by the Change-Ringers themselves. This consists of a beautifully stained three-light window placed in Ilkley Church, close to the ringers' pew where he was accustomed to sit during service. The dedication of this window was carried out with every fitting ceremony, on June 11th, 1887.

An invitation, emanating from the Vicar and church people of Ilkley, and from the past and present members of the Ilkley branch of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers (the Ilkley Amateur Society), was sent to every subscriber—some twelve hundred invitations were thus sent out—asking all to be present at the special service at the parish church, arranged by the Vicar, the Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A. By special invitation, the Rev. Canon Woolmore Wigram, of Hertford—himself a well-known change-ringer, and author of *Change-Ringing Disentangled*—occupied the pulpit, and preached an excellent sermon in a crowded church, taking as his text the 150th Psalm. During the morning, a half-muffled *In Memoriam* date touch had been rung by the officers of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers, after which, at intervals during the day, the bells rang out their loudest. After service the ringers were entertained at the schools, where a substantial tea had been provided by their Ilkley friends. The subscriptions to this memorial fund had been dealt with by Mr. Wilham Mitton, of Ilkley (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. R. Tuke (Bradford), and Mr. William Whitaker (Leeds), Hon. Secs., the officers and committee of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers also assisting as a Committee of Management. With his usual kindness, the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" placed his columns at

the disposal of the Hon. Secs. for acknowledging subscriptions and making reports.

With regard to the subject selected for the window, it was felt by the committee when considering the matter on behalf of the subscribers, that it should, if possible, have some distinct connection between the church and her bell-ringers. After careful consideration, the subject of Praise—especially as set forth in the 150th Psalm—commended itself above all others as embracing everything that a change-ringer could desire. The committee, therefore, drew up a general description of their idea of the treatment, with a plan of the details of the loud cymbals and their arrangement. Three firms of artists in different parts of the country were then asked to prepare designs and tenders, based on the tracings and other particulars thus submitted to them. The final choice was unanimously given to that of Messrs. Powell Brothers, Leeds, who, in place of the previous canopy, representing a carved oak bell frame, introduced Gothic tower details, with swinging bells visible through the windows. As finally carried out, the window is well worth studying. The bells in the canopy are shown swinging in almost every position, with their tongues, ropes, and wheels all carefully drawn in their correct places. Three transverse views of bells are given in the base, shewing them "at rest," and when "rung up" at "hand and backstroke." A special endeavour has been made to correctly represent everything now in use in change-ringing, including even the "stays" and "sliders." Across the three lights run Gothic scrolls bearing the words: "O Praise God in his Holiness. Praise Him on the strings and pipe. Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals. Praise Him on the loud cymbals." The position of the concluding verse of the psalm, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," brings the eye to the group of angels who form the central feature of the window. These are portrayed offering praise on string and pipe, the foremost figure carrying the last-named text. In the upper part of the middle light the heavens are shewn opening and permitting the sacrifice of praise to ascend, whilst hovering above is the emblem of the Holy Spirit sanctifying the offering.

As already stated, this group of angels forms the leading subject of the window from the ordinary point of view, but the various details of the "loud cymbals" carry the mind further, and give a double interest to the whole. The colouring is rich, and with the quiet Northern light, very effective. The dedication brass bears the following inscription:—

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD. IN MEMORY OF JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON, HISTORIAN AND EXPOSITOR OF CHANGE-RINGING. DIED NOV. 16TH, 1885, AGED 41. THIS WINDOW WAS INSERTED IN 1887, AT THE SOLE COST OF THE CHANGE-RINGERS OF THIS COUNTRY." W. S.  
Leeds, November, 1887.

### 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."

#### BARHAM'S PEALS FROM 1744 TO 1813.

SIR,—In answer to the Old Ringer in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 8th, I beg to state that a list of Barham's peals, 112, is in the tower of All Saints, Maidstone. These are the long peals rung by that gentleman:

No. 3. December 8th, 1746: 10,080 Bob Major Double at Harrietsham.

No. 10. May 24, 1750: 10,080 Bob Major at Harrietsham.

No. 21. December 30th, 1752: 14,500 Bob Major at Leeds.

No. 22. January 13th, 1753: 20,160 Bob Major at Leeds, in 13 hours 44 minutes.

No. 43. April 7 and 8, 1767: 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, in 27 hours.

No. 104. June 3, 1796: 10,080 Treble Bob at Leeds.

The above is nearly a correct copy from the manuscript of James Barham, which is in the possession of W. Lover, North End, Fulham, Middlesex. There is no date on the list, but it states that Barham was living at the time, and that the peals 112 were rung in the space of sixty-nine years. No. 30 is a

blank. This is when Barham rang 14 hours 44 minutes, and a clapper came out. No. 85 (January 10th, 1778): 5184 New Place Treble Bob, in 3 hours 12 minutes at Leeds. This is probably the first peal of Kent Treble Bob ever rung. There is a tablet recording the 40,320 in Leeds tower, and it is also recorded on Mr. Barham's tombstone, at the back of Leeds church.

Ringers who have rung at Leeds admit that it is just the place for ringing long peals; you can get about the bells whilst they are going, a good ringing room and well ventilated. I am sorry to say the bells do not go pealable now, the 9th being cracked and having an iron band round the waist. No doubt this was done in Barham's time, and wants £150 spent on them to put them to rights. F. G. NEWMAN.

#### THE RINGING AT MOTTRAM.

SIR,—In your issue of January 26th last, you were good enough to insert some questions re the above, directed to the committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which called for a reply. Up to the present, however, no reply has been forthcoming. May I therefore ask the committee, in the interests of the ringing world, does their silence denote they cannot answer, or they will not, and by their acceptance of this farcial performance, do they wish to brand those who heard and condemned the so-called peal as untruthful persons? Dare they openly say it? Surely the Exercise will judge impartially between those independent and disinterested ringers who heard it, and the committee who did not hear it, but who took the word of six of the band, who of course were interested. Let us hope the matter will be brought up before the Central Council at their next meeting, and have this farce ended at once and for all time. If attempts like this one are to be taken as true records, then bell-ringing is dead and not worth following up. Certainly it does not reflect much credit on the performers. I may say here that these remarks are not mine alone but are shared by nearly all ringers whom I have come in contact with and discussed it. Trusting the Committee will ask the ringers to go again for it (but without manuscript or refreshments), and so redeem their unfortunate effort of last Whit Friday.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

#### RE SURPRISE METHODS.

SIR,—Mr. Robinson must excuse me not answering his letter published in your issue of the 9th ult., before now, as I did not get my paper of that date till a week after. Now with regard to the method in dispute, I gave the figures to our company to examine at least two years ago, and I was also talking to one of our company about the same method the week after Mr. Snowdon published his paper on Surprise methods, and he is quite prepared to endorse the same. Whether this will satisfy Mr. Robinson that publicity had been given to the figures previously to him sending them to you for publication I do not know. Now with regard to a bell being on the front for practically two whole leads at a bob did not escape my notice, and that was the reason I did not particularly care for it. Mr. Robinson, in your issue of the 9th ult., gives us another Surprise Minor, under the name of King Edward, which he has transposed from Primrose. I trust he was not very tired after working so hard at it, seeing the only transposing he did was to insert a 2nds place, thus causing the bells in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge. If that constitutes a new method why not insert a 4ths place in London, Cambridge, etc., and thus add another method or two to the rest; but as he contends that there is more need for six-bell Surprise methods, I will give one more from my list.

#### ST. GILES'S SURPRISE.

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The calling is wrong, right, wrong. The above as given is a double Surprise method, and its worse fault is because the tenors come up wrong so many times (15). It will also run true if 2nds place is made instead of 4ths.

C. SEVERN.



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1907.

THE suggestion we made to the band who rung the Mottram long peal to ring it again was made for their own special behoof, and with nothing but a kindly feeling. It was thought that the animadversions made upon it would create such an unpleasant notoriety, that the advice to shelve the performance would be the best plan, and ring it again under circumstances which would admit of no cavil. This week Mr. PRITCHARD returns to the attack, and this affords additional reason why our advice should be adopted.

Since our last comment upon this subject we have heard a few particulars concerning the determination of the committee who sat to adjudicate upon it. Whether true or not it has been stated that only one of the objectors heard the peal, and some of his assertions were met with a liberal discount. Perhaps Mr. PRITCHARD, who is taking a great deal of pains to bring the peal into discredit, will tell us if he heard it, and if not, what authority he has for his action. He invites the band to attempt it again, and "without refreshment." This is quite immaterial, so long as the ringing is good, and the peal rung true, without

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any visible aid to calling. Some of the best ringers have during the course of a long length fortified themselves with some provision, but the ringing has not suffered. If our Mottram friends will take our advice, they will, when success has crowned their efforts, be very glad that they had the courage to rise to the occasion.

The aid of the Central Council is invoked to determine this question, but such an appeal is out of place. Our legislators may however with consistency promulgate the necessity of visiting the performance of unworthy peals with Draconian severity. Nothing short of EXCELLENCE is now required for peal-ringing in every respect; and companies will have to be very willing and anxious to prevent the publication of any performance which comes short of this condition. Else peals will be brought into contempt and become a by-word.

This number has the concluding portion of the Snowdon memoir. It will be remembered that some weeks ago a correspondent enquired for a portrait of the late JASPER SNOWDON, and in reply Mr. Dains wrote suggesting that Mr. William Snowdon should write something like a memoir to accompany such portrait. The last-named gentleman thought that nothing could be better for such purpose than the re-publication of his brother's memoir which appeared in the first edition of "GRANDSIRE," the edition being out of print. Many readers who had not the opportunity of seeing the first edition of "Grandsire," have been highly interested in this memoir of our late friend.

#### THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND.

The annual meeting of the above society was held in the belfry on Tuesday, December 18th, the President (Rev. Canon Dunkley), occupying the chair. The report and balance-sheet were read, the latter shewing a balance in hand of £6 10s. The election of officers resulted as follows: Master—Mr. T. W. Biddle; Deputy-Master—Mr. J. Andrews; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. H. L. Cooper; Committee: Messrs. A. Dunkley, J. Maples, W. Jones, and H. Baker; Auditor—Mr. W. Saunders.

The annual supper took place at the Coffee Palace on Friday, December 28th, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After several toasts had been honoured, musical items and songs were given by Messrs. Irwin, Biddle, Dunkley, and Rowland. The proceedings terminated with the singing of Auld lang syne.

#### RINGERS AT SUPPER.

The annual supper of the Oldbury (Worcestershire) parish church bellringers was held on Wednesday evening, February 6th, at their club-house, The Bird-in-Hand, Simpson Street. The Vicar (Rev. A. P. Roberts) presided, there being also present W. S. Clark, esq. (parish warden), B. George and A. Collins, esqs., Supt. Hill (Oldbury), Supt. Sheriff (Sparkhill), Mr. J. Bradney (Shifnal), Messrs. W. H. Godden, I. Carter, W. Painter, T. Horton and the local band. A capital supper was served in excellent style by host and hostess Guest, after which an enjoyable musical programme was given, songs being rendered by Messrs. Clark, Gough and Rickets; also selections on the handbells by the locals, interspersed with some rare anecdotes by the "Great Painter."

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

##### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 33½ cwt

WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

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

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WOODAGE* .. Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	HORATIO J. GUMMER .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. TAFFENDER* .. 4.	*FRANK A. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\*First peal in any method, who with the conductor belong to the local company.

#### Handbell Peal.

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

On Wednesday, February 20, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, 32, EDGELEY ROAD,  
CLAPHAM, S.W.,

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

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

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpires—H. Dains, of the Royal Cumberland Youths; and E. Gibbs, of the College Youths. First peal in the method on handbells by the Society, and also the first rung in London.

#### The Provinces.

##### LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 7, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores, being thirty-two with Extremes, and ten with plain leads, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST GODWIN* .. Treble.	RICHARD PENDRY .. .. 3.
WILLIAM GODWIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PENDRY .. .. 4.
SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 3.	GEORGE JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. PENDRY.

\*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

##### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM JAMES SMITH .. Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.
JOHN HENRY SWINFELD .. 2.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.
PERCY LEWIS WRIGHT .. 3.	*RICHARD LOGIE .. .. 7.
GEORGE BULL .. .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

CHARLES GOLDING .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
ALBERT GOLDING .. .. 3.	JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. 7.
NOAH REES .. .. 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Thomas, for upwards of fifty years a ringer at the above church.

## LOW MOOR, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. SIMPSON .. .. Treble	J. W. CUNDALL .. .. 5.
J. S. AMBLER .. .. 2.	J. H. MAWSON .. .. 6.
A. WILKINSON .. .. 3.	J. W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
T. SIMPSON .. .. 4.	C. DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by C. DRACUP.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

STEPHEN FAITHFULL .. Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JIM BEACH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THOBP, and Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1907, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

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

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. MILLER .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F $\sharp$ 

FREDERICK MARTIN .. Treble.	*FREDERICK PAGE .. .. 5.
CHARLES BISHOP .. .. 2.	JOHN MORLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FITCHFORD .. 3.	CHARLES MORLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM F. MILLER .. 4.	*ALBERT LAWTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

\*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Thursday, February 21, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5063 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAM THOMAS .. .. Treble.	WALTER COATES .. .. 6.
CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 2.	ALBERT NASH .. .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. 3.	JOHN THORPE .. .. 8.
FRED COATES .. .. 4.	SIDNEY F. PALMER .. .. 9.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY* .. 5.	GEORGE OAKES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\*First peal of Stedman Cater.

## RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star,  
Canterbury, April Day, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS R. C. STANFORD* .. Treble.	T. LINTON WILSON .. .. 3.
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2.	EDWARD CHATTEN .. .. 4.
ARTHUR H. TOOK .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\*First peal.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 22, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ARNELL* .. Treble.	HARRY MEERTENS .. .. 5.
JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 4.	†EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

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

## PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE UPSHALL* .. Treble.	ALFRED BAIGENT .. .. 5.
ALFRED J. LECLERCQ .. 2.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 6.
ERNEST BOWDITCH† .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWMAN† .. 4.	*ERNEST NEWELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

## ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lbs.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5
FRED. R. BARRACLOUGH.. 2.	GEORGE W. MOSS .. 6.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 3	JOHN FLINT.. .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band desire to thank the Rev. J. B. Nodder for the use of the bells, and Mr. Garner for having everything ready.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, 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

HENRY FARLOW.. .. Treble.	ALFRED SMITH .. .. 5.
ALFRED FALLON.. .. 2.	ALFRED MILLS .. .. 6.
HENRY BENTLEY .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BBANT.. .. 4.	DANIEL JONES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

A. Mills is leaving Wolverhampton for the pretty country village of Codsall, where he will be engaged in the farming business, his brother ringers wishing him every success.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SIDNEY WALTER .. .. Treble.	JABEZ WALTER .. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 6.
HARRISON SMITH* .. .. 3.	GEORGE G. JENKINS.. .. 7.
STANLEY G. WHITE* .. 4.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

\*First peal.

## CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. .. Treble.	ALFRED PRATT .. .. 5.
SIDNEY J. PECK.. .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 3.	JAMES BLOTT .. .. 7.
JOHN HARE .. .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

## RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	Cecil VALENTINE .. .. 5.
GEORGE PRESTON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER.. .. 6.
WALTER KERLEY* .. .. 3.	*CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 7.
HENRY W. WILKES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty eight Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH TURNER.. .. Treble.	JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES.. .. 2.	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 8.
WALTER BROWN.. .. 4.	RICHARD NEWTON .. .. 9.
WILFRED J. MOSS .. .. 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by S. WOOD, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

## KELSEA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING .. .. Treble.	HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. 5.
GEORGE BERRY .. .. 2.	HARRY THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN W. AVIS .. .. 3.	*GORDON F. THOMPSON .. 7.
WILLIAM DREW .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. F. THOMPSON.

\*First peal as conductor. Rang as a birthday compliment to William Drew.

## ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 23, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER'S, 5005 CHANGES.  
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLEB .. .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. 3.	HARRY DICKENS .. .. 8.
THOMAS H. REEVES.. .. 4.	ALBERT WALKER .. .. 9.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 5.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the four year old daughter of Harry Dickens. It was Alf. Paddon Smith's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

## SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 25, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

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

FRED H. TROTH .. .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 5.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 2.	JESSE SCREEN .. .. 6.
ERNEST A. PARISH .. .. 3.	*ERNEST J. BROWN .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	*J. GRAZIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Charles Carr, of the Woodlands Bell Foundry. †First peal.

## Handbell Peal,

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

On Tuesday, February 19, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-two 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.	*ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires—Messrs. C. H. Hattersley and F. Coates. \*First peal on handbells.

## Date Touch.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—On January 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 changes, in 70 mins., in the following methods: 467 Plain Bob and 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Collinson longest touch, W. Sykes, T. Sarnginson, A. Peacock, H. Parrish, G. Handley conductor.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 13th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping conductor. On January 23rd, 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as before, conducted by J. Tipping. 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Fell, J. Tipping conductor, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Kerr, T. Allanson, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On Friday, February 22nd, for evening service, the same 720. G. Maries, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping. The above were rung non-conducted, and the observation.

## THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SKETTY (Glamorganshire).—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Gwyn, R. Morse, R. Small, W. Blackmore, E. Chamberlain, C. Morse conductor, W. H. Rice, A. James. On Monday, February 18th, for practice at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Blackmore, C. Morse, R. Morse, W. H. Rice conductor, E. Chamberlain, J. Hoare, A. James, H. Williams.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, February 10th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, J. J. Lamb, A. J. Ramsey, I. G. Shade, H. E. Gummer, J. E. Davis, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, F. H. Gooch.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—At the church of St. Mildred, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, 504 in the same method. E. E. Lambert, C. W. Brett, C. W. Player, F. G. Brett, C. Tribe, G. Neve, E. G. Buesden conductor, P. Hodgkin. For practice on February 20th, three 120s of Stedman Doubles, 7-6-8 covering. H. Baker, jun., C. Tribe, W. Unwin, A. Snelling, G. Neve, C. Tribe, jun., H. Baker, sen., S. Hook.

APPLEDORE (Kent).—On February 22nd, two 120s of Stedman Doubles. G. Johnson, E. G. Johnson, W. Unwin, C. Tribe, C. W. Player, F. Brown. And 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, C. Tribe, W. Unwin conductor, S. Hills, A. Johnson, F. Brown, G. Johnson, W. Foord.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, February, 6th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by John Carter. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Little, G. Gray, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts, W. T. Prior, G. Jordan conductor. On Thursday, February 14th, for practice, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, W. Prior, W. Watts, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan conductor. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, H. Little, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan. On Thursday, February 21st, for practice, 608 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Gray, H. Little, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. Also 532 Penning's Place Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, A. Jordan.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Pearce, A. LeClercq, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, A. Baigent conductor, C. Edwards, F. Bray. 906 in the same method. G. Cronham, A. LeClercq, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, A. Baigent, C. Edwards conductor, E. Clapshaw, H. Kimber. For evening service on Sunday, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. S. Upshall, A. LeClercq, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, A. Baigent conductor, E. Clapshaw, C. Edwards, H. Kimber.

EASTWOOD (Notts).—On Sunday evening, February 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Parnham, J. T. Pollard, A. Wyld, E. Manners, J. P. Pollard, W. Robinson, A. Parker conductor, F. Chrich. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

EDI-BURGH.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service at St. Cuthbert's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Everett, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, R. Thom, J. S. McCulloch, J. Luck, D. Stocks, T. Thom, J. Madison. For afternoon service 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Everett, R. Thom, E. F. Price, W. C. S. Heathcote, T. J. Ades, T. E. Harwood conductor, T. Thom, J. Ewart. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method, in 47 mins. W. Everett, R. Thom, W. C. S. Heathcote, T. J. Ades conductor, J. S. McCulloch, D. Stocks, T. Thom, J. Ewart. T. J. Ades formerly belonged to the Sussex County Association.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday evening, February 14th, the officials, choirmen and ringers of St. Peter's church, Derby, were the guests of the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. R. B. Chambers). The party, numbering in all about fifty, assembled at King's restaurant, and a delightful evening was spent. Amongst those present, in addition to the Mayor and Mayoress, were the Rev. J. E. Matthews, Vicar, Rev. J. F. A. Stimpson, curate, Councillor A. Simpson, G. S. Sims, M.D., W. G. Constable, B.A., W. H. L. Dodd, organist. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Edwin Ann Mr. W. Moul, and Mr. J. Norcross. After an excellent dinner his Worship opened the toast list in the usual way. Other toasts were "The Clergy," proposed by Mr. G. S. Sims, and responded to by the Rev. J. E. Matthews; "The Bellringers," proposed by the Mayor, and responded to by Mr. Geo. Thompson; "The Choir," proposed by Councillor Simpson, and responded to by Mr. W. Roome; and "The Church Officials," proposed by Mr. E. H. Panter, and responded to by Mr. J. Moore. The toast of the evening was "The Bellringers," as one of the principal reasons of the gathering was to celebrate the occasion of the St. Peter's bellringers obtaining their first peal. This was achieved on December 31st last, when no less than six of the eight ringers scored their first peal, each member that took part being the recipient of a silver bell-shaped medal from the Mayoress as a souvenir. The Mayor remarked that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berks., would shortly be his guest, and had promised to take part in the ringing of a peal on St. Peter's bells. During the evening songs, glees and handbell selections were rendered. A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their kind hospitality ended a most enjoyable function. To record the ringing of the first peal a tablet has been placed in the belfry by the Mayor and Mayoress, and on Sunday, February 17th, a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Matthews, during which His Worship unveiled the tablet. Before the evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung to commemorate the event. A. Roome, W. Bidgood, G. Basson, G. Thompson, G. Tomlinson, W. Holbrook, J. W. Thompson, A. E. Thompson conductor.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on March 7th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 26th; and at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 28th, all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. **A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.**  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.**—The Anniversary "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner will be held to-day, Sat., March 2nd, at "Ye Olde Royal" hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Arthur T. King, Esq., of the Middlesex County Association. The twelve bells at St. Martin's will be available for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m. **W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held in the National Schools, Broughton-in-Furness, to-day, Sat., March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.), available all day. **W. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.**

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting will be held at Longton to-day, Sat., March 2nd. Bells at 4. Tea at 6 (small charge). Service at 7.30. Committee meeting in the vestry at 4.30 p.m. **D. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Beeston to-day, Sat., March 2nd, from 5.45 till 8.30. Business important. **R. CLIFFORD, Local Hon. Sec.**

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—North Rucks Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wing, Bucks., to-day, Sat., March 2nd. Bells open at 2 p.m. **F. W. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.**

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. Meeting in St. Mary's parish hall at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon. Members requiring tea should send notice to the Hon. Secretary not later than March 5th. **E. E. BURGESS, Sec.**  
Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word on or before March 7th to **WALTER HUGHES, Sec.**  
35 Church Road, Garston.

**The London County Association** late the St. James's Society.—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Islington, N. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. The six bells at St. James, Packington Street,

Islington, near by, will also be available. All ringers will be heartily welcome.

**T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.**  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7. **W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Elham on Saturday, March 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m. **G. DENNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. **E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—Owing to Lenten services the interim meeting of the above district arranged to take place during February, will not be held until after Easter. Full particulars, when made, will be advertised. Members are requested to note that subscriptions are now due. **A. R. MANNING, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Owing to the re-naming and re-numbering of the road, the address of Mr. T. Groombridge will be 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

**TORQUAY.**—One half of the £3,000 to be spent upon the restoration of Ellacombe church, Torquay, has been given or promised. It is hoped that the foundation stone of the new chancel will be laid by the Bishop of Exeter in Easter week.

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by Mr. J. F. Tarrant, who very ably performed his duties, and one and all expressed the wish that many more such evenings are in store for the St. Peter's society.

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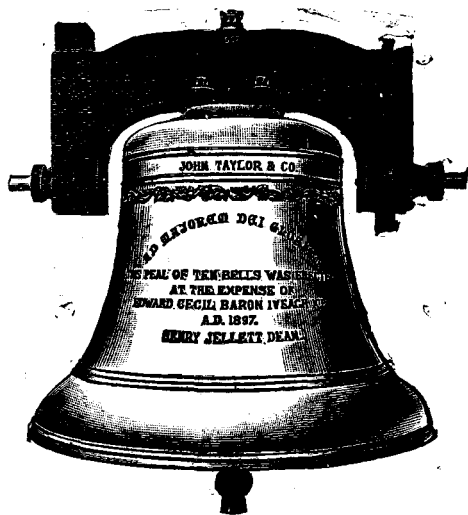
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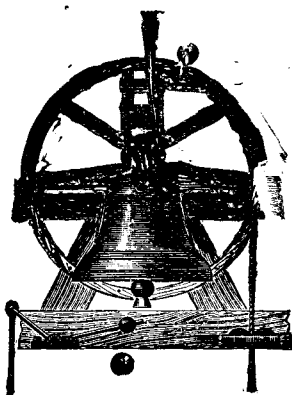
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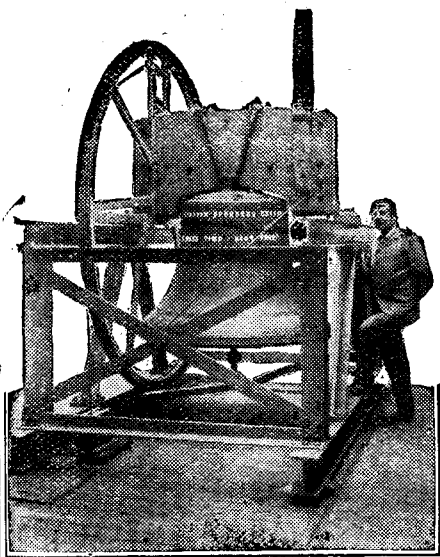
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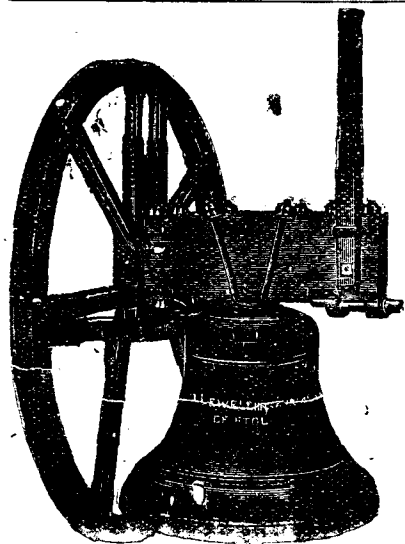
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## MINOR SURPRISE PEALS.

(Continued: January 31st, 1907.)—BY WILLIAM SNOWDON.

My last article might have borne, very appropriately, the heading:—

"Fools rush in where Angels fear to tread!"

But the average Britisher *will* rush in. Having done so, he usually pulls himself together, surveys the situation, and makes up his mind not to retreat if he can see the veriest glimpse of daylight in front.

"The darkest hour precedes the dawn." Feeling like one of the above mortals, linked—at any rate in the quotation—in good company, I took down from my shelves my brother's earliest book, "Stedman's Campanalogia" of 1677, and looked up "Colledge" (don't forget the "d") Bob the Third, kindly pointed out by Mr. Dains in a recent issue.

Before going any further may I say—now that I have looked into what has previously appeared in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS"—how much indebted we all are to Mr. Dains, for he has been hammering industriously at this subject for some time without getting the encouragement he deserved. It is not my intention, however, to approach the subject in the generous spirit of Mr. Dains, for it is quite evident that with his master hand he is ready to touch up and draw into the charmed circle anything that nearly approaches to that which we are in search of. No, I am on the war-path in an exacting spirit, for I have already lost something by not seeing the true depth of the subject. In fact—low be it spoken—I feel myself to be a distant relative of a certain gentleman named Shylock, not unknown in the law courts of literature. Here, in Stedman's book, is to be found, at page 160, the first (as far as I can learn) of the Minor Treble Bob Methods in which every place, such as we are now seeking in Surprise work, is made. But it does not come up to our required level, for the slow work (so to speak) is a simple duet which will not pass muster now-a-days. It fails like short-lived Beverley, alas!

Continuing my search in Stedman, I find, at page 190, "Redding Bob," and here we have every place properly made, but again the slow work is a simple duet. Following this is "Redding Bob according to the Cambridge way," and this, by throwing some of the places from the back to the front, allows "the two hind bells to dodge (sic) without intermission until the treble hindreth them." This reference to Cambridge shows that the University town had views of its own, and I carefully searched amongst the "Seventeen Peals composed at Cambridge by Mr. S. S." (Who was he, one wonders) and unearthed, page 219, "Cambridge Bob." It is but a poor method, although interesting, failing in its Surprise places only when the treble is involved in 4-5 up and down, the places next the treble, fore and aft, being duly made in strict order. In passing, we may note that, in "Fifteen Oxford Peals," we have, page 200, our popular Oxford Treble Bob as we ring it to-day; so in those days they knew how to enjoy a comparatively simple production, although they strike one as being vastly fond of making places, possibly they were brought up on them. With these remarks we

seem to have exhausted Stedman of 1677, and I am of opinion that the earlier edition of 1668 (of which I have no copy) would be drawn in vain for our present purposes.

Our next book is therefore, I think, the well known Campanalogia of 1702, the one with the advertisement at the end of John Patrick's quicksilver barometer, etc. Presumably all the ringing family of Patrick were from this stock? Concerning this barometer the advt. informs us "The Invention has been Examined, Approved, and Applauded by several Persons of Quality of the Royal Society who thought it highly to Deserve the Encouragement of the Curious" (This might be said to be a "Capital" advertisement).

In this book I notice nothing of interest, in this particular matter, until we come to "Primrose," and here, pages 103-4, one is approaching classic ground. Such an excellent anticipation of the greater part of a Surprise method is this, that we get the row 524631 as the hand-stroke of the treble when lying behind (see Cambridge) which is this exactly. Instead however of the 3rd making fifths, the 4th makes fourths; but at the treble's full lead the method falls off completely into ordinary Treble Bob with a bell lying behind. It must however be fully noted that here we get a quartette (2, 6, 3 and 5, in the first lead) these bells doing the slow work between them, and I believe this to be the first arrangement of the places which has forced this important point to the front. Now generous Mr. Dains would swing this into a Surprise method from sheer good nature, but, as remarked before, I am on the war path! Turning to page 114 we have Royal Bob, which again is coming marvellously near what we think our Surprise peal ought to be. It begins like the condemned Coventry, gives us all the Surprise places properly made, including fifths with the treble behind, and 4ths with her at the lead. But the places so fall that the bells behind are compelled to dodge together until separated by the treble. Were this admitted as a possible Surprise a general vote would lie against it, as our forebears must have been quite sick of so much of this work, when bells were so commonly left out behind, dodging until they could find an occasion for slipping down into the real work itself. This I feel sure was no Surprise then, nor can I in my war-paint admit it for a moment to be one now. There is however much instruction in both these examples, and we are sorry to condemn them, but they are not quite what we want. My brother's books provide me with I believe all the editions of this work of J. D. C. M. (J. D. I take it was one, and C. M. another person.) Is there much known on this point one wonders, at any rate the editions before me of 1702 and 1733, yield nothing further until we come to that of 1753, which by the way I see proclaims itself as the fourth (the third being that of 1733! (query therefore was the 1702 the first?

Examining now this 1753 edition we meet with our old friends, so passing over good old Primrose (again on pages 101-2) and Royal Bob (page 112 as before), we have on page 115 Cambridge Surprise as we know it to-day, specially inserted.

Now what is the advance in this, over and above the



places, etc., in our examples last mentioned, that constitutes a Surprise? It seems only fair to think that they knew they had obtained something tangible, and it remains for us to re-discover their secret.

In order to further clear our ground it may be well to re-examine our Standard Surprises, and note how these bells behave when behind—the quartette work of the “slow” I consider now a settled necessity for a peal of this quality. Take Cambridge first. Here we have 5, 3, 3 and 2, a trio doing the work behind in the first lead. We cannot get rid of the 3rd, and introduce another bell, because in making fifths (when the treble is behind) she is thrown hopelessly again to the back. So here, in Cambridge, we have all Surprise places, with a quartette in front, and a trio (which is the only possible attempt at a quartette under the circumstances) at the back. Following with London in the same way we have whole pulls behind from 6, 4, 2 and 3, which is a true quartette, possible because thirds was made (not fifths as in Cambridge), so London is particularly up to the standard which we are beginning to frame.

Coming, lastly, to Superlative, we find the bells at the back in the last treble lead, running 5, 3, 6 and 5; the 5th being turned again to the back by the fifths place—as in Cambridge—when the treble lies behind. All this is most instructive, and it enables me to state as my now well-grounded conviction that the following definition of a Surprise peal will be found to hold good:—

A Surprise peal is based on a Treble Bob hunt, and must embrace the following place-making without retaining any bell in 3-4 throughout (a) when the treble leads, and (b) when it lies (c) when it dodges, and (d) when it passes from one section to another between such dodges. The place-making shall cause (e) at least four bells to perform the work in front such as usually falls to the slow bells, and (f) shall similarly cause at least three bells to divide the back work between the visits of the treble amongst them. Definitions: with a bell at the full lead, a bell lying behind does not rank as making a Superlative place nor *vice versa*. A Major Surprise peal is one that bears a co-ordinate relationship to its Minor example.

The writer is fully aware that the strictures of this definition may now throw out several of the methods recently passed as being in order, but this is a detail that can be looked into later.

It is unnecessary to say that the opinion of qualified members will be greatly valued by the writer if given in these columns, especially if accompanied with chapter and verse, or with equivalent examples. An attempt to fathom this question ought now to be made in time for the coming Central Council meeting. An endeavour should be made to provide, if possible, seven such Surprise methods for the benefit of our six-bell brethren when engaged in a peal performance, but a multiplicity of Major examples is deprecated, at any rate by the writer.

FINIS.

P.S.—May I ask your readers to note that at the foot of the first column on page 553 of February 23rd they must read: “owing to the number of places (not cases) involved;” and, at the close of the article on page 554, to read “duets and trios in front (not point) are foreign to a Surprise method.”

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

An exceedingly successful meeting of the Guildford District of the above Guild was held at Godalming on Saturday, February 9th, when about 110 members attended from Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas, Guildford, Farnham, Merrow, Clandon, Frensham, Bramley, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Cobham, Dunsfold, Witley, and Shalford. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. Fanshawe, and the Rev. J. K. Watkins officiated. The Vicar preached from I. Cor. xiv. 10, and welcomed the visitors to his church. He had often thought that the bellringers of the Church did not receive the recognition they were entitled to from the Church as a whole. It was a great pity when this was the case, for on all grounds it was to the advantage of the Church that the people, and also the ringers themselves, should realise the importance of the bells and the true position of those who rang them. There was a ministry attached to the bells. They were used on various occasions, but strictly speaking, they were always intended to call attention to some religious exercise. As an invitation to public worship in God's house, the bells conduced to orderliness and punctuality, and their sacred associations tended to prepare the minds of worshippers for the service about to be rendered. Many a degraded soul had been turned toward salvation by hearing the bells of the parish church ring forth. They had spoken of a different kind of life in tones from which there was no escape; they had pleaded with him in their own peculiar way when he was beyond the reach of other tongues. The bells, then, exercised a distinct ministry, and how sacred, therefore, became the office of the bellringer. Like the chorister, he should himself be the best of churchmen, and it was a melancholy circumstance when the bellringer systematically quitted not only the tower but the church as well after having performed his duty in the belfry. He pleaded, therefore, for a more considerable recognition of ringers by the Church, and for a growing realisation of their calling on the part of the ringers themselves.

After the service tea, followed by the quarterly business meeting, was held at The Little George hotel. The chair was taken by the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick, who was supported by the Rev. G. C. Fanshawe, the Rev. W. H. Moody, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. J. K. Watkins, the Rev. S. Sharp, Mr. W. Enticknap, and Mr. J. J. Jones, district hon. secretary. Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Godalming, who was indisposed, and the Rev. A. R. Wiseman.

The peal secretary, Mr. A. H. Pulling, reported that during the quarter four peals had been rung—two of Bob Major, one of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich Major. Unfortunately the quarterly peal was a failure. Four honorary and twenty-four ordinary members were elected, the former including the Vicar of Godalming, the Rev. W. H. Moody, Mr. R. Holmes, the Rev. P. Cunningham, Rector of Cranleigh, and Mr. W. Enticknap, and the latter the whole of the Frensham ringers. Mr. C. Wiltshire, chairman of the district committee, stated that the committee had met that afternoon to consider the question of providing a suitable memorial to the late Mr. H. L. Garfath, for many years a member of the Farnham parish church branch. The committee thought a marble tablet should be erected to his memory in Farnham church, upon which should be recorded two peals, one rung to celebrate the victory of Trafalgar in

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1805, and the other rung in 1905 to commemorate the centenary. The latter was the last peal in which Mr. Garfath took part, and it was his wish that it should be recorded. The committee, therefore, thought it a suitable thing to add to the memorial. Mr. Willshire submitted a design of the proposed tablet, which met with general approval. Mr. Edwards (Farnham) said the district could rest assured that the Rector and ringers of Farnham would give all the assistance they could. Mr. Jones said the tablet would cost something like £12. Of that the Rector of Farnham and the Farnham ringers had promised £5. Well—there was the other £7.

Mr. J. Hunt (Guildford), a representative of the District on the central committee of the Guild, gave an outline of the arrangements made for the annual festival at Winchester in June. It was decided that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Chiddingfold. An excellent selection on handbells was given by Messrs. S. Radford, T. Radford, G. Challice and G. Brion, of the St. Nicolas, Guildford, branch, and the Rev. F. G. Coleridge then told a most amusing story in the Devonshire dialect. The Rev. W. H. Moody proposed, and Mr. J. J. Jones seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Brodrick, in acknowledging the compliment, said Mr. Coleridge could not have come to a better place in which to tell his story about the electric light, because Godalming was the first town in the United Kingdom to have electric light in its streets, and Godalming was the pioneer of a great many acts of municipal activity and progress. Continuing, Mr. Brodrick made a humorous reference to the Bill for the Compensation of Workmen, remarking that nobody knew how far that Bill went. If Mr. Fanshawe asked one of his curates to go and hold a service, and the curate tripped in going down the stairs and injured himself, he did not doubt that Mr. Fanshawe would have to provide compensation. Or if the steps in the church were a little slippery, the Vicar might fall and nobody would be the worse in pocket, but if the curate or a member of the choir directed to march up the aisle were to "come a cropper," he did not know that the Vicar and churchwardens might not be held liable. But if that were so, let them look at the risks of ringers, and at the openings there would be for any man who wanted a competence. He would only have to go and get a severe cold, and the Vicar and churchwardens would have to keep him. Or, suppose he did not want to keep some inconvenient engagement, and sprained his ankle. He would get out of work for a couple of months, and again the Vicar and churchwardens would have to pay. He thought in the future there might be a difficulty in getting gentlemen to fill these offices under the circumstances, and he thought they ought to have a good legal authority as to what their position was in these matters. Proceeding, Mr. Brodrick said the vitality of the Guild was guaranteed by the gathering that night. As Mr. Jones had said, there were no politics about that Association. They were all Churchmen, but as Churchmen he did feel that they had been too accustomed to expect to find in every place in England an admirable church, well served with a good service, well lighted and well heated, and to find men who, without assistance, would maintain that high position which they had been placed in. Now that was not the view of their Nonconformist brethren. Not having the same endowments that the Church had, they had felt the necessity of every member of their community doing their own part in pro-

viding for the services they desired, and he thought the Church might well take a leaf out of their book. There had been a great awakening of Churchmen on the Education question in the last year or so, and that ought to make them more alive to their duties to secure the success and progress of Church work, and the prosperity of the fabrics they had attached themselves to.

After the meeting ringing was resumed at the parish church, where during the day general practice in various methods were indulged in.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Blackburn branch of the above Association held their meeting at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, February 23rd, over forty members attending from Colne, Burnley, Rishton, Church, Blackburn and the local band. Various touches were rung on the bells. A substantial tea was provided by the local ringers. At the meeting the Rev. F. G. Harris (Vicar), presided. In his remarks he said he could hardly say brother-ringers, but he was glad to be among so many ringers. Four new performing members were proposed. Votes of thanks were accorded to the local ringers for their general hospitality.

Mr. Wilson replied to the chairman, and said nothing gave him more pleasure than proposing the chairman along with the Rev. J. Dodd as honorary members, which was carried amidst loud applause. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Padiham. The usual votes of thanks concluded a successful and pleasant meeting.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will the Hon. Secretary of the affiliated Association whose letter enclosing the affiliation fee from his Association reached me by post on Thursday morning, February 21st, kindly communicate with me? I much regret that, owing to hurried departure from home just as post was arriving, his letter got mislaid, and that consequently, as I have forgotten from which Association the fee came, I have not been able to send the receipt. I have waited until now in the hope of hearing from him.

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

*Fretherne, Stouehouse, Gloucestershire.*

MR. R. A. DANIELL writes:—

"May I say that I am hoping to start on the 15th inst. for a trip abroad of a few weeks' duration; but that any communications in connection with the Employment Register will be duly attended to by my clerk during my absence. I hardly anticipate, however, that he will have any occasion to get into a perspiration over this business, as the position of it remains precisely as it was when I last wrote to you."

TO OUR READERS.—We must apologise to our many kind friends for being somewhat late with our paper this week. Every precaution and care is taken to avoid a late publication, and the efforts of our new publisher have up till now been eminently successful. But accidents and dangers surround us, and break forth in spite of all our care. This week a misfortune occurred as the forms were being conveyed to the printing machine, resulting in a catastrophe by which no less than four important pages were rendered useless. We hope to meet with the forbearance of our friends in this lamentable occurrence.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, HUDDERSFIELD, JANUARY 19th.

This looked-for morning opened cold, and with such a thick fog that any attempt to describe the town would be futile. Trains were behind their time, and everything militated against any appointment being kept at its pre-arranged hour. It was therefore not without a feeling of satisfaction that the official auditors, Messrs. Tom Haigh and Fred Schofield, found themselves, along with the President—Mr. William Snowdon—and the new Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Jas. Cotterell—seated in the comfortable vestry of the parish church with the Association's books and papers before them. This offer of his vestry on the part of the Vicar, the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., was a thoughtful action tending to show the interest he was taking in the society's meeting, coupled with a desire to pay some little attention to its officers. Nor do we think that it went unappreciated.

Auditing is not an exciting pastime, but it calls for steady and careful application and businesslike ability on the part of its victims, and as these qualifications were forthcoming, good progress was soon made. After a time all the subscriptions from the various receipt books of the officers were traced through to the journal. From thence each payment is posted to the ledger account of the particular member concerned, but fortunately for the auditors they were not expected to check these. We say fortunately, for the Association has this year 1285 names on its books, and supposing they could have been dealt with at the rate of one per minute, the next twenty-four hours—leaving reasonable time for refreshment of both body and mind—would have been taken up with the ledger. Hence the auditors confine their attention to the balance-sheet, and it is not then an impossible task to see that all receipts, arising both from subscriptions and other sources of income, are duly accounted for in their proper place, and this in reasonable auditorial time. This once done, and the various books signed off for the commencement of the next year, the checking of the outgoings, with an examination of their vouchers, is soon accomplished. But as the Association has funded property in addition to its ordinary income the much-enduring officials are kept going for some two hours, which is about the usual time of a Yorkshire audit. From what we saw of the society's books we doubt if any other Association takes one-half the trouble over its members. This arises partly from the life membership which is given to each when his subscriptions amount to not less than 12s. 6d., in the past 11s. 6d. Hence the ledger accounts of each member, to which we have already referred. After this many will believe us when we say that a smile of satisfaction distinctly played over the countenances of the hon. auditors when they were able to take up their pens for the purpose of finally adding their official signatures to the balance-sheet.

There is not much rest for the chief officials of the society, especially at an annual meeting, and it will not surprise the thoughtful to hear that, on adjourning to the head quarters' committee-room lunch was partaken without any cessation of work. Certainly the day was an extra busy one, as not only was a friendly levy being made on the life members, but a testimonial to the late hon. treasurer was on foot. As far as we could learn a prompt and ready response was being made by the said life members to the levy, and this throughout the day, although no certain pronouncement could be made from that one day's experience. In another room the local committee were dealing with the tickets for the tea, and quite an array of willing workers were busy in making preparations for that not-to-be-despised item in the day's programme.

It would require an extra thick fog to entirely stop a gathering of ringers finding their way about, especially as those who were arriving by train unduly delayed were being welcomed by the exertions of their comrades in the tower. A scientist might determine for us whether sound in a fog is subdued or intensified, possibly the former slightly, but we are quite certain of one thing, that the blind man's hearing is intensified by having that sense well developed, and as we could see very little to distract our attention, we possibly thought the bells clearer than usual. Were we wrong?

We now learn that the Sheffield men are handling the ropes in a touch that is to act as a prelude to the annual service,

and Stedman Caters are pouring down over those who are wending their way into the sacred edifice.

Gathered in church, it was possible to see at a glance that the meeting was a large one. Dr. Hull was at the organ, and had made himself responsible for the choral service that was to follow—for all the West Riding are musical. The choir file in, with the clergy following, and soon in a bright and warm church the service is commenced by the Rev. A. C. Moore, who reverently intones the prayers. The sermon is a special one kindly undertaken by the Vicar, who takes his text from the Psalms: "Because they have no changes therefore they fear not God." After extending a warm welcome to the members to the parish church of Huddersfield, the preacher gave a most appropriate address, to which we shall refer next week.

(To be continued.)

## Obituary.

JAMES MATHER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer of Higher Walton, Preston, after a long and painful illness, at the age of fifty-five years, on Thursday, February 21st, and was buried at Higher Walton on Tuesday, February 26th. He was one of the best ringers that ever pulled a bell, and was one of those that never know when they have done enough to help on any good cause that may come their way. He was a ringer for upwards of thirty years at Higher Walton, and one band that he taught, all of them rang a date touch in fourteen different methods. He was Hon. Secretary of the Preston branch until his illness compelled him to give it up. He was life member (Preston branch), having been admitted in 1879. He had rang thirteen full peals of 5040, and none will miss him more than those at Higher Walton, where he had taught so many to ring, and who rang muffled peals at his death.

FUNERAL OF AN OLD BELLRINGER.—On a recent Saturday afternoon the remains of Mr. James Thomas, an old and highly respected inhabitant of Lydney, were laid to rest in the churchyard of St. Mary's parish church, Lydney. The deceased was eighty-four years old, born and bred in the parish of Tidenham, where he was baptised, but confirmed in Lydney church, as the rite of confirmation was not administered at Tidenham in those days. For over fifty years he worked as a carpenter at Lydney Lock, and for over half-a-century was a ringer in the tower of Lydney parish church, and also a member of the choir for many years during the residence of four Vicars—the Revs. C. Taylor, —. Philpott, J. J. Trollope, and J. C. E. Besant (the present Vicar). Following the hearse were Messrs. D. Thomas (Llanelly), James Thomas, S. Thomas and family, Mr. H. Thomas and Mr. W. Thomas (Chepstow), Mr. John Neale and son (Bristol), Mr. James David (Newport), Mr. David Thomas (Newport), and other relatives and friends. The pall-bearers were four neighbours, Messrs. Henry Harrison, Joseph Powell, Thomas Collins, and Henry Saunders. The coffin was borne in and from the church by Messrs. J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Davis, F. Sandford, and W. Fisher, all bellringers. The Vicar (Rev. J. C. E. Besant), read the Burial Service, and at the conclusion a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. Austin (conductor), J. Davis (Lydney), T. Baldwin and E. Davis (Gloucester). Afterwards Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples (muffled) was rung. Beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave. The Doxology was sung at the graveside at the request of the Vicar.

ANOTHER RINGERS' INTERMENT.—On Tuesday, February 26th, the funeral of the late Mr. H. Griffiths took place at Epsom Cemetery. The first part of the service was held at Christ Church, and after the service at the graveside his brother-ringers from the Christ Church Guild rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. In the evening with the bells deeply muffled the usual whole pull and stand denoting the age of the deceased was rung. After several touches of Grandsire Triples which visitors from St. Martin's, Epsom, and St. Mary's, Ewell, took part in, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by E. Fisher, T. Goff, A. Mann, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte. A. Gower conductor, R. Etherington.

## Notices.

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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 the 12th inst. at 8 p.m.; and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, at 7.30 p.m. A district meeting, at which all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed, will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—A special meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater to-day, Sat., March 9th, for the revision of rules and other business. Meeting in St. Mary's parish hall at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon.

E. E. BURGESS, *Sec.*

Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale today, Saturday, March 9. Bells ready at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. WALTER HUGHES, *Sec.*

35, Church Road, Garston.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Islington, N. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. The six bells at St. James, Packington Street Islington, near by, will also be available. All ringers will be heartily welcome.

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

5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Elham on Saturday, March 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—Owing to Lenten services the interim meeting of the above district arranged to take place during February, will not be held until after Easter. Full particulars, when made, will be advertised. Members are requested to note that subscriptions are now due.

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

## THE WAKLEY MEMORIAL FUND.

	£	s	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	14	4	0
The Ripley Society	..	..	0 10 0
W. H. Fussell	..	..	0 1 0
	£14	15	0

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT RYE.**—This peal was rung as a farewell to W. Tomsett, captain of the local band, who is leaving Rye to take up an appointment at Dartford. It was also rung in honour of the birth of a son to W. Billenness, of London, who was for several years conductor of the Rye ringers and Master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—On and after March 20th Mr. Walter Ingham's address will be changed from "Hillside," Chislehurst, to "Coombehurst," Branksome Park, Bournemouth.

## TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5760.

By H. DAINS, *London.*

23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
26354	2	I		26354	2	I	
23564		I	2	23564		I	2
25634		I	2	25634		I	2
24536	2	I		24536	2	I	
Twice repeated.				26435	2	I	
				24635		I	2

Repeated.

These two compositions have the second her extant home at twelve course-ends, and each run to 8164 of Maximus.

Several peals may be deduced from the above. The following are two of Royal.

5000.

23456	M	W	H
26354	2	I	
36524		2	I
25634		2	2
24536	2		2
24365	2	2	I
23645		I	2
25346	2		I

5040.

23456	M	W	H
26354	2	I	
36524		2	I
25634		2	2
24536	2		I
24365	2	2	I
Repeated.			

The calling of last three courses repeated complete the peal.

## STEDMAN CINQUES

5021.

By G. T. DALTRY, *Bristol.*

Start—

213547698x0	
2314567890x	
321547698x0	
3124567890x	6-19

\*31625478x90

4652	-
413256	-
6352	-
2653	-
214356	-
6453	-
612354	-
4253	-
3452	-
613254	s -
4352	-
416253	-
3652	-
2356	-
214653	-
3456	-
312654	-

6-19

4256	-
6452	-
T51326487090x	-
4362	-
415263	-
3562	-
2365	-
214563	-
3465	-
312564	-
4265	-
314562	s -
2465	-
5264	-
513462	-
2364	-
4263	-
415362	-
2563	-
214365	-

Round next change.

\* By I, 19.

T By 2, 6, 813, 14, 15, 19.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—St. Nicholas church, Plumstead, the oldest ecclesiastical building in the district, is to be rebuilt. It is proposed to retain the present tower and one of the main walls, and to build a larger church. The cost of the scheme is estimated at £9,000, towards which £2,000 has been received from the Bishop of Southwark, this being part of a sum placed in his hands from the sale of one of the City churches.

**HACKNEY.**—A fund is in process of formation for the purpose of recasting one and rehangng the whole of the peal of bells at South Hackney parish church, which it is said have for a long time been out of tune. The amount required for the purpose is estimated at £150.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1907.

## SHOREHAM PARISH CHURCH, SUSSEX.

The peal of bells at the above church has lately been made into a ringing peal of eight instead of six as heretofore. The two ringing bells were installed in 1889, but were then hung "dead" for the carillon machine to play tunes on. They have now been made to ring by additions to the fittings and frame, and the whole peal has been thoroughly overhauled, and the framework strengthened by steel girders. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known bellfounders of Croydon, who have recently completed similar work at Chelsfield, Oxted, Mereworth, East Peckham, and Horley churches, and are at present engaged in restoring the bells at Goudhurst parish church.

## APPLETON, BERKS.

On Monday, March 4th, being the eighty-ninth anniversary of the opening of the bells at Appleton, the annual dinner was held at The Plough, some thirty persons sitting down to an excellent spread provided by Mrs. Tubb. The Rev. F. E. Robinson and several other well-known ringers were present, including G. H. Phillott, Esq., the

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, W. Newell, E. Humfrey, H. Holifield, W. Lock, and others. During the afternoon an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but came to grief after ringing an hour. However another start was made for Grandsire Caters, which proved successful. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and selections on the handbells by the Appleton handbell ringers, which brought the gathering to a close, everyone present appreciating the day's enjoyment.

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

The usual monthly meeting was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, February 2nd, about forty members assembling from Sheffield, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Derby, Leeds, Ashover, Ranmoor, and the local company. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and the bells were kept merrily going in various methods until 5.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where tea was partaken of at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. C. Boden). Full justice having been done to the good things provided, and grace said, the Rev. A. P. Farrow (Ashover), in a short and promising speech, thanked the Rector on behalf of those present, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and also for his generous hospitality. The President (Mr. S. Thomas), ably supported the same.

In reply, the Rector gave a short address, in which he said he was again pleased to extend a hearty welcome to the Society, and hoped they would continue to pay him their customary visits in future years.

Mr. E. James having proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kind attention and assistance at the tables, the Rector was unanimously elected chairman for the short business meeting which immediately followed.

The President again gave notice of alterations, and proposed new rules, which are to come up for decision at the next annual meeting. One new honorary member, and five ringing members were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the local company for their friendly welcome, and having everything in readiness, to which Mr. T. Allibone replied in his usual hearty manner.

The business terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. The majority returned to the tower where another two hours was devoted to Standard and Surprise methods, the bells being lowered at 9 p.m., which brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED WILFORD .. .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
JOHN J. LAMB .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On March 2nd, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Taylor, J. F. Souter aged 15, G. Lancaster, W. J. Hazell, G. A. Andrews, W. J. Nevard conductor.

### Handbell Peal,

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 26, ELLINGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, E.,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

SAMUEL J. BIRD .. .. 1-2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3-4.	THOMAS CRANFIELD .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire—John Moule.

### The Provinces.

#### HEMPSTEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHIE L. LULHAM* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. 4.
WILLIAM WORKMAN* .. .. 2.	†THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. 5.
ALFRED WEBB .. .. 3.	†ALFRED WARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Doubles.

#### COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 7, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES THOMAS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PRICE .. .. 5.
WALTER EVANS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HARFORD .. .. 6.
THOMAS HODGES .. .. 3.	RICHARD THOMAS .. .. 7.
CHARLES LAYTON .. .. 4.	CHARLES THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GROVES, and Conducted by CHARLES THOMAS.

#### ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. PILKINGTON .. .. 5.
JOHN H. SHOLICAR .. .. 2.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. .. 3.	ALFRED HALTON .. .. 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. .. 4.	PETER H. HARVEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. SHOLICAR.

#### SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES ELCOMBE .. .. Treble.	HERBERT HAYTER .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	JESSE WALKER .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. FOWLER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PASKINS .. .. 4.	FRANK HAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.



**RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (RIPLEY GUILD.)

On Wednesday, February 27, 1907, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE A. GOODWIN .. Treble.	JOSEPH BOURNE .. .. 5.
HERBERT DAY .. .. 2.	WILYIAM H. FROST .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 7.
FRANK HILL .. .. 4.	HENRY GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY, and Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

This peal which is now rung for the first time, has Tittums, Whittingtons, Queens and Rounds.

**LENTON, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, February 28, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS HORTON .. .. Treble.	*REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 5.
ALBERT H. WARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 6.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY .. .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE .. .. 7.
JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WESLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

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

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, February 28, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt

FREDRICK A. WILLEY .. Treble.	HERBERT TOMSETT .. .. 5.
HENRY STALHAM .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. .. 3.	THOMAS STRINGER .. .. 7.
ALFRED TOMSETT .. .. 4.	*ALBERT W. WHEALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

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On Friday, March 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER* Treble.	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 2.	JOHN BARBER .. .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES* .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. G. HALL, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

**EYNSFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, March 1, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT BATES .. .. Treble.	THOMAS COLLIER .. .. 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	ISAAC EMERY .. .. 6.
THOMAS BOOKER .. .. 3.	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
REUBEN BALDWIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WEST .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

\*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the recasting of the 6th and tenor.

**CALVERLEY, YORKS.**

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM BINNS* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS MURRAY .. .. 5.
SAMUEL WHEATLEY .. .. 2.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN B. JACKSON .. .. 3.	FRED W. DIXON .. .. 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	CHARLES PRATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

\*First peal.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

AMBROSE HUXSTEP* .. Treble.	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5.
ALFRED JOHNSON† .. .. 2.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. 6.
SYDNEY J. HILLS .. .. 3.	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 7.
VIVIAN D. LAURENCE* .. 4.	*GILBERT J. YOUNGS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\*First peal. †Elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

**WIDFORD ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED.) Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE JOHNSTONE† .. Treble.	*ALFRED GOZZETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 2.	HENRY F. COOPER .. .. 6.
JAMES TARBUN .. .. 3.	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 7.
CHARLES WASKETT .. .. 4.	†GEORGE USHER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

†First peal. \*First peal of Triples.

**GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. .. 4.
REV A. G. LANGDON† .. 2.	FREDERICK ELLIOTT .. .. 5.
BARNARD PATMORE† .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

†First peal n even methods.

**MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being forty-two 6-scores.

NELSON COX .. .. Treble.	CHARLES HENRY COX .. 4.
OSCAR GILBEY* .. .. 2.	ERNEST G. FRANKUM .. 5.
CHARLEY MOULDEN .. .. 3.	*GEORGE BURGESS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. G. FRANKUM.

First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor, and first peal on the bells.  
 \*First peal, and were elected before starting for the peal.

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## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 6.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 3.	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. in C.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Treble.	RICHARD LYNCH .. .. 6.
ROBERT TAIT .. .. 2.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 7.
THOMAS GRANT .. .. 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE .. 8.
ANDREW CORRIGAN .. .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 9.
HAROLD GREENE .. .. 5.	JOHN W. NOBLETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This composition has thirty two courses in the tittums, and twenty four in the handstroke home position.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, March 4, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Treble.	*HARRY GROSVENOR .. .. 5.
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM KEYS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

\*First peal in the method.

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

On Monday, March 4, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

RICHARD WHITE .. .. Treble.	JOHN BALLINGER .. .. 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT .. .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. .. 7.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. 5.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT .. .. Treble.	*STEWART BING .. .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	CHARLES LURRY .. .. 6.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE G. JENKINS .. .. 7.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK DAVISON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

\*First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Drury.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Harwich has been sent without any time being mentioned.

## Date Touch.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, March 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Careford, J. Eades, J. Mason, W. James, T. Albutt, G. Bowne, G. Ward, A. Moore, O. James, J. Guest. Composed by G. Hayward, and conducted by O. James.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. F. J. Fuller, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, G. H. Sentance, S. R. Roper. In the evening 672 Stedman Triples. S. R. Roper, G. H. Sentance, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, F. Rudkin, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Coote.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, February 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Latham conductor, C. Mee, H. Allcock, J. Woodward, H. Cordell, S. Sargeant, G. Wood, J. Derbyshire.

## THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, February 10th, at St. Mary Abbots church, for evening service, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. F. G. Symonds, G. F. Williams, A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, J. R. Mackman, W. E. Garrard conductor, F. J. Redknapp. On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, 1040 Treble Bob Royal. W. E. Garrard, J. G. Chapman, G. F. Williams, F. G. Symonds, T. Macfarlane, H. W. Stanley, H. G. Miles, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, J. R. Mackman.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 20th, six members of the above visited this church and rang three 720s of Minor. The band was composed as follows: Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, Messrs. W. Newell, F. Hopgood, J. Hern, W. Horne, A. Osborne. Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob were the methods rung, the conducting being shared between Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. Hopgood and W. Horne. The special object of the visit was to test the work lately done to the bells by Mr. H. Bond, of Burford, which was found to be of a very satisfactory character. The Vicar, the Rev. Hon. Grey Neville, kindly entertained the band to tea.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Monday, February 18th, at the parish church, 336 and 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. James Wright, churchwarden, who was buried on Monday, February 18th. T. Rawdin, C. Lamb, D. Gilden, M. Bend, J. W. Kirton, R. Bend, S. Baker conductor, H. Thorlby.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 17th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary's church, Islington, a touch of Stedman Triples. H. Monks first touch in the method, A. J. Trollope, H. Dains conductor, J. Barry, R. Charge, H. Charge, W. Deal, H. May, jun.

SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. Bragg first quarter-peal in the method, A. Chambers, H. Withers, W. Mumford, H. F. Street, S. Grove, conductor, A. E. Pegler, S. J. Jessop.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Miles, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. Howell, G. A. Andrews, W. Easter, 720 Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, W. Easter, J. Howell, W. J. Nevard, W. J. Hazell conductor. This was arranged to oblige Mr. Easter, who hails from Gillingham, Kent. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard, J. Howell, G. Andrews, W. J. Hazell conductor. After service 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Taylor, G. Lancaster, W. J. Hazell, J. Howell, G. A. Andrews conductor, W. J. Nevard,

## ST. MARY'S, BRIDPORT.

On a recent Thursday the annual dinner in connection with the St. Mary's honorary ringing guild was held in the Assembly Room at The Greyhound hotel, under the presidency of the Rector (Rev. H. R. W. Farrer). The details were carried out by Mr. W. B. Northover, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, who occupied the vice-chair. Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. W. D. Aldridge, A. F. Pearce, and Albert Stone. Mr. Pearce kindly sent a box of cigars, which were enjoyed by the smokers in the company.

The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, and received with musical honours.

The vice-chairman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and the Rector in reply, thanked the vice-chairman and the company.

The Rev. J. Pullibank, in a humorous vein, remarked that it had been said that the Church was divided into three parts—the Bishops, the Rectors, and curates—and the Bishops told the Rectors what to do, and the curates had to do it. That was not the case, however, in Bridport, where they had a very hard-working Rector, whom it was a pleasure to be associated with. He wished to take that occasion to thank the bellringers for the merry peal they gave him and his wife on their wedding.

The Rector, at this point, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. J. F. Locke, a member of the Guild, with a silver pencil case on his leaving the town for Southampton.

Mr. Farrer spoke highly of Mr. Locke's work as a ringer, a Sunday School teacher, and in other ways connected with St. Mary's parish, and said they were all very sorry to lose him. In fact, he knew of no young man whom he was more sorry to lose.

Mr. Locke thanked the Rector and the Guild most earnestly for their beautiful present, but said he did not need this to remember the Guild and his many friends he would leave behind in Bridport. His association with the Guild had been a most pleasant one, for they were all like one happy family, and Mr. Northover might almost be described as the father of them. He believed that bellringing had improved his health.

Mr. J. Gale, an old ringer, said he was sure he only echoed the sentiments of his fellow-members of the Guild when he said how sorry they were to lose Mr. Locke.

Mr. W. James then proposed "Success to St. Mary's Honorary Ringing Guild." He understood the Guild had been in existence for nearly twenty years, and they were to be heartily congratulated on their present strength, and the continued unynity that existed among them. He was sorry to hear that the bells would soon require something done to them. He remembered when they were recast, but, of course, they could not expect them to last for ever; the bearings and other things must give way in time, and now that the necessity arose for repairs, he hoped there would be no stint of support amongst the townspeople in meeting the necessary expenditure. They should never begrudge anything required to properly keep up their beautiful bells.

Mr. Northover, replying, said that in regard to the condition of the bells, he had consulted with the churchwardens and with Messrs. Warner, the bell-founders, who had looked them over, and would send in a report about them. The heavy tenor bell was found to be somewhat loose in its bearings, which caused great vibration in the tower. He had noticed an unusual creaking of the roof of the chancel in the nave when the bells were ringing, and he was sorry to say the tenor bell could not be rung until put right. It would not be a very big job, and he had not the least doubt that after the kind remarks of Mr. James, the necessary amount would soon be subscribed, but until the repairs were done, they would have to be satisfied with the ringing of the minor six. He hoped the work would be done before Easter. In regard to the Guild, there could not be a more loyal body of men, and a more sympathetic or kinder lot never existed.

The proceedings closed with the linking of hands and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the National Anthem.

PERRY BARR.—On Monday, February 25th, at St. John's church, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Davis, F. Williams, W. Cooper, C. Williams conductor, J. Williams, G. Mitchison, E. Mullins, W. Fountain.

## 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."

## WINCHESTER MEETING AT ALTON.

SIR,—I, as well as several others, were somewhat amused at reading report of the above in last week's number. The report says that regret was expressed as to several members taking part in a peal in an adjoining district. Presuming that may have been meant for myself, W. H. George and W. T. Tucker, a word in explanation I hope will be in order. Well, as to myself, the meeting was too far distant for me to get at in the time I had at my disposal after 4 p.m. As to arranging peals in a District the same day as a meeting (unless early and at the actual meeting place) I am as much opposed as your correspondent, as I happen to know something of arranging quarterly meetings as well as peals, including district quarterly peals. Therefore I hope this is quite clear (to those who felt regret at the absence of the good ringers) that this said peal was in no way in opposition to the District meeting, and not forget when they themselves neglect to put in an appearance at a quarterly meeting owing no doubt to another engagement (not a peal of course) falling on the same date. On behalf of the good ringers,  
GEO. WILLIAMS.

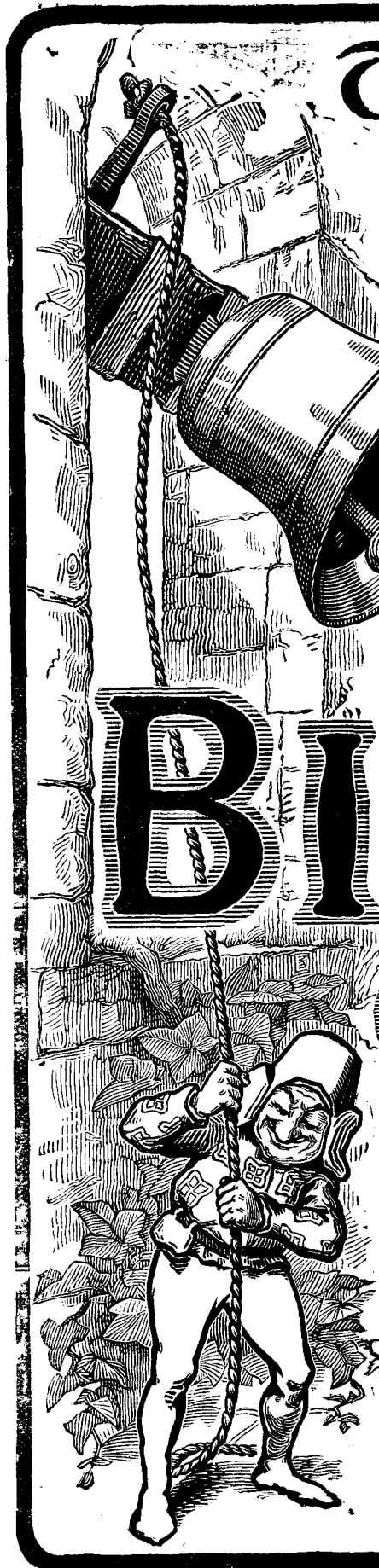
## CHANGE-RINGING AND FOOTBALL.

SIR,—I am taking the liberty of answering the letters of some of your correspondents on the above subject. I hardly think it right of those who have never gone in for football giving their opinions. Reading through the letters one is bound to come to the conclusion that only one of them is a player. Mr. Stanaway says he is an enthusiast: but one has only to go to some professional matches and listen to the remarks made by some members of the crowd to see that the greater part know very little about the game from a practical point of view; all these are enthusiasts. With regard to "Change-Ringer," I think he has taken a liberty in substituting football for what Mr. Snowden mentions in "Rope-Sight," I don't know whether J. W. S. played football, but I believe he was something of a cricketer, and I don't think that he, being so, would say that of either game. Bellringing may be conducive to long life, but that does not make it a more healthy exercise than football. W. G. Grace is a fairly wonderful veteran I should say, at any rate I do not think that many ringers of the same age would be equal to the physical exertion needed to score the same number of runs as he did last summer at the oval on his 57th birthday. I advise Mr. Beams to buy "The Complete Rugby Footballer," by D. Galaher and W. J. Stead; after reading it perhaps he would take one of the positions in England's back division on March 16th against Scotland, and provide a long-felt want by scoring a few tries for his motherland, since any one who can turn a mangle can play at football. I must congratulate the College Youths on having such an able member of their society, I do not think his opinion worth much. Ask the first person you meet in the street what is his opinion with regard to bellringing; it would be just as valuable as our friend's on football. I must thank Mr. Freeborn for his letter. When I first wrote I did not at all wish to place the two pastimes on a level, I only wanted to protest against a sentence used to decry football. Of course change-ringing is a very deep science, and there is no end to its mysteries, but nevertheless it is just as difficult to become a real master of football as it is to ring London Surprise.

G. MCFARLANE.

ROWLEY REGIS.—The parish church is being re-erected in sections, and it has been decided to proceed with the erection of another section at an estimated cost of £1,400 towards which upwards of £500 has been raised.

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# RINGERS' DINNER AT BOSHAM, SUSSEX.

The annual dinner of the Bosham company was held recently at The Berkeley Arms, Bosham, when a most enjoyable evening was spent by the assembled company, which numbered fifty-one, all told. The chair was taken by Mr. Churchwarden Heaver, and the vice-chairs by the Vicar (Rev. K. H. Macdermott), and Mr. Churchwarden Brown, who is captain of the band. The usual loyal toasts were honoured in most enthusiastic style, for there are no more loyal subjects in the realm of King King Edward than bell-ringers, who are always ready to be the foremost in celebrating any event connected with royalty. The health of "The Clergy" was proposed in a brief speech by the sexton, which the Vicar, who responded, characterised as a "golden" speech on account of its brevity, for the usual flattery was entirely passed

over in "golden silence," and a short but heartfelt good wish was all that was expressed. The toasts of "The Ringers," "Visitors," and "Chairman" were all duly honoured, the latter with musical honours; and lastly the health of "The Hostess," whose late husband (Mr. Mark Reeves), had been an old ringer, was given with much appreciation of her excellent catering. The Bosham band now numbers thirteen members, who not only give their services voluntarily, but actually pay for the privilege to belong to the band. This is why their progress in the Art is so splendid, for it is splendid, and why there is such a good spirit of comradeship amongst them. It is always the voluntary band and not the paid band that do their work best and pull together best. Four years ago hardly a member of the Bosham band had ever handled a rope, but now, thanks to the careful tuition of the honorary instructor—Mr. James Blake—Grandsire Doubles and

Bob Minor are child's play to them, and they are learning other methods as well. Bosham church, in which Canute's daughter lies buried, and in which Harold worshipped before the battle of Hastings, has a peal of six bells, tenor 13 cwt., which were restored with new frame, clappers, etc., in 1903, but it is hoped that before long two more will be added, and thus form a peal worthy of the historic old building and its band of ringers.

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KELSO.—On a recent Sunday morning a fire broke out in the parish church of Hownam, and the edifice was burned to the ground, the walls only remaining. The damage is estimated at £1,000.

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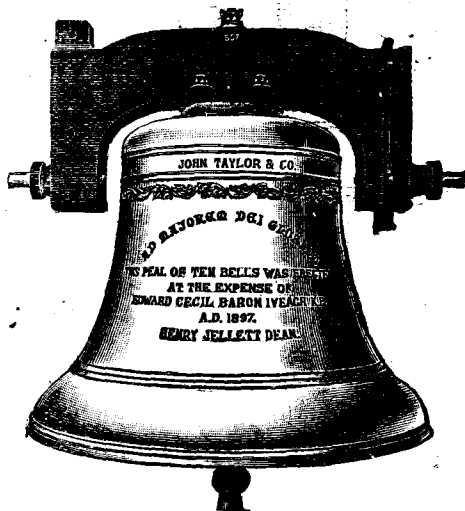
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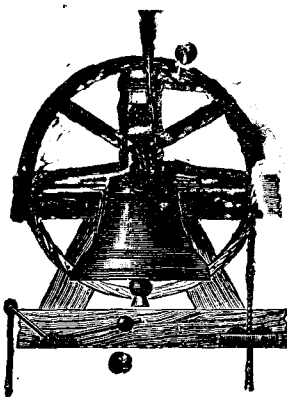
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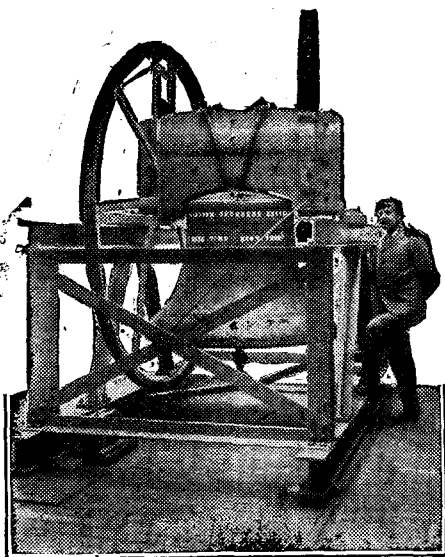
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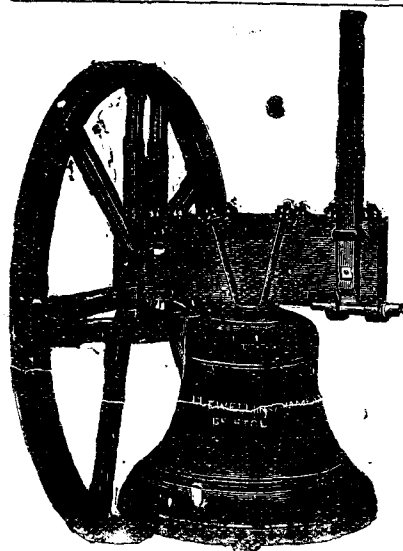
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## THE BELLS OF ST. GILES' CHURCH, CRIPPLEGATE.

[From the Annual Report of The Middlesex County Association.]

The "Bells, Chimes and Clock" of this most interesting Church form the subject of a chapter in a work compiled from various authorities, including the Churchwardens' Accounts and the Vestry Minute Books of the Parish, by Mr. Deputy Baddeley, who was Churchwarden in 1887-8. The book was published in 1888, and is entitled "An Account of the Church and Parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate in the City of London," and is sold for the benefit of the Funds of the Metropolitan Dispensary and the Cripplegate Pension Society. It is beautifully illustrated by many specially executed wood engravings, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Baddeley for his permission to make use, for the purposes of our present notice, of the information which he has woven together with such admirable skill from such of the archives as have survived the ravages of the Great Fire of London.

The earliest notice of the Bells and Chimes is found in the Will of William Lamb (1580) founder of Lamb's Chapel in Monkwell Street. He there says that "he gives £15 to the parish church of St. Giles Cripplegate, to the Bells and Chimes, intending a further liberality if they had taken time." It is not easy to say what this means. It is not improbable that the authorities were contemplating the erection of a ring of bells, and were in too much of a hurry for the liking of the testator. Be this as it may, we know from the first Inventories (1648) now existing that there were in the tower six bigger and lesser bells, and one Saints' Bell. In 1655, the "great bell" was "recast at Redding," and this may be a clue to the authorship of the peal, for it is strange that a bell should be taken so far to be recast, when so many bellfounders were at work in London. If the bells were cast by Henry Knight, of Reading, they would not in all probability bear a date earlier than 1588, which would be in somewhat close accord with the effective operation of Mr. Lamb's bequest.

The entries referring to the recasting of the "great bell" are interesting:—

Paid to Mr. Knight for casting the great bell £22 7 8  
Paid for the bond and covenants between the parish and the bellfounder, 1s.  
Paid for the carriage of the bell to and fro from Redding, £5.  
Paid for the hire of four horses for Mr. Papworth, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Read and Mr. Worthern, £2 11.

Note:—Three of these were churchwardens, and the other possibly an expert.

Expended at the same time on this journey, forward and backward, £3 15 2.

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In 1654, when the Lord Protector dined in the City 5s.  
" 1656, for the peace between England and France 5s.  
" 1659, when the secluded members were voted in 5s.  
" " at the routing of Sir George Booth ... 5s.

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" " the day when the King was proclaimed 6s. 6d.  
" " when the King came into England ... 6s.  
" " when the King came through the City 10s. 4d.  
" " Perambulation Day ... 5s.  
In 1662, when the Queen landed ... 7s.  
" " when the King and Queen came from Hampton Court ... 7s.  
" " King's Coronation day ... 7s.

In 1665, the casting of some of the bells at St. Mary Cray by Mr. Hudson cost £27, and in 1668 two new bells were added at a cost of £20, and £20 for new frames. If this Mr. Hudson was no other person than John Hodson who is usually spoken of as a London bellfounder, the allusion to St. Mary Cray is interesting, as pointing to the locality of his bellfounding operations.

The Inventory now gives "eight bigger and lesser bells and one saints' bell."

When the steeple was raised in 1682, several of the bells were recast; and it would appear from entries about this period that Hodson's bells could hardly have been a success from a musical point of view:—

- 1683. The sixth biggest bell to be recast, and made tuneable to ring in peal.
- 1685. The great bell to be new cast forthwith, and to ring in peal, tuneable to answer the other bells, and that Mr. Whiteman do receive the sum of £30, little more or less, being the remainder due to him.
- 1686. That the 5th bell be now forthwith new cast by Mr. Whiteman, and be made a good bell, to ring tuneable in peal to answer the other; and he to have the same rate as formerly he had for the other; and the said Mr. Whiteman did promise at the same time to cast and make a new great bell, commonly called the tenor, to ring tuneable in peal, to answer and cover all the other bells, and left to his discretion the weight of each, so that they both perform, as above exprest.

Mr. Whiteman, who is probably more familiar to us as William Wightman, seems to have been slow in getting to work, for later in the same year we find this entry:—

- 1686. That the great bell, commonly called the Tenor, be forthwith taken down, before which time Mr. Whiteman shall have a weekes time to consider whether he will bring or cause to be brought into our steeple, the great new bell, commonly called the tenor; if not, then the Committee of Gentlemen of the Vestry to treat and agree with another bellfounder for a new tenor.

Mr. Whiteman doubtless at once finished his work, in apprehension at the mention of another bellfounder, for there are not found any further entries on this subject.

A footnote in "Surrey Bells and London Bellfounders," by Mr. Stalschmidt, tells us that William Wightman, the father of Philip Wightman, was certainly foreman to John Hodson, in 1653. He was no doubt at this time (1686) casting bells on his own account.

It seems strange that there should be no entry of the circumstance of the addition of two more bells, increasing

the number from eight to ten. We know, however, from the records of the Ancient Society of College Youths, that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells in 1726, and it is quite likely that this was the date of the first peal on the augmented ring of bells; for had the opportunity presented itself earlier, one or other of the ringing Societies would doubtless have rung peals of Caters on these bells before 1726, as they had already done on the bells of other London churches. It may be here remarked that the earliest Tablet in the belfry records the ringing, on November 23rd, 1732, of a peal of 6012 Caters by the Society of City Scholars. There is no Tablet in existence for the earlier peal of 1726 rung by the College Youths.

In August, 1742, there appears the following entry:—

The bells to be rehung at a cost of £9 10s., and a contract to be made at £5 per year for 12 years to supply ropes and keep the bells in proper repair (barring stock and wheel).

And in February, 1753:—

Mr. Thwaites having proposed to repair the chimes and add two new hammers, so that they may strike on ten bells, it is ordered to be done.

This is the first reference to ten bells, and it would seem that the chimes had so far been confined to tunes on eight bells.

The wheels of the bells having fallen out of repair, recourse was had to the well-known founder, Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, Huntingdon, in July, 1758, whose estimate (£45 11s.) was accepted, with a stipulation that the work should be done in four months.

In 1772, it was represented to the Vestry that the eighth bell in the steeple was broken, and it was ordered:—

That there be provided a new set of ten bells at the expense of the parish, and that Messrs. Pack and Chapman, bellfounders, be employed in casting the same, the sum of £200 to be raised by Annuities towards defraying the expenses.

It would seem, however, that the sum proposed to be raised was insufficient, for in the same year there is a subsequent entry that Messrs. Pack and Chapman "propose to recast and make a complete new peal of ten new bells and recast the saints' bell for £315 11s." This was agreed to, and to meet the cost the sum of £300 was authorized to be raised on Annuities. At the same time the windows in the bell loft were to be boarded up as high as was necessary, and the lubber (? louvre) boarding there to be taken down and replaced in a more horizontal position. This is interesting, if only to shew that even in those days steps were taken to disarm the hostility of residents, by deadening the sound of the bells.

In 1783, the cannon of the treble bell being broken it was ordered:—

"That the said bell be recast forthwith, and the same done under the direction of the Churchwarden, and that the third bell be opened, the eighth bell skirted a little, and the tenor opened a little;"

and it is interesting to be told by Mr. Baddeley that John Warner the bellfounder was the churchwarden under whom the work was done. The name of the bellfounder employed on this occasion is not stated; but in 1787, we learn from the inscription on the tenor bell, that the same churchwarden was contractor, and that Robert Patrick was the founder, when that bell was recast. Robert Patrick, who married Sarah Oliver, the granddaughter of Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel foundry, is said to have started an opposition business in Whitechapel. We are not aware of any other work of his in Middlesex; and

his sole performance in Surrey was the peal of eight at Reigate bearing date 1784.

We now come to 1792, when two more bells were added—the bell founder employed being John Briant of Hertford. The name of this founder is also on the third bell; which may perhaps be explained by the following entry early in 1793:—

that the twelve bells in the steeple be made to ring in peal, the expenses not to exceed the sum of £60.

But there appears to be no reference to the cost of the added bells which may been the gift of some unknown benefactor. It is hardly conceivable that if the bells were paid for by the Vestry, there should be no entry to that effect.

Though repairs and alterations have been made from time to time since, the bells are practically in the same condition as they were left over 100 years ago. The gross weight of the 12 bells is 7 tons 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs., exclusive of the clappers, which weigh 3 cwt. 2 qrs.

The treble bell weighs 5 cwt. and bears the following inscription:

John Briant Hertford fecit 1792. Thos. Willatts and Thos. Smith, Churchwardens.

The second and third have a like inscription and weigh respectively 6 cwt. and 7 cwt. 1 qr.

The fourth is thus inscribed:—

Pack and Chapman of London fecit 1772, and weighs 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

The fifth bears the same inscription as the fourth, and weighs 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. Both bells have a running chain pattern by way of ornament.

The sixth bell weighs 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., with the name of the founders and the date as on the fourth bell, but with the following added inscription:—

~~Ye people all who hear me ring,~~  
Be faithful to your God and King.

The seventh bell weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., with the name of the founder and date as on the fourth bell, and the following addition:—

Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound,  
May love and loyalty abound.

There is also on this bell an ornamental chain pattern.

The eighth bell weighs 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. It bears, as on the fourth bell, the name of the founder and date, and the added inscription:—

Peace and good neighbourhood.

The ninth bell weighs 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. It bears the name of the founder and date, and the added inscription:—

Our voices shall in concert ring  
To honour both of God and King.

The tenth bell weighs 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. It bears the name of founder and date, and the following lines:—

In wedlock bands all ye who join  
With hands your hearts unite;  
So shall our tuneful tongues combine,  
To laud the nuptial rite.

The eleventh bell weighs 24 cwt. and 4 lbs. There is the same ornamental chain pattern as on some of the other bells, with the name of the founder and date, and the words:—

Ye ringers all, that prize  
Your health and happiness,  
Be sober, merry, wise,  
And you'll the same possess.

The twelfth bell weighs 36 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs., and is thus inscribed :—

William Godfrey Browne and Richard Gouge, churchwardens. Sir James Esdaile, Knt. Alderman. John Banner, Deputy. Robert (sic) French, William Staines and Robert Clark, Common Councill men. John Warner, Contractor. Robert Patrick, Founder, 1787.

There are many Tablets in the belfry recording some of the many great performances which ringers have from time to time achieved on the bells.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1732, The Society of City Scholars rang in this steeple a compleat Peal of Six Thousand and Twelve Cators :—

Jno. Arnold ... ..	...Treble.	Samuel Thompson	Seventh.
Jona. Keate ... ..	...Second.	William Hillier ...	Eighth.
Rob. Mobbs ... ..	...Third.	Jno. Box ... ..	Ninth.
Tho. Nash ... ..	...Fourth.	Ed. Nodes ... ..	} Tenor.
G. Eltn. Hill ... ..	...Fifth.	H. Macfarlane ...	
Jos. Griffiths ... ..	...Sixth.	Aarn. Newbolt ...	

John Mabett, Robert Wyrill, John Robson, Thomas Sayers, Churchwardens.

#### THE SOCIETY OF LONDON YOUTHS

did ring in this Steeple on Thursday, May 22, 1777, a compleat Peal of 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 4 hours and seven minutes. Extent of changes with bobs on 5 bells in nine courses only, and first of this composition.

Thos. Elven ... ..	...Treble.	William West ... ..	6.
Robert Pye Donkin ...	2.	Allen Grant ... ..	7.
William Jones ... ..	3.	Christopher Wells ...	8.
John Canney... ..	4.	Francis Beale ... ..	9.
Geo. Scarsbrook ... ..	5.	John Reeves ... ..	} Tenor.
		James Truscoat ...	

The peal was call'd by Christopher Wells.

#### SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1844, a true and compleat Peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 5016 changes, was rung in this steeple, being the first peal ever achieved upon these bells in this intricate method. The bells were admirably struck, and brought round in 3 hrs. 43 minutes by the following persons :—

Henry Haley ... ..	...Treble	William Lobb ... ..	7.
John Fairbairn ... ..	2.	Thomas Michael ... ..	8.
Charles Goozee ... ..	3.	William Ketlin ... ..	9.
James Hewett ... ..	4.	John Whiting ... ..	10.
Jeremiah Miller ... ..	5.	William Golding ... ..	11.
John Oldfield... ..	6.	Charles Wilson ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Mr. H. W. Haley.

On Tuesday, 26 Ap. 1847, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 5136 changes in 3 hrs. 53 minutes.

Performed by—

Robert Mirfield ... ..	...Treble.	T. Michael ... ..	7.
C. Goozee ... ..	2.	J. Whiting ... ..	8.
H. W. Haley... ..	3.	W. Kellett ... ..	9.
W. H. Burwash ... ..	4.	W. Brett ... ..	10.
Jerh. Miller ... ..	5.	W. Golding ... ..	11.
W. Lobb ... ..	6.	C. Wilson ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Mr. H. W. Haley.

On Tuesday, 15 Feb. 1848, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 5376 changes, in 4 hrs. and 14 minutes, being the greatest number of changes in this method upon 12 bells that has been rung in London.

Performed by—

J. Fairbairn ... ..	...Treble.	R. Perry... ..	7.
T. Britten ... ..	2.	J. Stichbury ... ..	8.
H. W. Haley... ..	3.	J. Hewett ... ..	9.
C. Goozee ... ..	4.	T. Michael ... ..	10.
J. Miller ... ..	5.	M. Wood ... ..	11.
W. Lobb... ..	6.	J. Whiting ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Mr. H. W. Haley.

On December 3, 1850, the following persons rang an excellent peal of Cinques on Stedman's Principle, consisting of 5280 changes in 3 hours 52 minutes.

C. Goozee ... ..	...Treble.	R. Perry... ..	7.
T. Brittan ... ..	2.	H. Wheeler ... ..	8.
Thos. Powell ... ..	3.	Geo. Marriott ... ..	9.
J. Fairbairn ... ..	4.	R. Jameson ... ..	10.
J. Miller ... ..	5.	W. Golding ... ..	11.
J. Sharman ... ..	6.	G. Hand ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Mr. Goozee.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, Jan. 6, 1851, the Company achieved a true Peal of 7524 Stedman Cinques in 5 hours and 21 minutes, being the greatest number ever rung.

Jno. Cox... ..	...Treble.	Rt. Haworth... ..	7.
Jno. Bradley ... ..	2.	Geo. E. Ferris ... ..	8.
Willm. Carter ... ..	3.	Ed. Lansdell ... ..	9.
Wm. Banister ... ..	4.	H. Littlechild ... ..	10.
Jas. Mash ... ..	5.	Jas. Dwight ... ..	11.
Matt. Wood ... ..	6.	Jno. Austin ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Jno. Cox.

On Monday, Feb. 7, 1853, twelve members completed a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, containing 5088 changes in 3 hrs. 49 minutes.

Wm. Banister ... ..	...Treble.	Wm. Lobb ... ..	7.
Wm. Cooter ... ..	2.	Geo. Stockham ... ..	8.
Chas. Goozee ... ..	3.	Edw. Lansdell ... ..	9.
Geo. Ferris ... ..	4.	Jno. Bradley ... ..	10.
Rich. Jameson ... ..	5.	Jas. Dwight ... ..	11.
Thos. Michael ... ..	6.	Matt. Wood ... ..	...Tenor.

Conducted by William Cooter.

On Monday, March 22, 1886, a true peal of Stedman Cinques, 5040 changes, was rung in this steeple in 3 hrs. 47 minutes.

James Pettit... ..	...Treble.	G. T. MacLaughlin ...	7.
Samuel E. Joyce ... ..	2.	William D. Smith ...	8.
John M. Hayes ... ..	3.	A. Percival Heywood ...	9.
Challis F. Winney ... ..	4.	Fred G. Newman ... ..	10.
William Tannor ... ..	5.	William Greenleaf ... ..	11.
Martin Routh ... ..	6.	Edwin Horrex ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed by Henry W. Haley, and conducted by J. Pettit.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On the 21 December, 1901, there was rung in this Tower a peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. and 51 mins.

William Pye ... ..	...Treble.	Bertram Prewett ... ..	7.
Herbert P. Harman ...	2.	Arthur R. Jacob ... ..	8.
Geo. R. Pye ... ..	3.	Harry Flanders ... ..	9.
John H. Cheesman ...	4.	Alfred W. Brighton ...	10.
Charles W. Wilkins ...	5.	Ernest Pye ... ..	11.
Isaac G. Shade ... ..	6.	William J. Nudds ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by W. Pye.

Also, on 31 Jan., 1903, a Peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. and 43 minutes.

William Pye ... ..	...Treble.	William Keeble ... ..	7.
Geo. R. Pye ... ..	2.	Geo. R. Fardon ... ..	8.
Isaac G. Shade ... ..	3.	Harry Flanders ... ..	9.
Charles Wilkins ... ..	4.	John R. Sharman ... ..	10.
Bertram Prewett ... ..	5.	Ernest Pye ... ..	11.
Herbert P. Harman ...	6.	William J. Nudds ... ..	...Tenor.

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by W. Pye.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, HUDDERSFIELD, JANUARY 19th.

(Continued from page 580.)

In his address to the members the Vicar of Huddersfield said: "Bells, in the modern acceptation of the term, are not met with in Holy Writ, the early calls to worship by the Jews being given by the sound of the trumpet. True, they had small bells, as ornaments, both on the vestments of the high priest, and in the



trappings of their horses, and from these latter we get the motto so suitable both for the change-ringer and for the modern bell—'Holiness to the Lord.' Hence the selection from another point of view of the text of the day. The word 'change' as here used means 'succession,' and this leads us at once to the exact principle on which change-ringing is based—a succession of changes according to a defined method. A vast number of thoughts are aroused by bells and their changes, for they interested everyone. To some they spoke as the voice of a mother calling her children to her knee for prayer; to others, they spoke of healthful exercise and heart-stirring music. The poet Gray with 'The curfew tolls the knell of parting day;' Longfellow with 'Like the sexton ringing the village bell when the evening sun is low;' and Tennyson with his 'Ring out wild bells to the wild sky;' 'Ring in the Christ that is to be,' all sing of humanity's love of the subject, and the reverence that surrounds it. Again, was it not interesting to note that change-ringing was practically confined to our own country, or at any rate was the peculiar property of those who spoke our language, and enjoyed our arts. We have that day special cause to sympathise with the ringers of Selby, who have representatives present. Might it not be long before they were again in touch with their bells in an abbey which was one of the monuments of England, and of a church that has largely made the country what she is to-day. We read that in A.D. 750 peals of bells were fairly common, so that for over 1000 years Christendom had listened to their voices calling the faithful to worship. Change-ringing was to ordinary ringing what a standard piece of music was to practising scales, and a 'peal' was entitled to rank side by side with an organ recital. One of the most interesting points in change-ringing, however, was the production, by the method, of the graduated series of changes which were marshalled into rank by the calls of the conductor. Might not this suggest to the ringers—with mind and action so well attuned—the special beauty of the hymn (afterwards sung), 'Through all the changing scenes of life.' For were not joy, sorrow, riches, poverty, sickness and health, and many other contrasts, all intermixed in the great 'method' of life? Did we not often wonder like the man in the street listening to the ever-varying changes—how and why many of them were produced? But were not the changes of this mortal life, its events and circumstances—which seemed to some like Shakespeare's description of poor Ophelia, 'like sweet bells jangled out of tune'—ordered by the calls of the Great Conductor of the universe, in order to encourage and fit us to take the share allotted to us in life, and that with a faithful confidence that all in His hands would work out true at the last. Surely we may take it that the man who bravely endures all things, even poverty and tribulation, must have learned something of the method—and would receive the blessing—of Him who had said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

[The above sermon has been condensed so far only as the necessities of space have demanded.]

The service concluded, the members adjourned to the parochial rooms, where tea was served to some 250 to 300 visitors and friends, the numbers necessitating a division of the company into two. Amongst those present was the Mayor, Ald. Barmforth, J.P., to whom, before he left to fulfil another engagement, a warm vote of thanks was passed. After extending the town's welcome, and expressing his thanks, he charmed those present by quaintly regretting his want of knowledge in their art, adding, however, that one of his wife's ancestors had been, in his day, a ringer at the parish church for forty years. He was glad to be able to say this, for in Huddersfield everyone was either musical, or related to some one who was, and by this little piece of family history he hoped he was keeping up the credit of the town.

The annual meeting followed in the Parochial Hall, with the President in the chair, supported by the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Cocking, as well as by the principal officers. The previous minutes (Goole meeting) were then read and passed, and after a few introductory remarks from the chair, the treasurer's balance-sheet, duly signed by the auditors, was passed, and the report of the committee accepted, on the motion of Mr. Auditor Schofield, seconded by Mr. J. Barraclough (Huddersfield), and supported by Mr. Auditor Haigh. On the motion of Messrs. David York and P. Johnson, votes of thanks were passed to the

auditors, and to the retiring officers for their year's work. The following, whose term of office was expiring—there being no contested election—were thus declared re-elected, viz.: Mr. George Bolland, vice-President; Mr. Joseph Broadley, Steward; Mr. James Cotterell, Hon. Treasurer; and Messrs. Wm. Aabishaw, Wm. Pearson, Joseph Radcliffe, and Clement Glenn, committee-men.

Relative to the place of next meeting kind letters of invitation were read from the Vicar of Pontefract, the Rev. W. Gell; and the Vicar of All Saints, the Rev. E. S. Hore, both hon. members, whereupon Mr. G. Bolland proposed Pontefract, and the matter was carried. The Vicar of Huddersfield, the Rev. T. R. Sale, was then elected an hon. member on the motion of Mr. Tom Haigh, seconded by Mr. J. Barraclough (both of Huddersfield). The roll-call of officers proved them mostly present, in disposition however preventing the attendance of a few. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service, for his sermon, the use of the bells, and the parochial rooms, was warmly passed on a motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Abbishaw. The Vicar made a brief but kindly reply, apologising for several of the neighbouring clergy who were unable to be present, and thanking the meeting for his election into the Association. Votes of thanks were also accorded the churchwardens, Messrs. Cocking and Anderson, the organist, Dr. Hull, and the choir, for their services that day, and also to the neighbouring clergy, who had allowed the Association the use of their bells. Mr. Cocking, in reply, mentioned the good feeling that existed between the authorities and the ringers of their parish church, and gave it as his opinion that there would be in general a much better feeling if the ringers attended the services of their respective churches more frequently, concluding with a hope that they might again have the Association at Huddersfield. On the motion of Mr. Abbishaw, it was agreed that the vote of thanks to the Mayor should be entered on that day's minutes. Votes of thanks to the local branch for their generous entertainment, and to the ladies for assisting at the tea tables, were cordially passed on the motion of Mr. Elliott (of Birstall), seconded by Mr. Cryer (of Selby), who remarked in reply to Mr. Cocking that often ringers were placed in such draughty seats in church that attendance became an impossibility, it had taken him years before he could secure reasonable accommodation.

The President, after making a complimentary speech relative to the conscientious and painstaking work of their late hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe (of Birstall) whose term of office had run to nearly nineteen years, called upon the Vicar to present, in the name of the Association, a purse of gold to their late officer, together with the best thanks of the Association for his past services. This the Vicar proceeded at once to do, saying that the genuine worker is he who, year in year out, stood manfully to his post, and expressed a hope that the recipient would long enjoy his greater liberty. Mr. Stainthorpe, whose appearance on the platform was met with acclamation, briefly but very warmly thanked his fellow-members for generously thinking of him, adding that he would never forget their kindness.

Archdeacon Kilner, of Gargrave-in-Craven, was then elected an hon. member, on the motion of Mr. J. McKell, seconded by Mr. J. Warre. This completed the official business, and a vote of thanks to the chair, on the motion of Mr. J. Lawson (of Lightcliffe) brought the meeting to an end.

The following churches were represented in the testimonial to the late hon. treasurer: Leeds parish, Skipton, Bolsterstone, Rotherham, Guiseley, York Minster, Holbeck parish, Saddleworth, Hemingbrough, Barnsley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Wakefield Cathedral, Hull, Oxenhope, Shipley, Huddersfield, Birstall, Wortley (near Sheffield), Lightcliffe, Sheffield parish, Harrogate, Addingham, Sheffield All Saints, Keighley, Selby Abbey, Horbury, Kirkburton, Sheffield-Ranmoor, Beverley Minster, Pontefract parish, Bradfield, Tong, Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, Sandal, Cleckheaton, and Bradford.

We cannot close this account without a tribute of praise to the Huddersfield members and their friends, who, along with their respected Vicar and churchwardens did everything in their power to make the visitors enjoy themselves, Mr. W. B. Frith acting as local hon. secretary. How they succeeded will be best expressed by saying the Association scored another of its by no means ordinary triumphs by having accepted Huddersfield's kind invitation.

WM. SNOWDON.

## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St Magnus, Lower Thames Street, at 7.30 p.m. A district meeting, at which all members and friends will be most heartily welcomed, will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 20th.

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

**The Royal Cumberland Society.**—The usual practice will be continued at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Lent. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

**The London County Association late the St. James's Society.**—A periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held to-day, Sat., March 16th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Islington, N. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. The six bells at St. James, Packerington Street Islington, near by, will also be available. All ringers will be heartily welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*  
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting (without allowances), will be held at Elham on Saturday, March 16th. Belfry open at 3 p.m.

G. DENNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

E. SCHOFIELD, *Branch Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st. Service in St. Helen's church at 1.15; address by the Rev. W. H. Chappel. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 prompt, at which the Dean, the Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D., will preside. Towers available for ringing; Cathedral (12), 5 to 6.30; St. Helen's (8); St. Swithin's (6); St. Nicholas (6); and St. John (6). Members intending to be present are earnestly requested to notify me not later than March 27th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Bransford, Worcester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Helmsshore, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A committee will also be held.

Z. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

**The Hertford County Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open from 2 p.m., or earlier by arrangement. Frequent trains by Midland, Great Northern, and London and North-Western Railway.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Easter Monday, April 1st, at 2.30.

Bells available from 11 o'clock.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*  
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The annual will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 1st. Dinner in the Mission Room at one o'clock. Business meeting to follow dinner. St. Paul's (ten bells), will be available during the day. A room at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, will be available for handbell ringing. Service at St. Paul's at 5 o'clock.

REV. A. RUST, *Hon. Sec.*

I. HILLS, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The twenty-fifth annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 1st, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells at the various churches will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. as usual, with the exception of St. Andrew's, where eight of the original members of the Association will attempt a peal commencing about 10 a.m. A special service will be held at St. Andrew's at 3.15, and the President hopes that all members present at the gathering will attend church in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Association. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock, and tea (1s. 6d. each) at 4.45 in St. Andrew's schools. Will those who intend taking tea, kindly notify Mr. G. Thompson, 159, Crewe Street, Derby, not later than first post on the previous Thursday.

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

**The Essex Association.**—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon on Easter Monday, April 1st. The towers of both churches will be open for ringing all day; also the neighbouring towers of Goldhanger, D'Arcy, Tollesbury, and Totham. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Mission Room at 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present must give at least three days' notice. A conveyance can be arranged from Kelvedon to the four last-named towers by applying to the Secretary three days previous.

ERNEST BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday April 1st, at Bury St. Edmunds. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon will preside. Dinner will be served at The Suffolk hotel at 2 p.m. sharp, followed by the usual business meeting. Members 1s., non-members 2s. The committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. The bells of the Norman tower have been granted, and those at St. Mary, Bury St. Edmunds, Fornham St. Martin, Horringer and Rougham have been asked for. Captains of companies are requested to notify their district secretaries at once if they intend coming to dinner.

R. L. TWELLS, *General Sec.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting, without allowances, will be held at Charing on Wednesday, April 3rd. Tower open from 3 p.m. It is hoped a good number will attend.

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

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special ringing meeting by kind permission of the Rev. J. Morley, will be held at Rothwell on the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, April 6th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be at tea let me know not later than March 26th.

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## NOTE TO PEALS.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1907.

We thank our many kind friends who have written to express their regret at the accident which overtook us last week. One correspondent mentions that not so very long ago an important London weekly newspaper met with a similar disaster, which hindered its publication for three or four days. Every care will be taken to prevent a repetition of it. We may as well state that we purpose publishing some hours earlier than ever we have done, in order that our subscribers in the far north, and in other distant parts of the United Kingdom may receive their copies earlier than ever. Perhaps our correspondents will bear in mind that we can only do this by their co-operation in forwarding their reports as early in the week as possible. Next week an instructive article by Mr. TROLLOPE will appear, entitled "The Fewest Number of Calls."

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

**The Metropolis.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Tuesday, March 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt

GEORGE PAICE .. .. Treble.	JOHN H. BENSTEAD .. .. 5.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
ERNEST S. POLL .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 4.	*JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	*FRANK E. FRENCH .. .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 8.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COCKERILL .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES .. .. 5.	ALFRED PECK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 8.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 4.	REUBEN CHARGE .. .. 10.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 11.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* .. .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armstrong.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT TURNER* .. .. Treble.	†RICHARD F. DEAL .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HEWETT† .. .. 2.	CHARLES POTHECARY .. .. 6.
HENRY W. MAY, JUN† .. .. 3.	HERBERT F. HULL .. .. 7.
EDWARD J. WOOLLEY* .. .. 4.	JOSEPH BARRY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES POTHECARY.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Clerkenwell Sunday Schools.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. 5.
JAMES SAXBY .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
THOMAS CARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

**Peal-Boards**

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

**Handbell Peal.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sunday, March 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,***AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. F. WINNEY, 13, HARBLEDDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

LATES' ONE-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3-4.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

Umpire—Henry S. Ellis.

**The Provinces.****HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 2, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTIE BOLTON .. .. Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 5.
ARTHUR REDWOOD .. .. 2.	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 7.
ARTHUR TURNER .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, March 5, 1907, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,****A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM W. MILLER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, March 5, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. TOFT .. .. Treble.	JAMES ORME .. .. 5.
W. FARRAL .. .. 2.	F. ELLES .. .. 6.
R. PEARL .. .. 3.	E. BREEZE .. .. 7.
F. JONES .. .. 4.	F. SMALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th; also the first peal on the bells by a local company.

**MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, March 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

E. NICHOLS .. .. Treble.	R. NICHOLS .. .. 4.
H. JONES .. .. 2.	W. R. JOLLEY .. .. 5.
W. JONES .. .. 3.	W. GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. NICHOLS.

First peal on the bells by all natives of the village, and first by all except the conductor.

## BRADLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 6, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

GEORGE HUGHES .. .. Treble.	HORACE BELCHER .. .. 5.
ALBERT BLUNDELL* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 6.
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. 7.
ALFRED J. WALLATER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BAYLISS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

\*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to A. Blundell, whose marriage took place the previous Sunday. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

## HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WATSON .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK LOCK .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 2.	GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6.
ERNEST GOWER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 4.	REUBEN BIGNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS WM. BRADLEY .. Treble.	JONAS S. AMBLER .. .. 5.
EDWARD CHABTREE .. .. 2.	THOMAS HY. GELDER .. 6.
WILLIAM CLARK .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
LEWIS MIDGLEY .. .. 4.	HERBERT PEEL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by F. W. BRADLEY.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HORACE H. COOPER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE ARNOLD .. .. 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2.	ERNEST NEWMAN .. .. 6.
JAMES FLEUTY* .. .. 3.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. .. 7.
LEWIS WISEMAN* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR SANDERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE T. POTTER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5.
HUGH D. DALL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH ROWELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. KEEN .. .. 7.
JACK FOREMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN STUART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

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

## MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. BEEVER .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT .. .. 5.
EDWARD B. SHAW .. .. 2.	*JAMES JACQUES .. .. 6.
ALBERT CLEGG .. .. 3.	*JAMES HY. BASTOW .. 7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD* .. 4.	*DANIEL RENSBAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. BEEVER.

\*First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

## WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 360 each of Cambridge, City Delight, London, Burton, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, New London, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE KEMP .. .. Treble.	ALPHAEUS BERRY .. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

## LOWER SLAUGHTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Grandsire and Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY GREEN .. .. Treble.	GEORGE LARGE .. .. 4.
FRED RANDALL .. .. 2.	WALTER LARGE .. .. 5.
ERNEST WEBB .. .. 3.	ALFRED PARDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\*First peal on the bells. Rang on the occasion of the Rev. —. Lane leaving the parish.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. CHALLICE .. 2.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. .. 6.
GEORGE MARRINER .. .. 3.	*FREDERICK BENNETT .. 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 4.	*ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\*First peal of Stedman. It was arranged for Double Norwich, but meeting one short, Mr. J. Wyatt took the spare rope. Rang as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Richard A. Waddilove, M.A.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR HARDY .. .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN SAXBY* .. .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
THOMAS GEOMBRIDGE .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 7.
ISAAC EMERY .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. It is also I. Emery's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.**  
**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.**  
**5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.**

HARRY DICKENS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. .. 5.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. .. 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. 7.
HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. .. 4.	HARRY WITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CAVRN, and Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

*AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES.**

*Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.*

THOMAS MILLER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 8.
WILLIAM FISHER .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal has the 6th twentythree courses behind the 9th in the titum position, and twentyfour courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and 8 6 is behind at seventy sixes in the last half.

**STANDON, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Three Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

BARNARD PATMORE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE H. BAKER .. .. 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 2.	FRED W. ELLIOTT .. .. 5.
ERNEST OVERALL .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 9, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

**DR. CARPENTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. Treble.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS STEERS .. .. 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. JOINER .. .. 4.	*ALFRED J. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

\*First peal. This is A. Calver's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

**Miscellaneous.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, W. Briscoe, J. Tilley, E. Channel, W. Williams, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts. And 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Briscoe. On Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Metcalfe, J. Edwards, J. Tilley, W. Briscoe, W. Williams, C. Coventry, J. Meador conductor, J. Roberts. Also 408 Stedman Triples by the same band.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, at St.

John's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. P. Price, W. Clifford, sen., J. Ward, sen., A. Lowe, R. Clifford, F. S. Price, A. Roberts conductor, J. Paling.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

TODMORDEN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 2nd, an attempt for Vicars's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples collapsed after ringing 3 hrs. I. L. Suthers, F. Sutcliffe, J. Whittaker, D. F. Gibbons, W. Crabtree, R. Woodhead, J. Richards, J. Crowther. Conducted by J. Richards. D. F. Gibbons was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Friday, February 15th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. M. Cobb, A. Hammond, F. Coulten, H. Frost, F. W. Froude, C. H. Lomax conductor, R. S. Long, H. Lomax, jun. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled (tenor half open) as a tribute of respect to the late Countess Cadogan, who was interred at Culford that day.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Wednesday, February 27th, at the residence of P. Webb, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor. W. Brand, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, J. Webb, J. Rickman, 5-6. Also 108 Bob Minor and a course of Kent. W. Brand, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb, J. Webb. Another course, J. Rickman ringing the 2nd. On Thursday, February 28th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Clements, F. Bowtell, J. Rickman, 3-4; P. Webb, 5-6. Another course. P. Webb, 3-4; J. Rickman, 5-6. On Friday, March 1st, 360 Bob Minor. W. Brand, A. G. Lilley, J. Rickman, 3-4; P. Webb conductor, 5-6.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

THORRINGTON (Essex).—On Friday, February 8th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard conductor, J. Bowell, G. A. Andrews, R. George, Also 720 Double Court. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard, J. Bowell, G. Andrews conductor, R. George.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LAMBERHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Fuller, J. Tapp, W. Marshall conductor, J. Bailey, A. Henley, A. Marshall. This is the first 720 by an entirely local band. On Sunday, February 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. J. Bull, J. Tapp, G. Fuller, E. Lambert, A. Henley, W. Marshall conductor. Another 360 in the same method. G. Fuller, J. Tapp, W. Marshall conductor, A. Henley, J. Bailey, A. Marshall. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. G. Fuller, E. Lambert, A. Marshall, J. Bailey, A. Henley, W. Marshall conductor.

FARNINGHAM (Kent).—For evening service on a recent Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins. S. Mason, J. Couchman, A. Bailey, E. Bates, A. Bates conductor, E. Wainwright. First quarter-peal by the local band and on the bells.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 27th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. W. Eastman, G. Eastman, J. Nye, A. Lurcock, A. Eastman, W. Nye conductor.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LONDON.—On Monday, February 18th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. G. F. Woodage, W. Weatherstone, W. H. Taffender, E. Cassell, F. G. Perrin, J. E. Davis, T. H. Taffender conductor, D. S. Simons. Rung as a welcome home to the bride and bridegroom, the Rev. W. and Mrs. Bickford, who were married on February 2nd. The Rev. W. Bickford is the curate of St. Clement Danes, and Mrs. Bickford, the daughter of the Rector.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, February 10th, after evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 35 mins. J. H. Haynes, J. P. Paley, sen., G. W. King, J. Hoyes, J. P. Paley, F. Tunnadine, J. Cragg conductor F. Hunt. On Saturday, February 16th, 980 Grandsire Triples, in 33 mins. R. W. Porter, J. P. Paley, sen., J. H. Haynes, J. Hoyes, F. Tunnadine, G.



Scott, J. Cragg conductor, F. Hunt. On Tuesday, February 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. C. Stokes, E. Wilcox, J. Walden, J. P. Paley, sen., J. W. Wood, J. P. Paley, jun.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. George-in-the-East, quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½ 6-scores, each called differently) with 7-6-8 covering. E. J. Sampson, W. Sullivan, C. T. Coles conductor, J. Warnken, A. W. Coles, C. Sudbury, H. T. Wilson, T. G. Lowe.

#### THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Monday, February 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, in 50 mins. J. S. Williams, J. Davies, T. James, J. Rogers, C. E. Williams, J. W. Bailey, J. W. Davies conductor, D. R. White. This was rung in sad and painful memory of the late Mr. Edwards, who for twenty-five years was headmaster of the National Schools, Llangollen, and father to Mr. Frank Edwards one of the ringers. Six of the above band are old pupils of the deceased, who was highly-esteemed by all. Much sympathy is felt for his sorrowing wife and family.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOSHAM (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 28th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Marshall, F. Brown, W. Ticehurst, F. Kearvell, G. Brown, J. H. Blake conductor.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, March 5th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1280 changes, in 41 mins. W. Doran, A. Neale T. Cranfield, S. Hayes conductor, S. Bird, W. Truss, J. Moule, F. Newman, G. Hayden, H. Torble. Composed by Y. Green. This is supposed to be the first real quarter-peal in this method on ten bells ever composed and rang with the above number of changes.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday March 10th, after morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. H. Jones, J. E. Scott, F. Bennett, J. Hopkin, J. Jones conductor, W. G. Ellis, G. Taylor, G. Ellis. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Ellis, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On February 9th, on the occasion of a Confirmation, 168 and 252 Grandsire Triples before service, and 336 after. The Bishop of Oxford conducted the Confirmation Service, and afterwards came and congratulated the ringers on having a grand ring of bells, also for the good ringing performed that morning. In the evening the local band intended going for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a special service being held 742 Holt's Original had to satisfy them.

BERKSWELL (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Powell, W. Whitehead, J. H. White conductor, A. James, A. Dingley, F. Viles. On Sunday, February 24th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. Rev. H. C. A. Back, J. H. White conductor, A. Dingley, A. James, F. Viles, H. Webb. And 240. F. Viles conductor, W. Whitehead, A. Flowers, A. James, A. Dingley, H. Webb.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Wednesday evening, February 27th, for practice, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. R. Cresswell, G. Andrews, H. Cornwall, G. Thurgood, H. G. Rowe conductor, H. Simmons. 360 Bob Minor. E. Wallage, F. Jelfs, G. Church, J. Ansell, H. G. Rowe conductor, G. Maxim. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Rowe, G. Thurgood, F. Jelfs, T. Adams.

COVENTRY.—On Thursday, February 14th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob, three of Grandsire, and one of Stedman, each called differently. J. H. White, J. Smallwood conductor, Mrs. White. 360 each of Bob Minor and Canterbury Pleasure. Mrs. White, F. Viles, J. Smallwood conductor, J. H.

White. On February 25th, 168 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. White, A. Flowers, J. H. White, J. Smallwood conductor, F. Viles.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 10th, for Confirmation Service at St. Paul's church, Hammersmith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. W. Ross, E. R. Mackrill, A. Whittington, C. Cox, G. C. Iles, W. H. Stevens, F. Skevington conductor, G. W. Coombs.

TALGARTH.—On Monday, January 7th, at the church of St. Gwendoline, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 49 mins. W. Pritchard, W. Griffiths, Rev. J. T. Davies, L. Griffiths conductor, R. Moy, W. Saunders. First quarter-peal on the bells, and first by all the band. On Thursday, January 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Pritchard, R. Moy, Rev. J. T. Davies, L. Griffiths, W. Evans, W. Short conductor. On Sunday morning, January 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. W. Pritchard, J. Brooks, W. Short, L. Griffiths conductor, W. Griffiths, H. Harrison.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Monday, January 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Evans, T. Hodges, J. Thomas, C. Layton, W. Price, C. Thomas conductor. On January 14th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Evans, J. Hodges, J. Thomas, R. Thomas, C. Layton, W. Price, C. Thomas conductor, W. Price. On January 20th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Dipple, J. Thomas, W. Evans, C. Thomas, J. Hodges, W. Price conductor. On February 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. Evans, C. Layton, J. Hodges, J. Thomas, W. Price, R. Thomas, C. Thomas conductor, W. Hughes.

LONDON.—On February 4th, for practice at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Riley, W. Hewett, H. May, jun., H. Franks, H. Gummer, R. F. Deal conductor. 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Turner, R. F. Deal, J. Chapman, W. Hewett, H. May, jun., H. Franks conductor, H. Gummer, A. Riley. On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Mary's church, Islington, 630 Grandsire Triples. B. Somers, J. M. Hoffmeister, H. Dams, H. Franks, J. Barry, G. J. Smith, R. F. Deal conductor, A. Riley. On Sunday, March 3rd at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. W. May, sen., G. Gains, A. Turner, R. F. Deal conductor, H. W. May, jun., A. Riley. On Sunday, March 10th at St. James's church, Clerkenwell, on the occasion of the parochial Sunday Schools Centenary being celebrated on that day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service. R. Green, R. Charge, H. Franks, H. W. May, jun., C. Potheary, G. Charge conductor and conductor, R. F. Deal, A. Riley. 420 in the same method. R. Green, G. Gains, A. Turner, H. Franks conductor, C. Potheary, R. F. Deal, E. J. Woolley, H. Creek. Also 504 in the same method. R. Green, G. Gains, A. Turner, R. F. Deal conductor, C. Potheary, H. Franks, E. J. Woolley, H. Creek.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Saturday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 720 Bob Doubles. E. Freestone, W. Sykes, F. Matthews conductor, S. Nunn, F. Hurry, J. Bowtell, T. Dean, M. Lyles.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16th, about a dozen members of the South and West District spent a very pleasant evening in the belfry of St. Lawrence church, Brentford (six bells) by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. Eland. Ringing commenced at 7 p.m. with an 120 of Grandsire Doubles, at the finish of which the company were strengthened by the appearance of three members from Heston, together with Mr. J. Basden, Master of the South and West District. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were all successfully brought round, everyone being pleased with the "go" of the bells. During the evening Mr. Liversedge (churchwarden) paid a visit to the belfry and welcomed the visitors, expressing a hope that they would pay another visit on some future occasion. Ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when all adjourned to partake of a little refreshment, kindly provided by Mr. Liversedge. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells; to Mr. Liversedge for his words of welcome and refreshment supplied; and to Mr. R. Ballinger (steeplekeeper), for having everything in readiness.

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

SIR,—Please allow me to thank Mr. W. Snowdon for placing his views on paper, and venture a hope that other gentlemen will come forward in a similar manner, and with new composition of methods, of qualities desired. But I should like to say I hope Mr. Snowdon will not share the fate of Shylock, who never realised his bond, which resembles 5040 Grandshire

H. DAINS.

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**Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.**

**ORDINARY BRANCH.**—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,290,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,444. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

**INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 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 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,415,976	13	0
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	6,156,247	4	4
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	60,470.431	4	1	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..			
Claims under life policies	admitted	..	..	116,576	18	11	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	7,743,842	19	7
							Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	14,091,357	12	4
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	4,501,678	8	10
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,560,244	13	8
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,975,178	5	0
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,464,984	18	9
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	163,709	13	0
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,420	2	2
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..			
							London bonds	..	..	..	257,901	11	10
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	202,736	18	6
							Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,564,957	14	7
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,539,459	7	4
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,220,637	14	1
							Loans on the Company's Policies	..	..	..	2,372,768	10	8
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	278,523	13	1
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	544,207	4	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	515,685	7	1
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,973	11	7
							Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	183,495	18	11
				£63,887,008	3	0					£63,887,008	3	0

H. A. HARBEN, *Acting Chairman*  
J. W. SIMMONDS, } *Directors.*  
I. H. LUSCOMBE }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., 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, 1906.

19th February, 1907.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS, & Co., *Chartered Accountants.*

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ROYAL.—5000.

23456	M	W	H
26354	2		I
23564		I	2
23645	2	2	I
63425		2	I
24365		2	2
25463	2		I
24653		I	2
24536	2	2	I
25346		I	2
23456		I	2

By calling the last five courses like the first five the number of changes will be increased to 5040.

NOTE.—This peal is given as a substitute to the 5040 in two parts published last week, which is false.

## MAXIMUS.—5040

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	I
25634		I	2
24536	2		I
24365	2	2	I
24653	2	2	I
25346	2	I	I
23456		I	2

The calling of the first three courses may be twice repeated, when the number of changes will be 6336.

## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Monday, April 1st, six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will attempt a peal of Treble Bob Minor, 10,080 changes, in fourteen Treble Bob methods, at St. Mary's church, *Thornham Magna*, start at 9 a.m. WM. ROSE.

## THE F. MAUDE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged ...	5	3	0
Wm. Snowdon, Esq. ...	0	5	0
W. H. Fussell (Slough) ...	0	2	6

Further contributions are solicited for the benefit of the widow and children. Mr. F. B. Kendall, of Earl Street, Hall Lane, Shipley, will gladly acknowledge.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD.—The architect has examined the ruins of the above parish church, but as yet his report has not yet been made. Not a single valuable stone of early date remains, every bit of carving and moulding having been destroyed. The outer walls and three sides of the tower appear to be less seriously damaged, but there is every reason to fear that a sum of £3,000 or £4,000 will have to be raised to restore the edifice in a worthy manner. Over £900 has already been given or promised.

GLAMORGAN.—The tower of Llanblethian church, one of the oldest and interesting churches of Glamorgan, is about to be restored at a cost of £550.

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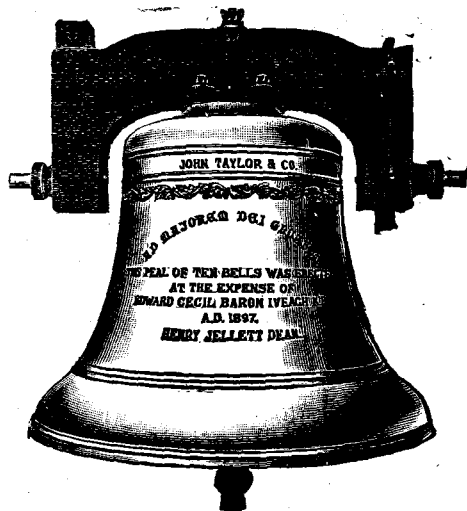
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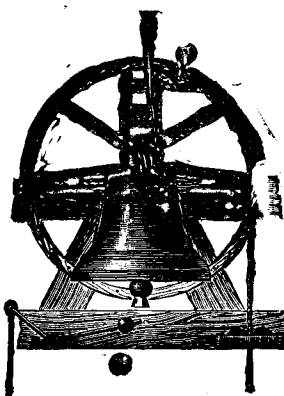
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